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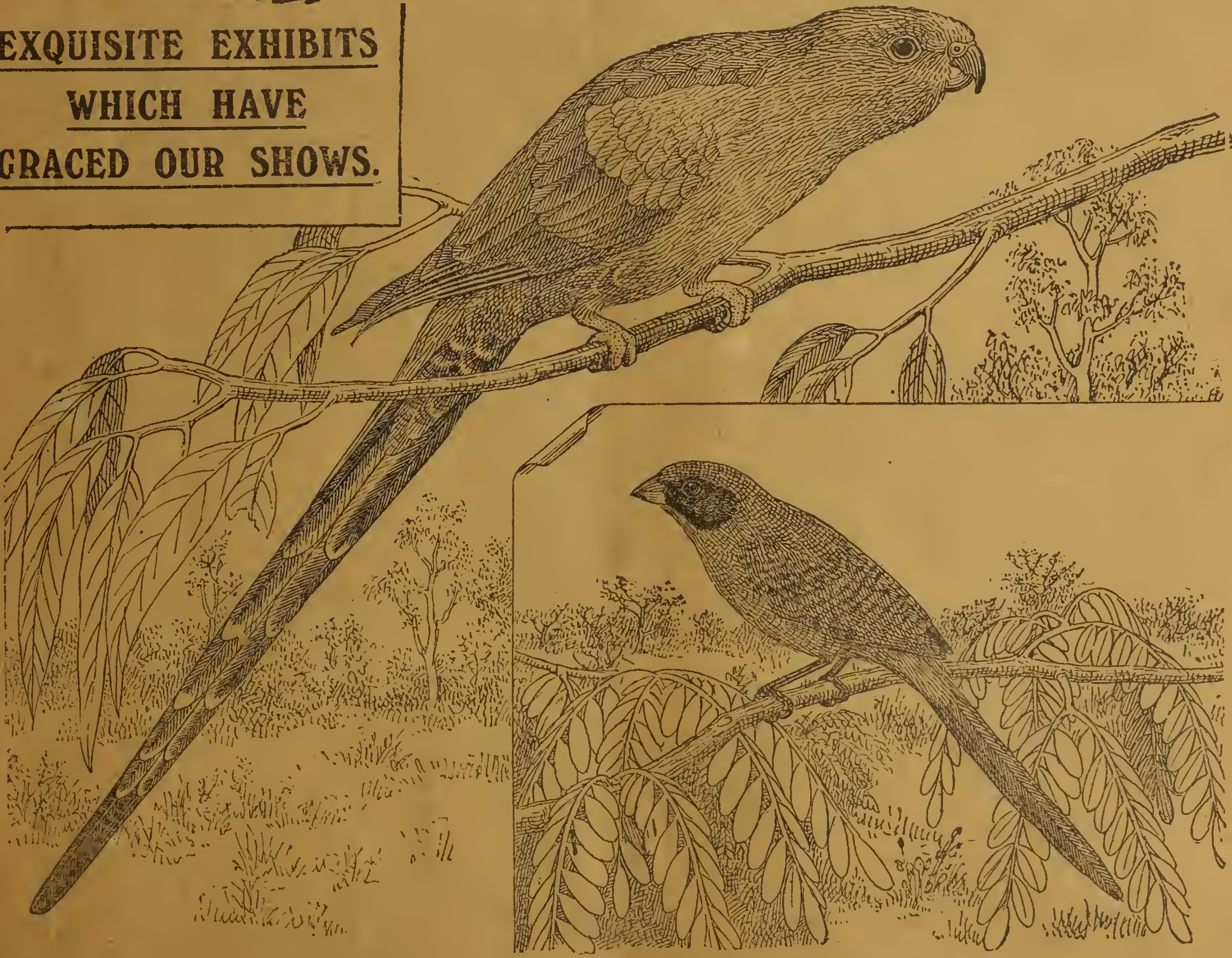

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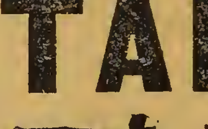

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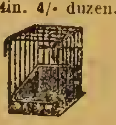

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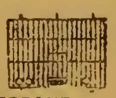

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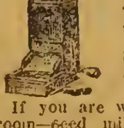

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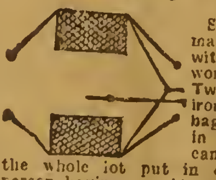

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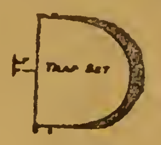

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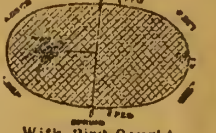

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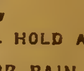

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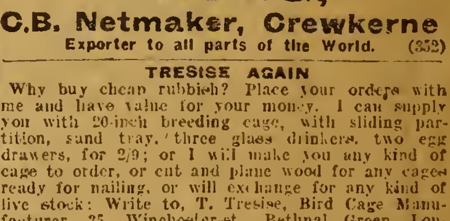

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A GRAND lot of Crest and Crest-breds for disposal; parting with most of our birds; some real good stock birds, same strain as the two birds sold for £25 and £15: Kilmister and Hooper, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham. (377)

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TWO clear buff 1912 Crested cocks, 10/6 each; clear buff grey Crest cock, 15/6; wing-marked dark Crest cock, 15/6; ditto, 12/6; cinnamon-marked hen Crest, wings, 15/6; approval, deposit: Payne, 8, Ormond-rd., Hornsey Rise, London. (371)

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Greens.

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FORTY green Norwich, in pairs or one lot, for sale; stamp for particulars: T. Ryno, 47, Toxteth-st., Liverpool. (354)

YORKSHIRE greens: few good birds for sale, cocks and hens; reasonable; approval: Tabberner, 22, Greta-st., Dingle, Liverpool. (379)

NORWICH and Yorkshire greens, best type and quality, singles or pairs; reasonable: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (378)

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Lancashires.

LARGE buff plain-head hen, 7/6: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (378)

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SALE; clear buff Lancashire Plainhead cock, 1912 bred, from winners, 20/-; healthy; approval: Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale. (371)

SALE, few pairs; also Plainhead hens, bred from clears; grand muling hens, cheap; approval, stamp: Entwistle, Passmonds, Rochdale. (372)

GIVING up keeping Lancashires; three buff Plainhead hens, one yellow Plainhead hen, grand stock, lot 40/-; approval: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield. (373)

TICKED buff coppy cock, 20/-; yellow Plainhead hen, 12/6; pair, 30/-; buff coppy hen, 10/-; also two buff Plainhead hens, cheap; approval, deposit; stamp: Adams, Newill-place, Hughts-lane, Rochdale. (373)

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W. RIDGARD has a few grand young Lizards, cocks and hens; cheap: 8, Sussex-st., West Gorton, Manchester. (382)

WHIPP, 483, Rochdale-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, has left a few pairs of Lizards from his champions, 1912 bred, 10/- pair; approval. (383)

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HAMER, 78, Ronald-st., Oldham, again to the front: Diploma best in show; most points Bradford; some of this strain for sale, also odd Gold cocks. (332)

J. HAMER, 44, Hanson-st., Oldham, the well-known Lizard breeder, has a few good Gold cocks, 1911-12, for sale; hurry up, you fanciers, I have only a few left. (348)

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NORWICH cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/-: Tonkin, 20, Kennington Park-rd., S.E. (370)

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COCKS 7/6, hens 3/-: yellow and buff, cold-room: Miss Fooks, Brentwood, Essex. (348)

ONE pair Norwich 10/-, 1912; first P.O. gets them: Patterson, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow. (372)

HENS or cocks, best blood, 7/6 to 50/- each; approval: Smith, 13, Gillian-st., Ladywell. (386)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks and hens, all prices, state wants: Pargeter, Grimsbury, Banbury. (375)

SEND for particulars of the "Little Wonder" husk separating and seed cleaning machine: Rudd.

SIX good 1912 Norwich cocks, 8/6 to 10/6 each, or 50/- the lot: Plowman, Briecia, W. Byfleet, Surrey. (381)

NORWICH cock Canaries from 10/6, 1912 birds, should breed winners: Dunham, Aviaries, East Finchley. (336)

GRAND Norwich cocks, from 5/-, hens from 2/6, or 3 hens for 6/6: Raynor, Stockhill-ter., Old Basford. (381)

NORWICH cocks and hens, cheap, cold room, colour-fed; cheap: Salmon, 5, Arundel-pl., Barnsbury. (383)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks for sale, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/- each: E. Hewitt, Pick-st., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (382)

TWO good buff hens, reliable breeders, 7/6 the two, worth double: J. Seymour, Westmead-rd., Sutton. (383)

SOME good Norwich cocks, buff greens, buff var., and yellow var., from 8/6: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath. (385)

ONE pair Norwich, 7/6; two feeding hens, 5/-; buff cock, 5/-; approval: John Starling, Barney Guist, Norfolk. (372)

FOR SALE, prize and prize-bred Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, hens 5/6: Burnett, 63, Main-st., Bainsford, Falkirk. (383)

NORWICH for sale; two yellow cocks, three buff cocks, cheap; approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin. (372)

NORWICH cocks, 6/6, hens, 3/- each, 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (379)

THREE pairs of Norwich, grand birds, best strains, must clear, 24/- lot: Hawken, Polkerris, Par Station, Cornwall. (371)

MASSIVE marked yellow cock, 1st Newport, 1st Ryde, 25/-; clear buff cock, 3rd Ryde, 15/-: Morris, Fancier, Ryde. (371)

GRAND unflighted buff cocks for sale, from 10/- each, Redwood strain: Nosworthy, 4, Albion Hill, Newton Abbot. (379)

STRONG healthy Norwich cocks, on full song, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval: Gater, 6, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiew, Glam. (337)

YELLOW and buff Norwich cocks, 10/6 to 15/6; buff hens, 7/6 to 12/6: Naismith, Carisbrooke, Mount Vernon, Glasgow. (368)

A. MAXWELL, 7, Rothesay-gardens, Partick, Glasgow, can part with four unflighted buff cocks; stamp particulars. (382)

STRONG, healthy Norwich cocks, on full song, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-; approval: Gates, 6, Jones-square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (372)

GRAND Yellow Norwich cock, Bullfinch type, grand specimen, 10/6: Roberts, New House, Bettisfield, Whitchurch, Salop. (377)

1912 COLD-ROOM bred Norwich, prize strain; approval: cocks 7/6 upwards, hens from 2/6: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (367)

GRAND Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; week's approval: Falsham, Rawlinson-st., Dalton-in-Furness. (377)

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-: hens, 2/- 3/-, 4/-, healthy birds; cash: Albert [illegible]rris, 100, Oxendon-st., Leicester. (381)

NORWICH Plainhead hen wanted: buff, green, or variegated; must be large; good head and neck: Lawrie, Falkland, Fife. (372)

NON-FED variegated buff hen, vhc, Wishaw, Bullfinch type, 15/-: Robert Houston, 80, Portland-pl., Hamilton, Lanarkshire. (382)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room unflighted cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval; cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (379)

TYPICAL 1912 pair Norwich, big ticked buff cock, clear yellow hen, 13/6; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terrace, Plymouth. (373)

PAIR 1911 Norwich Canaries and double breeding cage, price 12/-: F. Helsdown, 15, Woods-passage, All Saints-st., Hastings. (371)

FOR SALE, a few well-bred stock Norwich, mostly unflighted; prices reasonable: Peter Houston, 32, Kirkland-street, Glasgow. (383)

MRS. LITCHFIELD has some good pairs from 12/6; cocks, 8/6; also Crest-bred cocks: 2, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham Park. (345)

MORTARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has got few high-class Norwich for sale from 10/6; cock or hen; cash or deposit. (365)

BUFF cocks and hens, Vardy and Cleminson; cold-room, fed and natural, 5/- upwards: Marwood, Brompton, Northallerton. (371)

SOME really good stock birds from winners, rare type and quality, 15/-; 1912: Barrows, Devonhurst, Babbicombe-rd., Torquay. (374)

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, two variegated hens, lot 10/6, or separate: A. Whitman, 40, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamstead. (374)

VARIEGATED buff cock, 12/6; do., yellow cock, 10/6; ticked do., 10/-; good stock birds: A. Buswell, Chemist, Lutterworth. (383)

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FOR SALE, monster typical 1912 Norwich buff hens, yellow hen, Roller cock; approval: Vernon, Glenholme, Cannon-rd., Ramsgate. (370)

WANTED, large yellow Norwich hen, for exhibition, dark Goldie Mule, 12/0, or offers: Master Owie Jones, Tryfar, Harlech. (384)

NORWICH plainheads or crested, matched for breeding, 7/- pair, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: Bolton, 59, Harold-pl., Cardigan-rd., Leeds. (376)

CANARIES for sale, good Norwich cocks in song, own breeding, 10/- each; cash; apply: F. Eagle, 11, Railway Approach, Twickenham. (352)

TWO clear buff cocks, 10/- each; 1 ticked buff cock, 15/-; yellow variegated cock, 8/6; hens from 6/-: Jolly, Post Office, Johnshaven. (370)

LATEST wins, Sheffield, Loughboro', yellow stock cock, winner, 35/-; buff ditto, 25/-, unflighted, from 6/-: Dean, Holmewood, Matlock. (382)

MR. Skinner has unflighted yellow variegated cock, buff cock, grand stock birds; approval stamp: 12, Monktonhall-ter., Musselburgh. (380).

UNFLIGHTED lightly marked buff cock, 5/6; hen ditto, 2/6; big typical birds, bred from pair cost 30/-: Harrison, St. Marks-st., Leeds. (374)

LARGE Norwich buff, stock cocks and hens (unflighted) 14/- pair, surplus stock: Warcing, 45, Brompton-rd., Rusholme, Manchester. (383)

NORWICH cocks and hens, bred from winners, some good stock birds, 10/- to 25/-: Rev. C. E. Gaul, 61, Higher Ardwick, Manchester. (383)

YELLOW cock, winner Brechin, Dundee, 7/6; 4-pointed buff hen, 4/-; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; matched pair, 7/6: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (369)

GRAND prize-winning unflighted foul buff green Norwich hen, 12/6; approval; good bargain:—Spilsbury, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire. (379)

LADY Muriel Digby has lovely plain-headed Norwich cock Canaries from 5/- each, splendid songsters: Chalmington, Dorchester, Dorset. (380)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants., has some grand Norwich for disposal; prices to suit all customers; from his challenge cup strain; approval. (335)

NORWICH for sale, winners, and bred from winners, see wins Stoke, Haltwistle, Paisley, Carlisle; cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (380)

CAN spare clear big buff Norwich P.H. hen, 10/-; also big variegated buff Crestbred hen, 12/6: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire (386)

NORWICH, large buff cock, good head, 15/-; hens, large, good types, bred from winners, 7/6 and 10/-; approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath. (369)

EIGHT yellow Norwich hens, 1911, in lovely condition, selected for Mule breeding, 5/- each: J. J. Rees, Dental Surgery, Bryhyfryd, Swansea. (384)

BARGAINS, all my large Norwich for sale, cheap; also cages; pairs, 15/-, 20/-; odd birds, 7/6, 10/6, cost above double: Lane, Newton-drive, Blackpool. (382)

J. WM. DALZELL has 20 good Norwich to sell, bred from winners, 1911, 1912; cocks from 6/6. hens from 3/-; approval deposit: 4, Ormrod-st., Oldham. (378)

FIVE good matched pairs, colour-fed, 10/6 and 12/6 pair; also double yellow green, cinnamon bred; all approval: Sheldon, Hosier, Wanstead, Essex. (379)

MONSTER buff cocks, 10/6; yellow and buff hens from 3/6; worth double; songsters, 6/-: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., Mount Pleasant, Tottenham. (352)

NORWICH cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, clean and healthy; cash; approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (381)

1911 and 1912 cocks from 7/6; hens, 2/6, 5/6, 7/6: approval: A. Edwards, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Norwich: 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (332)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners: prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

PURE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, cold-room bred; if not fully satisfied, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

FEW good Norwich hens for sale, price 10/- each to clear; yellows and buffs; approval; also few cocks: Barnes, Factory-row, Whalley, nr. Blackburn. (372)

THIRTY healthy Norwich hens, cold room, ready for breeding; buff, 2/6; yellows, 3/-; cocks, full song, 8/6; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings. Essex. (385)

WILLIAM HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of Norwich has few good birds either single or pairs from 20/- to £3 10s.; approval. (358)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries: cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (235)

GRAND stock birds, perfect type and quality, fine heads, certainly breed winners, cocks 7/6 to 30/-, hens from 4/-: Miss Gwyn, "Somerville," N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (335)

CHAMPION Norwich, 30 years' breeder of the best, some grand large birds, good heads, grand type; reasonable: approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (351)

NORWICH, from my prize winners, 1911, 1912, hens 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; cocks 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, or pairs; approval willingly; Di Williams, 12, Rosevean-rd., Penzance, Cornwall. (335)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/3, 6/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/3, 4/-, 5/-: guaranteed healthy, not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester. (353)

MASSIVE framed deep-chested colour-fed buff Norwich hen, won several honours, latest 3rd Stratford; sacrifice for 20/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

I HAVE still a few Plainheads left, all well bred. Have won two cups this season. Reasonable prices; can be seen after 6: A. Smith, 24, Balmore-rd., Possilpark, Glasgow. (351)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted cocks for sale, splendid stock birds, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cock, vhc Holborn, 15/-: Harris, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmer's Green, London, N. (374)

NORWICH Canaries, two clear buff hens, 2/6 each; one ditto cock, 6/6; one clear yellow cock, 7/6; one marked yellow cock, 8/6: Mrs. Gibbons, Boddington Manor, Cheltenham. (377)

TWO grand pairs of prize Norwich, five cocks and two hens of prize-bred Borders, or offers for lot; giving up these classes: James McIntosh, 64, Cowans-st., Stirling. (378)

CLEAR buff cock, winner two 1st prizes, £1 10s.; grand lot stock birds from winners, cocks, 6/6 to 15/-; hens from 5/6; approval: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (356)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, unflighted yellows, buffs; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; few pairs, 12/6, colour-fed cold room bred; approval: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick. (353)

NORWICH, one yellow, one buff cock, one yellow, one buff hen for disposal, 15/- per pair: one buff hen, 5/-; good strain; cold room bred: Howle, 17, Strathmore-view, Leeds. (274)

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Lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Grand typical hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. **Matched Pairs** at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. **Large Cobby Norwich at same prices as Yorkshires. Pure Seifert Rollers**, in full rolling song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. A few extra birds, real **Schoolmasters**, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-. Hens, guaranteed same strain, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each. Crested Norwich (cocks or hens), 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Crestbred Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Crest-bred Hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each **upwards. Border Fancies**, grand, smart, typical birds, from winning strains, Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/- up. Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- up. Matched Pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. **Siberian Goldfinch Cocks**, large fine birds, with big square blazes, and in full song; will make splendid Mulers, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each. Large Sib.-bred Muling Hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-. each. Matched Muling Pairs, Siberian cock and canary hen, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 15/-. For **Lancashire Coppies and Plainheads, Lizards, Mules, Scotch Fancies**, etc., send a P.C. for my free Illustrated catalogue, and, remember, I send every bird on 7 days' approval, at my risk, and **guarantee absolute satisfaction**. Easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers.

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A. FIDDAMENT, postman, has some good typical Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; week's approval; deposit: Apply, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (379)

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TYPICAL Norwich hens for sale, all bred from stock obtained from noted winning strains, from 3/6; also a few Borders, cocks and hens, from 2/6: Burchell, 6, Durlston-rd., Clapton. (385)

WANTED, really good, short stout, large headed clear yellow Norwich cock, unflighted; approval, natural colour preferred: George Blows, 8, The Clyde, Ilford-lane, Ilford. (367)

A. HUMPHRIES can spare one or two good pairs of Norwich; also four buff cocks, 12/6 to 20/- each, same strain as my winners, see show reports; stamp: The Lodge, Acomb-rd., York. (353)

REAL good Norwich monster cocks and hens, show or stock, no better blood in the country, very reasonable; over 25 years breeder; approval: Hand, Meadow Lea, Albany Drive, Herne Bay. (353)

ROOM wanted; three Norwich cocks, full song, 21/- lot; 7/6 single; three Crested hens, 18/- lot; single, 7/-; cold-room; approval, cash or deposit: H. Hedges, 46, Greys-rd., Eastbourne. (371)

SEVERAL large yellow green or yellow variegated Norwich hens wanted, from cold room, on approval, for muling; must be full of colour; write: A. Goble, 57, Richmond-st., Brighton. (373)

1912 buff cock, winner two firsts, two specials, only times shown, 15/-; 1912 yellow cock, brother to above, 10/-: 1911 large buff hen, sister to above, 7/6: Butler, Rhosymedre, Ruabon. (378)

A FEW Norwich, including yellow hens, for sale at most reasonable prices, marked yellow cock 25/-, unflighted yellow 15/-, buff cock £1, buff hen 22/6: Midgley, Chesham House, Winslow. (378)

NORWICH, six cocks, four hens, 1012, three cocks, five hens, 1911, Vardy's strain C.F., £3 10/-, or separate, cold room; approval deposit: Frend, 212, Ashley-rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset. (397)

AT our Xmas show, with 19 birds, seven firsts, five seconds, three thirds, fourth; have some good stock birds for sale; state wants and price; approval: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (340)

A FEW Norwich, short and typical, for disposal, single or pairs; single from 10/-; pairs from 15/-; on approval; six common hens, 2/- each: T. Ballantine, 15, Caledonian-place, Edinburgh. (374)

WANTED, large unflighted yellow Norwich cock for stock purposes, must have good head and neck; good price will be given for suitable bird: Particulars to Brash, 1, Braid-pl., Edinburgh. (381)

COLOUR-FED clear yellow Norwich cocks, 6/- each; clear yellow hens, 4/-; clear buff cocks, 5/-; buff or buff marked, 3/-; approval: Mr. Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (375)

DEEP colour-fed Norwich cock, 4th Leyton, 35/- Selling, accept 10/-; colour-fed buff cock, 3rd Enfield Limit Class, 10-/; worth treble for stock; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

GRAND Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs unflighted, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, fed cold room; cash; approval; deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (381)

A FEW surplus buff and yellow hens and cocks to dispose of, cold room, and from my winners; size and quality combined; stamp reply; approval: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London. (349)

WANTED, several real good large 1912 colour fed Norwich Plainheads, must be large in head, full in neck, with short flights and tail, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (385)

SEVERAL grand stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, winners and related to winners; clears and variegated, hens from 5/-; cocks from 10/-; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow. (350)

GOOD winning strain, clear and variegated buff and yellow hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each. I won 14 prizes with 16 entries at last two Norwich open shows; approval, cash or deposit: Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (352)

GRAND prize-bred, noted strain, Plainheads, orange yellows, cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; hens, stock, showing, muling, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- or pairs; also British; state wants; see Yorkshires: Weaire, Snodland, Kent. (384)

WANTED, two pairs of Norwich Canaries, 1912 bred, must have plenty of size, good shape and tight feather; approval; particulars and price to: W. Broadbridge, 34, George-st., Sittingbourne, Kent. (371)

SCHOFIELD, Sadler, Ipswich, has several pairs to spare from 15/-, including good marked yellows, the right sort for colour-feeding; see CAGE BIRDS report, Jan. 4th, 1913, East Counties C.B.S.; approval. (387)

HENRY, 13, King Edward's-rd., Ponders End. Five pair Norwich, large birds, good strain, cocks, 8/6 pair; also three cock Goldfinches, rare beauties, 4/- each, well marked, in fine feather and song, six months caged. (350)

FRANK COLE, 51, Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich; surplus hens, 5/- to 15/-; cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; bred as winners, Clapham, Bromley, Wimbledon, Dulwich, and Peckham; vhc pair L.C.B.A., 20/-; inspection invited. (349)

SEVERAL large healthy, good type and feather Norwich cocks, 6/-; few beauties, 8/6; one yellow, even marked eyes and wings, 10/-; also good hens, 4/- and 6/- each; all colour-fed: Taylor, Sunningdale-ter., Bideford. (377)

I HAVE a few pairs to go cheap; also a few good hens; pairs from 12/6 to 20/-, worth quite double; hens from 5/- to 20/-, same blood as my unflighted buff claimed at Manchester show for ten guineas; approval: W. Whetstone, 3, Parker-st., Leek, Staffs. (351)

YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger-st., Keswick, clearance sale, owing to not having time to devote to my birds, I am disposing of them all, including all my winners; also cages, cases, etc.; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-. (375)

SMITH'S noted Norwich, best of blood; see reports, Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Derwent Valley, Alnwick, Gateshead, Annfield Plain; exhibition and stock birds, reasonable; approval, stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (Q)

TICK yellow cock, 1911, winner three firsts, special for best Norwich, one second, only times shown this season, 45/-; clear yellow cock, 1912, 1st, special, and 3rd, only times shown, 40/-; approval, cash, or deposit: Lees, Market-st., Oxford. (376)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has large clear buff cock, 25/-; wing marked do., 15/-; cap marked do., 12/6; tick yellow cock, 20/-; clear do., a model, 15/-; wing marked do., 12/6; all unflighted; also some good hens from 5/- each; approval. (385)

ARTHUR WAKE, breeder, exhibitor, 20 years, has large typical show of stock Norwich for disposal, wins see Middlesbrough, Stockton, Yarm, etc.; prices reasonable; approval: inspection invited: 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (379)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, winner last year at Huddersfield, Leeds, Burnley, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham, Preston, and Bradford, has some grand birds for sale, prices moderate; a few choice pairs for novices at low prices. (373)

THREE healthy large Norwich hens, buff, yellow, lightly variegated, one clear buff, 6/- each, these birds worth 10/6 each; handsome cock Goldfinch, certain Muler last year and this, handsome blaze, 6/-: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (375)

MUST sell, three pure-bred Norwich cocks, one foul-marked green ditto, 10/6 each; also three typical buff Nor. cocks, one yellow marked, 8/6 each, lovely songsters in excellent condition: Particulars, Miss Dymock, Prestfelde, Shrewsbury. (376)

NORWICH; six unflighted yellow and variegated hens, 10/6 each; also buffs; one yellow variegated hen, 15/-; grand stock, 1912 buff variegated, 15/-; nice yellow and yellow variegated 1911 cocks, 12/6 each; deposit: Hoblyn, Jeweller, Launceston. (374)

HIGH-CLASS plainheads, a few buff cocks and hens, some almost green, bred from my well-known strain, some untried; also winners; would exchange for good headed yellow cock, must be good bird: approval: James Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fife, Scotland. (381)

A. HOLDEN'S champion Norwich, 1st prize winners at all leading Northern shows, can still spare good stock pairs related to my cup winners. This strain has been winning for the last eight years and still wins: own breeding; approval; stamp: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead.

WELLSLEY, champion Norwich, winner of the N.U.N.C.C. cup, 1912, also at all the leading shows in the north, see show reports, Newcastle, Hartlepool, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Gateshead, show and stock birds for disposal; approval stamp: 149, Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead. (378)

I HAVE a few good Norwich hens for sale, the best of type and quality, year old and unflighted, 0/-, 7/6, 10/- each; also yellow, green cock, unflighted, 12/6, winged marked yellow cock, 1911 bird, 15/-, unflighted clear buff cock, 12/6: Wm. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. (375)

MR. A. L. HAWKES being compelled to reduce his stock down to one-half immediately, offers any of his Stratford winning specimens at a great sacrifice, from 20/- to 42/-; see report this issue; these have also won under Robson, Norman, Heath, Roe, etc.; approval 6 days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

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FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, winner at leading shows, including Scottish National, can spare several champion bred birds, including three fine yellow cocks, clear, ticked, variegated, 30/- each; several good buffs, cocks and hens, mostly unflighted, size, type, quality, cheap; no yellow hens; stamped inquiries solicited: (387)

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UNDOUBTEDLY, one of the best books available for Canary-lovers, is "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John. The title explains itself, and anyone who proposes to breed Canaries will find all the innumerable "kinks" in the business fully explained. Information worth pounds, and the cost is only 7d. post free; cloth bound 1/2, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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State what you require, show or stock bird, and a faithful description will be given. Detailed price list free.

See page 11.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

A. PAYNE AND SON; champion Norwich; grand typical birds for stock; cocks from 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; specially selected reliable pairs of high-class Norwich from 10/-, 12/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; songsters speciality: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich. (372)

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (385)

CHAMPION Norwich; grand show and stock birds; undoubtedly some of the best in the Midlands, including many winners; grand chance for breeders wishing to improve their stock; every bird for sale, none reserved, declining Fancy through business reasons; prices from 10/- to £5; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: F. Dipple, Butcher, Well-st., Birmingham. (374)

CHAMPION exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, a perfect gem, sure winner anywhere, only 21/-, honestly worth treble; also choice exhibition yellow hen, grand size, type and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner in good company, only 21/-, recently cost £2; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (385)

GRAND exhibition Yellow Norwich cock, real model for type and quality, grand depth of chest, perfect gem, sure winner, only 42/-; also monster exhibition buff cock, grand size and substance, large head and neck, rare type and quality, win anywhere, make champion stock bird, only 45/- or £4 the two, can soon win their cost, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (385)

CHAMPION Norwich: Correctly matched pairs of high-class Norwich Plainheads, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 42/- a pair; these are matched to produce size, type, and quality, and are bred from the best blood in the Fancy; any of these offered are honestly worth double the prices asked; rare chance for beginners; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (361)

SUIT beginners, I have the following high-class Norwich for disposal:—Large stout clear buff unflighted cock, 12/-, make good stock bird; also ticked yellow unflighted cock, good size and rich in colour, 12/-; also clear yellow unflighted hen, very rich colour, 7/6: and nice short stout yellow variegated unflighted hen, 8/-; all above are in good condition: approval; deposit: J. Colling, 5, Marinerster., Filey, Yorkshire. (382)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, unflighted, clean yellow cock, winner, 17/6; 1911 large variegated buff hen, good stock bird, 20/-; unflighted, clean buff cock, good head, type, and quality, 20/-; 1911 large clean yellow hen, good stock bird, 12/6; unflighted variegated buff cock, 7/6; unflighted clean yellow hen, 7/6; 1911 variegated buff cock, rare type, good head and neck, 17/6; unflighted large clean buff hen, make good stock bird, 12/6; unflighted variegated buff hen, 10/-; approval: Muir, Thomson-st., Kilmarnock. (370)

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POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

Same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/0, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each: no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (376)

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Novices have a chance of securing good Norwich; being overstocked, thirty good birds, mostly unflighted cocks, bred from my Scottish National, Palace, and Manchester winners, 15/- each: Bob Johnson, Ashlea-ter., Longton, Preston. (375)

E. THOMAS

Clear buffs, 3rd Cardiff, Swansea, 35/-: var. yellow cock, 30/-; unflighted buff hen, 15/-: three yellow cocks, 12/6 each; three buff cocks, 12/6 each; one pair, 25/-: 48, Craddock-st., Cardiff. (377)

F. J. NOYCE

Has got a few high-class Norwich to part with, same strain as my winners; cheap; approval: 6, Lemon-place, Newton Abbot, Devon. (379)

CHAMPION NORWICH PLAINHEADS

A few good pairs of champion Norwich at 12/6, 15/- a pair; one buff stock cock, red-hot colour, good head, flights perfect, short tail and marvellous size, only 20/-, and yellow hen to match, 27/6 the pair; worth double; 7 days' approval: cash or deposit with CAGE BIRDS: E. North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (388)

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and Yorkshire cocks, 6/- and 6/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-.—**SANDIFORD, Canary Judge, Preston; also 89, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, London.**

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For my white Canaries, I can offer the following champion bred Norwich pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 20/-, 25/-; yellow and buff hens, 7/6 to 20/-; all on approval; only want to be seen. I have also one or two more white cocks to spare, same as my Scottish National, L.C.B.A. and L.P.O.S. winners: Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (375)

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Two nice cobby unflighted buff cocks, 15/- each; two cobby variegated unflighted buff cocks, 15/- each, extra well bred and cheap; two unflighted yellow cocks, good type and quality, 15/- each; nothing better bred in the fancy; also few nice unflighted cocks, 10/- each; all on approval: Vardy, Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (385)

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W. N. TURNER

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are these buff and yellow cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, to 40/-; big thick-set birds, grand heads, matched pairs, 15/- to 60/-; some can win, bred from my winners; see Manchester, Liverpool, Whitehaven shows; 6 firsts, 1 second, 2 fourths, seven specials, only times shown; approval, stamp:

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PURE Rollers, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; grand hens, 2/6: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge. (357)

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ROLLER cock Canaries, 3/6, 4/6 and 6/6; hens, 2/- and 3/-: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (388)

1912 ROLLERS; cocks, cold-room, can be heard, 7/6, 8/6 each: Turner, 8, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (373)

SEIFERT Roller cocks, from 7/6 to 12/6: J. A. Higginson, 47, Bradshaw-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (369)

PURE 1912 Rollers, cold-room bred; cocks, singing, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool. (372)

GENUINE Rollers, not rubbish, cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-: Smith, 14, Oak-st., York-rd., Leeds. (382)

PURE Seifert Roller cocks, full song, cold-room bred, 7/6 upwards; approval: J. Wooldridge, 18, Park-st., Lye. (365)

TWENTY-FIVE high-class Roller Canaries, cocks 6/-, 7/-, and 8/-; hens, 2/- each: Craven, 80, Freehold-st., Leeds. (347)

CLEARING out Seifert Rollers, mostly rung B.R.C.C., 8/6 pair, or cocks 6/6, hens 2/-: Chapman, Church-rd., Northwood. (385)

SEIFERT Rollers, full rolling song, 6/6 to 10/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; cold-room bred; approval: Hitch, 65, Stafford-st., Walsall. (334)

HIGH-CLASS 1912 Roller cock, lovely songster, 10/-; seven days' approval: deposit Editor: Cooper, 10, Collins-rd., Southsea. (384)

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OUTDOOR bred, pedigreed cocks, 6/- upwards; splendid hens 3/6, all colour fed; call 7-8: 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, N. (377)

YORKSHIRES, Dykes' strain; cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, 4/- each; all young birds very cheap: Todd, Oddfellows-st., Egremont, Cumberland. (377)

FOR SALE, 10 pairs of Yorkshires, colour-fed, typical birds, 7/- pair upwards; lot £3 10/-; offers: Williams, 103, Emily-st., Keighley. (383)

HENRY BURBIDGE, 111, Hitcham-rd., Leyton, winner cup 1911, also 1912, offers genuine Yorkshires, 14/- pair; hens, 3/6 and 4/6. (373)

REMOVING, must sell 20 Yorkshire Canaries, cages and show cages cheap; inspection invited: J. H. Elwell, 35, Church-st., Shildon. (385)

SEVEN Yorkshire, one Norwich hens in good health; first 25/- gets them; stamp reply: Thos. Aspden, 33, Gillibrand-st., Darwen, Lancs. (378)

SOME rattling Yorkshires for sale, inspection Saturday afternoon, Sunday: J. Burton, 50, Mulgrave-rd., Dollis Hill. (New address.) (346)

ONE cock, two hens (Joe Thomas) 1911; two cocks 1912, lovely birds, show, lot £2; show cages, or offer: Mrs. Soames, Lyncroft, Bromley. (384)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, rare quality, length, condition, cocks 10/-; hens 5/- upwards; actual winners cheap: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (335)

TYPICAL Yorkshire cocks, yellow, clear, variegated, full song, 6/- each; buff cinnamon-marked hens, 3/-: Demaine, East Busk-lane, Otley. (366)

UNFLIGHTED Yorkshires for sale, cock in full song, two hens, cold room bred, 9/6 the lot: J. Rollins, Glenridge, Virginia Water, Surrey. (386)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires for show or song, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken: approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

CLEARING out Yorkshires, two pair clears 12/6, pair, vhc, Carlisle, three Border cocks, one hen, healthy, 12/- lot: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (380)

R. E. HELLIWELL can spare Cinnamon marked buff hen, 12/6; clear buff hens 6/- each; unbeatable strain; approval: Claremont-rd., Boothtown, Halifax. (376)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, grand quality, matched pairs, from 12/6, every bird warranted sound and healthy: C. Roper, 6, Bright-st., Cross-lane, Salford. (370)

COLDROOM cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; long, stylish birds, bred from winners, Clapham, Wandsworth, etc.; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (350)

GEO. H. BUTLER, breeder and exhibitor, has Yorkshire Canaries for sale, hens from 4/-, cocks from 7/6; cold room: 26, Burrowlee-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (384)

ABOUT 20 good Yorkshire hens for sale, yellows and buffs, good type and quality, low prices, from 3/6 to 7/- each: Jones and Chester, 31, Princess-st., Chester. (375)

A FEW typical birds, cocks and hens, to spare, related to my winners Clapham, Plymouth, L.C.B.A., and North London.—Penton, 1, Commercial-st., E. (349)

CAN spare big buff Yorkshire cock, well up on leg and plenty of size, 12/6; yellow hen, plenty of leg and size, 8/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (386)

YORKSHIRES, few pairs cheap, grand unflighted buff cock, winner members' shows, 10/-; others equally cheap; approval: McLoughlin, Rawfolds, Cleckheaton, Yorks. (359)

CLEAR colour-fed yellow Yorkshire cock, 4th Leyton, 10/-; colour-fed buff cock, 2nd Enfield, 10/-; exceptional bargains· approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

YORKSHIRES, my well-known strain, from 15/- pair; some grand buff hens and cocks; inspection invited; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham. (342)

CLEAR and ticked yellow Yorkshire cocks 12/6 each, hens 5/- each, 1912 bred, and colour-fed winning strain; seen any time; approval: L. Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, full length, buff hen, two cages, 4 nest pans, 30 assorted coloured plates, 15/- the lot, or offer, worth double: Punter, 55, St. Johns-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (376)

GRAND pairs Yorkshires, 1911 bred, buff cock, winner 1st Coventry, 2nd Luton, 3rd Stratford, matched to grand yellow hen, 30/-; approval, deposit: Dimmock, Market-sq., Leighton Buzzard. (385)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires in splendid health and full song, cocks 7/6 upwards, hens 5/- and 7/6, pairs to breed winners 12/6 to £1; approval deposit: Gamble, 9, Prison-quarters, Winchester. (379)

GRAND lot Yorkshires, yellow and buff, long stylish cocks, 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, good typical hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (384)

NOW'S your chance to secure some of the best Yorkshires for stock or show, many winners amongst them; see show reports; must dispose immediately; state wants: Park, 9, Cambridge-st., Millom. (361)

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, splendid type and quality; cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; approval, carriage paid: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (360)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some grand Yorkshire hens, yellows and buffs, fit for keen competition, from his challenge cup winners, also cocks, some good winners amongst them, cheap, approval. (362)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, my own breeding, bred from my winners at all the leading shows, Manchester, Sheffield, etc., cocks from 10/6, hens from 5/6: Tom Moss, 54, Norman-rd., Birkby, Huddersfield. (379)

GREAT sacrifice. Winning yellow Yorkshire cock, 3rd Stratford, also buff cock, 3rd Stratford; see reports this issue; 20/- each, approval; worth treble; compulsory sale: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; first-class stock pairs cheap; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (333)

THE best of blood must be sold; will breed winners; three pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; also three cock Linnet Mules, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; or offers for lot; satisfaction guaranteed: Gathercole, Spring Bank, Silverdale, Lancs. (371)

CINNAMON-MARKED Yorkshire cock, 1912, 6/-; smart, cinnamon Yorkshire hen, 4/-; 2 yellow Yorks. cocks, 5/- each; light variegated Goldfinch cock Mule, 1912, singing, 6/-: B. J. Spinks, 66, Hatton Gardens, Newark, Notts. (370)

WILLIAM E. KING, winner 10-guinea challenge cup, Hebden Bridge, Nov. 30, 1912, for best three Yorkshires in show; 1912 cocks, 5/-, 7/-, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/6 up; approval; carriage paid: Oak-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (378)

TOP Yorkshire man in Cardiff, cup for two years, barred this year through taking partner, have supplied more winners than anyone in Wales; pairs from 12/6 to £5; seven days' approval: James, of James and Wells, 73, Carlisle-st., Cardiff. (385)

CHOICE exhibition clear buff cock, winner, latest wins: 1st and sp. Carlisle, 1st Cowdenbeath, a typical Yorkie throughout, 50/-; also variegated yellow cock, unflighted, make fine stock bird, 21/-: Rizzi, Waverley Station Restaurant, Edinburgh. (369)

RADFORD (late Trafford Park). High-class Yorkshires, bred as winners, Warrington, Sale, Sheffield, grand type and quality, cold room; satisfaction guaranteed; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; approval: 128, Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (380)

YORKSHIRES; if you are wanting good yellow or buff cocks or hens, I can supply you. Type, size and quality; grand stock birds; approval, deposit; state wants; value for money; inspection invited: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (Q)

YORKSHIRES: few hens for sale, yellow and buff, standard length, feathered like wax, bred and related to my winner at leading shows; all unflighted, 7/-, 10/-, 15/- each; on approval, cash or deposit: W. Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (386)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, some magnificent cocks and hens, large, leggy, upstanding, fine feathered birds; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; all cold-room kept, four days' approval; 27 years breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (355)

C. HALL, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires, having had a good season, has for sale about 100 Yorkshires, same strain as my winners, see Union Shows, splendid type and quality, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/6: inspection invited: 20, Nowell-pl., Harehills-lane, Leeds. (381)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, from my prize strain; cocks, 7/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; all colour fed, and in the pink of condition; cash or deposit; inspection invited: G. A. Parker, 17, Litchfield-aven., Romford-rd., Stratford. (337)

PRIESTLEY, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires. Having had a very successful season I have about 150 young Yorkshires for sale; splendid type and quality; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; cash or deposit. Inspection invited; satisfaction guaranteed: 127, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (379)

YORKSHIRES

I Hold :: :: :: What I Offer

and the value cannot be equalled elsewhere either in Show or Stock Birds.

And, knowing what I have, and my great desire to give such value as is next to impossible to be obtained elsewhere, is the reason of the unbounded satisfaction given year after year; and the fact that I have received more testimonials than any man living. I have also published more than any person or firm in existence. I know also that price is a great object to many; but a high quality and a low price is still a greater consideration to the purchasing public. Note the following prices and make a comparison of these prices; but, above all I want a comparison of birds, to test the full value. Some good show birds at specially low prices; also in the stock are cinnamons, cinnamon marked, and greens.

YORKSHIRES.—Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Pairs matched for Breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. I am exceptionally strong in good Hens. Pairs, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

Never before have I possessed such a Remarkable Collection

of Yorkshires either in quality or quantity, including a lot of magnificent hens. You can only judge of the huge bargains by seeing them at the prices asked. Have any on approval. Inspection cordially invited by appointment to test the fact. Prices not enhanced, and I guarantee every purchaser the best value in this variety to be obtained in Great Britain. Remember, I reserve none. Show birds, therefore, at nominal prices—not being an advertising, exhibiting "pot-hunter."

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

H. C. HEDWORTH, Dudley-rd., Grantham, has for disposal 3 buff Yorkshire cocks and one yellow, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; 2 yellow hens, 15/- each; 2 buff, 12/6 each; Ambler's pure strain, same as his winners at Stamford, Grantham, Spalding, Nottingham, Hull, Doncaster, Sheffield; approval. (376)

MUST reduce my stock owing to business; several yellow and buff hens, 3/6 to 12/6; also several grand stock cocks, yellow and buff, clear, ticked, cinn., and green marked, 7/6 to 17/6; related to my winners at L. and P.O., Windsor, and Brighton; approval; deposit Editor: C. Bullen, 5, Walpole-rd., Bromley, Kent. (371)

HANFORD'S noted Yorkshires are the best value offered; long, typical cocks, for breeding or song, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; racy hens, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6; pairs correctly matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; all in perfect condition and cold bred; send for complete list and approval terms. See Norwich adverts.: R. Hanford, Derby.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/1½, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting, also how to treat in both health and disease: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

OWING to the death of my friend, Mr. Green, of Brynmawr, late manager of Briggs' Boot Stores, I have his Yorkshires to sell for Mrs. Green; 1 yellow cock, 2 buff hens, 1 buff cock, 2 yellow hens: related to some of the finest strains in the fancy; will sell cheap in one lot or separate, bargain. offers, approval; apply: Newell, 62, Princess-st., Abertillery. (376)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, correctly matched pairs of high-class Yorkshires, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 42/- a pair, these are matched to produce winners in the keenest competition and are bred from the best blood in the fancy, any of these offered are honestly worth double the prices asked, rare chance for beginners, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (385)

EXCEPTIONAL offer, must be sold immediately, 25 high-class Yorkshires, nice stylish birds of rare type and quality; all bred from winners, and some have won; they were got together absolutely regardless of expense by a gentleman who has gone abroad; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/- to effect speedy sale, or anyone taking the lot will be liberally dealt with; approval, deposit: MacWilliam, Tyddyn Felin, Talybont, Talycain, North Wales. (378)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers at a great sacrifice unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, took challenge cup at Stratford last week over cocks and all other Canaries, for 35/-; another yellow, sister, and equal to above, 30/-, won several honours, 30/-; yellow marked cock, 1st Stratford, etc., 35/-; buff marked cock, 2nd, 30/-; clear buff cock, 2nd Stratford, 30/-; clear yellow cock, 3rd Stratford, 30/-; see reports this issue; the above have also won under Mundell, Robson, Norman, Anfield, etc. These are high-class, typical specimens for quality, type and length, rarely if ever offered, being compelled to reduce my stock down to one-half, am offering them at one-third their value; an opportunity of a lifetime: 6 days' approval; inspection invited: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

THORNTON'S YORKSHIRES.

I can spare a few matched pairs and singles from my noted strain: no better blood: approval: reasonable: 19, Agnes Grove, Liscard, Cheshire. (Q)

H. CHARLESWORTH

Neeley, Honley, Huddersfield, has some champion Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 7/6 upwards; hens from 4/- upwards; pairs matched for breeding winners from 12/-; this is your chance; approval, deposit. (387)

Do you Want THE VERY BEST?

Then place your orders with the old reliable breeder, who breeds his own winners year after year, and can therefore give you the best value for your money.

It is not the price you pay, **but the value** you get, that **makes it a bargain.**

I only ask for a trial order, and if you will allow **me to send any on approval,** and compare with any other I shall esteem it a favour.

See show reports all through season and judge for yourself the quality of my strain of Yorkshires. **A few of the honours I have secured this season:** Diploma for best Yorkshire at Newcastle; diploma best green mark at Bradford National; diploma best Canary over all other varieties Gateshead; special best Canary and best bird in show Launceston; special best Yorks Loughboro'; challenge cup Bolton Woods, winning same outright; and other honours too numerous to mention; and remember, **I have won more first prizes this last few years than any other exhibitor** at all the leading shows in the country; finishing up with more firsts than any other exhibitor at last Palace show.

Champion Yorkshire Cocks, fine length and splendid quality, yellows or buffs, at **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. **Hens,** feathered like wax, any colour, at **4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. **Properly matched unrelated Pairs,** to breed own winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. All guaranteed cold-room bred and kept, and possessing that bit of breed so much admired in a true Yorkshire. Colour-fed to perfection, and a few natural colour.

Price list and specimen testimonials from all quarters, post free. Inspection invited at any time. State wants; satisfaction guaranteed. **All on seven days' approval, at my risk.** Cash or deposit with paper. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra. Exhibition cocks or hens. Now that the show season is drawing to a close, I have several recent winners in keenest competition for sale cheap, and others for members' and local shows from **12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. **Easy payments to suit genuine fanciers.**

L. DYKES, RELIABLE AVIARIES,
SHANN ST., BOLTON WOODS, BRADFORD.

W. ROLFE'S YORKSHIRES

Good birds cheap; inspection invited any time; cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; deposit, approval anywhere: 2, Newton-st. Hoxton, London. (382)

P. RORKE'S WINNING YORKSHIRES

Having selected breeding stock have 20 buff hens and cocks for disposal, winners amongst them; also several marked birds, pairs from, 15/-; inspection invited; all birds guaranteed; approval; stamp: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham. (385)

IRISH FANCIERS

C. A. O'Reilly, winner Drummond's three years and other prizes too numerous to mention; clinking pairs, 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-: 10, Dolphin-avenue, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin. (278)

J. BROOKS

has some grand matched pairs from 10/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned in full; inspection invited: 320, Ainsworth Lane, Tong Moor, Bolton. (375)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (376)

COOK & HOOD

Offer five pairs real cheap, see report Yarm this week, also Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesboro, Gateshead, Wolverhampton; none better: Rosevilla, Charltons Boosbeck, Yorkshire. (381)

HIRST'S

stylish Yorkshires win at all the best shows; pairs matched to breed show birds from 30/-; cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval; inspection invited: 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (356)

PRITCHARD'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

all related to my winners, see show reports Cheltenham, Newport, Swansea, Abertillery, Cardiff, Abersychan, Mid-Rhondda, Bristol 1st, yellow cocks and runner up Bristol bowl; cocks from, 7/6; hens from, 5/-; three days' approval: 67, Powells-st., Abertillery. (357)

ROOLEY AVIARIES

Dealers write for our latest wholesale price list for good large colour-fed Yorks. Canaries: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford. (377)

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

In order to make room for the breeding season, I have 15 pairs of good stock birds to clear all at one price, 12/6 a pair; some of these are honestly worth three times the money I am asking. Cocks are in full song and over 7in. long, and hens are feathered like silk and properly mated to breed winners. Yellow cock and buff hen, or vice-versa. I don't sell 2 buffs for a pair; also a few odd stock cocks, over 7in. long, just the sort that breed champions, 10/- each; give me a trial; you will never regret it; cash with order or deposit Cage Birds: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (388)

H. H. TOWERS

winner of trophies and prizes at all the principal shows for many years, including championship diploma for best Yorkshire, Crystal Palace, 1912; Yorkshires now ready, pairs from 10/6 upwards; birds suitable for exhibition at reasonable prices; export orders at the cheapest possible rates; full satisfaction guaranteed, on approval; cash or deposit: Colne-rd., Glusburn. (9)

SHACKLETON'S CHAMPION YORKS.

have won 6 championships and over 30 first and special prizes, at Crystal Palace alone. This season my customers are again taking leading honours all over the country; some splendid show or stock birds at reasonable prices; approval, cash or deposit, stamp, for reply; author of the "Yorkshire Canary: Its breeding and management from the shell to the showbench," 1/2 post free.—W. H. Shackleton, Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

CHAS. MORRISON

has got some **grand** Yorkshires, cocks and hens, to sell, all bred of **my winners**, also some beautiful pairs, sure to breed winners, cannot be beaten anywhere for Yorkshires; money returned if not satisfied; try me, I will please you: Clifton-rd., Brighouse. (355)

COOPER & SON

Breeders and exhibitors of high-class Yorkshires; 25 years' experience. We have a limited number of really good birds for sale, bred from winners at all the leading shows; type and quality our speciality; matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, upwards; fine, lengthy cocks, feathered like wax, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; splendid racy hens, feathered to perfection, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; write now: 69, West Park-rd., Girlington, Bradford. Stamped reply. (358)

BOUNDY'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Have some clinking hens for sale, full of that swanky appearance that is so much desired in a present day Yorkshire, from 5/-: Boundy, St. Teath, Cornwall. (375)

YORKSHIRE BREEDERS' SOCIETY

Buy from the breeder, who, knowing the strain (which is a vital point in breeding), can supply birds to breed winners, price for sets (cock and two hens), from 12/6; pairs from 8/6; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/6; cash or deposit; cage 3d. Also easy payments arranged to suit genuine fanciers. Read the following letter just received: Received birds in splendid order and condition, and am pleased with same.—W.C. Apply Secretary, 40, Spring Cliff, Manningham, Bradford. (337)

BENNETT

The Yorkshire Canary King is still winning with birds, every one his own breeding, from his noted strain, winner of thousands of prizes, challenge, and other cups, keenest competition; his customers are again "bang at the top," record making; few winners left cheap; stock cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- up; hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 15/- up; pairs mated to breed winners by lifelong expert, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- up; approval, cash or deposit; specialist in export orders; T. Bennett, 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget-green, Bradford. (379)

WE STILL HAVE THEM

At Bradford National show we won silver cup for best Yorkshire, silver cup for most points, championship diploma for best Yorkshire, champion diploma for best in classes 1 to 10 (these are all the clears and ticks); half-guinea for best unflighted; half-guinea for best in all champion classes. We have a few pairs, same strain exactly, 10/6 per pair upwards. There is a good chance of these breeding a knock-out, as blood will tell. For proof of our strain, read the following (this is one of hundreds): —Dec. 3, 1912, 3, Grove Road, Redland, Bristol.—Dear Sirs,—I thought I should like to write and let you know I was 1st and 3rd in the bowl class at Bristol with your strain, 32 birds competing, winning the Bristol 10-guinea silver bowl with a young bird I bred 1912 from a pair supplied by you. The same bird also won the cup at another show in Bristol. Thanking you for all past favours. Very pleased to have found such honest fanciers.—Believe me, yours very sincerely, E. H. Stonelake. Special invitation to any fancier, or birds sent on approval; stamp reply: Ogden Bros., Dudley-hill, Bradford.

AMBLERS' NOTED YORKSHIRES

Require no misleading bounce; there are none better in the Fancy; for over 30 years we have bred and sold some of the biggest champions shown, winning thousands of prizes and championships at leading shows, winning four 1sts, three 2nds, 3rd, 4th, and championship for best in show Crystal Palace, 1910-11; owing to spinal illness, have not shown this last season, but have sold some of the biggest champions out, which are proving unbeatable. We are only keeping a few for stock, so have a wonderful good lot of Yorkshires for sale, the best of type, full of style, and swagger, and feathered like wax, winners for keenest competition; pairs from 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; hens, a few real gems, full of style and feathered to perfection, from 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; few special stock pairs, the best living, which are seldom for sale; we guarantee satisfaction: approval; cash or deposit: Messrs. Amblers, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresboro', Yorkshire. (383)

PURE YORKSHIRES

1912 Crystal Palace first prize strain, guaranteed; some lovely specimens, clean moulted cocks, yellows or buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; any on approval; I guarantee to please you, as soon as you see them. Cages, 2/- each. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

P. LANE

winner of the Midland Counties Yorkshire Challenge Cup and Novice Championship last year, has a few Yorkshires to spare; stamp reply: 3, Arboretum-rd., Worcester.

Various Canaries.

SEND for particulars of the "Little Wonder" husk separating and seed cleaning machine: Rudd.

I WANT Canaries, any quantity, any variety, for cash: Cecil, 190, Shaftesbury-avenue, London. (370)

LARGE selection of hens for muling, etc., from 2/-; exchange entertained: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

THREE Borders, three Rollers, hens 2/- each, 10/6 the lot; champion feeders: Jeffrey, 209, York-rd., Battersea. (381)

YOUNG cocks, Crested and plain, bright colour, 6/-; hens, 3/-; 8/- a pair: Mrs. Radford, Bradfield Hall, Berks. (373)

LARGE quantity pure-bred Canaries of all kinds, clearing large private aviary.—C. Radclyffe, Esq., Hyde, Wareham. (331)

CANARIES! Every quantity Canaries, cocks and hens; pigeons, mealworms, price list free: J. Corten, Pomp-st., 35, Antwerp. (287)

FOR sale, dark yellow Greenfinch Canary Mule, rich in colour and fit to show, price 12/6; approval, cash or deposit: Mrs. Caddy, 3, Marine-terrace, Penzance, Cornwall. (372)

3 OPINIONS GIVEN HEREWITH 1913

as an example of the continued satisfaction I am giving to all customers, whether near or far. Being aware that it is easy to state only a few out of many received during the present year, **1913**, to date of 13th, I am submitting a batch of others with envelopes, bearing the 1913 postmarks, as undeniable proof.—Mr. Rudd.

AMERICA.

"Columbus, Ohio, United States of America. Jan. 13.—Dear Sir,—Just a line to let you know the Canaries shipped by you reached here all right. I would say the birds arrived in good health and plumage, and am well satisfied with your selection for me—all good colour. Again thanking you for your kindness in matter.—Remain respectfully, A.E.C., to W. Rudd."

6/6 BIRD SUPERIOR TO GUINEA BIRDS.

"Dunvagit, Ireland, Jan. 13.—Dear Sir,—I write to thank you for the beautiful bird you sent. It is a splendid songster. We are all delighted with it. Nothing the worse for its long journey. It is superior to any birds sold here at one guinea. I will recommend you to all my friends.—Lindsay, to W. Rudd."

CAREFUL ATTENTION.

"113, Mosstown Rows, Annbank Station, Scotland, Jan. 8, 1913.—Dear Sir,—Just a note to inform you that I received the birds all right, and I am highly satisfied with them, and was well pleased with the careful way they were packed, and also the attention that was given my order. Mr. Rudd, I may say you are a true and honest gentleman.—Yours truly, Hugh Nimmo, to W. Rudd."

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

CANARIES, strong healthy, 1912, outdoor bred cocks, 5/-; hens 2/- upwards; sex guaranteed: B., 38, Fant-lane, Maidstone. (375)

SEVEN young healthy feeding hen Canaries, 2/- each, 3/6 couple; approval, deposit: W. Rudkin, Eagle Cottages, Witham, Essex. (384)

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EXCHANGE pair Crest and Crestbred, pair of common for yellow green Scotch Fancy cock; yours first: John Farquhar, Belhaven, Dunbar. (352)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for old brass, copper, lead, zinc, block tin, etc: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (385)

BORDER Fancy Canaries offered for foreign and colonial stamps, collections wanted; send registered: Joplin, 7a, Wisteria-rd., Lewisham. (365)

EXCHANGE Canaries and cages, etc., value £5 for gold albert or offers: For particulars, Newton, 16, Vernon-avenue, Basford, Nottingham. (383)

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancies for pair Plainhead Norwich; young; value 25/-; approval: Giddes, 8, Meadowwell-st., Shettleston, Glasgow. (379)

EXCHANGE eighteen aviary-bred Canaries, for disc records, foreign and colonial postage stamps, or coins: Cook, 29, Orchard-rd., Highgate. (374)

WILL exchange three Yorkshire hens for a pair of clear Borders; will give little money: A. Buckingham, 80, Granville-avenue, Long Eaton. (381)

REDPOLL-Greenfinch, Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrids, two, 15/-; exchange Yellow Norwich hens to value: Stewart Allan, Coaltown, Wemyss, Fife. (379)

MAGNIFICENT Silver Pheasant cock; exchange cock Canaries, Mules, British or Foreign, or Golden Pheasant hen: Laidlow, Painter, Langholm. (382)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens, 1911, yellow and buff, for cock Canary or muling Goldfinch; sell 5/-: G. Rolph, Railway Cottages, Hatfield, Herts. (369)

THREE Scots Fancy cocks, 10/6 each, or exchange two for good Norwich, one for house-moulted cock Goldfinch: Monteith, 36, Singer-st., Clydebank. (382)

GOOD Yorks cock and hen, 1912, 7/6, cock Goldie, house-moulted, 5/6; exchange offers invited; letters please: F. Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham. (382)

YORKSHIRES, cocks or hens, cheap, large Greenfinch, house-moulted; exchange for large Norwich hen: Heald, Confectioner, Claypit Lane, Leeds. (373)

FIVE pairs Borders, two pairs Norwich, 6/- per pair or 30/- the lot; exchange mealworms, anything; yours first: Minikin, Grape-st., Keighley. (375)

EXCHANGE pair green Borders for exhibition Goldfinch; pair even mark, breeding, for exhibition Siskin; yours first: Campbell, Ardmore, Biggar. (374)

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich cock, prize bred, for big Siberian Bullfinch hen; mutual approval: Wm. Scaife, 129, Dundas-st., Grangemouth, Stirlingshire. (382)

NORWICH, buff cinnamon, cock and buff hen, fed, Dormer's strain, for two yellow cinn. hens, must be good: D. Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley. (376)

WHAT offers in Rollers for good 30in. double breeder, loose fronts and two good hen Yorkshires? yours first: Pepperell, 16, Rutland-st., Pimlico, S.W. (372)

FOUR hen Canaries, heavy variegated Norwich cock, two box cages, 9 x 10 x 6; offers stock Norwich or British: Buck, 4, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (371)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, bred Mules last season, Yellow Border hen, for Yellow Variegated Norwich hen; two pairs Yorkshires, 12/6 pair, for pair Green Borders or sell: Mann, 163, Lee Green, S.E. (382)

THREE six-compartment breeding cages, with all accessories, bargain, 4/- each; one four-compartment breeding cage, bargain, 5/-; or part exchange Canaries: Holmes, Bootmaker, Holmwood, nr. Chesterfield. (384)

BUFF Yorkshire cock Canary, good stock bird; exchange three Norwich show cages or sell 6/-; yours first: Marshall, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough. (384)

EXCHANGE good pair prize-bred cinnamon marked Yorkshires for two seven inch slim Yorks. hens; approval: Hodkin, Bright-st., South Normanton, Alfreton. (365)

EXCHANGE two pairs, one cock Borders, Norwich cocks for Toy black or chocolate Pom. dog or gramophone; yours first: Kininmouth, 77, Bridge-st., Stirling. (377)

TWO fine Norwich hens, clinkers, clear yellow 25/-, ticked yellow 15/-, ticked yellow Border cock, fit for Palace, 9/6; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere. (373)

EXCHANGE unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, twice shown, two firsts, for exhibition yellow hen, clock or watch, sell £1: Thomas, 19C Block, Deepcut, Surrey. (370)

SIX buff, two yellow Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; three h.m. cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; approval; offers: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (378)

SEVERAL decent stock pairs Crest and Crest-bred, for sale; £1 pair upwards; few odd cocks, 1912, part exchange: Richards, 43, Tresillian-st., Cattedown, Plymouth. (379)

LARGE heavy feathered crest hen, perfect crest, large variegated crest-bred cock, £3; approval deposit; exchange anything useful: Thos. Walsh, 15, Union-st., Glossop. (353)

EXCHANGE pair of Norwich, worth 30/-, house-moulted Goldfinch and Linnet, both bred Mules last season; offers in trained Rollers: Robert Brown, Tantarra-st., Walsall. (384)

COCK Canary, good songster, day and gaslight, with new cage, 7/6; money returned if not satisfied, or exchange hen Budgerigars: Law, 24, Gibraltar-row, Gee Cross, Hyde. (372)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks or hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; also poultry book, 30 6d. parts, by Lewis Wright, 7/6, approval: Lloyd Greenwood, 15, Lee Mill-rd., Hebden Bridge. (373)

EXCHANGE pair good Yorkshire Canaries for pair of Norwich, sell 12/6; grand Black Minorca cockerel, 6/-; exchange Norwich cock; particulars: Wilson, 6, Kempton-rd., New Ferry. (377)

EXCHANGE pair Borders for one pair Yellow Budgerigars or sell 10/-; three Border hens for one pair Green Budgerigars; or sell 7/6: Thomson, Ava Lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed. (381)

WANTED a Buff Norwich Plainhead hen; must have nice round head full in neck, for pair of Yorkshires value 25/-; yours first: R. W. Roberts, Quay, Port Dinorwic, North Wales. (379)

PAIR Borders, yellow cock, even marked buff hen, 10/6; yellow hen 2/6; sell, or exchange yellow Norwich hen, unflighted; approval: Thomas, Brynalun, Talysarn, Penygroes, North Wales. (370)

GOOD long Yellow Yorkshire 1912 cock, 5/6; three cock Linnets for muling, caged September, and Canary, 1912, 5/-; approval willingly: cash or deposit: Gillett, 4, Egmont-rd., Surbiton, Surrey. (380)

EXHIBITION Goldfinch Mule breeder; exchange Roller songster or sell 15/-; also Dark Linnet Mule, winner three 3rds; exchange Norwich cock or sell 15/-; yours first: Hughes, 23, High-st., Carnarvon. (375)

TYPICAL Yorkshire hens, 4-/ each; also good Yellow and Buff Norwich hens, 4/6 each; also good cap-marked Norwich cock, 10/-; approval willingly; exchange anything useful: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham. (331)

OFFERS in large Norwich 1912; must be good, healthy, for two Buff Yorkshire cocks, fine lengthy upstanding birds, full song, in show cages, with case; offers; yours first; cold room: J. Brewin, Heanor, Notts. (331)

LARGE Goldfinch cock, twice house-moulted, and large buff Norwich hen, proved mulers, 10/-; also dark Goldfinch Mule, 10/-, or will exchange for yellow Norwich cock: W. Vince, Warennes Wood, Mortimer, Berks. (375)

BARGAINS; two Crest-bred cocks, £1; Crested cock, 15/-; five Crest-bred hens, £1 4s.; Norwich, 10/-; pair Yorkshires, 8/6; two white-legged Goldfinches, two cock Mules, £1; offers: Claridge, 33, Edward-st., Canning Town. (377)

YORKSHIRES; three grand young hens, 3/6 each; parents of above, 15/-; Dyke's and Stevens' prize strain; good feeding strain; cold-room; or good exchange, no live stock; giving up keeping: Hardy, 235, Westgate, Guisbrough. (376)

PICKLES, Showcroft Aviaries, Wadsworth, nr. Hebden Bridge; four large cocks and two hen Canaries; exchange for a large good chubby yellow Norwich cock, unflighted, or a pair of operas, or sell cocks 4/-, hens 2/- each. (373)

FOUR buff, one yellow Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; one buff one yellow marked Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each, 25/- the lot Thomas strain, must sell; no reasonable offer refused; exchange yellow Norwich: Norwood, 9, Holderness-pl., Leeds. (376)

EXHIBITION pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, 25/-; exhibition hand-reared cock Starling, winner 1st (genuine talker), 15/-; exchange Roller pairs, Norwich and Yorkshire show cages; yours first: Howorth, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (379)

SALE or exchange, ten pairs German Rollers, 7/6 pair, hens, 1/6; also three compartment cage, two compartment, and one, breeding cage, £4 4s. the lot; approval deposit; offers, Grey talking Parrot preferred: Brown, 15, George-st., Kidderminster.

SALE or exchange, five Yorkshire hens, two buff, two yellow, and one marked yellow, and one of ditto; bred variegated Goldfinch Mules; for Rollers or field-moulted Goldfinch cocks, or what offers: Mr. G. Dawson, No. 29, Nelson-st., Crispin-lane, Rhosddu, Wrexham. (383)

NORWICH for sale, colour-fed, rung, pairs from 12/6, cocks 8/6; hens, 4/-; or exchange for Plymouth Rock cockerel, clothing, underclothing, bed linen, anything useful in the house; some are Clapham winners; approval: Hendle, 442, Garratt-lane, Earlsfield, S.W. (380)

CLINKING buff Norwich cock, C.F., big winner, 25/-, grand yellow Norwich hen, C.F., 20/-; pair Canaries and three-compartment breeding and flight cage, 21/-, or exchange pen prize-bred Campines or small pedigree Yorkshire toy bitch, value 25/-: Gutheridge, York-st., Bedford. (368)

WILLIAM ROGERS, Cross-tree Cottage, Gresford, Denbighshire; owing to ill-health am compelled to sell five Yorkshire cocks, two fit to win, yellows and buffs, from 7/6 to 15/-; one pair genuine Sibs, Yorkshire type, 15/- pair; two Sibs, cocks, buff, yellow, 10/- each; 2 hand reared Bullie hens, house moulted, fertile eggs last season with Greenfinch and Goldfinch, 2/6 each; 4 cock Goldfinch Mules, good size and quality, 12/6, 10/6; 2 7/6 each; 1 ticked buff Yorkshire hen, 4/-; all on approval: stamp reply, or will accept reasonable offer for the lot; cash with order, or deposit. (358)

Mainly Foreign.

ANYTHING bought or exchanged: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

SEND for particulars of the "Little Wonder" husk separating and seed cleaning machine: Rudd.

EXCHANGE, Amazon Parrot, just commenced talking, for Canaries, sell £2; birds first.—J. Sheard, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (382)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING alive bought or supplied: Pean on Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WHAT offers in Canaries for silver plated tea service: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable. (387)

SEND for particulars of the "Little Wonder" husk separating and seed cleaning machine: Rudd.

THREE Yorkshire show cages and case, 6/-; case for 3, [illegible], or offer: Todd, 14, Hammer st., Darlington. (382)

WHAT offers in birds for 13 pigeons: W. White, 15, Martindale rd., Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, Essex. (375)

DEERSKIN hearthrug, new, cost 25/-; exchange anything useful: Haines, 19, High-st., Aston, Birmingham. (375)

EXCHANGE draught board (framed), size 22 x 28, value 11/6, for good Rollers: Sykes, 5, Quality-st., Kirkcaldy. (381)

WHAT offers foreign birds for 50 art pictures, as new, cost 7/6: Rockett, Park View, Staincliffe-rd., Dewsbury. (378)

BLACK Cocker dog pup, 10/6; what offer in Canaries, Rollers preferred: Colswin, 52, Walsall-st., Wellenhall. (373)

EXCELLENT pair White Polish Bantams, exchange for yellow Norwich hen: F. Whibley, Florence-rd., Maidstone. (385)

LARGE double lop doe rabbit, 4/-, or exchange small foreigners or British: W. Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire. (356)

YOUTH'S new black cloth suit, 26½ inside leg; exchange Canaries, Parrot, Toy Pom.: Stow, 2, Peel-st., Ipswich. (377)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, anything useful; ladder, extends 24ft., £1 5s.; one 9ft., 5/-: 2, Taylorson-st., Salford. (385)

EXCHANGE Bull bitch, eight months, grand guard, for six Canaries, hens, or offers: Aldworth, High Flatts, Crook. (380)

CLEAN wild seed, 6d. quart, three 1/6; carriage paid; sample 2 stamps; exchange anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (388)

SALE or exchange Queck's Roller organ, six cages; offers in poultry or cash: J. Sawyars, 1, Ashton-rd., Blackpool. (378)

PAIR of red mottled Tumblers, matched to breed winners, 10/-, or exchange birds: W. Thexton, Beech-st., Windermere. (387)

SHOW Homers, grand pair B.C.H., both winners, [illegible], or one pair Norwich to value: Gutheridge, York-st., Bedford. (368)

MUST clear, four good pairs long faced Black Tumblers, offers, or exchange any useful: 67, Alma-rd., Southampton. (380)

TWO Yorkshire show cases, exchange large Norwich hen or sell 7/6; approval: T. Francis, 33, Manley-rd., Wrexham. (372)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, as new; exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Oswell-rd., London (384)

BOOK of the Rabbit, as new, cost 10/6; exchange anything useful in birdroom: Pickering, 91, Mushroom-lane, Sheffield. (373)

EXCHANGE old violin, bow and case, value 25/-, for two pairs Rollers; birds first: Varney, Clarendon-st., Leamington. (371)

FANCY vest, cost 10/6, chest 42in.; lady's basket and straps, 8/6; exchange Canaries: Jones, 30, Alvin-st., Gloucester. (378)

HAWFINCH hen, winner, 10/6; pair Canaries, 7/6; two cock Bullfinches, 3/9, 17/6 lot: David Ray, Perwydd, Bury Port. (374)

SACRIFICE, 3-domed Crystal Palace aviary, 36 x 4- x 16, 38/-, or part exchange: Thompson, 80, Greyfriars Walk, Bedford. (379)

FOR sale, a waggonette in good running order, or would exchange for pony: Faulkner, 90, Abington-avenue, Northampton. (383)

NICE pair house-moulted Chaffinches, ditto Greenfinches, clear yellow colour-fed Norwich cock, also three pairs long-distance Homers, fine birds, sell cheap; exchange young hen Canaries, other British, Foreign: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton. (371)

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CRYSTAL PALACE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SHOW.

A REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE.

Schedules of the Great Crystal Palace (London and Provincial O.S.) Show, have been issued, and we give, below, a review of the classification. The number of classes has been somewhat curtailed from last year, 145 classes, as against 161, reverting, therefore, to the number provided in 1911. There is again a class for White Canaries, but the class for Decorated Show Cages has been dropped, as also have those for Cages and Appliances

DATE OF SHOW.—Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, Feb. 7, 8, 10, and 11. The show will open at 3 p.m. on Feb. 7, and on the Saturday, Monday, and Tuosday, at 10 a.m. It will close each evening at 9.30, except on the last day, Tueday, when it closes at 4 p.m.

CLASSIFICATION.—The 145 classes are divided amongst 16 judges, as follows:—

OPEN CHAMPION SECTION.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 8 classes; judge, T. Heath.

NORWICH GREENS, 4 classes; judge, C. A. House.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS, 9 classes; judge, T. Heath.

YORKSHIRES, 15 classes (3 green-marked, 3 cinn.-mkd.); judges, H. W. Battye odd numbers, and W. Mundell even.

GREEN YORKS, nat. col., 4 classes; judge, C. A. House.

CINNAMONS, 4 classes; judge, J. Wones.

LANCASHIRES, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.

LIZARDS, 2 classes; judge, C. A. House.

BORDERS, 7 classes; judge, J. Robson.

GREEN BORDERS, 4 classes; judge, C. A. House.

SCOTCH FANCIES, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.

BELGIANS, 3 classes; judge, J. F. Dewar.

WHITE CANARIES, 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.

A.O.V., 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.

ROLLER SINGING, 3 classes; judge, F. Oldroyd.

LIMIT, 7 classes (Nor. 2, Crests 2, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, pairs 1); judge, G. Gardner.

MULES AND HYBRIDS, 11 classes; judge, J. F. Dewar.

BRITISH, 23 open classes, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Greenfinch; judge, G. E. Weston.

Lesser Redpoll; Siskin; Hawfinch; Buntings (five species); Song Thrush or Blackbird; Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay, or Chough; Skylark; Wagtail (five species); Fly-catchers, and other named species; judge, A. Silver.

Mealy Redpoll or Twite; Bramblefinch; Yellowhammer; Finch or Bunting Hens; Starling; Nightingale or Blackcap; Woodlark and other named Species; Woodpeckers and other named Species; Pied, Albino, etc.; Judge, H. J. Fulljames.

BRITISH LIMIT, 1 class; Judge, H. Norman.

CONTINENTAL GOLDF. OR BULLFINCH, 1 class; judge, J. F. Dewar.

FOREIGN, 10 classes; Budgerigars, etc.; A.O. Parrakeets, etc.; Parrots; judge, H. T. Camps; Avadavats, etc.; Waxbills, etc.; Grosbeaks, etc.; Tanagers; Sugar Birds, etc.; A.O.S., small; A.O.S., large; judge, W. Swaysland.

EXTRA STOCK, 1 class, Fee, 1/- per cage.

OPEN NOVICE SECTION.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 4 classes; judge, J. Hodder.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.

YORKSHIRES, 7 classes; judges, H. W. Battye and W. Mundell.

BORDER FANCIES, 2 classes; judge, H. Norman.

CINNAMONS, 1 class; judge, J. Wones.

BRITISH, 3 classes; judge, H. Normau.

MULES AND HYBRIDS, 3 classes; judge, H. Norman.

ENTRIES absolutely close on Saturday, Jan. 25. There will be no extension, and no whip-up cards will be issued. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible after the receipt of the schedule, and not wait until date fixed for entries closing. They are also requested to dispatch their birds by the night trains on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, or by early trains on Feb. 6th, arriving at the London termini not later than 2 o'clock (afternoon). All birds arriving after Thursday, Feb. 6th will have to be marked "Too late for competition." The show officials will be at the Palace to receive birds on Thursday morning, Feb. 6th, at 10 o'clock. The entrance fee is 2s.

THE PRIZE-MONEY is as follows:—1st 12s., 2nd 9s., 3rd 6s., 4th 3s., or gold, silver, and bronze medals to value at winner's option. Extra prizes will be awarded in particularly well-filled classes. Cash prizes will be sent, unless instructions to the contrary are given within three days of show.

ADMISSION.—There is no extra charge for admission to the show beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be made to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., who will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., and also pay prize-money and sale money. The show will be under the sole management of Mr. Ramsden, who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements, also dispatch birds at close of show.

FEEDING THE BIRDS.—During the show seed-eating birds will be fed upon seeds supplied by Messrs. James Carter and Co. ("Good old Carter"), High Holborn, London. The insectivorous birds will be fed upon yolk of egg, and insectivorous food supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

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PALACE SHOW SCHEDULE—Continued.

JUDGES' LUNCH.—The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room of the Crystal Palace on Friday, Feb. 7th, Chairman, Geo. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 1.45 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (2s. 6d. each) may be had of the big exhibitors and friends, or the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are especially invited.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we are making arrangements to send by telegram or postcard results of the judging; further particulars will be announced in due course.

An Expert Opinion.

Several readers have written in the past to ask whether one or other of the specialists upon our staff would for a small fee give them a private opinion upon the merits, or mating, etc., of birds they are exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Show. We shall be pleased to arrange this. Exhibitors desirous of taking advantage of the offer must send to CAGE BIRDS Offices a stamped addressed envelope, together with sixpence (postal order) for each bird (Canary, Hybrid, British, of Foreign) upon which they wish to receive an opinion, when a letter will be sent them in due course

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L. & P.O.S. ANNUAL DINNER.

A Very Enjoyable Function.

The practice of holding an annual dinner prevails amongst many cage bird societies, but we know few more enjoyable gatherings of the kind than the yearly meeting of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society. For one thing, the catering is always on an excellent plane, the entertainment provided first class, and the company of the cheeriest. This year's dinner was no exception. Held at the Holborn Restaurant under the presidency of Mr. George Crabb, a large assembly of members and friends met to celebrate the continued progress of the society, and, forsaking for the nonce that keen competitive exhibiting spirit that usually animates them, condescended to social intercourse and genial pleasantry.

It was particularly gratifying to the members of the society to observe so many leading lights of other London societies in their midst, notably Mr. R. L. Crisp, whose association with the cage bird fancy in connection with his splendid work on the London Cage Bird Association has meant the serving of its best interests. Another pleasant feature was the large number of ladies present. We append a list of names of a few who were present—Mesdames Ramsden, Couzens, Riddell, Matthes, Bullen, Bungay, Harris, Richardson, J. Cooper, N. Cooper, E. Litchfield, E. Males, Lamb, Davey, Trower, Kiesel, Robson, J. Oldaker, G. Oldaker, Law, Bamber, Shearer, Madewell; Messrs. G. Crabb, J. W. Ramsden, G. H. Couzens, F. S. Matthes, H. K. Picard, R. L. Crisp, F. Carl, C. R. Bullen, Geo. Graham, J. Bungay, G. A. Harris, G. Mortlock, L. J. Richardson, J. B. Richardson, J. Ward, J. F. Percival, R. J. Pretty, W. Salter, A. H. Campbell, G. F. Males, E. J. Lamb, Davey, T. A. Trower, W. Kiesel, J. Robson, V. H. Todman, C. F. Gill, J. Oldaker C. W. Law, R. Bamber, W. Shearer, E. Allison, G. Madewell, J. P. Anderson, A. H. Blake.

The Chairman, in proposing "Success to the L. and P.O.S.," referred briefly to the sad loss the Society had sustained by the death of one of its oldest members, viz., Mr. Dobson, and sympathetically referred to the absence, on account of the serious illness of his wife, of Mr. T. Heath another old and very popular leading figure of the L. and P.O.S., and one of its founders. The Society had had an interesting year, and although its balance was slightly reduced, owing chiefly to the heavy expenses in connection with the autumn show at the Holborn Town Hall, its work was progressing, and its future prospects of the brightest.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud applause. The L. and P.O.S., he said, had made a policy for itself of always keeping its expenses inside of its income, and of having a balance to its credit, whilst doing the utmost that was possible for the advancement of the Fancy, and their shows at the Crystal Palace and elsewhere proved that it was possible for this to be done. In connection with the Palace a good deal of discussion had recently occurred concering the suggested alteration of dates, and from an exchange of views he had had with several provincial fanciers he was inclined to think that to open the show on the Wednesday and close it on the Saturday might prove of benefit to all parties. He could give no undertaking on the point at present, but would like to know everybody's views. He thanked one and all for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast of the Society, and for the reception they had given to himself.

Full justice having been done by all to a well-selected menu, and the loyal toast having been duly discharged, the proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr. Herbert Endell. An excellent musical programme was filled by the talented artistes: Misses Nance Haines and Winifred Hamilton, and Messrs. F. Gregory, Fred Gibson and Stanley Collins, the musical items being interspersed by the toasts of "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. Couzens, response by Mr. Blake, and "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. Anderson. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings which have ever been spent by the members of the L. and P.O.S. and their delighted visitors.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

*A Token of Affection.

In my small outdoor aviary I have, among others, a cock Chaffinch, which I bought when young. Nearly every day a little hen Chaffinch comes down and seems to be having a talk with him. One day, to my great delight, I saw the little hen Chaffie, after hunting about for some time, bring an earwig and pass it through the bars to him. Of course he ate it most greedily.—A. F. Bell (age 13), Grays, Berkhamsted, Herts.

**My Pet Linnet.

I have a little Linnet,
    That's as tame as tame can be,
For it will let me stroke it,
    And it perches on my knee.

I call it "Pretty Dickie,"
    And I know he loves his name,
For if I say, "my Pretty Dick,"
    He sings with might and main

Sent by Isabella Hayhurst (age 12), 58, Addison Street, Blackburn, Lancashire.

*Home Once More,

Last week, when I was feeding my Goldfinch, it flew out of the cage, and as it happened, the bedroom window was open, so out it went! The next morning was very cold and chilly, so I left the window open, thinking it might come back. I took the cage up and left it by the window. Just a little after I thought I could hear it singing. I went out, but nothing could be seen. In a little time after I went upstairs. What a surprise I had—it was there singing, on the bed frame. —John E. Williams (age 11), Lancashire Hse., Cerrig-y-Dowdion, Corwen.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mt., Roundhay, Leeds.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
No. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool).

Scotland.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Ireland.

1913.
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Crystal Palace Show.

Mr. Law, hon. sec. L. and P.O.S., asks us to request intending exhibitors at the Palace show to write direct to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, show manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., for schedules, as all the arrangements in connection with the Palace show are entirely in Mr. Ramsden's hands.

Blackbird Wears a Gold Bracelet.

Wm. Best, a farmer, living near Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan, shot a few days ago a Blackbird which had a gold ring on one of its legs. The ring is now worn by Mr. Best's daughter on her watch guard, and bore some initials which were undecipherable. It is believed that the bird was a pet, and that the ring was placed on its leg for the purpose of identification.

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NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 6th, Mr. W. Smith in the chair. The lecture had to be postponed as Mr. T. Robson was called away on business. Mr. Johnstone moved and Mr. Montgomery seconded, that we have three classes for each section, champion and novice, the classes to be: (1) clear or marked; (2) Green; 3, Cinnamon.—M. C. Potts, Hon. Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 7th, at Staffordshire Knot, Mr. Hathaway in the chair. After correspondence had been dealt with, a judging competition took place, Mr. Lee proving to be the winner. BUFF CK: 1, Ford; 2, Hathaway; 3, Wood; vhc, Springall; hc, c, Lee. YELL. HEN: 1, Ford; 2, Springall; 3, Hathway; 4, Wood. Messrs. Bond and Freer judged. Next meeting, unflighted yellows and unflighted buffs.—A. Wood, Sec.

AYR AND DISTRICT C B.C.

A meeting of the Social Committee was held Jan. 12th, at 42, Green Street, Mr. John Kelly presiding. It was agreed that we have a social in the form of a "smoker," to be held March 5th (date of annual general meeting), in the Academy Hall, Ford Street, and the Secretary was instructed to have admission tickets printed and distributed among members for sale. The price of admission was fixed at 1s. It was agreed that each member be allowed to bring two friends. Final arrangements to be made at a later meeting. I trust members will give this venture their most loyal support, and so make the function a success.—James Sloan, Sec.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held in Reid Hall. There was a very good attendance, Mr. A. Sloan (President) in the chair. The financial statement was read, and showed a balance of £1 8s. One new member was made. Mr. A. Sloan was again elected president; vice-president, Mr. T. Penman. Sec. and Treas., J. Waugh. Committee: Messrs. J. MacLeod, J. Crawford, J. Swan, M. Donaghy, T. C. Dowell, T. Penman, F. Taylor, J. McMillane, C. Hughes, J. Brown, D. Morrison, A. Gordon, J. Fyfe, W. Downie, J. Cousin, F. Williams, W. Dunlop, and J. Dunlop. Next meeting and monthly pair show, Feb. 12th, at 8. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meetiug to a close.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

HOLMFIRTH C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 3rd, at headquarters; chairman, Mr. G. Bray. The society finishes the year with a balance of £1 1s. 4½d. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. C. R. Hampshire; Vice-Pres., Mr. H. Charlesworth; Sec., Tom Smith; Treas., G. Bray; Auditors, Messrs. N. Sandford and J. C. Beaumont. Resolved that contributions in future be 3d. per month, payable quarterly, and that instead of having contribution cards, a receipt will be given for each payment. It was decided that 4 of the highest birds of each exhibitor shall count for points. It was decided to hold six members' shows during 1913 as follows: Two in Feb., one of these on a Saturday afternoon; one each in March, July, Aug., and Oct. The classes for show on Feb. 7 are: Yellow cock, A.V.; buff cock, yellow hen, buff hen. Judge, Mr. A. Lawford.—Tom Smith, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, Jan. 11th. The following were appointed office-bearers for 1913: President, T. Wildridge; Vice-Pres., A. Ramsay. Secretary and Treas., A. Dickson. The prizes won during 1912 were presented: Cup most points over season and gold medal, also spl. most points and medal best cock Lochgelly, A. Ramsay (Lassodie); runner-up for cup, spl. most points at Cowdenbeath and medal best hen Kelty, A. Dickson (Kelty); most points Kelty and medal best cock, D. McConville; spl. most points Bowhill, D. Kirk (Lassodie); medal best hen at Lochgelly, T. Wildridge; medal best cock Cowdenbeath, J. Mathieson; medal best hen, D. Kirk; medal best cock Bowhill, W. Spence; medal best hen, M. Smith. J. Grewar, Lochgelly, promised 5s. to runner-up for cup next show season. It was agreed that patronage next season be only granted to societies who support our club best with members. Any communications for Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club should now be sent to me, addressed as follows: A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Meeting of the Council held at the Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, Bradford, January 11th, Mr. F. Armstrong (President) occupying the chair before a moderate attendance of Union delegates. The President, before commencing business, wished the members of the Council a very bright, happy, and prosperous New Year, which was heartily reciprocated by the delegates. The first business was a decision to apply by tender for the contract to supply Union gold medals. The following firms were proposed for the Secretary to write to: Messrs. Fattorini and Son, Uttley and Co., Morbey and Neades, Hutchinson (Edinburgh), Sweeney's (Shipley). The Queensbury Society having notified Secretary, after the ballot for Union judges had taken place, that they intended to hold an open show next show season, it was decided that as these had all previously been arranged, they could hold one providing they took the last show date for their open show next season, afterwards to fall to their original date vacated, after the last show they held, and that if they did hold one next season they should then move up two according to rule for the show season after. The Council further decided that providing Queensbury hold a show, they shall take the first reserve judge after all other shows are fixed up. If the Queensbury Society had decided earlier, and notified the Union Secretary before the ballot for judges had taken place, they should have held their show on Saturday, November 28th next. The Council had therefore no other alternative but to do as stated above. Decided to appoint two scrutineers for the annual ballot to be taken the last fortnight in February, and Messrs. R. Wilkinson and C. E. Walker were appointed to that position. May I here remind the respective secretaries of Union societies that all nominations for officials and alterations to present rules, or suggested new rules, should be sent in on or before February 1st, as the sub-committee will meet on the 3rd to go through all recommendations sent in. One of the Union delegates brought forward a request from his society for a ruling as to the fixing of perches in the Yorkshire show cages, as complaints had been frequently made that the perches were not fixed alike. After a protracted discussion, it was decided that the following particulars as to perches should be recommended to be placed on the ballot papers, that the two bottom perches be fixed on the fourth wire from each end of cage, the centre perch to be fixed on the centre wire, or the ninth from either end. All perches to be placed with the tapered end of perch uppermost. The Council then discussed many important suggestions thrown out by several of the delegates in respect of the meagre support given to the Union shows held at the latter part of the season, and some capital ideas were brought forward, many contending that we had too many shows, others that the manner in which some societies arranged their classification made all the difference between success and failure; others that the specialist clubs splitting their competitions and giving patronage to two shows on one day had a tendency to drive exhibitors away to other shows, and many remedies were put forward as likely to solve the problems at issue, which no doubt will mean a few of them going on to the ballot papers for Union members to consider. These discussions are very valuable, as they give a clear insight into the internal questions which are constantly cropping up and hindering progress in many affiliated societies, and as free and open discussion is essential to clear these matters up, they all tend towards the common good of the Union and its members.—H. Hill, Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Jan. 10th, before a large attendance of members. Business: Balancing up for the past year, which was very satisfactory, having a nice balance in hand. Election of officers for the year 1913: President, Joseph Guy; Vice-Pres., J. Sutton; Treas., C. Bootes; Sec., E. Rone, 16, Perrey Street, Runcorn.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Drill Hall, Jan. 15th; Mr. Thomas Wildridge presided. The secretary gave his statement on the members' show held on 28th Dec., and the members were well pleased and surprised at learning that we had a balance on the right side of 7s. 6d.—a great success for our first show, although some of the prominent fanciers could not see their way to patronise same. Specials and prize-money were duly handed over to winners.—R. Muir.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

The competitions of the Midland Counties Y.C.C. were brought to a conclusion at Loughborough on January 4 after a well-contested struggle in each section. The winners are as follows:—Champion: Silver challenge cup, Mr. Percival Lane, 96 points; pair of oil paintings, Messrs. Wells and Clempson, 88; silver medal, Mr. P. V. Williams, 81. Novice: Cup, value two guineas,, Mr. J. Clay, 51 points; cup, value 30s., Mr. G. Salt, 50; silver medal, Mr. J. Hearnshaw, 43.—Beck and Andrews, Secs.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 8th. There was a good attendance. Lord Furness was elected president, and the vice-president and others officers are as last year. The financial position of the society was considered very satisfactory, as at the end of the year there was a balance in hand, which constitutes a record. The open show was fixed for November 8th, and we hope, seeing that our date has been altered, that other Northern societies will avoid clashing, as was the case last year. It was decided to purchase staging, and we are sure that our exhibiting friends will appreciate the step we have taken to place our show in the front rank. Messrs. Battye and Mundell were selected as judges. --Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

NEWCASTLE N.C.C.

The winners of special prizes at Newcastle N.C.C. show on New Year's Day were as follows:—The J. Ford Maling cup and gold medal for best old bird, G. Hugill; challenge cup and gold medal best young Crest, R. S. Bewick; challenge cup and gold medal best young C.B., Thos. Bewick; Maling tea service for best Crest, G. Hugill; Maling breakfast service for best C.B., R. S. Bewick; F. W. Barnett's special best Crest, open, Messrs. Greenwood and Burson; ditto best C.B., open, R. S. Bewick; Mr. Farrer's special for "Ideal Crest," Dobson and Son; Mrs. Thomas Taylor's championship diplomas: Best old Crest, "Nulli Secundus," Messrs. Greenwood and Burson; best old C.B., R. S. Bewick's "Duchess"; best young Crest, John Broad; best young C.B., Messrs. Greenwood and Burson; Sheraton's E.P. tray, best old Crest, Messrs. Greenwood and Burson, "Nulli Secundus"; Bagnall's E.P. cruet, best old C.B., R. S. Bewick; Wilson's E.P. jelly dish, best young Crest, John Broad; Elliott's ornaments, best young C.B., Messrs. Greenwood and Burson; Morrison's cup most points, Dobson and Son; Anderson's carvers, second most points, J. G. Hutchinson; Marshall's clock, most points in members', J. Riseborough; Wood's clock and ornaments most points by a novice member, Ed. Richardson; Parrish's dressing-case second most points by a novice member, J. Morrison.—J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting, held in Corn Exchange Halls, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, Jan. 1, President, Mr. Jas. B. Richardson, presiding over a large attendance of members. Balance-sheet for 1912 was brought forward, which showed the income with surplus from 1911 to be £55 16s. 8d., and expenditure £40 12s. 7d., which left a balance of £15 4s. 1d., this was considered satisfactory. Mr. Richardson was again elected president, and Mr. Jamieson hon. sec. and treas. All the district delegates were re-elected, Mr. Gilchrist being appointed delegate for Coldstream, and Mr. Fendley for Muirkirk, Messrs. H. Bennet and Mr. P. McKenzie Kelso were asked to audit books. The first motion was that all drinking glasses in show cages should be of the small pattern, an amendment that they be as formerly was put, after some discussion the motion was carried. The next motion was rule regarding birds wearing rings, that it should be rescinded or left an open question, an amendment that rule remain as at present was agreed to. A motion that all show cage bottoms should be covered with sawdust or rough seeds, one material only to be used. After some of the members had spoken on the matter motion was rejected. The next motion was when a judge is judging a class that numbers on cages should be turned away from him so that he could not see numbers. Members could not see how this could be done, and motion was allowed to drop. A motion that no confined show get club patronage unless there be eight members of club competing, it was decided to allow present rule to stand. The next motion was that colour feeding be allowed in Borders, and rule relating to same be withdrawn from club rules. After some considerable discussion an amendment that colour feeding be debarred and rule regarding same be allowed to stand was carried. The next business was that two members in partnership be allowed to win six medals in one show season, as they are each paying usual members' subscriptions. Decided that they only be allowed to win three medals as formerly. A few new members were admitted, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the president.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

CRYSTAL PALACE
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J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, 110-112, Tib Street, Manchester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Specialist Norwich judge.

JAMES DOWNIE, Gas Street, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Judge of British and Foreign, Specialist Linnets.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

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H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAS. STEWART, 11, Woodville Terrace, Whitehaven, Cumberland.—Judge of Cage Birds, Yorkshire Specialist; life experience; terms moderate. (338)

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.
2nd Annual Show, open to members of the Affiliated Societies, at the St. Marylebone Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., January 17th and 18th, 1913. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and R. L. Crisp.—J. Wright Dewhurst, Hon. Sec., 52, North End Road West Kensington, W. (373)

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Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Usual weekly sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel. Although it was open we had not a very good entry, owing no doubt to the adverse weather conditions. 20 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: J. Liversidge, 1st, 55; J. Wallis, 2nd, 40; O. Potter, 3rd, 18.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest January 11; 24 of the best birds in the district sang for three good prizes. 1, E. Smith; 2, Caddy; 3, W. Nelson. Also January 12, 10 birds were entered for three prizes given by the treasurer. 1, S. Morley; 2, 3, W. Nelson.—Walter Doboon, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union-street, January 11, for time. Twenty-two birds were entered, and some very good singing was heard by a large company of interested fanciers. 1st, T. Hindley, 123sec.; 2nd, J. Caswell, 98; 3rd, J. Pool, 78. Timekeepers, Messrs. G. Bate and J. Jackson; tappers, C. Evans and J. Talbot; minutes, T. Hindley; birdman, F. Ellaby. After contest we held our usual concert, which was appreciated by everyone. Next contest, open to Manchester and Dist., for time, January 25; first pair up at 2.30 prompt.—E. Hickman, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, January 11, when 16 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, 2, J. Sellers; 3, shared between Playforth and Chadwick. Judges, C. Clayton and C. Lorriman. Also January 12, 19 birds faced the judges for three good prizes, and some extra good singing was heard. 1, 2, C. Ward; 3, A. Chadwick. Judges, Clayton and J. Granger. Also a grand German Canary contest, held at night, when 19 birds sang in heats for three good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick. Some extra special singing was judged to perfection before a crowded house. 1, Morriss; 2, W. Lunn, stable companions; 3, A. Binns, from Newtown. Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Lorriman; timekeeper, J. Sellers.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Jan. 12, when 26 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, A. Lorriman; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, A. Playforth. Judges, Messrs. N. Soloman and C. Lorriman.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for singing Linnets, held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, January 5; 26 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, A. Brown; 2, A. Binns; 3, G. Towers. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and A. Turner. All friends are invited to come and hear these champion Linnets. Start one prompt.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, January 11, when 17 birds sang for 3 good prizes. 1, T. Johnson; 2, A. Richardson; 3, shared by T. Chadwick and H. Wigfield. Judges, Lacy, Clegg. Also Jan. 12th, when 19 of the best birds in Yorkshire sang for 3 good prizes before a crowded house. 1, H. Wigfield, the best quality singing Linnet in Leeds; 2, T. Chadwick; 3, J. Thompson. Judged to perfection by S. Hardcastle, A. Jennings, W. Naylor. All intending members for our annual contest for Whit Monday please send to the above address. Entries close last Sunday in March, when upwards of £50 will be given in prizes. Open contest for Rollers held Jan. 12, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for 3 good prizes before a packed house. 1, Roberts; 2, W. Sissons; 3, shared by T. Johnson and J. Smith. Judges, Hardcastle, Jennings, Naylor. Open contest for Rollers will be held Jan. 19th, when our host, Mr. Wm. Tillotson, will give 3 good prizes. First pair of birds to be hung at 7.45 prompt.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest held Jan. 11th at Queen's Hotel for time only, when 17 birds sang for a copper tea urn presented by Mrs. Heathcote, and three other prizes. 1. I. Harrison, 103 (tea urn); 2, J. Everett, 80; 3, I. Harrison, 37; 4, F. Kennedy, 9. Timers, A. Kennedy, J. Evans; Minute, T. Dawson.—Isaac Harrison, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn quality Linnet singing Association have removed to new headquarters, the Empire Hotel, Bolton Road; proprietor, J. J. Neild. A special meeting will be held at the above club house, Jan. 18th. Business, electing new secretary. All members and intending members requested to attend meeting at 7.30 prompt.—J. Dobson, President.

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Twitterings.

ONCE again the pleasant duty devolves upon us of presenting a Birthday Issue to our many readers. The flight of time has been held to be a "mixed blessing"; and may be from certain aspects of the human view-point such is truly the case. But, happily, it has its compensations. So far as CAGE BIRDS is concerned, the passing of another year has left it in a position of increased popularity, enjoying the favours of a circle of readers wider than ever before in its history, and holding fast to its place as the leading journal for bird-keepers, a place it strove hard to attain and intends—with the continued co-operation of yourselves, kindly readers—to strive equally hard to maintain. We are, believe us, deeply appreciative of your good-will, without which, of course, our best efforts would count as naught, and venture to express the hope that we may continue to deserve it during 1913, and for many long years to come.

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Secretaries please note that Merthyr Tydfil F.S. will hold its open show this year on Oct. 22nd and 23rd.

R. A. Newley is "the" man for show cages. Order early. Address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.).

Our Fanciers' Association is going well, writes Mr. J. Thomas, Bugle. We are getting many recruits for the Fancy.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address:—Mr. Alex. M. Gardiner to 6, Reid's Buildings, Newtongrange.

Mr. Ed. Ball, 220, Ormskirk Road, Wigan, has taken over the secretarial duties of the Wigan and District Cage Bird Society.

My wife, I am glad to say, is now making slow progress towards recovery, writes Mr. Geo. Gardner. It has been a hard struggle, but she is decidedly better.

Members who have recently joined the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. C. J. Robinson, Sec., are: Mr. G. Chadwick, Mr. S. Wright, Mr. W. Wright, and Mr. B. Wood.

Please accept my best thanks, writes Mr. W. Schofield, for your excellent report of our recent show, the Eastern Counties C.B. Society, held on 26 and 27 December last, at Ipswich.

The City and Suburban's Young Bird Show, writes Mr. V. Wynn, will be held on Saturday, July 5th, and the annual show, Nov. 14th and 15th (Friday and Saturday). Secretaries, please note.

In your report of the 21st Dec., writes Mr. H. Wood, hon. sec., Kent County C.B.A., there is an error; you have put Messrs. Soames winner of the Mule cup. It should have read Mrs. Soames, Bromley.

All prize-money won at our last show has been paid, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, sec. Scottish National C.B.S. We tender you our very best thanks for the magnificent report you gave of our show in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows: Anyone who may have been overlooked should apply to the respective secretaries: Workington, Meadowfield, Annfield Plain, Gateshead, Dublin S. County.

I have resigned the office of secretaryship to Glossop, Hadfield and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Thompson, and all future matters concerning the society must be addressed to our newly-elected secretary, Mr. Joseph Hulmes, 16, Sheffield Road, Glossop.

I beg to thank, writes Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, all who have written to me expressing their sympathy with my loss of birds through the fire. I have had letters from fanciers from all parts of the country, and I could not personally answer them all.

The Fieldfares seem to be particularly wild this winter, no doubt because food is plentiful, and they have no need to venture near buildings. These birds mostly roost on the ground, generally in the middle of the field, excepting upon very windy nights when they will pack upon the side mostly sheltered by the hedge. All birds dislike wind, and seek sheltered valleys in rough weather.

Mr. J. T. Cheetham, Oak Street, Smithey Bridge, Rochdale, writes that he has taken over the secretaryship of the Smallbridge C.B.S., in place of Mr. Lanyon resigned, and hopes for the same support and help from the members as previously ungrudgingly given.

Mr. J. A. T. Woodall writes that the five handsome challenge cups are to be competed for on January 18th, at the Sheffield O.S. members' show, in Foresters' Hall, Trippett Lane. The new sec. of the society, vice Mr. T. Bishop, is Mr. E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.

I am sorry, writes Mr. T. C. Jones, if fanciers did not receive their birds back on Saturday night from Brandon. There was a two hours' delay on the line between Durham and Bishop Auckland on Saturday night. All birds were at the station in good time to reach home same night, had not the breakdown happened at Willington.

I regret, writes Mr. J. P. Leeming, that owing to giving up the Fancy, I have resigned my position of secretary and treas. of the Preston O.S. I beg to thank all who have helped to make my work a success and a pleasure to me. I hope they will extend to my successor, Mr. T. Barton, Church Street, Preston, the same support and courtesy that I have received.

Under the auspices of the Edinburgh and Dis. C.B.S., a grand smoking concert is to be held in the Old Union Hotel, 112, Lothian Road, on Saturday, 25th Jan., at 7 p.m., when it is hoped a large turn-out of members and friends will be present. Fanciers should not miss this grand "Nicht wi Burns." Tickets to be had from the secretary, Mr. J. C. Charlton, 33, Watson Crescent.

OBITUARY.

With much regret, writes Mr. F. Broadhurst, I announce the death of Mr. Chas. Oliver, chairman of the Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S. He passed away on Friday last, January 10, after a prolonged illness. He was also a member of the N.P.C., and was a successful exhibitor at most of the shows. On behalf of the Macclesfield and Dis. Society I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Oliver in her great bereavement.

Owing to a temporary difficulty in manufacture of my new non-rustable punched bar, writes Mr. T. Stanley, Birmingham, I regret the necessity of discontinuing my advert., as the orders were coming in faster than I can cope with them, under the circumstances. It is impossible to reply to all enquiries. I hope to dispose of all orders during the next eight days. I hope to advertise again shortly, but have no need to at present.

Will you kindly convey through the columns of your valuable paper, writes Mr. T. F. Wilson, Sec. Yarm, Eaglescliffe C.B.S., that all prize-money in connection with our show, held on the 11th January, was paid out within half an hour after judging, and we sincerely thank all exhibitors who kindly responded by giving us a bumping entry. On behalf of the society I wish every fancier a happy and prosperous New Year.

A large batch of original testimonials reaches us from Mr. J. Sandiford, the well-known dealer, of Preston, which have been sent him by customers well pleased with the manner in which he has executed their orders. They are all of recent date, thanking him for birds sent, many of which, we note, won a number of prizes in keen competition—a sure test of the grand value supplied.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show, February 7 to 11. Schedules have been posted. Any intending exhibitor not having received a copy should write for one. Roller fanciers should support the three classes provided. A win at the Palace enhances the value of an exhibitor's stock by 50 per cent.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.—(Advt.)

As I have several new members, writes Mr. C. W. Law (Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley) down for election, I shall be pleased to hear (latest date Tuesday 21st, 1st post) from any friends who desire to join us with the object of showing as members of the L. and P.O.S. at the Palace; 6 silver cups and 40 specials of 5s.; these specials are confined to members; also reduced entry fees.

We have received, write Messrs. Woodhead and Pyman, secs. Hartlepools C.B.S., an anonymous offer of prizes for our members' shows this year, and the person making the offer has asked us to reply through CAGE BIRDS. We should therefore be glad if you would insert in your next issue the following: "Ragtime." We have pleasure in accepting your offer of specials for novices at our table and open shows, Woodhead and Pyman.

With this issue every reader should receive an art Supplement, and three coloured plates—one by Mr. Norman entitled "Our Gem Portrait Gallery of British Birds," one by Mr. Goodchild, entitled "Values in Foreign Birds," and one selected from our stock of surplus plates.

Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes that the annual general meeting will be held at the Reinder Hotel, Jan. 28th. Owing to pressure of business it has been impossible to hold the meeting at an earlier date.

We regret to hear that Mr. J. Hodder, the well-known Norwich Plainhead enthusiast, has been ill for some weeks, but happily he is now fast recovering his usual good health.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. J. E. Dingle, of Liskeard, is compelled to part with his cages and birds (advertised this week) as by his doctor's advice he is leaving on a voyage to Australia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our next annual open show, write Messrs. Forse and Son, Hon. Secs. Leyton C.B.S., will be held on November 13th and 14th, to avoid clashing with Cheltenham Show, which we notice has been fixed for our original date. We should be greatly obliged if other show secretaries will endeavour to avoid clashing, as our show will again be open to all England, and we hope to make it even more successful than the last.

We have on many past occasions referred to the enormous business built up by that noted bird-specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, and further convincing evidence of this comes to hand this week in the shape of a pile of letters sent him by his customers, thanking him for the birds and goods supplied, and promising him future support, owing to their great satisfaction and the reasonable prices charged. Mr. Rudd has a high reputation for fair dealing and courteous business methods, and it is always pleasing to see these things meet with their reward.

The annual subscription, 2s. 6d., to the South Co. Dublin C.B.A., writes Mr. D. Smyth, hon. sec., becomes due this month. We intend holding the general meeting early in February, when show dates, etc., will be arranged. Many thanks to Mr. J. F. Morgan, for congratulations through CAGE BIRDS, re our first show, also to the many exhibitors who wrote to me personally. It is interesting to note that although our show did not come up to our expectations, we were able to pay prize-money within six days, which speaks well for a hard-working committee.

Our Christmas Competitions.

The full results of the competitions put before readers in our Xmas Double Number will be announced next week.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Waunarlwydd, Mr. G. P. Morgan won 4th in Nor., not Muscott, as reported; at Tredegar, Mr. G. Edwards, not Bevan, won 1st in Mule class.

New Society for Tiverton.

Mr. J. Dummett writes asking us to state that the preliminary meeting will be held at Harris's Refreshment Rooms, on January 27th, not 26th, as stated in his letter published in our correspondence columns of last week.

"Cage Birds" 1913 Annual.

We shall be glad if secretaries will kindly return *at once* the forms sent them asking for full particulars of their societies. A large number have reached us, but a few still await attention. We would ask all advertisers to carefully note the important announcement on page 7 of this issue.

A Successful Young Crest Hen.

Allow me, writes Mr. G. F. Adamson, to thank you for the pleasant surprise I had on getting January 4th issue, to find sketch of my young Crested hen placed along side of the champion of the show on front page. She has only been shown four times, being 2nd City of Glasgow, 2nd City of Perth, 1st Kilmarnock C.B.S., 1st and winner of Scottish Crested Canary Club gold medal for best young Crest at Scottish National. I wish your paper continued success.

The Red and Black Tanager.

It is very gratifying to me to know that you are honouring my Red and Black Tanager by giving an illustration of it by that very talented artist, Mr. Goodchild, in your ever popular paper CAGE BIRDS. I will take this opportunity of wishing it many happy returns of its birthday, and a continuance of its great prosperity. It is certainly a proud position for my bird to occupy so prominent a place on this notable occasion. As regards the habits, etc., of the Red and Black Tanager, I know but little; as far as I can gather, it is not only new to the show bench, but is also new to English Aviculture. (Of course, I stand to be corrected). I feed it just the same as a Scarlet Tanager (which it closely resembles in its ways) viz., the usual spongecake sop, a little insect food, including one or two mealworms, and plenty of fruit. It appears to be quite a hardy bird, and has been in my possession about three months, previous to which it belonged to Mons. Pauwels.—C. T. Maxwell.

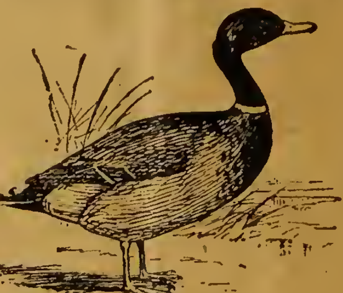
[We are promised some notes upon Mr. H. D. Astley's rare and beautiful Blue Niltava, which appears in the same picture as Mr. Maxwell's bird, for a future issue.—EDITOR.]

Wild-Bird Life.

Stalking Wild Fowl.

Sheets of water situated some way inland are always objects of interest to those who study the doings of wild birds the year round. Although there are no nests to locate among the sedgy growth and shelving banks in the winter, there is, nevertheless, a variety of bird life either resident for a time or coming and going; the movements of the birds being regulated by the climatic conditions or the degree of seclusion they are able to find in any particular spot. Rough seas and storms cause the wild fowl and waders of all kinds to seek the comparative shelter of the tidal rivers or the lakes and ponds further inland. Although upon the rivers there is considerable activity in the way of barges and boats constantly sailing up and down, and working to their destination with the tide; as a rule the people on board of them are far too busy with their own affairs to heed the doings of the birds. Anyone who has frequented one of these rivers for any length of time cannot but notice how birds of all species seek each other's company during the winter months. There is security in numbers. The sportsman can more easily stalk half-a-dozen waders dabbling upon the muddy foreshore within gunshot distance of the sea wall, with no other birds in sight, than when the air is full of different species, crossing and re-crossing the wall and marsh land bordering the sea. Wild birds are keen to note any unusual movement among their fellows, and if at all suspicious do not wait for confirmation of their suspicion but take wing immediately. Many times a brace or two of Wild Duck or other fowl, without another bird in sight, may be located, but as sure as one commences a fatiguing stalk through the mud and water along the wall to get within distance, then some unseen bird is put up out of the gripway, and scurrying off with a whistle or loud alarming cry, he will effectually frighten all the birds within hearing. These in turn will alarm flock after flock, so that the air for half-a-mile around is full of bird life, and one wonders where all the feathered creatures could have been hidden. Birds are naturally curious, and in their flight, wheeling round and round, will frequently fly close enough for the sportsman to get a shot.

H. NORMAN.



THE WILD DUCK.

A Crest Show that Paid.

All prize-money, writes Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, hon. sec. N.C.C., was sent out within five days after show, and I am pleased to state that there is a balance in hand, which will prove to sceptics that a show of Crested Canaries can be made to pay when the necessary classification is provided.

The Strike and Gateshead Show.

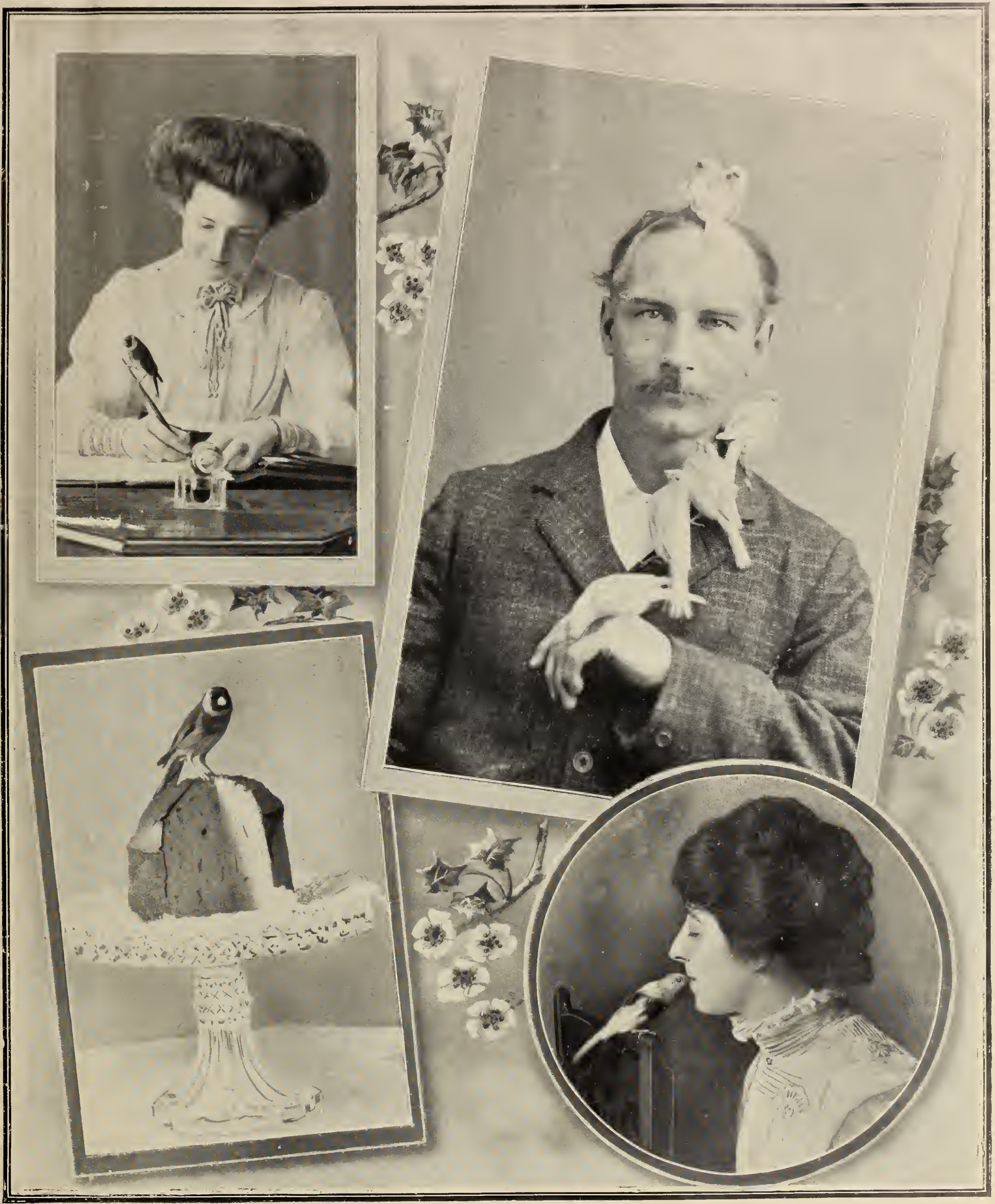
As the late strike dealt us a severe blow, writes Mr. J. G. Greason, sec. Gateshead C.B.S., 24, Newman Terrace, Gateshead, we are organising a prize-drawing, and trust that the Fancy at large will support us in our efforts to meet outstanding liabilities. I shall be pleased to forward tickets to any kindly disposed fanciers and secretaries willing to assist us.

The Fancy in West Stanley.

The show reported in CAGE BIRDS, Jan. 4, was not that of the West Stanley C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Elliott, the sec.; it is connected with the Empire Workman's Club, and should have been reported as the Empire Club show. We wish this and the Victoria Club every success. They will be the means of recruiting the Fancy in West Stanley, and will very much help our open show on Nov. 7 and 8.

Well-Known Judge's Hard Luck.

I am sure, writes Mr. H. R. Macdonald, that the many friends of Mr. A. Welling., of Prescot, will hear with regret that since his return from the Scottish National Show he has been confined to his bed with typhoid fever. He therefore begs the indulgence of all exhibitors and fanciers who may be corresponding with him, as he is quite helpless and very weak indeed, and not able to answer letters. Any very important ones will be attended to by a friend or a member of the family.



BIRDS THAT ARE "PALS."

The largest of these very striking photographs depicts Mr. George Hedges, of Maidenhead, with a few of his tame Canaries, bred and reared by himself. In the upper left-hand picture is seen Miss Rogers, of Bromley, with her "pal," a fine Siberian Goldfinch, this bird also appearing in the picture below, taking his share of the tea-table delicacies. The remaining photo shows the pet Canary of Mrs. M. Bamford, of Stamford, securing a tit-bit from between her lips.

My Orphean Warblers

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

No. 33 of the series of articles "Through a Birdroom Window."

A very rare visitor to our shores is dealt with by this gifted writer, who describes how he himself was responsible for the wrecking of a cherished plan.

ABOUT four years ago I was making my annual holiday in London; and was naturally on the lookout for new and strange birds. To attain my end I naturally visited the East End of London and there I found something I never expected to set eyes on. I entered a big bird shop well known to all my avicultural readers, and there spent some two hours in gazing happily round and talking to the courteous manager, an old friend of mine. I thought I had seen and discussed everything in the shop, and I was just going out when up on a high shelf near the door my eye caught sight of a cageful of little birds; but the light was dim, so I could not make out what they were. I accordingly lifted them down and carried them to the light for clearer inspection. I was, however, no "forrarder," as I hadn't the least conception of what they were. When I turned to the manager and asked him, and received the laconic answer, "Orphean Warblers," I was not much wiser. In fact, to tell the honest truth, I had never heard of such birds.

A FOUNTAIN OF PLEASURE.

Nothing gives me so deep and sincere a satisfaction as a bird shop, but wealth will never be mine, and I shall never be able to buy all the birds I want. If, however, I behave myself and respect the Decalogue, when I die I hope I shall go where birds will be in plenty. How anyone with money can visit a big bird shop and not come away with pounds and pounds worth of birds is, as the late Lord Dundreary used to say, with his inimitable drawl, "just one of those things which no feller can understand."

In the present case my great fear was that these birds would be beyond my slender purse. Had I not given the show completely away? Here was a well-known breeder of foreign birds, who did not even know what these birds were. Surely the dealer might have said—and not unfairly—"The Lord hath delivered him into my hands!" Fortunately, my friend was in a merciful humour, or he was tired out with answering questions. At any rate, the price he asked astonished me by its moderation, though I managed to conceal my satisfaction, I think. As I watched him put up these birds, I felt as grateful as that native of India, who wrote to a benefactor: "If I were to make shoes of my skin for your Excellency in exchange for these favours, I would think that I had not trespassed the bounds of my gratitude."

WELL-KNOWN IN SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CIRCLES.

Mr. W. Grewar, of Lochgelly, a noted breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich, photographed with his brother outside his bird house.

I have forgotten to say that there were four Orphean Warblers altogether, and I need hardly tell my readers that I took the lot. I was going to run no chances, and I determined that if I couldn't breed them nobody else should have a look in. I was horrified then, as my readers will imagine, when a few days after getting home I saw more Orphean Warblers advertised by a rival firm! Of course, I had to write off for them; but what was my disgust to receive a couple of hen Blackcaps.

THEY NO DOUBT CAME IN USEFUL.

It reminded me of the story of the Rajah of Travancore who, fond of jujubes and bonbons, and seeing an advertisement to the effect that a large consignment of jupons had arrived in Madras, jumped to the conclusion that they belonged to the same category, and became the owner of I know not how many dozen of *steel crinolines!* When I opened the cage that day and saw my hen Blackcaps I thought of the Rajah's face as he gazed on the crinolines, and I roared with laughter. I said nothing—I knew it was no good. Probably the man had sent them in perfect good faith, and, at any rate, a couple of nice hen Blackcaps were bound to come in useful some day. They did; but as Rudyard Kipling says—that is another story!

I was rather doubtful about the feeding of my Orpheans; so I asked the dealer what he had been giving them. He went to a box in his office and produced some soft mixture, which looked to me "fearfully and wonderfully made." But, as the birds looked very fit on it, I thought it would be wisdom to buy some, and I must say that events justified my action. "Looks ain't everything," as the old woman said of the Curate, "but he has lovely innards." It must have been the same with this mixture; although it was nothing to look at, much resembling dirty meal, it had wonderfully sustaining virtues, and for years I was never without it by me.

The tasteful display of special prizes at the last Members' Show of the Bootle and District C.B.S.

Before I left the shop I asked the dealer what he thought about the sex of the birds, as to me they looked very much of a muchness. It takes a lot of time and watching to sex birds correctly, and I had only had a few minutes in a very dark shop. He told me that in his opinion they were a cock and three hens; in fact, he offered to make a bet on the subject. I could not help recalling the story of the Hindoo who wrote to the local magistrate anent a fine imposed: "Your Honour may be right, I may be wrong, I may be right, your Honour wrong. Let your Honour give me back the fine, and then on the day of Resurrection, when all hearts will be open, if I am wrong I will most gladly then return your Honour the money!" I felt that too many things might happen before the question of sex could be decisively settled. I might die; the Orpheans might die; he might die—and then where would the bet come in?

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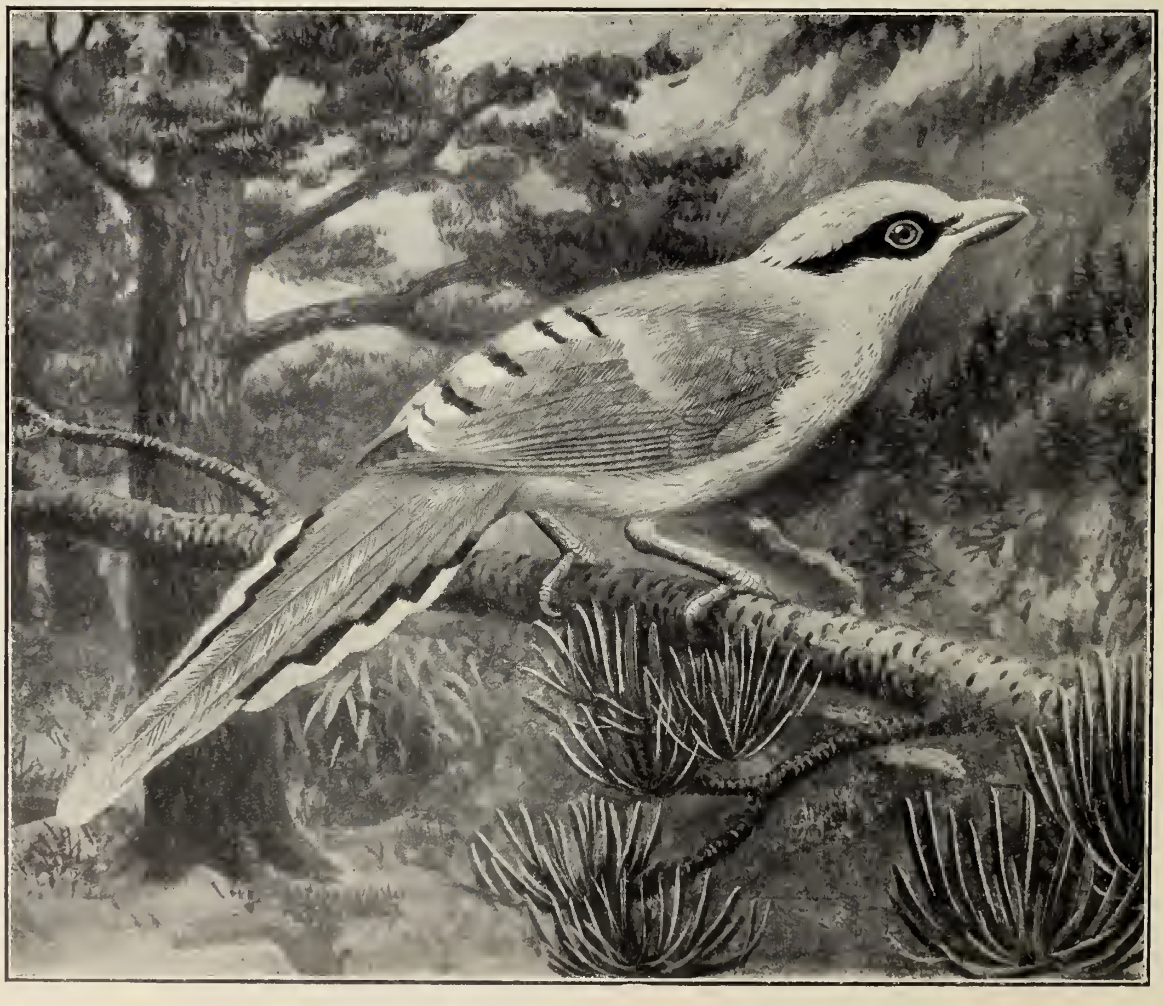
MALE SWIFT "CAUGHT" ON THE NEST.

This establishes the fact that both parents take turns in incubating the eggs and brooding the young.

THE HOUSEMAID'S THREATENED DOOM.

I took the Orpheans home with me to Yorkshire at the end of my holiday. In the meanwhile, I got leave to keep them in the boarding house in South Kensington where I always stop, and I carried them up to my bedroom, and threatened the housemaid with the most dreadful penalties if she left the door open, as there are three cats in the house. I softened my threat by the present of half-a-crown; and then I went about my business with an easy mind.



From a painting] [*by H. Goodchild.*

THE HUNTING CISSA: A GEM FROM INDIA.

This gorgeously coloured and beautifully marked bird was shown by Mr. J. Frostick at the Horticultural Hall Show. In a state of nature the ground-colour of its plumage is blue, but in captivity it changes to a light bluish-green tint.

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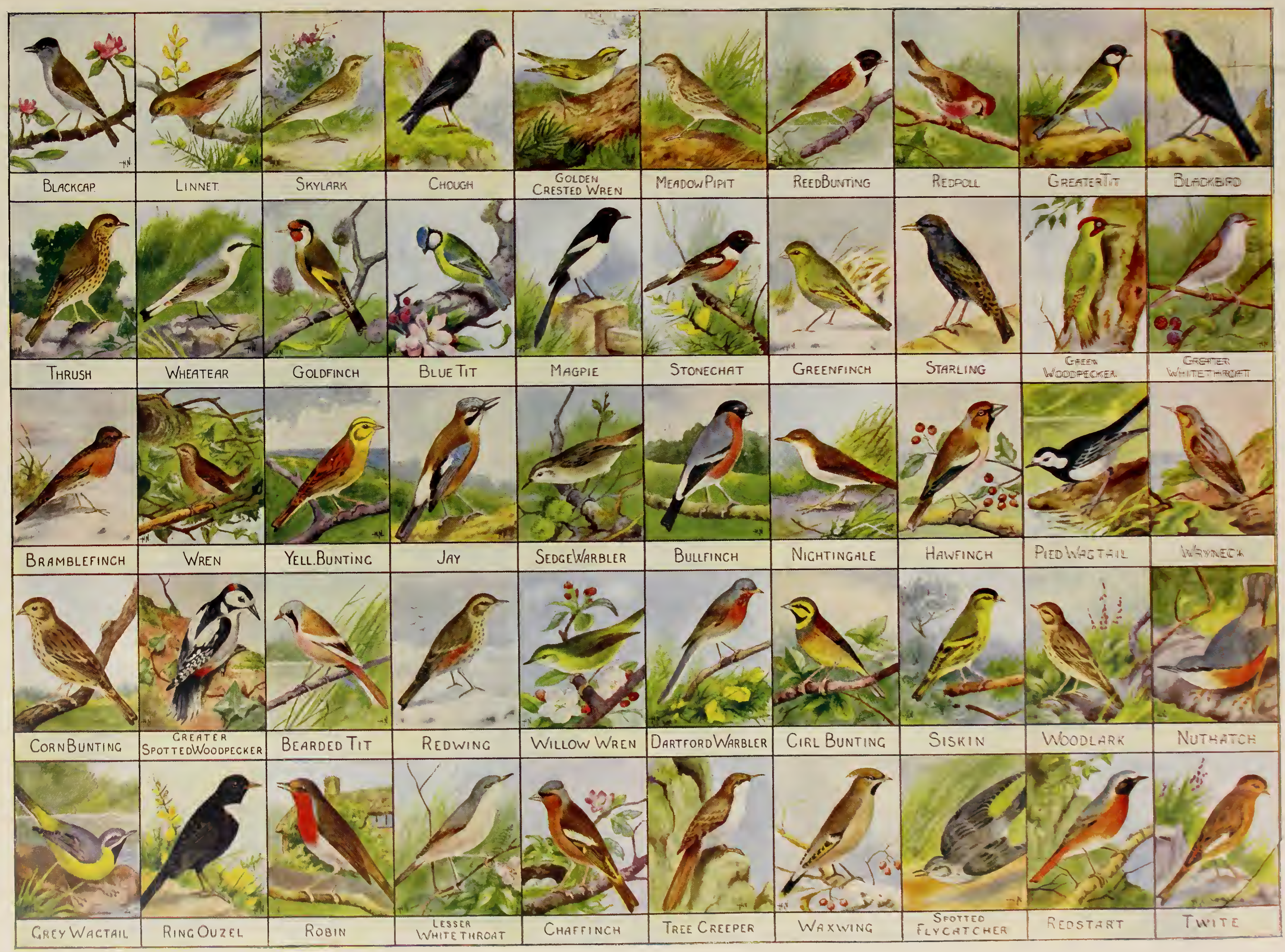

OUR GEM PORTRAIT GALLERY OF BRITISH BIRDS.

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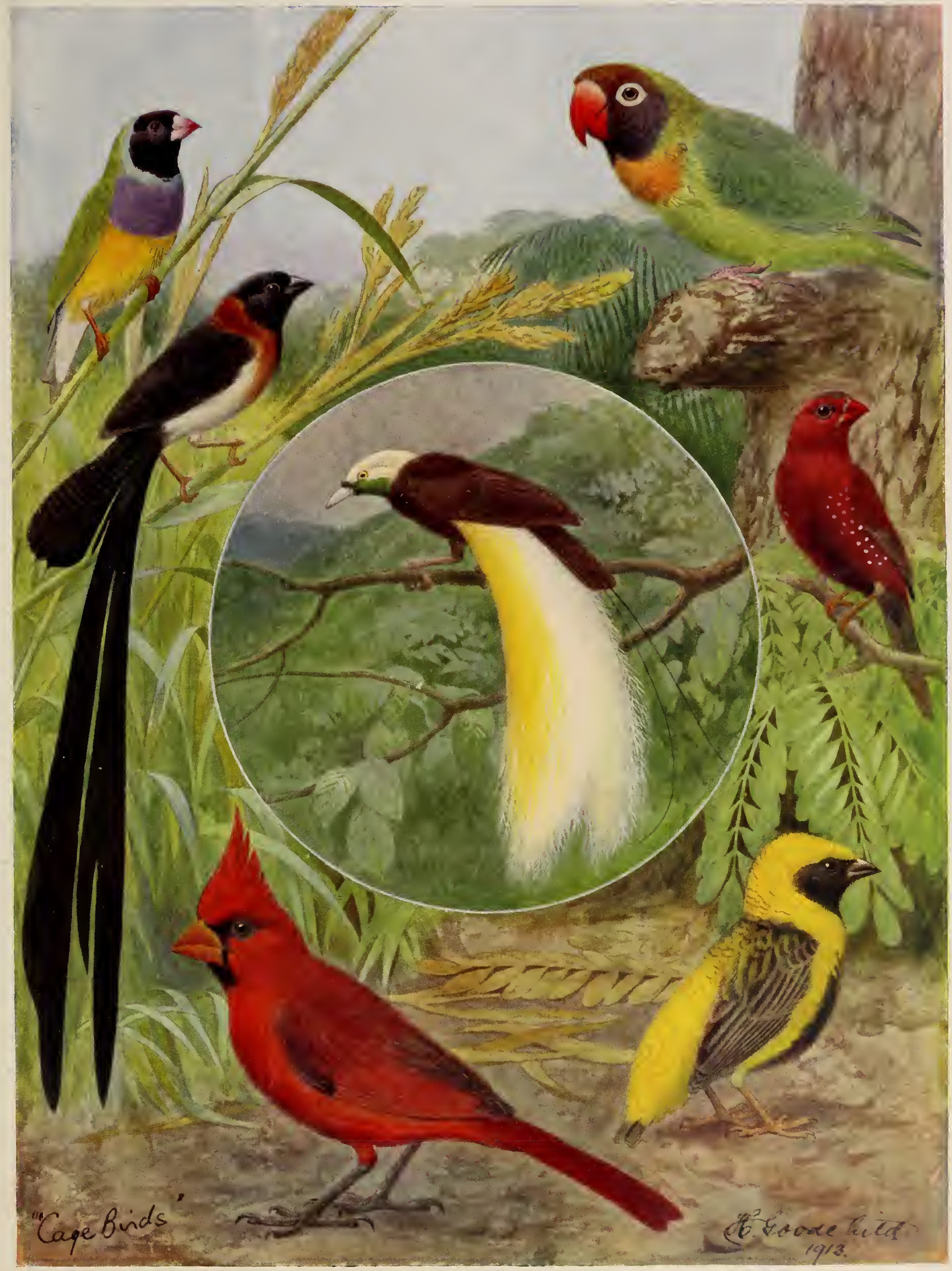


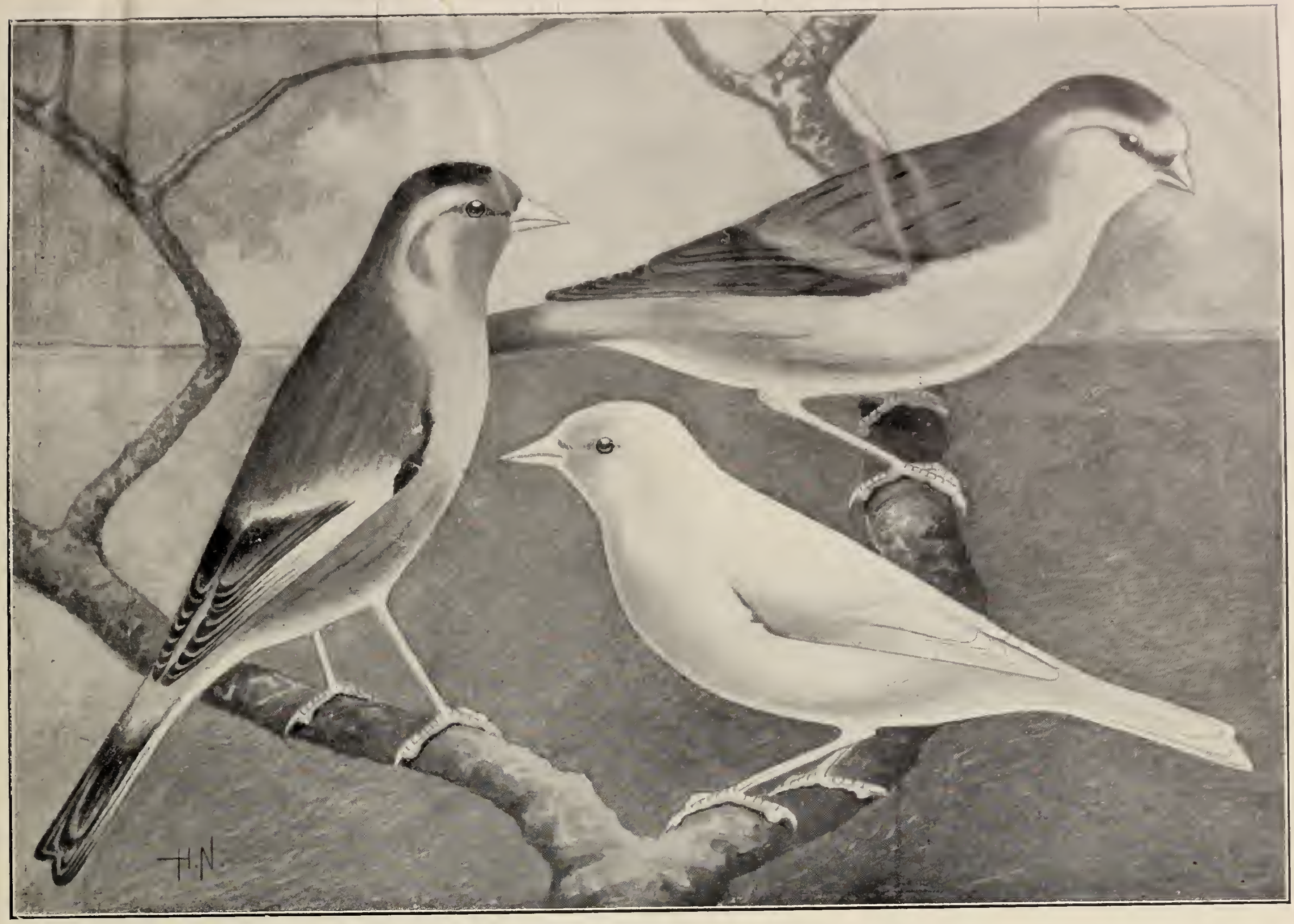
VALUES IN FOREIGN BIRDS.

Ranging from the fifty-pound Bird of Paradise to the half-crown Weaver.

BLACK-HEADED GOULDIAN.
PARADISE WHYDAH.
VIRGINIAN CARDINAL.

GREATER BIRD OF PARADISE.

BLACK-FACED LOVEBIRD.
AUSTRALIAN CRIMSON FINCH.
NAPOLEON WEAVER.



From a painting] [*by H. Norman.*

THE CREAM OF OUR CANARY HYBRIDS.

Each of these noble Hybrids secured first prize at the great New Year show of the Scottish National C.B.S., and has won numerous honours all over the country. On the left is Mr. A. Gilchrist's dark jonque Goldie-Canary, "Border-King;" Mr. A. Shellam's jonque Canary-Bullie is depicted at the top, and the bird underneath is the clear buff Goldie-Canary belonging to Mr. R. Jamieson, jun.

The birds were really in wonderful condition for softbills, and the tails and wings were unbroken. As soon as I got them safely home, I, of course, rushed to the bookcase to read up the subject of Orphean Warblers. I have always such books handy. Every bird-lover should keep them handy as Sairey Gamp kept her bottle, so that every visitor may refresh himself as often as he feels "dispoged." Not seldom a wayside snack of literature forms the initial of serious and fruitful study. It was, I know, so in my case. "Gedney's Cage Birds" gave me "bird fever"; and I have never lost it. I picked it up quite by chance on one of Smith's bookstalls.

BEAUTY ANALYSED.

On consulting my books this is what I found. "In general colour the male is slaty-grey above, a little clearer on the back of the neck, the quills of the wings blackish brown, edged with ashy-grey, tail feathers blackish, and slightly tipped with white, head dusky blackish with a dusky cap, throat and under surface white, the sides of the breast and flanks ashy grey with a beautiful pink tinge, beak dark brown with a yellowish base to the lower mandible, feet and claws lead colour, iris pale yellow. The female rather browner than the male, and not so distinctly grey; the breast marked with creamy buff; the head not so distinctly black as in the male. The young are very like the old females. In size the Orphean Warbler is a good deal bigger than the Whitethroats. Four reported occurrences of the Orphean Warbler in England are recorded; one was shot at Wetherby, near us, in 1848. Another was caught at Holloway in 1866, and lived for six months in captivity. Female shot near St. Leonards, 1903, and young bird picked up near same place in 1905."

I put the Orpheans into a nice garden aviary with a perfect natural "wilderness" just outside the bars, in which I fondly hoped they would one day go to nest. As it was late July when I put them into their new home, I thought it would be wiser not to put any opportunity of nesting before them till another year—I would let them look and long! It was a scheme formed at a distance, which, as Johnson remarks, "makes rivers look narrow and precipices smooth." It certainly did so in this case; for before the future came these rivers had become impassable and these precipices unclimbable.

Everything went well for a time, and with the soft food I brought home, and an abundant supply of fresh maggots, the Orpheans seemed happy as the day was long, and were always gaily flitting about much like our common or garden Whitethroat. They have the same habit of raising the crest and swelling out the throat. In keeping softbills there is only one thing I don't like: the stench of the maggots. I can smell it even now as I write; but have I any right to grumble at one of my best friends?

A FAVOURITE PASTIME IN THE PARKS.

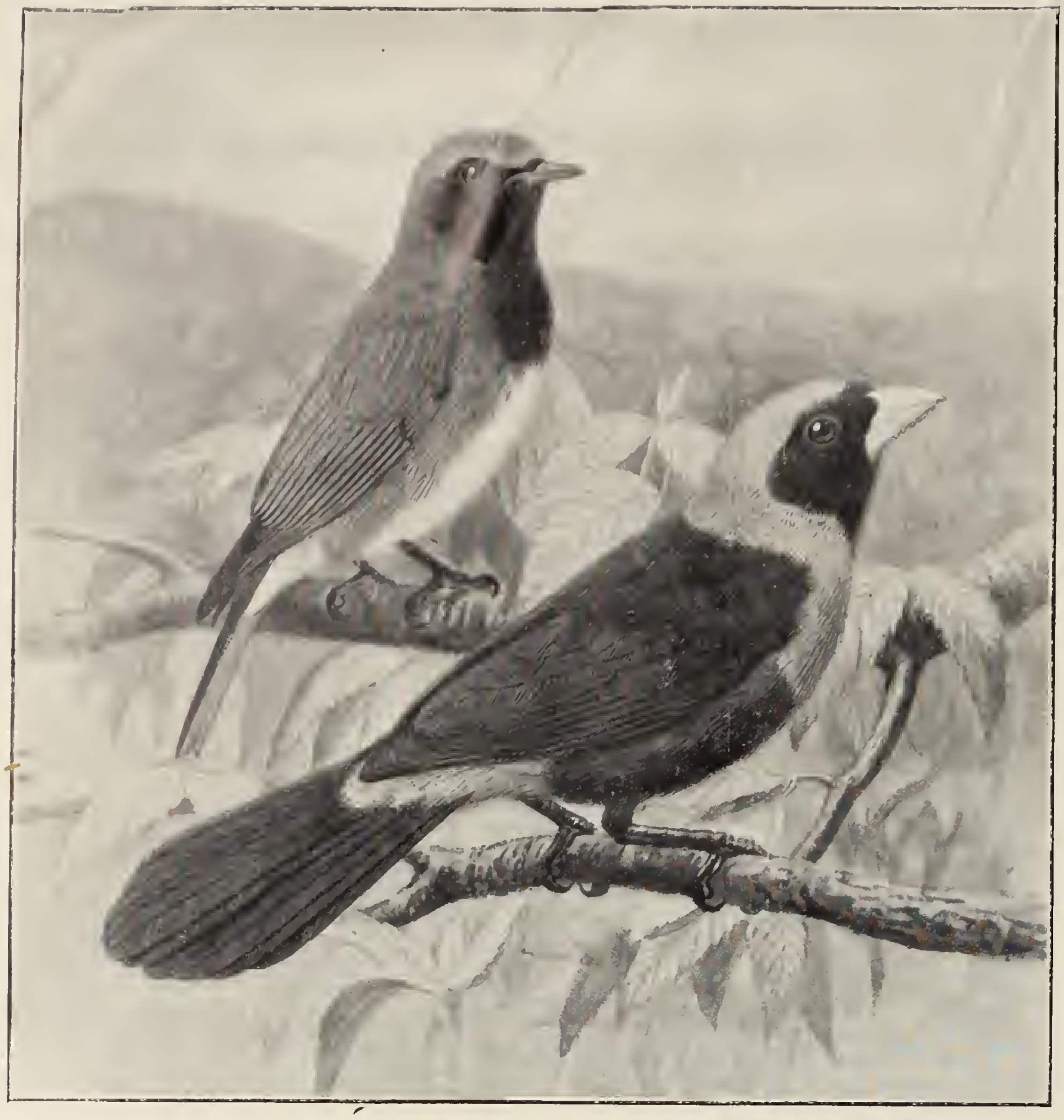
The feeding of the graceful Swans is a delight that never palls upon the younger generation.

And now I must make a confession. Nobody likes to say he is wrong, but sometimes it has to be done. It must be here. I ought to have let these birds go to nest as soon as I got them home. It was the natural time; warm, bright sunshine and an abundance of insect life. Opportunity is a fine thing; press it while you've got it and just at the right time. I only wish there were some way of knowing when the right time has come! Alas, I missed my opportunity, and it never has come back.

"WHEN THE LEAVES BEGIN TO FALL."

I thought there would be no difficulty in keeping my Orpheans through the winter in a sheltered birdroom. I had kept far more delicate species under similar conditions; why not these? As the autumn days drew on, I found that day by day the roof of the flight was covered with summer migrants going south. There were Whitethroats, Garden Warblers, Wagtails, Grey and Yellow, and many others. Had I wished I could have got together quite a nice collection of the tiny beauties, but I hadn't the heart—they looked so bonny and happy.

As the result of these visits, my Orpheans grew more and more restless every day; night and day they were never still, but always wildly stampeding about their enclosure, seeking for some way of escape to join their comrades outside. I am dreadfully soft-hearted, as my readers know, and one morning I could stand it no longer; so I opened the door and let them go free, and I believe honestly the sight of their joy almost compensated me for the loss of that possible medal. They dashed out into the garden with all the avidity of a school-miss for a forbidden novel. For a few days they lingered about their old home, but then the frosts growing insistent, reminded them that it was time to be off to warmer and sunnier climes. One of my happy memories will always be of the months that I spent with my Orphean Warblers.



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TWO CELEBRITIES OF THE SHOW SEASON.

The upper figure is the very charming Blue Niltava which made a first appearance on the show bench at the Horticultural Hall Show, exhibited by Mr. H. D. Astley, M.A., F.Z.S. The other lovely example of bird-life is the very rare Red and Black Tanager exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

SEVEN FOREIGN BEAUTIES.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(*Author of "Aviaries and Aviary Life."*)

Interesting facts concerning the charming creatures depicted on Mr. Goodchild's fine coloured picture, entitled "Value in Foreign Birds," which accompanies this issue.

ONCE more in the cycle of years it falls to my lot, as another Birthday issue is due, to endeavour to practically interest the readers of our popular journal. Truly, the theme is an inspiring one, and as I sit with a proof of Mr. Goodchild's beautiful drawing before me—" Seven Foreign Beauties," I have dubbed it—each rivalling the other in gorgeous beauty, a " Cardinal " and a " Bishop " gracing the foreground, I hope I may be first permitted to compliment Mr. Goodchild on what he has achieved ; the pose of each figure is a natural one, and each figure is a true portrait of the living bird. In some of the figures the limitations of colour printing make it impossible to depict the full brilliance of the sheen seen in the plumage of the living bird, but this fault, if fault it be, is on the right side, for purchasers of living specimens will in each case find the brilliance of the living bird to be a little in excess of that depicted on the plate.

THE GREATER BIRD OF PARADISE (PARADISEA APODA).

A few years ago the portrayal of one of these gorgeously apparelled Crows would have been pronounced unsuitable for the supplement of a popular journal, but, though they will never be really common, they have appeared of late years on the show bench, and specimens of this, as well as of other beautiful and rare species of Birds of Paradise, occupy the cages or aviaries of several aviculturists. In the aviaries of Mr. E. T. Brook, of Hoddam Castle, a finer collection even than those of zoological societies has been gathered together. To Mons. Pauvvels, of Belgium, belongs the honour of first placing this grand species on the English show bench.

SECOND TO NONE IN BEAUTY.

In gorgeousness of colour Birds of Paradise may have equals, but they have no superiors. Their plumes and shields transform them into marvels of grandeur, and when this is enhanced by their courting display, when the plumes and shields are shaken out and extended, and their full beauty displayed before their admiring mates, or in defiance before a rival, these magnificent creatures are at once objects of interest and admiration. When displaying before their mates, or a rival, every feather seems to quiver with life, and the whole bird is apparently a bundle of nerves ; but if they begin to " sing " (! ! !)their raucous voices almost detract from their beauty.

Excepting the King Bird of Paradise, all this group are pugnacious, and must be separately housed. With some species, even male and female cannot be kept together all the year round—I have seen them slaughter a small bird and make a meal of it, the same fate overtakes any mouse which comes within their notice and reach. In captivity they do not require much heat, but they do need exercise and fresh air, and, whether kept in cage or aviary, it is essential that there should be a sheltered corner to which they can retire to escape strong light or for a *siesta*.

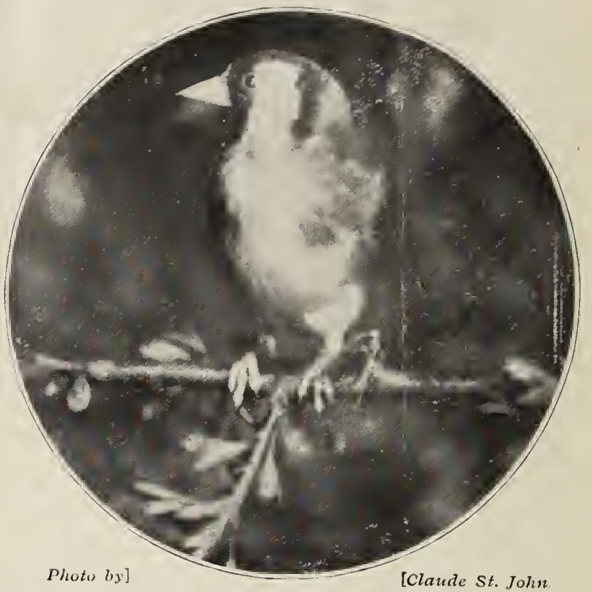


Photo by] [*Claude St. John.*

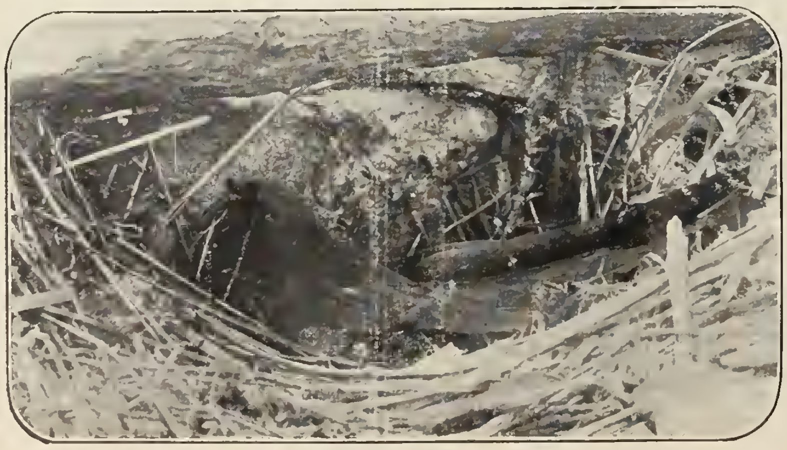
SOLVING A SEX PROBLEM.

This photograph shows very clearly the sexual differences in the heads of the male and female Goldfinch Note the rounded skull, short beak, small blaze and greyish black collar of this hen. In the cock the skull is longer and flatter, the beak longer and stouter, the collar jet black, and the blaze extends to the outer edge of the eye.

NEIGHBOURS MIGHT OBJECT.

A pair of these birds in an aviary with a closed house not less than 6 ft. sq. and 8 ft. high, with a flight of the same proportions would be a most interesting feature of the park or grounds of any estate, or the garden of any dwelling house, provided neighbours were not so close as to be disturbed by their attempts at music. The flight might well contain a fir tree reaching to the top, and as large a Portugal laurel as can be transplanted. A cage for this species should not be less than 3 ft. square and 4 ft. high, with several pieces of natural branches as perching accommodation, and here, even if condemned to perpetual bachelorhood, a Bird of Paradise will delight his owner with his marvellous displays as various emotions possess him. He gives evidence of his emotions not only by these grand and interesting displays, but also voices them, and that in no half-hearted manner.

Their menu should consist of insectile mixture, ripe fruit, live insects, and berries, such as privet, elder, rowan, etc. A description of plumage is entirely uncalled for with the life-like portrait of the species on our coloured plate.



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A SWIFT INCUBATING ITS EGGS.

A wonderful photograph of a very difficult and rarely-attempted subject.

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SOME LEAVES FROM OUR PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM.

1.—Mr. A. Lawton, assistant sec. Walkley C.B.S., and a corner of his birdroom. 2.—Male and female Great Grey Shrikes, by Mr. A. Thomas, the well-known taxidermist, of Gloucester. 3.—The attractive outdoor aviary with which Mr. G. B. Usher, of Wareham, has filled up a spare corner. 4.—Mr. W. Parbury, of Tooting, with his wife and daughter, who are all enthusiastic bird lovers. 5.—Male and female Cockatiels int he aviary of Mr. N. Couper, of Bervie. 6.—Mr. J. Jefferies, of Bristol, a breeder of Yorkshire Canaries, with four of his children and their pet Manchester Terrier. 7.—A beautiful pied Blackbird, exhibited by Mr. F. Tupholme, of Bourne, 8.—An attractive American bird-store, "Birdland," at Los Angeles, California. 9.—Members of the Harrogate Linnet Singing Society. 10.—An object-lesson for Mr. Owl. 11.—A Swallow hatched in a tin funnel which was left hanging to a post. 12.—An excellent and inexpensive aviary erected by Mr. Whitehead, of Alva.

“TOMMY” AND HIS PET ROOK.

These Photographs of Private Haysom and his tame Rook were taken in the grounds of the Royal Naval College, Osborne, Isle of Wight. The Rook at night sleeps in the trees surrounding the College and has never been in captivity. Strange to say, while its owner can practically do anything with it he likes, the bird will not let anyone else touch him. When Private Haysom wants Master Rook he has only to go to the trees and call, when down comes the bird and perches on his shoulder. So well does it know its owner that it can pick him out from any number of soldiers. These Photographs were sent us by Mr. W. White, of East Cowes.

SEVEN FOREIGN BEAUTIES.

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THE BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRD (AGAPORNIS NIGRIGENIS).

Lovebirds are not favourites with everybody, and, irrespective of its beauty, I have heard even this particular species spoken of as an “insignificant little Lovebird,” but to my mind it is the most beautiful of all the Lovebirds. It is not always amiable towards other species or to Budgerigars, yet in many cases Budgerigars and Black-cheeks have been bred in the same aviary. They are perfectly hardy, and may be kept out of doors all the year round. Some five years ago this species was unknown to aviculture, but to-day it is almost common, and with some it has bred freely; nevertheless, though now reasonable in price, and its plumage very beautiful, it has never “caught on,” like the Budgerigar, for instance.

One calls to mind the excitement Black-cheeked Lovebirds occasioned when first exhibited, the deserved admiration they received, and the prophetic utterances (scarcely realised) *re* prolificacy of breeding, which utterances were, in many cases, inspired by the presence of eggs in the show cages.

A FIELD FOR INVESTIGATION.

I rather think one of the causes why they have not become general favourites with bird-keepers, is the sex problem, no definite plumatic or other outward constant distinction being known, which involves, of course, the consequent difficulty of securing a true pair. At present I only care to commit myself to advising my readers, if they have the opportunity of picking from a number of adults, to choose two birds in which the beaks and heads vary a little in form and size. If readers who are unfortunate enough to lose adult Black-cheeks, would be kind enough to send the bodies to me immediately after death, so that I might ascertain the sexes by dissection, preserve the skins, and, later, make the comparison of a series of both sexes, I should feel greatly favoured. When sending a body please state colour of the iris and other soft parts before death.

I know of several instances in which this species and Budgerigars have been successfully kept together, and they are more interfering than pugnacious; their ill-humour seldom goes as far as murder: nevertheless, before settling down to nesting, they are given to invading every husk or log in the aviary, to the utter discomfiture of other birds unable to put them to flight.

They do well in a crowd, and what more interesting sight could one wish than to see a flock of several pairs and their families disporting themselves in a garden aviary, on the wing, or about the branches, or attending to their domestic duties; under such conditions they are usually fairly prolific, and thrive without giving much trouble. They require a larger nesting receptacle than a Budgerigar, as they line it with straw, exhausted millet sprays, leaves, and any other similar rubbish they can get at. A roomy natural log or small barrel is the best for them. They do not carry the material into the nest in their beaks, but tucked amid the plumage of the lower back, and are most interesting to observe when engaged in the duties of building “Black-cheek Castle,” the home of their future families.

HOW TO KEEP LOVEBIRDS.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds enjoy sipping moisture from grass stems or branches rather than drinking from the orthodox drinking vessel, and their aviary should contain a portion which is roofed in with netting, and in a dry season the garden hose should be turned on this portion occasionally. In the way of diet, canary and white-millet will meet their simple requirements, with a few oats occasionally, but they should have an unstinted supply of millet sprays when feeding their young. Broken biscuits, and fruit are also very wholesome, but usually are not largely partaken of. In addition grit, cuttle bone and greenfood must be regularly supplied. The plate will give a better idea of their plumage than any written description.

THE GOULDIAN FINCH (PŒPHILA GOULDIÆ)

The exquisitely beautiful Gouldian Finches, in spite of all the difficulties of establishing them, draw as many admirers as ever, their rainbow-hued garment proving an irresistible attraction to many. Except in a few special instances, their span of life appears to be about four years, though my notes prove that they have lived six and eight years in my own aviary. In a cage they are somewhat lethargic in demeanour,' and in the aviary also this is true to a certain extent, though they have many intervals of activity, as well as being ready, when given suitable conditions, to nest and reproduce their kind.

During the summer of 1912 I saw in Dr. Scott's aviary at Wallington a nest of this species, which was built in the middle of a tube made of virgin-cork, the parent birds entering to feed their young by a hole in the base of the cork spout, as well as by either end.

REARING THE YOUNG.

Gouldian Finches rear their young almost entirely on seed and greenfood. Undoubtedly in a large aviary some insect life is captured and carried to the young, but this is really not essential, neither do they take much insectile mixture, but some pairs take a fair quantity of milk-sop. This, if they will take it, is very beneficial to them, and I always keep a saucer in the finch aviary.

Now a few words as to general treatment. On arrival each bird should be caged separately for a few days to recoup; they can thus rest, exercise, or feed unhampered by companions, and have more chance of recovering from the effects of importation. “Service water” does not appear to agree with caged Gouldian Finches, and they should either be given soft (rain) water or boiled service water. At this period, spray millet should be given freely, as well as canary and white millet, with small quantities of paddy rice and crushed oats. Also a little milk sop; all will not take it, but I have known cases where birds practically *in extremis* have recovered when they have been induced to partake of same. If so treated and kept free from draught, the majority will be brought round.

CAUGHT NAPPING.

Another clever photograph (copyright) by Mr. S. Crook. A Tawny Owl is seen indulging in a mid-day “forty winks.”

Gouldian Finches are shade loving birds, and such shelter should be provided in any flight, either by a bush (Portugal laurel is a good one) or by a shelf with branches directly underneath. Canary, white millet, spray millet, will form the main dietary;

From a painting] [*by J. G. Keulemans.*

ONE OF OUR WINTER GUESTS.

The Fieldfare, which comes to us from the North with the winter's frost and snow.

paddy rice and kibbled oats in smaller quantity; greenfood, as much as they will take; also milk-sop, if they will take it, either regularly or at intervals. A pinch of a mixture of lettuce seed, grass seed, cornflower seed, mignonette, rape, gold of pleasure, blue maw and summer rape in equal parts, is a wholesome occasional change. Grit and cuttlebone should be regularly supplied. A lump of rock salt should be in cage or aviary, and be regularly damped. The Red-headed Gouldian Finch is not a species, but merely a colour variety; in plumage it is the same as the figure on our plate save that the black mask is replaced by one of rich-ruby red.

THE PARADISE WHYDAH (STEGANURA PARADISEA).

Among the Whydahs are many beautiful and striking species, yet few surpass this species, perhaps as freely imported as any, either in beauty or attractiveness. Certainly the Paradise Whydah lacks the gorgeous hues of the other birds of our plate, yet the beautifully-harmonised velvety black, creamy-white, and mahogany red of the male when in full dress, together with the arrangement of his caudal plumes, mark him out at once for admiration and notice.

FOURTEEN-INCH TAIL-FEATHERS.

About February, or early March, he loses his beautiful nuptial dress, and for a time is little brighter in plumage than his soberly coloured mate, whose plumage is of much the same colour and pattern as that of a Corn Bunting, with dark eye and crown streaks. In a young bird the caudal plumes often do not extend to much more than six inches, but they increase with each succeeding year, ultimately reaching a length of thirteen to fourteen inches; as they increase in length they also become narrower. Out of colour they are to be purchased for 2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. a pair, and even at this time the sexes may be easily distinguished, for not only is the cock larger, but he is also more distinctly streaked than the hen and his eye-stripe is more buff in hue; the base of his beak is also broader than that of his mate. Mr. Goodchild has perfectly depicted the pose of this bird, and the arrangement of its caudal plumes as it alights after a flight. On the wing, these are carried curved, and when the bird is completely at rest they occasionally hang limply down almost at right angles with the body.

Photo by] [*Cotton Bros.*

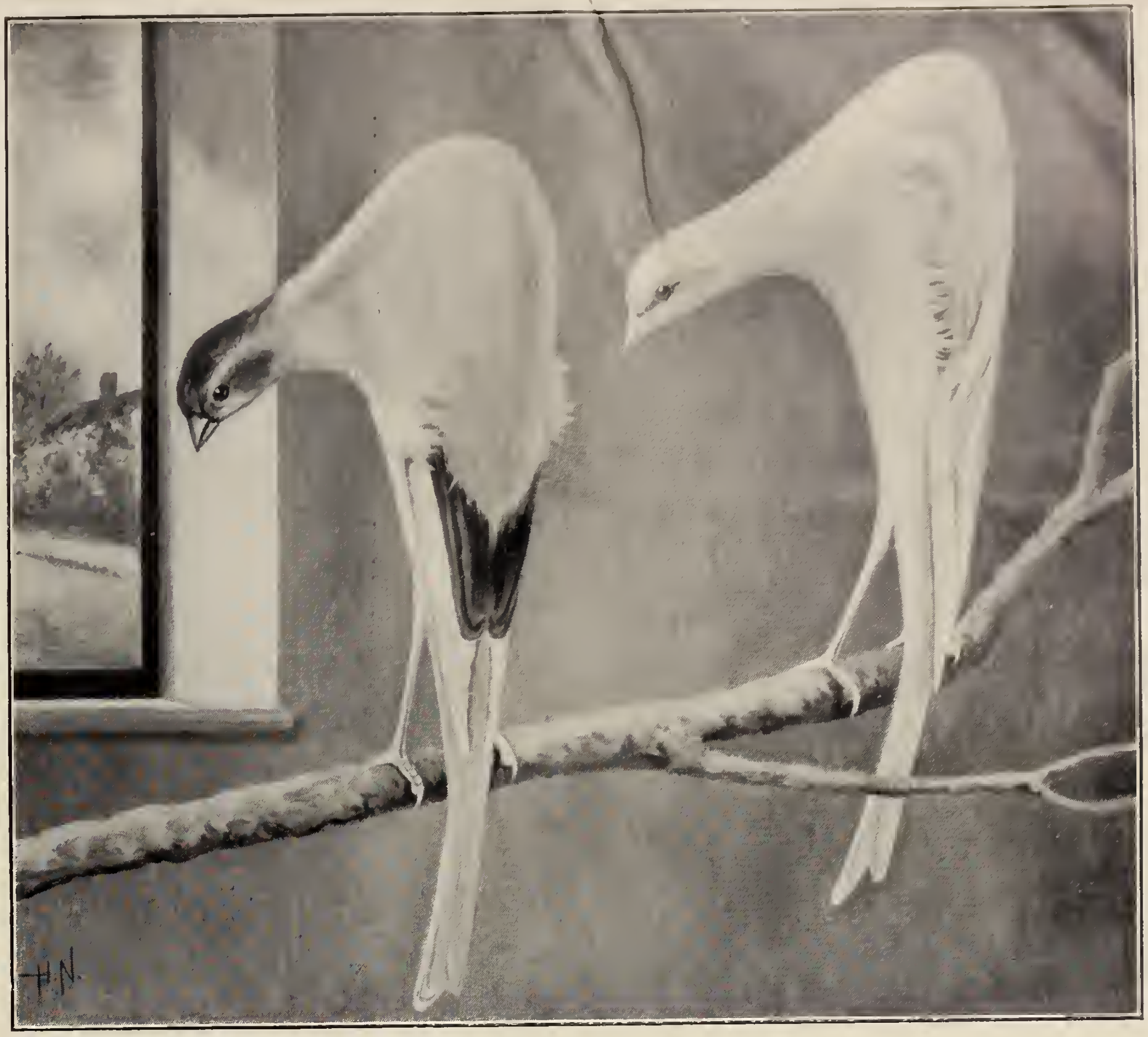
A LANCASHIRE LINNET LOVER.

Mr. Joseph Everett, of Tyldesley, and three of his Linnets. One of them is enjoying a "splash" in the dish of water set in front of the open cage door.

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT.

The Paradise Whydah is hardy and harmless, but there are qualifications to both these attributes. As regards the former, he is better removed to an inner flight in November, as he doffs his nuptial dress in February or March in this country, and many are lost at this time if left out of doors. Again, although among the many specimens I have possessed I have never known one to harm the smallest Waxbill, and the small fry in my aviaries appear to be quite unconcerned by their presence, nevertheless, if a male in full dress be turned into a mixed aviary, the birds are badly scared by its caudal plumes and dash about wildly in all directions, often to their own hurt. Whydahs, therefore, should be introduced into the aviary when in winter dress (out of colour) and the birds then take no notice of them when the caudal plumes become full grown in due course.

The cage for this species should not only be roomy, but the lowest perch should leave the long tail-feathers clear of the bottom of the cage, and the food and water hoppers should be placed within reach of these perches. In the aviary such precautions are not necessary, for with space at their command they keep their tails in perfect condition throughout the season; when running about on the ground they carry their tails arched and quite clear of the ground, and even at the end of a wet season the tail plumes, when shed, have been picked up scarcely frayed or soiled.



From a painting] [*By H. Norman.*

THE APPLE OF THE SCOTSMAN'S EYE!

Two ideal Scots Fancy Canaries, the modern type of the "bird o' circle." A foul-marked bird (on the left), and a clear.

A HEALTH DIETARY.

They do well on canary and millet seed, being very fond of spray millet. Greenfood and one or two live insects *per diem* should be supplied; some individuals will not take the latter, but usually do so readily when donning the nuptial dress, and some form of animal food certainly helps them through this critical period. In the general aviary they also help themselves to a little paddy rice and oats, and an occasional sunflower seed. Grit and cuttlebone, also water for drinking and bathing, must be regularly supplied. It is an African species, ranging over N.E. and S.W. Africa.

THE CRIMSON FINCH (NEOCHMIA PHAETON).

A beautiful, but very pugnacious, Australian species, and not safe in a mixed series. In captivity some cocks will murder one hen after another, though even such a male has bred in an open flight, when introduced to a mate in the early spring. Impossible ought not to be in the bird-keeper's vocabulary—so gorgeous and beautiful a species is worth taking some trouble with. Dr. Hetley, of Norwood, had a brood of Crimson Finches successfully reared in a large cage, standing in one of his sitting-rooms, but the male parent did not tolerate the presence of the young for long, once they were able to fend for themselves. However, after one has said all that is possible in its favour, one is bound to confess that its demeanour is almost universally malicious, and it must always be kept under strict observation.

NEEDS LIVE-FOOD.

The general colour of the male is the richest crimson. Unfortunately, this colour seldom reproduces well in a painting, but save that the crimson of the living bird is much brighter, the figure on our plate is true to life, and an abundant testimony, as is the whole plate, of Mr. Goodchild's technical skill and artistic talent. It is not at all a delicate species, but needs a fair amount of live-food to keep it fit, though canary, white millet and spray millet will form the main dietary—much greenfood, such as seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, etc., is also eaten. While procurable it would be well to confine the live-food to such smooth caterpillars, spiders and small beetles as one could catch, supplemented with live ants' eggs, wasps' grubs, and any other larvæ and pupæ obtainable, according to the season, falling back on a moderate use of meal-worms for winter use.

In a wild state the Crimson Finch builds a flask-shaped nest in a small tree, bush, or even among tall strong grass stems. In captivity it will construct a similar nest if there are growing trees in its flight, or will make use of any handy box that meets its expectations, constructing a dome-shaped nest therein. The female is paler and browner than the male, washed strongly with grey on the back, throat and breast, the flanks are thickly spotted with white, and the centre of the abdomen is pale buff.

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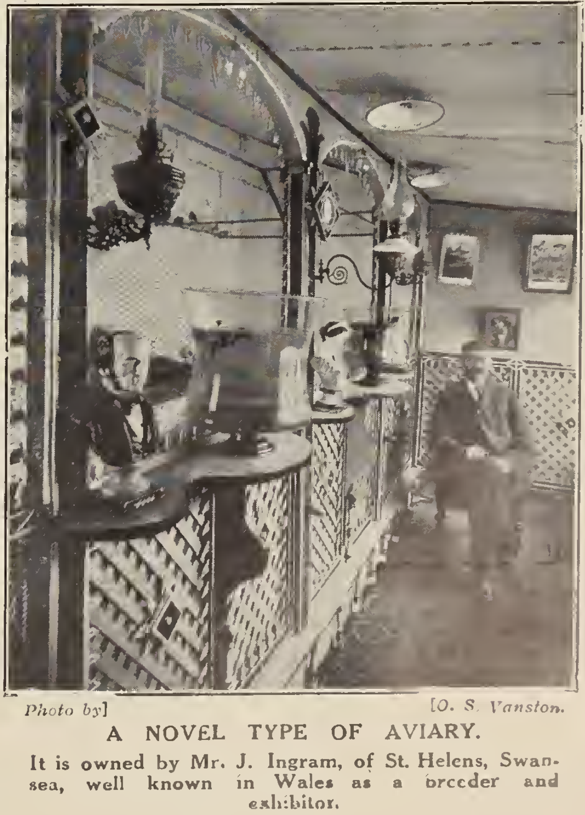

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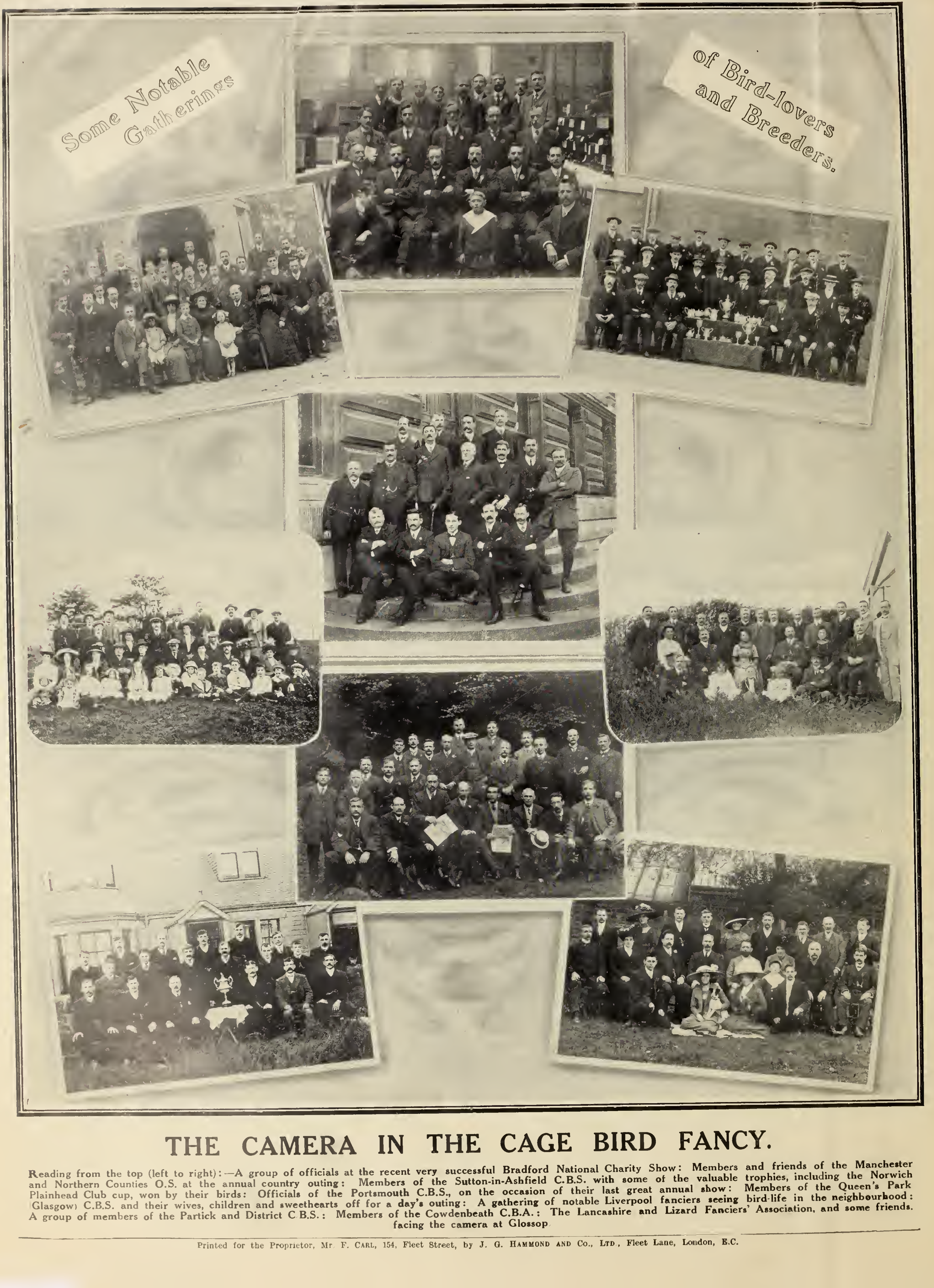
A NOVEL TYPE OF AVIARY.

It is owned by Mr. J. Ingram, of St. Helens, Swansea, well known in Wales as a breeder and exhibitor.



THE CAMERA IN THE CAGE BIRD FANCY.

Reading from the top (left to right):—A group of officials at the recent very successful Bradford National Charity Show: Members and friends of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. at the annual country outing: Members of the Sutton-in-Ashfield C.B.S. with some of the valuable trophies, including the Norwich Plainhead Club cup, won by their birds: Officials of the Portsmouth C.B.S., on the occasion of their last great annual show: Members of the Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S. and their wives, children and sweethearts off for a day's outing: A gathering of notable Liverpool fanciers seeing bird-life in the neighbourhood: A group of members of the Partick and District C.B.S.: Members of the Cowdenbeath C.B.A.: The Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association, and some friends, facing the camera at Glossop.

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OUR GEM PORTRAIT GALLERY OF BRITISH BIRDS.

BIOGRAPHIES IN BRIEF.

BY

GEO. E. WESTON.

CAGE BIRDS
EH! LAD. BUT YOU HAVE GROWN!
Tom A

HIS ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY!

I HAVE had the pleasure of inspecting quite a large number of coloured plates of birds since my connection with the Cage-bird Fancy began, and as regards a considerable number of them it has been my good fortune to be called upon to pen the accompanying letterpress. Many I have thought most admirable examples of artistic skill, particularly so when viewed from the bird-keeper's standpoint; but none has impressed me with so definite a sense of superlative all-round excellence as the creation of Mr. Norman's facile brush which is before me as I write.

The difficulties of the scheme are apparent. No fewer than fifty species have to be portrayed in miniature with an exactitude calculated to please the critical eyes of the readers of CAGE BIRDS, the great majority of whom are familiar with every detail of contour and coloration that goes to make up the birds of their Ideal—the birds they have seen at the shows; may-be happily have succeeded in placing upon the show-benches—or acquainted with the appearance and bearing of the majority of the little creatures as they flit about the country side.

In my opinion, Mr. Norman has succeeded amazingly well. His present plate is surely one that will be treasured for long years to come by thousands of bird-keepers—its value as an educational factor and as a work of reference is too obvious to need mention. It is, in short, a triumph; and that my brother bird-lovers will agree with me in this, I have no manner of doubt.

Our old friend CAGE BIRDS, too, merits a word of appreciation. The design of the plate is unique so far as our hobby is concerned—nothing like it has ever been placed before bird-keepers—and I happen to know that its production has involved a great expenditure of money, an amount, in fact, that would considerably astonish my readers were I to set it down in cold type. To the colour-printers also a meed of praise; they have had a difficult task in endeavouring to render accurately the varied tones of colour represented in the plumage of so many birds, and right well have they coped with it.

And now to my own notes, concerning which I can only say that I hope they may be considered worthy of the plate which calls them into being. If I am wrong in any particular, or should any details be at variance with the experiences of others, I hope readers will not scruple to write and say so. I have met people who seemed to think I knew everything; but unfortunately I don't.

A Bird with a Golden Voice.

BLACKCAP WARBLER (Sylvia atricapilla).—Length about 5½ inches. Common local names: Nettle-creeper, Hay-jack, Mock Nightingale, etc. A summer migrant, and, like the Nightingale, returns to old haunts. Frequents large gardens, hedge-rows, copses, and small woods. Widely distributed, but rare in North of Scotland, and very local in Ireland. Builds a neat but frail nest; favourite sites, bramble bushes, privet, etc., hedges. Materials: Grasses and root fibres, and often cobwebs, lined with fine roots and horse-hair. Eggs, 4 to 6; ground colour varies from yellowish-olive to olive-brown (or reddish), spotted, blotched and streaked with dark brown; vary greatly, some having a white ground. Nesting period, May and June.

Two broods are usually reared. The hen has a rusty-coloured (rufous) cap. The fledglings resemble the hen, but are more olive-brown, and lack the grey on the neck; the young cocks acquire the black cap at the autumn moult. Alarm note, a sharp "chuck," often repeated. Song, very melodious; bubbling phrases, now loud, now low, flute-like and varied. Shy bird, flitting timidly from cover to cover.

In captivity it thrives well and sings the greater part of the year. Diet: Insectile mixture; live food; fruit and berries. A great fruit and berry eater, it must have these items freely. Has been bred in an aviary.

A Favourite with Everybody.

LINNET (Acanthis cannabina).—Length about 5½ inches. Common local names: Brown, or Grey, or Rose, or Whin, Linnet, Lintie, etc. A resident, and one of our most numerous and most familiar Finches. Frequents fields, waste land, and commons, especially where gorse abounds. Builds a neat nest; favourite sites, gorse, heather, thorn bushes, shrubs, etc. Materials: Moss, grasses and fine twigs, lined with wool, sometimes a few feathers. Eggs, 4 to 6 (usually 5); ground colour, bluish-white, spotted and streaked with red at the large end. I once found an all-white clutch. Nesting period, April to late in June.

Two broods, I think, are generally reared. The hen lacks the crimson crown and breast; further, she is not nutty-brown on the back and wing-butts, and is thickly streaked (pencilled) on the breast, while the white edging to wing-flights and tail is not so broad as in the male. The fledglings resemble the female, but are not so heavily streaked, and are softer in ground colour. Song varies considerably in individuals, but at its best is sweet and pleasing, nicely varied, and continuously uttered. "Calls" when in flight. The hen will sing when caged—freely, but very "jerkily."

A very popular, and deservedly so, cage pet. Has been bred both in cage and in aviary. Crosses readily with the Canary; also with the Goldfinch, Siskin, Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, etc. Linnet-Canary Mules are exceptionally good and free songsters. Diet: Teazle, linseed, summer rape, and canary; hemp, maw, and charlock occasionally; wild-seeds of almost all kinds; shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, groundsel and dandelion greatly appreciated.

SKYLARK (Alauda arvensis).—Length about 7½ inches. Local names: Laverock, Lark, etc. Is both resident and migratory; and a very common and numerous bird, known practically to everyone. Frequents meadows, commons and downs. Builds on the ground a nest of dried grass, sometimes using a little hair. Eggs, 3 to 5, usually 4; ground colour, greyish-brown, thickly clouded (especially at the large end) with grey and rusty-brown; at odd times the ground colour has a greenish tinge. Nesting period, middle of April to beginning of July. Two broods are usually reared.

The hen is like the cock in colour and markings, but is invariably smaller and more "meek" in appearance, while the cock has appreciably longer wings, a longer spur, and a longer "topping" (crest) which he raises frequently. The fledglings are softer in colouring, and have a peculiarly "fluffy," downy appearance. The song I need not attempt to describe; it is universally admired. Has a curious "chirrupy" kind of call, or alarm, note. In a cage the hen will often sing quite well.

Fact, and not Sentimental Fiction.

This species is a favourite cage-bird, and, contrary to what some good folk would make believe, takes readily to cage life, lives for many years, ails not at all, and sings with great freedom. Has been bred in aviaries, and in an outdoor place very little larger than a good-sized flight cage. Diet: Insectile mixture; live food; little seed frequently (canary and coarse oatmeal, with now and again maw and cracked hemp); chopped green-stuff (especially clover grass) is excellent.

CHOUGH (Graculus graculus).—Length about 16 inches. Common local names: Sea Crow, Red-legged (or billed) Crow, Cliff Daw, Cornish Chough, etc. Both resident and migratory; mainly the former. Frequents cliffs near the sea; restricted to certain localities in South-West of England, Wales, Isle-of-Man, Ireland, some of the Scottish islands, etc. Builds in holes in the cliff face (occasionally in ruins) and in caves. Materials: Sticks outside, roots, grass, heather, wool and hair inside. Eggs, 3 to 6 (4 or 5 being the usual number, I understand). Ground colour, creamy-white, spotted and marked (varying much in this respect) with grey and brown. Nests during May, and I believe has only one brood.

The hen is somewhat smaller than the male, but similar in plumage. The fledglings are a dull black, and have the legs and beak yellowish-orange in colour. I have known Alpine Choughs (a Continental species), which have shorter, yellow bills, to be sold as young Cornish Choughs. No song; but the bird has a ringing and not unmusical call note, and "clatters" away not unlike a Starling.

Something like a Hybrid!

The Chough is a favourite exhibition bird with some fanciers, but its size and the consequent expense of sending it about, tell against it; a good specimen, however, is fairly certain to "catch the judge's eye." Is hardy and lives for many years. Cannot trace it as having bred in captivity; should produce a fine Hybrid mated with the Magpie (!). Diet: A coarse soft-food mixture, with plenty of crissel (dried meat) and table scraps, varied with cooked liver or sheep's heart and shell fish of various kinds; chopped up green-stuff; live food.

GOLD-CRESTED WREN (Regulus regulus).—Length about 3½ inches; our tiniest bird. Common local names: Kinglet, Bee-bird, Tidler, Miller's Thumb, etc. Both resident and migratory. Found practically all over the United Kingdom, and in goodly numbers. Frequents gardens, plantations and woods, the tops of yew and fir trees being favourite haunts. Very "acrobatic," skipping about and hanging from twigs in the manner of the Tits, with whom, in fact, it often consorts. Builds a most beautiful nest of moss, lichen, hair, spider's webs, etc., lined with feathers, and usually suspends it under a branch of a fir, yew or pine tree; it is nearly round, and has a side entrance. Eggs, 5 to 10. Ground colour, creamy-white, spotted with light reddish-brown. Nesting period, April to June. Whether it has a second brood I cannot say for certain; but I think not.

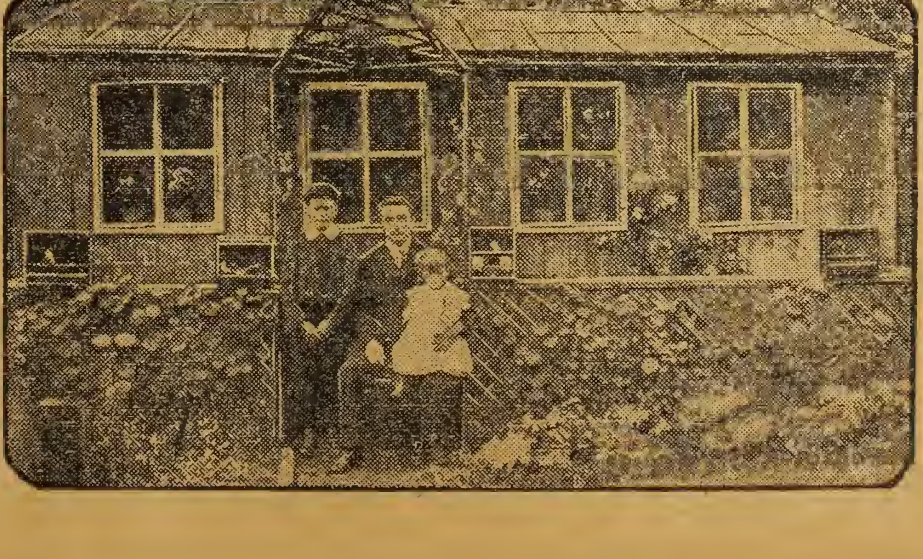
The hen is duller in colour than the cock, and her crest is yellow instead of orange, while the blackish streaks at either side of it are more pronounced. The fledglings are much like the hen in body colour, but entirely lack the yellow crest. The cock has low, sweet, trilling little song. The call-note, however, is amazingly loud and shrill for so small a bird.

The Gold-crest is often kept in captivity, but ought not to be attempted by other than an experienced bird-lover, as it needs the best of food and constant attention, without which it soon succumbs. Diet: A high-grade insectile mixture, containing plenty of best quality ants' eggs; live food liberally (flies, green caterpillars, live ants' eggs, small spiders, and the like). Several bird-keepers have succeeded in house-moulting this tiny creature (I experienced no difficulty in doing so myself, using live ants' eggs as the staple item of food) but I fancy my skilful friend, Mr. S. H. Mays, easily holds the record in this direction. He moulted one particular specimen five times (if my memory serves me correctly) and this bird regularly visited the Palace show and was always well up in the prize-list; once, at least, capturing the cup for best Britisher in the show.

(To be continued.)

An Accomplished Winter Songster.

The Wren, says a correspondent to the "Daily Sketch,' is strangely under-rated among our winter songsters. The blithe carol of the Robin, the Starling whistling from the chimney-pot, the chirping Sparrow on the water-pipe, the Lark shrilling upwards to the watery winter sun, even the thin pipe of the Hedge-sparrow—all these are familiar to our writers in prose and verse. But very few of them seem to have noticed or even to have known the Wren, and then only as a very small bird, bright brown in colour and cock-tailed in attitude, which slips mouse-like through the bushes. They seem to be quite unacquainted with the Wren as our most brilliant singer in winter, often pouring out a gushing stream of liquid notes bearing more resemblance to those of the Canary than any other British bird. It is also more distinctly recognisable than any, beginning almost always with four laughable notes which sound like "Sip, sip, sip, sip," then bursting into a full trill of music, and ending with the same four notes. Besides being more musical, its song is more complete and finished than that of any other bird which sings in winter; and the effect of the song is heightened if you are able to see the singer, as he suddenly pops up to a prominent twig, looking absurdly small for the owner of so large a voice.



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Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CROOKED HIND TOE (G. H. Thurley).—The hind toe being turned sideways would not disqualify the bird for competition on the show bench, but it would certainly reduce its chances of success. It would tell against it more or less according to the extent of the deformity, and its apparent disfigurement, the amount of competition, and to some extent according to the judge's view of these deformities. If the competition happened to be keen, and the deformity is very noticeable, the bird's chance of winning would be very remote, I am afraid.

BARE PLACES (E.S.S.).—Catch the bird and examine it carefully, especially under the wings and around base of neck to see if it is troubled with grey lice, also examine cage well for red mite, and if either pest is present take steps to eradicate it. If there are no signs of insects treat bird for a month the same as advised to "Newport, I.W." in this issue, but instead of the quinine tonic give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water. Give a staple diet of plain canary only, and keep cage floor well strewn with clean gritty sand.

OUTDOOR BIRDROOM (F.B.S.H.).—Certainly, if you have a well-constructed wood building, lined with thin boards, and the space between the boards filled in with sawdust or wool-waste, you can with perfect safety keep practically any variety of canary in it without any artificial heat whatever. The only condition is that you select only stock which has been bred and kept under normal conditions of temperature to begin with. Your own stock would answer this requirement. It would be an advantage to raise the floor a few inches off the ground, but this is not absolutely essential unless the ground is undrained, and often sodden with moisture. Any spell of nice mild weather from middle of February onwards would be the best time to make the change of quarters.

SOFT MOULT (Newport, I.W.).—Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, and not overheated, and see that it is free from cold draughts. Then feed as follows for a month or so, which should set matters right:—In addition to the usual seed give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternating days give either a spray of watercress or a morsel of banana, and a pinch of maw seed, and add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. Allow bird to bathe on mild days if it wishes to do so. At end of first fortnight dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping out.

A RESTLESS ROLLER (In Doubt).—The bird is certainly showing signs of going in moult very soon. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, but do not overheat it, see that it is quite free from cold draughts, and throw a light cover over its cage for a week or two. Allow it to bathe on mild days if it wishes to do so. In addition to its staple diet of canary and rape, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight. On the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, teazle, and linseed, and also add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saf[illegible], and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. At the end of the first fortnight stop giving the sulphur, and the drugs in water, but continue giving the mixed seed and sponge cake for a month or six weeks. It is quite possible the song may improve after the moult. Set the bird near a good singing cock for a few weeks if possible.

SHAKY WHEN RESTING (B.P.).—The few particulars you give do not convey a very definite idea of what is wrong. The bird may be of a weakly constitution, or the place where it has been caged may be damp or draughty, or it may even be pestered with insects. Catch it and examine its plumage well to see if any grey lice are present. If so, your course is obvious. If there is no sign of insects give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a spray of watercress three times a week if obtainable. In the drinking water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If this does not set matters right please write again and I will advise you further.

OUT OF CONDITION (H.L.H.).—Thanks for report. Am glad to hear bird is so much better. Have patience for a little while, and the song will doubtless return in a short time. Discontinue all medical treatment now, and in addition to staple diet give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and twice a week on the intervening days a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. On the other days give a morsel of banana, sweet apple, carrot, or watercress. Make a little paste as follows and keep a piece stuck in wires for bird to peck at for the next few weeks. Place in a hot saucer a tablespoonful of honey, teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and half the quantity of grain of paradise, mix thoroughly and add meanwhile sufficient finely powdered biscuit to make a fairly stiff paste. When cold it may cut into cubes to stick in wires.

FOOD AND MATE FOR ROLLER (Old Reader).—I do not remember receiving a previous query from you. If I have it has certainly been answered, and you must have overlooked the reply. For the ordinary singing Roller a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape is best. A pinch of maw, or of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and linseed, with just a sprinkling of mustard seed added to the bulk, or a morsel of bread and milk, egg food, or sponge cake, banana, or sweet apple, and a variety of green salads in season are the best tit-bits. The latter, of course, are for occasional use, one or the other now and again, and not to be all given together. In a general way the plainer the diet the better, provided it is wholesome. For full details get the Nutshell booklet, No. 10, 2½d. post free. The best mate for it would be a Roller hen—a buff hen if the cock is a yellow, and vice versa.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TO CLEAN A DIRTY BIRD (H. Barnett).—Once a bird has become grimy in its plumage nothing short of hand-washing will restore it to the beautifully clean spick and span condition you admire in bird-shops or at shows. When birds are kept in a kitchen, or elsewhere in an atmosphere where dust and smoke are prevalent, the cages need washing occasionally to prevent the plumage becoming begrimed, and the birds should have a bath daily if they show an inclination for bathing, in all ordinary cases. This preserves their cleanliness a much longer period, but it is practically impossible to keep them over a long time in the spotless condition you admire so much without handwashing. This operation requires some skill and practice, so I cannot advise you to attempt it. Try a daily bath, and washing cage and perches occasionally for a month or two. It will make a good deal of improvement.

STANDS WITH MOUTH OPEN (P.C.).—The attacks you describe are not fits at all in the ordinary sense in which the term is used. They are simply attacks of extreme nervousness, and if you investigate the case carefully. you may be able to discover and remove the cause. The bird is doubtless alarmed at some object or movement when it acts as you describe. tI may be the presence of a cat, dog, or some other creature, either in the room, or the street, if it can see through a window. I have even known a large spider on a wall or ceiling at some distance cause such alarm. Or it may be due to some strange dress, especially a picture-hat, or some temporary object in the room, or, again, it may be due simply to moving its cage. Only one on the spot can discover the real cause. When this is done avoid the cause as much as possible, and deal with the bird in the same judicious gentle manner as advised to "S.R." on Dec. 14. This is all you can do in such a case.

BARE ON HEAD (L.Y.).—These bare patches are very frequently inherited by crested birds, and no treatment is likely to be of any use in such cases. The only thing to be done is to endeavour by judicious mating to avoid the same fault appearing in the young. It is quite possible the bare patches existed prior to the end of breeding season, and you did not notice them until the moult made them too pronounced to be overlooked, or they might really have been better covered whilst the bird was young, and, consequently, had not quite so much substance as she would possess at the end of summer. In mating her be careful to select a bird with very good breadth and length of head feather, and plenty of it, and particularly avoid a bird not well furnished at back of skull, and one whose parents—either one or both—were known to possess these faults.

LOSING TOE NAILS. (E.G.).—Thanks for your letter and further particulars. It is a most peculiar condition of things, and I cannot suggest anything more than I did in my last reply. I fail to gather from your letter anything seriously wrong with your method of washing, and can only suppose that the toe nails which ultimately drop off get a wrench in some way, which I know will bring about the same result. It may be that the birds which suffer—I take it that all of them do not suffer loss of toe nails—are of a delicate constitution, and the circulation weak. Have any of the birds which have never been washed lost the nails in this way, and is it possible that they get them fast in the wires of cages, or round perches to cause the loss? Have you only began to finish drying off birds over the range during the time that these losses have come about? Think things over a bit and see if you can discover any material difference in your method of washing and drying. Above all be careful in wrapping and unwrapping birds during drying, not to snatch the toes if they happen to grip the flannel. In any future case try bathing foot as soon as bird begins to hold it up daily for a few days in a warm solution of Wych Hazel. Then dry, and anoint toes with a little Lanocyllin.

SWELLING ON TOE (Mrs. B.).—Bathe the toe for a few minutes in a warm solution of extract of wych hazel. When quite clean, if there appears a "head" on the swelling, carefully prick it with a clean needle, and gently press out contents. Continue bathing for a few minutes longer, then dry, and anoint with Lanocyllin. Repeat the anointing once a day for a few days until place is healed. Be very careful in handling bird and bathing foot, as there is some risk of the claw being lost.

GREEN FOOD FOR CANARIES (Young Amateur). Chickweed, lettuce, dandelion, flower heads of groundsel, watercress, young leaves of chicory, rape, and other similar seedlings, tops of inner leaves of celery, green plantain stalks, also banana, apple, carrot, grapes, and various other sweet edible fruits and berries, afford abundant choice of green food and tit-bits at various seasons. Why not get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, or Nutshell booklet, No. 5, 2½d. post free, which will give you full details of foods and tit-bits, or better still "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," 1s. 2d. post free, all of which our manager would send you.

COLOUR FEEDING (Jake).—It is quite too late now to think of colour feeding until next moulting season. Birds can only be colour-fed during the moult when they are growing new plumage. You must begin giving colour with the soft food a short time, say two or three weeks, before they begin to drop their plumage, and continue it regularly right through the moult. About middle of August is the time to think of colour feeding, and if you watch our columns at that time you will find lots of detailed information how it is done. Our advertisement columns, at the same period, will show you where to get the colour food. To be fully prepared get the little brochure on "Colour Feeding," 3½d. post free, from our manager, and digest its contents during the next few months.

TAIL MOVING (Nemo, Gateshead).—As a rule it indicates the incipient stage of asthma. Your feeding might be a little more generous. Keep it free from cold draughts, and heated impure air, such as hanging near the ceiling or near or over burning lights in the evening. In addition to the staple seed diet give a pinch of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three days. After this give 20 drops of the following mixture every second day for a fortnight:—Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecac. wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

ROLLERS (E.A.C.B.).—(1) In the vast majority of cases all the names you mention are meaningless terms, and attached indiscriminately to one and the same breed of canary—the German, as it was formerly called, but now more popularly termed the Roller. At best these terms indicate different qualities or classes of song. A Schoolmaster is so termed because it is, or should be, an exceptionally well-trained and accomplished singer, which is, or may be, used for tutoring young or less accomplished performers. But all these terms are very loosely employed, and therefore should not have too much importance attached to them. (2) All the varieties may be interbred, with only this qualification, that if you want to breed a highly-trained pure hollow-roll strain, for example, you should not introduce less developed songsters with a great variety of notes and "changes." (3) Most highly improbable, and I would dispute the possibility. This, however, is a question about which you should consult our Mr. Weston.

ABOUT ROLLERS (A Novice).—(1) The only advantage of the B.R.C.C. ring on Rollers over a Roller not wearing this ring, is that the rung bird would be able to take part in certain competitions and compete for certain special prizes on the show bench, which a bird not wearing this ring would be ineligible for. (2) Of those you mention, a well-trained Glucke; that is, a bird proficient in good and pure Glucke tours, would be considered the best; but for everyday wear, so to speak, popular opinion would doubtless go in favour of a well-trained Siefert or St. Andreasberg. It is quite a mater of individual taste. (3) Rollers are judged solely by their vocal performances. Colour and other fancy points count nothing. Therefore, it is not, as a rule, necessary to wash them before showing. No fancier would care to show a dirty unpresentable specimen, and if a show specimen got into this condition, it would doubtless be given a "tubbing" before being exhibited.

MATING LIZARDS (Grateful).—Gold and silver in Lizards are terms synonymous with yellow and buff respectively in other varieties, and in mating them you should follow the usual course of mating yellow and buff, or, as we should say in speaking of Lizards, a gold and a silver. Occasionally, for some special object two golds or two silvers are mated, but this in a variety having so many other highly technical features as the Lizard, is a far more risky job for a beginner to tackle than almost any other unorthodox breeding, and you will do well to stick to the beaten track for the present. A broken cap should be mated with a clear cap, and a bird much over-capped, or with the cap extending on to the face, may be most advantageously mated with a non-capped bird or one in which the cap is almost entirely absent. It is impossible to go into all the ins and outs of Lizard breeding in this column. There is no work dealing solely with Lizards, but you would find them dealt with in House's "Canary Manual," 1/2, post free, and in Part XII. of "Our Canaries," either of which our Manager could send you.

MATES AND CROSS FOR NORWICH (Ajax).—(1) You do not say what the mother of this hen was, but I presume you have some reason for suggesting the cinnamon tick came from the green cock. I would advise you to mate her with a clear yellow, bred from clears, and free from any cinnamon blood —at least for two or three generations. Have as much rich natural colour as you can get, and good plump shape, with plenty of substance, but do not go away from the pure Norwich type. You should get some birds full of quality of feather from such a pair. (2) This bird is a variegated, but is doubtless from an even-marked strain. Select as mate for her a big, stout, clear buff bred from an even-marked strain. Get plenty of size in this bird, consistent with true Norwich type, and let it be as boxy in plumage and short in flights and tail as you can get. (3) To cross a Lancashire Plainhead with Norwich would be sheer waste of time. Instead of getting a good show bird, you would utterly ruin the stock, and have several years' work before you to breed the cross out again. You will find plenty of material in the pure Norwich to improve size without crossing in this drastic fashion.

CHOICE OF ROOM (A.B.C.).—The chances are very greatly in favour of the bathroom being the worst possible choice, so if you can spare the birds a corner of the attic where there is a fair amount of light, and no dangerous cutting draughts direct on the cages, I would certainly advise you to choose this position in preference to the bathroom. As the birds have hitherto been kept in the kitchen, you will have to be a little careful about moving them, or they will be thrown in moult. If in a warm corner of the kitchen, move them when the weather is mild, as far as possible from the source of heat, consistent with keeping clear of cold draughts and sudden extremes of temperature. Then take advantage of a spell of nice mild weather towards end of February or early in March to move them to the attic. The birds should not be mated until after removal.

OUTSIDE AVIARY (A. T.).—It would have been better had you enclosed a rough sketch of the proposed birdroom. As it is, I do not know whether it is a span or lean-to roof, so I can only suggest a position in each end near the highest angle of roof as perhaps the best positions for ventilator exits. It would be as well to whitewash or distemper the inside walls, but I see no necessity to cover the glass with whitewash. As the glass appears to be fixed in movable frames, it will be much better to move the frames from the front of aviary when the weather becomes sultry, replacing the whole or part at night when it seems advisable to do so—that is, always replace enough to prevent a very serious fall of temperature at times when the nights are still chilly, but when sultry nights follow hot days, leave enough down to maintain an atmosphere free from birdy smell or stuffiness. You are keeping the birds fairly cosy, having this change in view. You should gradually bring them down to the normal temperature when weather becomes mild, unless, of course, you mean to heat the outside aviary.

SEX AND COLD (Reg.).—(1) Unless this bird quickly finds a voice now, I should begin to seriously doubt its being the right sex, notwithstanding it having "a bold look." Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Keep a cube of the paste advised to "H.L.H.' in this issue, stuck in the wires. If this does not bring it out—well, put it among the girls. (2) See that this hen is kept free from draughts. Do not overheat her, nor yet keep her quite cold. Give a little sponge cake prepared as for the cock above every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary, and add to the drinking water on the alternating days 20 drops of the mixture advised to "Nemo, Gateshead," in this issue.

CEASED SINGING (Southport).—The bird may have been kept up to concert pitch in song for a few months, and is now taking a short rest, which, most likely, your feeding and treatment is partly responsible for. You should get the nutshell booklet on the Roller, No. 10, to see full details of management. Meanwhile, see that it is kept free from cold draughts and heated impure air from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this, give the sponge cake, mixed seed, and the paste as advised to "Reg." in this issue, for a fortnight. Give a spray of watercress, if obtainable, about every third day, but it must be perfectly free from frosted or decaying portions.

LUMP ON WING (H.S.).—Touch the substance with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine four times, with an interval of three days between each time. If this does not cause it to dry up and fall off in the course of a week or so after last dressing, examine the lump closely and see if it has a narrowed neck at the junction with the wing, so that a ligature tied around the base would remain there instead of slipping off, as would happen if there is no "neck." If this is the case, tie a ligature of fine silk around the base. Tie rather tightly, but not overdo it, and leave it alone afterwards. The substance will then drop off of its own accord after a time—perhaps only a few days afterwards. Certainly it will be of use for breeding if it remains healthy and does not go into moult. The lump will not affect it for breeding, but as you say it has not moulted, there is some risk of it dropping into moult in spring. Maybe it moulted gradually whilst flying loose in room, and you did not notice it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

BUDGERIGAR (Young Reader).—It is merely a case of waiting for the next moult. I expect while awaiting sale, the long feathers got broken off in confined quarters, and consequently unless you gently pull out the broken (short) feathers, these will not be replaced for some months yet—in due course they will be naturally shed at moulting time, and replaced by the normal tail feathers of the species. "Young Reader" would do well to get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free from our Manager, which would tell him how to treat, feed, and breed this species.

GREY PARROT (T.L.).—Give this bird a little boiled maize, boil till soft, drain away all water, and well dust with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Note: the above must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Give a laxative—one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, in its drinking-water, as required to keep the bowels moving very freely, but there must be no appearance of diarrhoea. On other days—that is, when not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of hypo-phosphates in the drinking water, and continue this for some time. In addition to seed mixture offer ripe fruit, suspend this on a hook, so that the bird can take it as it hangs, and in like manner keep a piece of cuttlebone within its reach. Foment its legs and feet with hot (not hot enough for discomfort) water daily, dry with a soft cloth, and then paint with neat whisky. Treat this for a month, and then report progress.

BREEDING IN A CAGE (K.T.C.).—Foreign Finches do not as a rule breed in a cage where several pairs are kept together. I advise you to get a pair of Zebra Finches, to use twiggy branches for perches, and to put in at one end, a Hartz travelling cage (from any dealer), remove all fittings and hang up at back of one of the twiggy branches (heather sprays are good, also privet sprays); do not be too curious as to their doings. Diet: Canary and white millet seed in equal parts, also an occasional millet spray, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, water for drinking and bathing. These birds are hardy, but must not be subjected to draught; they must have light and air. The portion of your kitchen where the temperature is most even and cool, will suit them best, and the cage must be kept below the level of any gas lights.

YELLOW-FRONTED AMAZON (S.H.B.).—I should think your bird is certainly a male, if not, the cause you assign to the trouble is altogether wrong, but, assuming it is a male, and you are correct as to cause, I can only suggest lowering its tone a little, by putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia as often as is required to keep its bowels moving very freely, yet the voidings must not be allowed to become watery-loose. Is it tame enough to be allowed out of its cage for decent periods? If so, a little liberty might tend to check the habit. You might also try four doses of the sedative given below, with seven days between each dose—3 grains of bromid of potassium dissolved in say two teaspoonfuls of syrup, stir this into the daily supply of drinking water. Shall be pleased to hear how it progresses.

AILING BARBARY DOVES (Pincote).—You have evidently got some contagious diphtheric or other throat trouble among your birds, and the only satisfactory thing for you to do is to call in a vet. that he may personally diagnose the trouble, and either advise a remedy or tell you they are past remedy. Personally, from what I can gather from your note, I am inclined to advise you to have them all destroyed, to have the aviary thoroughly cleansed, and disinfected, and if the floor of the aviary is earth, to remove the top six inches and replace it with fresh material. Another alternative is to have one of the worst birds killed and send it to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination (see rules at head of P.M. column). Give full particulars when sending the body. The trouble is evidently contagious, and must be thoroughly stamped out, and I advise the latter course so that you may definitely know what trouble you have to meet.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

WHAT PARRAKEET? (R.H.L.).—I think your bird must be the Quaker Parrakeet, only I should describe the grey area as grey and not slatey-grey, and the beak I should call brownish-flesh colour. Except for these small points, probably referring to the same colours described by two individuals, your description fits the above species, and I really do not see what other species it can be. It is a hardy species, and odd birds kept singly in a cage usually become very tame. I know of one individual at least which is taken out of doors on its owner's shoulders, takes a fly round, and goes back to "durance vile" again on shoulder.

TREES FOR AVIARY (Geo. Morris).—Such birds as Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., make it almost impossible to keep deciduous trees or bushes in the aviary, as owing to constant disbudding their life is a short one. However, here is a list: Deciduous: privet, golden privet, golden elder, hawthorn, hazel, all English fruit trees, and willow. Evergreen: Portugal laurel, aucubas, euonymus, box, cupressus, fir, sweet bay, and berberis. Climbers: Rambler rose, everlasting pea, hop, honeysuckle, wild clematis, ivy, convolvulus. Herbage beneath bushes: Dock, cow, parsley, mallow, grains of all kinds, and annuals such as cornflower, mignonette, etc.

CAGES (Constant Reader, J.D.L.).—A cage 2ft. long, 12ins. deep, and 15ins. high, is a good stock cage for a pair of small Finches, and if suitably furnished with a twiggy branch at each end, with a cocoanut shell nest at the back of each branch, the birds would probably breed with you, and certainly should flourish and keep fit. Re show cages, you would do well to send to some large maker advertising in our pages for his list and choose from the cages marked either for small Finches or Waxbills, some like them a little larger, say 15in. long, 8ins. deep, and 9ins. high; others are about 9ins. long, 6ins. deep, and 10ins. high. Waxbills look well staged in the regulation cage, but some like the longer pattern, and include a rush nest for the birds to sleep in, and the birds certainly appreciate it. Note our adverts. in "C.B." re coloured plates on sale.

BREEDING IN CAGES (H.C.B.).—I should not interfere with foreign Finches, as one does with Canaries, by removing eggs, etc. It is best to leave them to themselves, only taking the eggs away when the incubation period—12, 13, or 14 days with most species—has passed. You have Zebra and Ribbon Finches. The following are all likely breeders in cages: White Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Bengalese, Bib Finches, Bronze Mannikins, Alario Finches, Magpie, Mannikins, and Saffron Finches. The following have all reared young in cages, but such events are not common: Long-tailed Grassfinches, Gouldian Finches, Bicheno's Finches, Crimson Finches, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Parson Finches. The above will give you an idea as to what may be attempted; in all cases it will be a wise proceeding to screen the nest receptacles by a twiggy branch.

SILVERBILLS AND FINCHES (Silzcor).—I should put the Zebra Finches and Silverbills in the aviary, and retain the Cordon Bleus in one of the cages. In the larger space they will most probably occupy themselves otherwise than in plucking each other. Keep a mild spray or two hanging in the aviary; this will give them some occupation, and if you have plenty of twiggy branches about the aviary, with the centre of the flight left open for wing exercise, they will then cease this vice. Hang up a couple of Hartz travelling cages, after pulling out the fittings and cutting away one of the bars to form an entrance hole. Also put up a couple of husks and two small boxes, about 6ins. square, with an oval hole at one side near the top, with a spray of twigs in front of it.

BUDGERIGARS (J.S.).—If you get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our manager, you will find an illustration on the front which will show you the marking of the plumage. The sexes are alike as to plumage, but the cere round the nostrils is blue in the male and ruddy-brown in the female, when in breeding condition. If one of your birds is all green without any dusky marking on the upper parts or head, it is either a female Madagascar or Blue-winged Lovebird. The booklet will tell you all about how to breed, both in cage and aviary, also how to feed, treat, etc., and I advise you to get it. The bird has caught a chill, I think; for one day make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts, and follow this with ten drops of oxymel of Squills in the drinking water daily for a week; after this put it on a course of hypophosphites, ten drops daily in the drinking water for a month. Keep the bird out of all draught, yet where it can get light and air.

BUDGERIGARS (E.L.J.).—This bird must be caged separately, and instead of sand on the cage tray, finely broken peat moss litter would be better. Twice a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days the same quantity of hypophosphates. The feet should be bathed (soaked in hot water, but not hot enough for discomfort), and the swellings, so long as skin is unbroken, painted with tincture of iodine after the surplus water has been wiped away with a soft cloth. Any sores should be similarly cleansed, and then anointed with a little zinc ointment. In addition to seed, supply a small piece of lettuce. I should keep it isolated from healthy stock.

MATING (W.W.F.).—If your birds are all the green variety or all yellow Budgerigars, all that is necessary is to put in an equal number of each sex and leave them to choose their own mates, but if you wish to have an odd pair of yellows among a lot of greens, or vice versa, then the odd pair should be thoroughly mated and become attached to each other before being put into the aviary. The result of crossed unions—greens and yellows—is that nearly all the resulting progeny are typical greens, with only an occasional yellow appearing.

AGE FOR BREEDING (Bunting).—Young Budgerigars are very precocious, and will often attempt nesting when six months old, but the young of such precocious unions are of little use, mostly proving weaklings. Providing you do not let the youngster attempt too many nests this year, he will be sufficiently advanced for use by the spring as he will then be nine months old. Personally, I believe in not permitting a bird to go to nest till he has passed the twelve months, but with a fully adult hen I think you will be all right.

SAFFRON FINCHES (B.F.G.).—Saffron Finches are mostly quarrelsome, though I have had amiable pairs, but the latter are more the exception than the rule, which is a pity, for they are beautiful birds. I cannot, however, take the risk of advising you to put them in the aviary with your other birds. Very often male and female do not agree together in the same cage, and I have known both sexes to kill their respective mates. In nestling plumage the sexes are practically alike, but I have a note in my bird book that some of the young were a little more tinged with yellow than the others, and that one of these at any rate was a young male. It has been some years since this species was included in my aviary. They are not difficult to breed. Their pugnacity is most pronounced towards birds of a similar colour to themselves. As as rule they can be safely kept with such birds as Weavers (except the Hyphantornine group, which resemble them in colour), Java Sparrows, Thrushes, and Budgerigars.

DAMAGED BEAK (T.T.).—Sometimes it is a case of decay, but not, I think, with your bird. The beak has evidently been damaged, and the broken part will ultimately be renewed. So long as the bird keeps fit and well, this is a sign that it is taking plenty of food, but if the damage should interfere with its cracking seed, then you must give some boiled maize daily (only keeps fresh one day), till the damaged part is renewed. But if the bird is plump and fit, adhere to the regular dietary. Keep cuttlebone, also a piece of a thick branch in the cage. If the hook of the upper mandible is of abnormal length it must be shortened (cut back), but care must be taken in doing so, as a vein comes to nearly the tip of the normal beak, and if this be cut into it bleeds badly, and hampers the bird for a time in feeding. If such an accident happens, touch the wound with Friar's Balsam, and keep the bird occupied till this has dried on, and the bleeding stopped. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our manager would help you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

SEXING THE TWITE (Puzzled).—The bird you have is a hen, I feel sure. The sexing of Twites is a very simple matter. The cock bird on the rump has a distinct ruddy patch of colour—one has only to put the tips of the wings to one side to see it at a glance. The rump of the hen Twite is greyish. The rest of her plumage, too, is ashy-brown; whereas in the cock it is a warmer brown, in real good specimens a very pleasing tone of rich brown indeed. The Twite has no pretensions to be styled a "singing bird," but what notes it has are not unpleasing. It is very bright and lively in disposition, and often known to breed with Canary hens, also occasionally with hen Britishers in captivity. Your hen might possibly breed if mated to a cock Goldfinch; the result, if any, would be good and fairly valuable Hybrids.

LOSS OF LINNETS (E..).—There is, as I suppose no one needs telling, a percentage of deaths among all species of fresh-caught birds, and this is not entirely avoidable, for all birds (even of the same species) are not alike either in disposition or constitution, and do not possess the same "resistive power" to meet and successfully cope with their changed food and circumstances. The same thing is seen among animals of all kinds, and among human beings, too, whom circumstance takes into foreign climes. All one can do is to try, by offering food as near Nature's food as possible, to bring the percentage of loss down to the minimum—it really ought to be very small indeed. Newly caught Linnets must have some "soft seeds" to feed upon. These are conveniently found in seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, chickweed, groundsel, thistles, and the like; also soaked summer rape and charlock, given when just commencing to germinate or sprout, must be supplied. They should be offered maw seed, linseed, canary, teazle, and slightly cracked hemp (fresh made every day). For half-a-day on every second day let them have water made slightly saline with sulphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in a pint of water. Even the stock mixture itself can be soaked, if necessary. Soaked teazle, too, is very good.

CONCERNING THE WAXWING (Wing Tips).—The Waxwing is most certainly an insectivorous species: the fact that it eats berries does not bear on the question, i.e., cannot entitle it to compete with the recognised seed-eating birds. Waxwings must go into the insectivorous classes, but precisely which has to be determined from the schedule, most shows differing in their classification and its wording. Feed on a good insectile mixture. A suitable food is made of game meal (without grit), or finely crushed puppy cakes, six parts, ants' eggs, dried flies, and ground silk-worm pupæ, two parts, meat meal one part, by measure. Damp with a little water, cold boiled potato, grated raw carrot, finely chopped watercress, lettuce, chickweed, etc., varying them frequently, and according to the season. Add half a hard-boiled egg to the daily food portion occasionally—or a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake. Give a few mealworms daily, and any other insect life as in season. They are enormous feeders, and being indolent and neglectful in the matter of taking exercise, usually manage to get as "fat as pigs." A mild dose of sulphate of soda is useful occasionally; also a fly round a good-sized aviary or room. Fruit, such as banana, sweet orange and apple, grocer's currants, raisins, etc., chopped figs and dates, is much relished, and should be frequently given mixed with the stock food. Berries, too, the bird is passionately fond of, and black, privet, elder, haw, etc., should be freely given whenever obtainable. Plenty of variety in the diet is absolutely essential. I remember a friend of mine saying he gave his birds crushed canary seed and coarse oatmeal. I have never done so personally, but should not hesitate to try, and should add maw seed, too—mixed, of course, among the soft food. Let it bathe freely.

THE SKYLARK AND THE BATH (A. M. Jones).—Larks do not bathe quite in the sense that most other birds do. A dust bath is what they need for regular use. Fill a dish or box of suitable depth with a mixture of dry road dust and very fine sharp sand. In this put a teaspoonful or so of any harmless insect powder. These birds delight to "ruffle it" amongst such a mixture. During suitable weather my birds were very fond of paddling about in a tray of water placed in their cages. (I had tin false bottoms made on purpose.) They also took delight in a fresh-cut clover turf, which had had the garden sprinkling pan passed over it. Another fancier wrote in "C.B." that he covers the water tray which he runs in his cages with ripe chickweed, and the birds paddle on and poke about amongst that—rather a nice idea! To give a bird an "extra special" cleansing at any time (say the day before you are sending him to a show), spray him lightly with clean soft (or rain) water, and while he is damp sprinkle his plumage well with sharp, gritty sand (not mud, mind you). After he has shaken and plumed himself he will look a picture. If soft water is not available, add one or two drops of Scrubb's cloudy ammonia.

PREPARING FOR HYBRID BREEDING (Midlothian).—You are "taking time by the forelock," eh? I always consider that a small flight, with the nest-box up in a well-shaded corner, is the best of all places for breeding Hybrids. A big cage, however (say not less than 3 feet by 18 by 12 inches), is also very good; or even a large double Canary-breeding cage, with the centre slide withdrawn. The nest (or nest-box) should be screened in any case, either with dead broom, gorse, fir, etc., or brown paper, fixed over one corner of the cage front. The easiest and best way to provide acceptable nesting material is to go out and collect and store old (but good) Greenfinch, Linnet, etc., nests—in fact, practically any Finch nests—and pull them to pieces when wanted. Thrushes and Blackbirds' nests are all right at a pinch; with the help of a nest-bag, in addition, at all times. Many hen Bullies (and other British hens, too) will build in (sort of re-line) an old Blackbird or Thrush nest when nothing else will tempt them, and lay their eggs therein, too, seldom dropping them on the floor. A suitably sized sod of clover grass (or turf), something like that given to Larks, with a shallow, cup-shaped depression beaten into it, will also invariably induce them to build thereon; or even a heap of dried grasses. To avoid mould (through damp) a piece of half-inch mesh wire netting should be tacked on to two strips of wood and be fastened in the breeding cage, on a level with the first cross-bar (and consequently the perches) from back to front. The piece of netting will, of course, be cut to size according to the depth of the cage. The sod should be placed on this wire netting platform. Some twigs, etc., can be twisted into the meshes so as to form at the front an effective and natural-looking screen. The old Thrush's or Blackbird's nest could be slung up in the same way; in fact, there are many little dodges one can think out. In a flight (small aviary) hen Bullies will sometimes favour a wood nest-box, and sometimes an old nest; while I have known many decline both, and build on shelves, etc.—several actually on the floor. Wicker (Roller Canary) travelling cages, with the front and inside fitments knocked out, are also often favoured.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

L.T.—The trouble is of a parasitic nature and contagious; it is not uncommon. Cages should be well disinfected, perches also before re-occupation. A five per cent. solution of phenol is a most efficient disinfectant.

Edward Greene.—The liver was in an advanced stage of fatty degeneration, and death arose from toxic poisons, generated as a result of the disease.

B.W.—Glauber salts in solution, and a change of diet might have effected a cure before the disease became too advanced. The liver was infiltrated with fat, and death arose from inflammation of the bowels as a sequel.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A.M.—We quite agree that a wooden box should have been used, and on so long a journey some soaked bread, as well as seed, should have been placed inside. Are you sure there was no delay in delivery on the part of the railway company? It seems a vry long time for the birds to have been on rail. If the sender did not make proper provision for the journey, he is, of course, most certainly responsible for the result of his own neglect.

One Who Wants to Know.—The payment of carriage is a matter of arrangement between buyer and seller; if birds are sent on approval, the usual practice is for each party to pay one way (the owner if they are returned). You can insure birds with the railway company by paying an extra fee (1½ per cent. on the declared value). In the travelling box put seed, and if the journey is a long one, a piece of bread moistened with water. Tie up in brown paper, making two or three small air-holes at front, and use a proper live-bird label (we sell them) for writing the address on.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Annfield Plain C.B.S. Jan. 18, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Annual meeting. Annual show business; important New members invited.—R. Peart.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Jan. 21, Onward Hall, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, report and balance-sheet; alteration of rules.—J. Spencer.

Amble C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Gardener's Arms, Amble, 6. Reading of balance-sheet; election of officers.—J. T. Crackett.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 5, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Annual meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year, also washing exhibition will be given by Mr. A. Pool. —B. L. Pool.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 21, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, election of officials; nomination for Union officials and new rules; also balance-sheet for 6th annual tea and concert. Business very important. Increased members' subscriptions.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 21, Ablett's Cafe, Market Street, 8. Annual meeting, balance-sheet, election of officers. Night show of Canaries; classes for all varieties. Judge, Mr. G. Benson. Friends invited.—Geo. Morton.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. To arrange classes for members' pair show. Paper by Chairman, Mr. Button. Subject, "Inbreeding."—Robt. Elliott.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Brayshaw's Rooms, Bankfoot, 7. Social and dance. Programmes 6d. each. Also Jan. 22, Red Lion Hotel. Distribution of prizes, 8. All fanciers, their wives and friends heartily invited. Free admission and refreshments. —F. Gelder.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Jan. 23, Higgins' Hall, 7.30 p.m. Usual monthly meeting. Business important.—Wm. Kane.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Jan. 22, The Lamb Hotel, 8 Table show of Borders, Judge, Mr. Madagan. Bullfinches, Judge, Mr. Pounsett.—A. S. Treasure.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Comercial Hotel, 7. Club show entries.—John W. Holms.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Club Hall, 6. Balance-sheet for 1912. Election of officers and other important business.—W. Tomlinson.

Derby C B.S.—Jan. 25, the Derwent Hotel, London Road. Election of officers, etc. All moneys due.—Wharam and Bamsey. (No time stated. ED.)

Edinburgh and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Business important. Enrolment of new members. Final arrangements for smoker on Jan. 25th.—J. C. Charlton,

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 18, Fountain Inn, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Jan. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Annual report and election of office-bearers.—W. Connelly.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 23, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Annual general meeting. Report and balance-sheets for 1912. Election of officers and alteration of rules. All members are requested to let secretary have adverts for rule-book as soon as possible.—H. Rutter.

Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 20, St. George's School, 8. New rules, etc.—T. Allsop.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Annual general meeting. Election of officers and other special business.—J. Hyde.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 18, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' unflighted show. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Also a special meeting to decide whether to have a dinner or tea and social.—Harry Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 20, White Hart Hotel, 8. Table show.—Arthur Lawford.

Idle C.B.S.—Jan. 22, White Bear Inn, 8.30. All fanciers invited.—C. E. Hylton.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Arranging for pair show. Names to be given in for feed.—R. Charleson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 25, Y.M. Hall, 6. Show of F.M. Lesser Redpolls and Siskins. Special for most points given by Mr. Alexander.—James Pollock.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 18, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Annual general meeting.—G. G. Stubbs.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 21, White Swan, 8.30. Stock pairs, yellow unflighted and Linnet.—A. Freestone.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Jan. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Amalgamated show, social, and general business; payment of prize money for members' show and prepare programme for 1913.—A. Boothman.

Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 18, at Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

Northern Yorks C.C.—Jan. 22, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Meeting and pair table show, 2 classes in each section. Judge, R. Tindale; other important business.—R. Tindale.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—Jan. 30, the "Feathers," Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8.—J. P. Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Balmoral Hotel, Harpurhey, 8. Entries taken for show to be held Jan. 25.—John Davey.

Northern B.M. F.B.C.—Jan. 22, Lockhart's, 7.30. Table show, 5 classes: Linnet F.M., Greenfinch F.M., A.O. Hardbill F.M., Softbill, and Foreign Seedeater. Fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Mr. Atkinson's, 7.30. Committee meeting, business important.—J. T. Cheetham.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 21, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Jan. 20, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Ann. general meting; balance sheet and election of officers for 1913.—J. Pitchford.

Sale C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Open show report and election of officers.—Royle and Wood.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 18, Foresters' Hall, Tripett Lane, 1 p.m. Members' show; admission 3d. Record entry.—E. C. Job.

Torbay (Paignton) O.S.—Jan. 20, Pope's Temperance Hotel, 8. Election of officers and committee, pass balance, etc.—J. N. and J. Jeffery.

Wandsworth F.A.—Jan. 23, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Election of officers, presentation of balance sheet, and consideration of programme for 1913.—W. Lightfoot.

Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 18, Crown and Anchor, 8. Ann. general meeting; election of officers, etc.—J. Isherwood.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Station Hotel, 7.30. Extra special meeting; important business; election of officers and annual supper.—John M. Macdonald.

Walsall C.B.S.—Jan. 22, White Hart Hotel, 8.30. Arrangements for show. Special meeting.—F. Price.

Yorkshire Prize Distribution Committee.—Jan. 22, Market Tavern, 8. Arrangements for annual prize distribution, elected representatives of the different specialist clubs please attend without fail: business very important.—H. Hill.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

OUR HOBBY AND THE SENTIMENTALISTS

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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I referred last week to a letter received from the well-known judge, Mr. G. Gardner, and I now have pleasure in reproducing the letter in question:

"I would like to draw even closer attention to one phase of this crusade by the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals against bird-keepers. Whether we realise it or no, the Society is employing a very powerful weapon in the form of sentiment. It is a fact that a great deal of sentiment does obtain on this matter; and it is a fact that the sentimentalists are on the increase. In my travels up and down the country, and in conversation with many people, non-fanciers principally, I have noted that there is a strong inclination to uphold the views held by the Society. It is a difficult matter to convince a person unaware of the way in which birds are tended in captivity, that it is not cruelty to keep a Goldfinch or a Linnet, a Chaffinch, or a Mountain Finch, a Blackbird, Mavis, or Missel Thrush, a Nightingale or a Blackcap, in a cage. They immediately conjure up a vision of woodland and of dell, of spinney and of copse. They seem to see the "Storm-cock" swaying to and fro on the topmost branch of a leafless tree, and to hear his wild song as he pours it forth against the moaning of the wind. They seem to hear the 'Gales at eventide; and to see the Goldies amongst the thistles. And then! Aye; then! they see a cage a few feet in size—probably less, with boarded heavens instead of a broad blue canopy—and the die is cast. It may be easy of explanation by fanciers, and they may satisfy other fanciers. But what we have got to do to justify our position, is to convince the great outside world that we can keep birds as happy and as healthy inside cages as they are generally considered to be in the open air. Do not let us hide from ourselves the fact that the Society is not idle. It has a catchy cry. It's chord is sympathy. It is making headway in high places in this direction. What are we doing to present the counter case? Do not misunderstand me I quite appreciate your labours and your influence But I appreciate also the fact that the number of cage-bird fanciers should be legion who work to counteract a stupid nostrum that has wealth at its back and a catchy cry as its trumpet. Every fancier should be wide awake and alert. I only utter a warning word.

GEO. GARDNER.

My friend Mr. Gardner only voices what I have over and over again explained in these columns. It is sentiment, and sentiment alone, that is the ground of the opposition of the sentimentalists to the hobby of keeping birds in captivity. On the question whether birds are happier in captivity than in nature I hold very strong views, and I have never hesitated to express them in these columns. I have had many birds, and have known many others, which have absolutely refused their liberty when it has been offered to them, and any issue of our journal CAGE BIRDS will afford evidence in support of this. Our paper is read, I know, by many who agree with the sentimental societies, and I commend to their notice the illustrations appearing in this, our eleventh Birthday Issue. Is it conceivable that suffering is involved in the keeping of such pets as are pourtrayed in the current issue? Do they think that the talented Blackbird mentioned in the letter of our correspondent "W.A.L" is suffering agonies, or "beating out his life against the bars of his prison"? Do they impute that Mr. Frostick is telling untruths in his article on "The Hunting Cissa"?

Mr. Gardner says that the sentimentalists are making headway in high places. So is the hobby of bird-keeping. Never were there so many people in what are called the upper circles interested in the hobby of cage-bird keeping as at present. Quite a number of the exhibitors at any bird show are members of the gentler sex. Titled people are Presidents, Vice-Presidents and supporters of Cage-bird Societies. Clergymen, in very considerable number, are among the upholders of the hobby. Many well-known clergymen are members of the Foreign Bird Club, and of the Avicultural Society, and many also take an appreciative interest in the doings of recognised Cage-bird Societies, as witness the report of the last meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B. published in our current issue.

In reply to the last paragraph of Mr. Gardner's letter, I would only say that in CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members, its Associate members, and those who have signed a declaration not only to administer to every want of their pets, but to use their best endeavours to ensure that others do the same, we have already a body of true fanciers running into many thousands, and I hope I am not presuming too much in saying that the hobby of bird-keeping is in a much stronger position to-day than that of only two years ago.

I have many other items to which I should like to give attention, but I must not take up too much space in such a number as our present one, and must defer further notes until next week.

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Correspondence.

The Cups at Leeds Show.

Sir,—In your issue of Jan. 4 your report of the Leeds show reads :—"Leeds cup, Mr. W. A. Wilson and Mr. E. Norton tied." Will you please rectify, as I was the winner. Also I won the President's cup.

ERNEST NORTON.
Hon. Treas. Leeds C.B.S.

The Capture of Birds Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—In heavy snow to-day, Jan. 13, at a farm near Milngavie, about five miles from Glasgow, I caught a cock Greenfinch, bearing a ring marked, Witherby, High Holborn, L35. I should be pleased if Mr. Witherby would state in CAGE BIRDS where it was ringed.

J. MCCONISHEN.

New Society at Burnley.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you for publishing the notice of a meeting for a new society for Burnley. This meeting was well attended, and we decided to have our first members' show in a few weeks, with classes for novices, and one for professionals, and we invite all those interested in any kind of cage birds to give in their names and addresses. We are arranging a course of lectures and washing exhibitions, also Linnet and Lark singing contests. Subscriptions one shilling per quarter.

W. REDMAN, Sec.
2, Allen Street, Burnley.

Perches that Keep Down Red Mite.

Sir,—I am sorry my letter re red mite seems to have been misunderstood by Mr. Graham, and probably others as well. My contention is that prevention is better than cure. It is evident from Mr. Graham's letter that he does not think so. Why should he provide homes for them, when by following my plan there is no fear of having them at all? He says that given a home like this (viz., elder perches) red mite will never trouble any other portion of the cage. Perhaps not, but I maintain they will trouble his birds at night, disappearing with the first streak of dawn to the home of rest so kindly and thoughtfully provided for them. What have other readers to say?

H. J. KNAPP.

A Pleasing Sight at Yarm Show.

Sir,—It was pleasing to see the young secretaries, Messrs. Wilson and Wilford, and their willing band of workers, many of them quite young, looking so cheerful and bright. So thought many others besides ourselves, as we quietly looked on. It shows clearly what can be done when a few willing workers are united with one object. A friend of ours who wished to claim a bird found he had not brought sufficient money, and asked the secretary to take the money out of his winnings. "Oh," said Mr. Wilson, "your money has gone. "By gum," said our friend, "that's smart." So it was; and we received ours by first post. No wonder shows meeting with success under this kind of management. Wishing CAGE BIRDS the greatest of success, and tendering you our thanks for your courtesy.

COOK AND HOOD.

A Handsome Outdoor Aviary.

(See photograph on page 21).

Sir,—As promised, I send you herewith a photo of my aviary, which seems to answer very well indeed. Judging from the antics of three pairs of Canaries and four Greenfinches, which inhabit it, I am perfectly satisfied it is the best way to keep birds of any kind. When I commenced with Canaries (2 hens and 1 cock) last summer, I soon found out that to keep them thoroughly clean and healthy in cages entailed a deal of trouble. Being late in starting, I only got one lot of youngsters (three lovely birds). These made a nice addition to my stock, and instead of making another cage, from hints I received from CAGE BIRDS and Mr. H. Norman's book on Aviaries, I resolved to make the life of my birds as natural as I possibly could. I utilised a small space, 6ft. 6in. x 5ft. for the bird room; then outside of it I fixed a framework, 6ft. long x 2ft. 6in. wide, with a circular top all covered with ½in. wide netting. This runs into an octagon shaped house, 6ft. 6in. high x 4ft. 9in. over all, each of the eight sides 2ft. long. Three of the sides (next the corner) I close boarded; three sides and a half covered with netting; one side and a half left open up to the top of the framework. I put a square window, about 2ft. 6in. x 2ft. 6in., in the bird room, which faces South, also a small door, which I keep open during the day. The main door into the bird-room goes from the backyard. In the bottom of the octagon house I formed a dish with concrete and cement, 12 inches deep by 3ft. diameter, the sides sloped; in this I have stones built up in the centre round the foot of a fine cypress tree, which reaches to the top of the dome. Its branches almost fill the house. Near the tree a ¼in. lead pipe, with four very fine holes in it, throws a fine spray of water over the stones, which are covered with moss and water plants. I have also provided an outlet, a syphon pipe, carried into the drain. By this means the water, being changed 3 or 4 times a day, is always fresh. When the water is within an inch of the sink top, the syphon acts, and empties the dish, then air enters the syphon and stops it, when the water gradually rises again. In the bird-room I have three tiers of cages, in which I kept the birds until I finished the aviary. When I liberated the Canaries I found they did not enter the room at nights, but sat perched in the outside aviary, so that I had to go with a light to pick them off and put them into the proper places in the cages, the nights being too cold. Then it occurred to me that if I put a small tree in a corner of the bird-room, they might take to that, and I found it was just what they wanted, as every night when I go to look for them they are all perched on the branches of the little fir tree. The Greenfinches prefer the octagon house and perch on the tree close under the dome. I am not quite sure about keeping to this system during the breeding time, as from what I read of the experience of others, the cage is best for breeding. However, I shall keep a look-out in CAGE BIRDS, where there is everything to guide me. I hope my scheme may be of interest to your many readers.

G. B. USHER.

String For Net Making.

Sir,—If there is any kind reader of CAGE BIRDS who would tell me where I could buy the proper thread to make nets with, and to arm them when made, I should be extremely obliged both to you and reader. Thanking you in advance, and wishing "our" paper every success.

G. GIBSON.

New Society for Treorchy.

Sir,—At a meeting held at the Cardiff Arms, Treorchy, December 13, there being a good attendance, it was carried unanimously that a society be started for the purpose of catering solely for the interests of cage bird fanciers, to be known as the Upper Rhondda Cage Bird Society, and open for membership. Mr. E. Edward has consented to become president, also the following gentlemen as vice-presidents: E. Hall, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Tribe, Dr. Barret, W. Jones, J.P., J. Ryan. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, H. Powell; treas., H. Watts; sec., E. Richards; assist. sec., P. Curtis; committee, D. Thomas, A. Thomas, D. George, J. Curtis, H. Watts. Decided that entrance fee be 1s., and 3s. annual subscription. We are having a table show next month, also a lecture; all fanciers are asked to help in making the society a success.

E. RICHARDS.
Cardiff Arms, Treorchy.

Can Bronchial Affections Be Cured?

Sir,—In answer to "Despair," I can honestly say that I have cured a valuable Yorkshire of a nasty bronchial cold so far, and that by using a human remedy, Sitten's Poor Man's Cough Balsam, a 7½d. bottle will last a long time; dose for birds, 5 to 6 drops in their water daily. I will forward an address from which the remedy may be obtained to any enquirer sending a stamped and addressed envelope per the Editor. Trusting this will be of some use to "Despair" and others.

Bromley. C. R. BULLEN.

Sir,—Sad indeed is the tale of "Despair." I read with much interest a letter under above nom-de-plume in CAGE BIRDS, for January 11th, and I hope an expert will reply to it. I, too, had a Canary last year that I expected would stand a very fair chance of obtaining a prize at a show, but the bird developed a bronchial trouble, and got worse and worse, although I dosed the little creature with medicine that I thought might cure. Alas! after the last moult I found that it was perfectly useless trying to cure what I now consider must be an incurable complaint, and so I chloroformed him. I have had cage birds for more than twenty years, and that was the first time any one of my feathered pets got any bronchial affection, as far as I remember. Once was enough. I for one am looking forward to a reply from an expert, and I trust it will be forthcoming in an early issue of "C.B."

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The Catching of Tree Creepers, etc.

Sir,—I had the pleasure of conversing with your esteemed contributor, Mr. J. Steel, at the Scottish National, and much regret that he had not time to give me his opinion on Light Mules, whether the lightness is attributable to the Canary alone; also his idea, on breeding, with a view to the producing of light muling hens. I see a correspondent has been enquiring through your columns how to take Tree Creepers. I noticed that Mr. J. Steel explained this very fully in his article from Field to Show Bench, an article I greatly enjoyed.

J. Dick.

New Society for Idle.

Sir,—Consequent upon a feeling of the fanciers of Idle and district for some time past that a society was needed, a representative meeting was held at the White Bear Inn on Jan. 8. Mr. J. Chippendale having been voted to the chair, it was moved that a society be formed, to be called Idle and District C.B.S., and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Dan Best gave a hearty welcome to the new society to hold the meetings at his house, signifying in real Yorkshire style his intentions to make the society a success. A further meeting will be held at the above on January 22, at 8.30, when the 20 present members will give all fanciers a bumping reception. Come and join us.

C. E. Hylton, Sec.

The Date of the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—The few fanciers who have written suggesting an alteration in the days on which the Palace Show is held, viz., Tuesday to Saturday, do not appear to consider the welfare of the birds, or the opinion of exhibitors. Many good birds are absent from the Palace Show because they would be away from home so long. Exhibits are sent to the show on the Thursday (some on Wednesday), and this means almost a week in the show cage, and two long railway journeys for seventy-five per cent. of the birds. Now it is suggested to tack another day on this, for that is what it would mean to provincial exhibitors. I am afraid that it would result in a decreased entry. If it is considered advisable to make any alteration, I would suggest Thursday to Monday. This would make no difference in the time the birds would be at the show, and I should think more people would be likely to attend on the Thursday than on the Tuesday, as at present. I also think it would be desirable if the show was held a week or two sooner. Many breeders like to give their birds a rest, after an arduous show season, before pairing up for breeding. It would also enable many fanciers who would like to visit the show to take advantage of railway excursions, which are running to the pantomimes during January.

J. Pitchford.

Sir,—I am very pleased to see Mr. Ramsden's letter in Cage Birds, and that he will submit my proposal to his committee. I quite understand that Saturday is a popular day, and should not be at all surprised to hear that a thousand catalogues were sold on the Wednesday also. Anyhow, I trust there is no harm in the new days being tried for one year at all events. One thing I should not approve of, that is, the proposed Sunday labour, and hope this could be arranged differently. Now, fanciers, buck up and send your post cards along, if you wish for the alteration, now that Mr. Ramsden has kindly given us all the opportunity.

H. C. Peerless.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows.

Are "Clique Judges" the Cause?

Sir,—I crave a small space of your valuable paper in reference to last week's letters. My reason for doing so is that I wrote the first letter last year advocating the selecting of Fife judges, not so much for Fife, but shows all over Scotland, my contention being that Fife had a large share of the best shows, and always engaged outside judges, but very few shows engaged the Fifer. A week later another letter appeared on the same subject; the writer went one better than me—he named a few fanciers who could officiate at shows. Now the first part of "Plainhead's" letter infers to outsiders that I may be "Lover of Justice," seeing it was known that I did join hands, as "P.H." puts it. I am not "Lover of Justice," but I quite believe all he said. Plainhead" makes a bad job of it trying to patch up what can't be undone. He takes Lochgelly for instance. Now, owing to Lochgelly's date being a good one (the only show, I may say), a novice judging could command a large entry. The outstanding birds that "P. H." takes notice of for quality, could not command a ticket under a specialist judge; that has been proved beyond a doubt this season. I need not go further into this matter, as I have neither the time, nor yet has the Editor the space, to spare me. "P. H." goes on to blame the model cards, and gives us a sum or two—old news to us, for we all know who gets it, and who always got it. I am right glad I am a real Plainhead fancier, not a nom-de-plume. Out of every ten fanciers, nine will go for model cards. "P. H." knows that, too, by his society meetings; so do I by our own meetings, and I think I have more experience than "P.H." in that line. Now, Mr. Plainhead, I put it to you, can you blame the young fancier or the men that have been years in the Fancy before ever you took it up, when they see the same men winning at the various shows, the one judging this one, and vice versa, a thing that never happened before? Cage Birds reporter "gave the show away" a few times, and who could blame him? The whole thing is a disgrace to the Border Fancy. I know for a fact that the birds were named which would win the medals at a certain two shows (a guessing competition). It came off all right. I will not name the shows; I will tell you any time you ask me, if you care to do so. "P. H." goes further astray when he blames the station with a fifteen minutes' walk; nonsense. He says he has been watching many "Lovers of Justice." Allow me to inform him that there have been more than you watching. In conclusion, I am now very sorry that ever I asked through you paper last year to give the Fifer a chance, as I am a little surprised at the result. Still, I have one great consolation—I am a Plainhead fancier. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for taking up the above subject, as I think nothing but good will result.

James Logan.

Two letters on this subject held over.—Editor.

The Blackcap Warbler in Ireland.

Sir,—I noticed "Subscriber's" letter of enquiry regarding Blackcaps when reading your valuable columns. On this dark, wild January night I am sitting at the fire in a well-lit room, with two Blackcaps singing as loud as they can in cages behind me. I never find Blackcaps any trouble; they seem to have no diseases. I give them steamed currants, a little apple, and soft mixture, the same as recommended in "Nutshell" No. 25. They have been singing since October, and will sing on to July.

H. B. Rathbone.

Sir,—I may say that I have no difficulty in keeping them whatever. A cage 24ins. long, 14ins. high, 8ins. deep, is a nice size. Arrange 4 perches (of different thicknesses) so that the lower ones do not get soiled when the bird is above. Let the food and water vessels be inside the cage. They should be of glass, and in duplicate, so that one can be in use and the other soaking until wanted. I use an egg food glazed china drawer for the fruit. Put clean sawdust on the drawer every other day, and keep the perches clean. Cleanliness is essential to success. Now as to food. Give a change once a month; say a month a first-class insectivorous food (no rubbish), then a food made as follows: 1 part crushed Osborne biscuits, 1 part dried flies, 1 part ants' eggs, ½ part fine crissel, ½ part currants (soaked and dried). Make crumbly moist; it is fatal to give any food too wet. Always keep the birds supplied with ripe peeled banana—they love this—or pear, baked apple sweetened, grapes, etc. In summer vary this with any soft, ripe fruit. Occasionally give a spider or bluebottle, more especially if the bird is out of sorts. I find live food is not an essential to their well being; I have not given any to my bird for quite two months. I keep my bird in the breakfast-room in winter, and in summer place the cage in a shady spot away from cats, in the garden (taking the bird in at night). Don't spare the bath all the year round. During the moult be more liberal with insects, and occasionally put as much Glauber salts as will go on a sixpence in their drinking water. My bird sings beautifully from October to July, and now is in full song, which is a pleasure to listen to, it being so beautifully soft and flute-like.

Bernard G. Wright.

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Canaries' Claws Drop Off After Hand-washing.

What Can be the Cause?

Sir,—The following query raises a most uncommon and peculiar point that I venture to ask, with your permission, whether any of our medical readers could throw light upon such happening. Also have other fanciers met with a similar occurrence?

Claude St. John.

Sir,—I have washed birds for many years, but during the last two years have lost several birds for show by the toe-nails turning black and dropping off after washing. I lost several last year, but more this year. I use three waters. The first I bring to a lather with the soap, the heat such that I can keep my elbow in it in comfort, and use a camel-hair brush. I dry them in fine flannel, about 18 inches from a clear fire. They are there about 10 minutes, and finished in a box cage over the range. Sometimes I notice a bird hold its foot up just after the wash. Sometimes it is 3 or 4 days after. From then it takes about 3 weeks for the claw to come off, and it never grows again. I have now in my room a yellow hen that I have washed several times. It was third at Wimbledon. On its return I washed it for Frome Show, which was held on December 12th, but seeing it held its foot up, I did not send it. It lost one claw a week ago, and one this morning, and there is one more to come off. I would like to know what is the cause of it.

E. G.

The Secretaryship of Kippax Linnet Club.

Sir,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper re the report of the Kippax Linnet Club meeting. I notice the Secretary states they are trying hard to establish a good club. I hope they are successful; but with their plan of working I am afraid it won't come up to their expectations. I was invited on Feb. 21, 1912, to issue notices to try and get the members together, and at the meeting I was elected Secretary. The Club was practically defunct at that time; there had been no meeting from July 1911 until February 1912. Of course, it was started again with a new name and headquarters. I called a general meeting on Nov. 16, 1912 and only the President, Treasurer and myself were present. We decided to have our first sing on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1913, to be an open contest. I see by the report that they have elected a new Secretary, not that I care one atom about it, but unfortunately I did not attend. Had I have known, I would have tried to be present at that sing. If this is their way of doing business I am afraid that Club won't carry on long. I have not been notified to return the books, etc., I have in my possession, nor have I had any information from any member—only what I have seen in Cage Birds. I fancy that some of the members must arrange their meetings on a Sunday morning walk, or by the fireside. This sort of business will never pay, though I wish them every success and trust they may have a prosperous season.

R. Plows.

A Wonderful Blackbird.

Talks, Whistles, and Mimics.

Sir,—At the Prince of Wales Hotel in Clapham Road, London, is to be seen and heard probably the most accomplished Blackbird ever known. It has been my pleasure to know many birds that have possessed exceptional abilities, but I have never known one to approach this extraordinary bird. To all appearance it is just an ordinary bird of its kind, excepting that its beak and ceres are very nearly white. It is only when it is displaying its talents that one recognises that Mr. Brook, the genial host of the Prince of Wales, possesses a bird which must be quite without an equal. Mr. Brook is well known as a fancier of high distinction in Homing Pigeon circles, and takes no inconsiderable pride in being the possessor of three beautiful Pheasants, which he keeps in lovely condition in an aviary on the roof of his hotel, but his Blackbird is quite his most cherished possession. The bird whistles, in a fine, mellow, resonant ring, which is a revelation of a Blackbird's resources, the well-known song, "The Swannee River," and before one has time to take more than a sip of one's refreshment at the bar, he breaks out with "If you want to know the time, ask a Policeman," and this with such distinction that one wonders whether he knows what Ruskin said, "Work is only done well when it is done with a will." If a customer calls at the hostelry at six a.m. for an early cup of coffee, he is greeted with, "Are you working to-day." Many other sentences are comprised in the repertoire of this wonderful bird, and his imitation of the call of his arch enemy, the cat, makes the Prince of Wales a rendezvous for all kinds of animals. He reminds me of the writer, who said, "The secret of success is to do all you can without thought of fame."

W. A. L.

TIMELY HINTS.

Two prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the two best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POSTCARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot,*

Keeping Red Mite Down.

I find that cotton wool, cut into pieces about 3ins. square, and hung on the cage fronts (or placed anywhere where infected) will keep red mite and bird lice down. If examined in the morning, it will be full; then burn the wool.—J. H. Taylor (Melton Mowbray).

Straightening Cage Wire.

Perhaps this will be a novel way of making cage wire straight. Procure a piece of wood about 6in. x 3in. x ¾in. Cut the length of wire required. Put the wood over the bent place in the wire, afterwards placing your foot on the wood. Move your foot quickly backwards and forwards several times. Result: Wire as straight as a die.—H. J. Lloyd (Notting Hill).

Preparing Moss for Nests.

The best way to wash moss for nesting material is to put it into a colander, and place it under the tap, nearly covering the mouth of the tap with your finger, so that it ensures a good force of water. This will wash all the grit out of the moss, and will not splash much if it is held close to the tap. It may then be drained and put into the oven and dried, then stored in a hamper or bag.—R. Blake (Ross).

Preserve Wild Food and Keep British Birds in Colour.

Procure a good supply of the berries your British birds are partial to (rowan, privet, etc.). According to the quantity obtained, bottle them up in wide necked (sweet) bottles, glass stoppers to be used to make them airtight. Then bury them in the ground a foot to 18 inches. This process keeps them fresh for months.—T. Jackson, 1, Townhill Road, Dunfermline, Fife.

Save Time in the Bird-room.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Now the time is at hand for getting the breeding cages, etc., in trim, I submit my method of painting cages; it is a time saver, and is effectual, in my experience. Prepare cages as usual, wash, dry and sandpaper. Get the paint of the desired colour, and put ordinary varnish in the paint; give 2 coats, and that will suffice. It is well not to have paint too oily, mixing, say, ¼ pint of varnish to a pound of paint. This will save 1 coat, namely, the varnishing or enamelling, after painting is done.—W. Southgate, 1, Hardy Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

A Noiseless Sand Tray.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Every bird-keeper knows what a nuisance the scratching of the sand-tray is when pulling it in and out, especially during the breeding season. Many a hen drags an egg, or a young one out of the nest in her fright during cleaning operations. Here is an idea to prevent the scratching. Get two pieces of elastic or rubber (a pair of children's elastic garters will do). Tack or glue one piece at each end of the sand tray on the under side, running from back to front. You will then find the tray work smoothly, and without noise.—P. Shawcross, 704, Atherton Road, Hindley Green, nr. Wigan.

How to Save Goldie.

When the fresh-caught Goldfinch you have been building your hopes on, goes soft, and his head goes under his wing, remove his cage to a quiet, comfortable corner, take away stock mixture and give thistle seed, knapweed, and maw seed. Put 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn in boiled water (when cold) for half a day. Run through your knapweed and thistle heads, and collect all the maggots you can find. During the day rouse up Mr. Goldie, and hand-feed him with, say, six maggots each time, and you will be surprised to find in a day's time that Goldie is taking a new interest in life.—James Palmer (Edinburgh).

Getting Bullies on Seed.

Bullies as a rule are hard to keep alive, because people give them dry hard seed, and some birds are not able to crack it. I have kept Bullies all my life, and have hardly lost any. I soak my seed in hot water for about ten minutes, then pour the water off and wash with cold water, then dry it with a towel and add a little dock seed. I do this for a few days. I have done this for Linnets also. If the birds won't take any notice of seed, I get it in my hand, just wet my finger, and get one or two seeds on it and give them to the bird. The same with water. Dip your finger in and give it. Many a good bird has been lost just for the sake of a bit of trouble.—D. White (Hale).

THE CAT AND THE AVICULTURIST.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

The names in the following narrative have been altered, for obvious reasons, and some of the happenings have been exaggerated, but, in the main, and in almost all its details, it is a simple record of fact to which nothing has been added.

I LIVE in Salton, which is an insignificant little village with barely a thousand inhabitants. People have often asked me why I live in Salton, but I have never been able to think of a good answer. For eleven months of the year Salton slumbers, but at the commencement of August cabs and motor-cars come rumbling across the bridge which connects us with civilisation, and for one crowded month the place is not only choke-full but actually gay. In all too short a time, however, the last Swallow of our short summer has flitted away, the last dollar that Salton can possibly extract from its visitors has been extracted, and the village slumbers once more. I think the real attraction of Salton must be its surroundings. In the first place, we have the sea—ever changing, ever mysterious. Secondly we have a river, which, at high tide, is a really fine sheet of water. Lastly, but by no means leastly, we have grand old Dartmoor. If one is worried by petty troubles and annoyances of this twentieth century, one has only to put one's pipe and a few sandwiches in one's pocket, trudge away to the moor and cast oneself down among the heather, amid the eternal silence of its frowning granite "tors," and in a single instant the hands of the clock are put back, and we are transported through the centuries—for here we have Nature as she was before the hand of man defaced this fair land of England with bricks and mortar.

A Paradise of Old Maids and Cats.

The population of Salton, as I told you, is small, and seems to consist chiefly of old ladies. Every old lady has at least one cat; some have two or three, and some as many as half a dozen. Thus the cat population must be, at a moderate estimate, at least as large as the human population. Salton cats have no regular meals. During the month of August, when, as I have explained, cash is plentiful, the above-mentioned old ladies sometimes buy a pennyworth of liver for their cats, but during the rest of the year the latter get a little milk and water (with a strong accent on the water), and are turned out at nightfall to forage for themselves. There seems to be a sort of tradition that cats catch mice, or, if they do not catch mice, they ought to catch mice, and therefore ought to be more or less self-supporting. In this way it comes about that every night of the year there are innumerable cats wandering about in Salton, seeking what they may devour, and most of them, after filling the aching void at adjoining refuse-heaps, come to pay me a visit.

I have never been able to understand exactly what the attraction of my garden is; it is just an ordinary garden, but nevertheless, when invitations have been sent out for any special cat party, it would be hardly possible to throw a boot out of any window without hitting several cats. The "swarry" always winds up with a free fight, reminding me of a story, which was rather popular in Scotland at the time when I lived there, of a Scotsman who had been invited to a local subscription dance, and replied, solemnly shaking his head, "Na, Na, I canna fecht" (fight). However, on the principle that a spice of danger lends zest to any sport, it is just possible that the real attraction of my garden is the local tradition (baseless, of course), that it is not a very safe place for cats. For I must tell you that I am an aviculturist, and, as we all know, between cats (and their owners), and aviculturists there is, and probably always has been, a bitter feud.

Dark Deeds in the Olden Days!

I have sometimes asked myself how cats and aviculturists got on together in ancient Egypt, for in that country, as you probably know, the cat used to be regarded as sacred, and to slay one even accidentally was to incur the gravest possible penalties. Are we to believe that the bird-fancier in the days of the Pharaohs allowed the prowling feline to make away with his pets without protest, or is it possible that at the midnight hour, when the silver moon shed her radiance over the towering Pyramids and on the shimmering waters of the majestic Nile, a stealthy figure might have been seen now and again cautiously to approach the river bank and hurl something weighty into deep water? Personally I have little doubt that there are stones at the bottom of the ancient river to-day which could tell a tale.

But perhaps you may think that aviculture is quite a modern hobby, and that there were no bird fanciers in ancient Egypt. If so, you make a great mistake, for, if you will go to-day to the Temple of Seti at Abydos you will see there on a stone slab a clever sketch by a very early artist of a pair of clap-nets. There they are, staves, headlines and all, just like those we use to-day, and probably set just in the same way, though the artist evidently had somewhat mixed ideas on this particular point. Still, as we all know, the bird-artist of the year 1913 is sometimes far from accurate, so we may easily forgive a little thing like that to an artist of the year 1366 B.C., for this was the date when King Seti the First commenced his reign. In this way we have preserved for us the fact that there were clap-nets, bird-catchers, and bird-fanciers in Egypt three thousand three hundred years ago. Is there anything new under the sun?

As between myself and the Salton cats, the feud has been both a long and a bitter one. I made out a list one year of the losses I had sustained in the matter of birds (many of them rare and expensive) from cats, and I found that the little bill came to £10. Now my aviaries have been standing for eight years, and you will therefore not be far wrong if you arrive at the conclusion that the Salton cats have cost me no less than £80 in hard cash. But what I have felt far more than the monetary loss has been the cruel death of pets to which I was personally attached, of broods of nestlings left to starve slowly, without a parent to feed them, and of high hopes of breeding a rare species dashed to the ground

I shall never forget one night in which a whole gang of cats managed to penetrate to the breeding aviary. I had a good many foreign Doves at that time, and these became absolutely panic-stricken. The hubbub caused by the cats springing against the sides of the aviary, and by the unfortunate birds, who were knocking their brains out inside the latter, woke the household. The next morning the aviary presented a sickening sight. There lay my favourites, some dead and many dying, some with their eyes torn out, and some with their scalps torn completely off their heads; eggs and young birds were scattered about the ground, and my greatest treasures, a brood of the very rare Yellow-rumped Finch (imported that year for the first time), which were just ready to fly, had completely disappeared. I was so upset about it that I almost decided to give the cats best and pull down the aviary. However, an aviarist must be made of sterner stuff than this, or he will never do very much with his hobby.

Ordinary Cats and Super-Cats!

If one wishes to succeed with anything one must first have a system; so I took the cat problem in hand systematically. In the first place I cut down some trees, from which my enemies used to spring on to the roof of the aviary, and I then overhauled and improved the wire entanglements which protected the sides of the latter from assault. Lastly I devoted my attention to the Salton cats individually and collectively, and I arrived at the conclusion that, from the aviarist's point of view, cats may be divided into three classes, i.e., common (or garden) cats, abandoned cats, and super-cats. Now, the common or garden cat digs up the flower-beds, makes the night hideous with its vocal efforts, and is in many ways a most objectionable animal, but, if the aviary is fairly well protected with fencing, etc., it is not actively aggressive. The abandoned cat is a much more dangerous animal, and needs careful watching. It has to depend entirely on its own efforts for a living, and is a strong, daring, and expert hunter; but there is this to be said for it, that it hunts for food, and seems to realise that a whole night's work devoted to chasing the unfortunate inmates of an aviary round and round and up and down will only yield in point of actual results two or three very small birds—in other words, it is a professional hunter, not a sportsman.

The super-cat is a very different animal. It is generally a sleek, well-fed individual, which has taken up aviary-baiting as a sport, and to procure that sport it will face any risk and leave no stone unturned. To enjoy that sport it steals away night after night, and, well knowing that there is a price on its head, eludes traps, guns, and poison with an intelligence that is absolutely uncanny. It is a curious thing that, so far as my experience goes, the aviarist is never troubled with more than one super-cat at a time. The latter seems to keep its own particular method of surmounting the defences of the aviary to itself and will allow no rival to share its sport, but, if a super-cat should by any accident disappear, in a very short space of time another will take its place.

I well recollect my father telling me that he was once quartered with his regiment at a station in India where there were a temple and an enclosed sheet of water, containing some sacred crocodiles which were fed by the priests with offerings of meat. A certain number of the crocodiles (I have forgotten the exact number, but we will say that there were three) were of immense size, and the rest were quite small, and did not grow any larger. But whenever one of the three super-crocodiles died from any cause, it had always been found that the remaining two elected one of the small ones to take his place, and at once the latter would commence to grow amazingly, and soon be as large as the other two. In the same way, I always find that if a super-cat disappears, my troubles soon recommence, for another quickly takes its place and becomes just as cunning and just as destructive as its predecessor.

A Typical Wing-Marked Norwich Plainhead.

"Peter" Introduces Himself.

I will now tell you the story of one particular super-cat which caused me more annoyance and loss than any of its predecessors or successors. One moonlight night I returned home rather late, and thought I heard a disturbance in the winter aviary, which is situated in a small walled garden at the back of the house. So I proceeded to investigate. The wall surrounding the aviary is 8 ft. high, and above that there is a length of netting 2 ft. wide, stretched outwards, horizontally, which one would think no cat could possibly surmount. There are some standard bee-hives under the wall, and by standing on one of these I could get a good view of the top of the aviary. There was a good deal of fluttering, and I could hear the flighting notes of Shorelarks, which had evidently been alarmed by something, but, as part of the aviary was in deep shadow, it was not easy to see what that "something" was. The Shorelarks kept flying round, bumping their heads against the netting in their efforts to soar, and presently one of them became entangled between the top of a shrub and the netting which formed the roof of the aviary. Instantly a huge black tom-cat leapt out of the shadows and hurled itself upon the unfortunate Lark. The ferocity of the powerful brute as it tore at the netting with teeth and claws made me fairly shiver. I ran back to the house, hastily loaded my small air-gun, and returned just in time to draw a steady bead. At the thud of the tiny bullet my enemy uttered just one swear-word, galloped across the aviary, jumped on to the roof of the stable, scrambled up the ridge, shot down the other side and disappeared into the night. Inquiries elicited the fact that this particular feline had just been imported into Salton by two maiden ladies; that he was a London cat, and answered to the name of "Peter."

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A GROUP OF OLD-TIME WINNERS.

A drawing by Harrison Weir, taken from the "Illustrated London News," of notable breeds at the Show held in Nottingham at the beginning of the year 1858.

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The accompanying letterpress states that 65 Canaries were on view (in addition to poultry, pigeons, etc.). The writer says: "We give the long, thin, and decidedly not beautiful Belgian; the old and favourite yellow-jonque, the beautiful variety called the London Fancy, the rich-coloured and delicately-formed Lizard, and the Goldfinch Mule, all of which are first-prize birds; but refrain from giving our opinion which possesses the most beauty, as it is entirely a matter of taste. Suffice it to say that the show was highly creditable, and had a large share of admiration, especially from the fairer sex, who gazed long and untiringly at the sweet little children of song." The birds depicted are: Mealy (buff) Goldfinch Mule (on extreme left); Gold Lizard (extreme right, at top) and Mealy London Fancy (directly underneath); the three centre birds are Belgians. The illustration was sent us by Mr. Geoff. Benson, of Liverpool.

Early Preparation for the Breeding Season.

By CLAUDE St. JOHN.

Just the advice the novice and amateur are looking for is dealt out in this article written by "Cage Birds" popular expert upon the Canary and its management.

THE turn of the year should mark a busy time for the fancier who desires to begin the approaching season under circumstances most favourable to a successful end. The rush of the show season is nearly done. Towards the end of January a very helpful lull occurs. This gives the fancier, be he never so deeply interested in exhibiting, a splendid opportunity of thoroughly examining his stock and weighing mentally all their good and bad points, and setting apart the stock required for breeding. He does not, of course, forget to provide for accidents and casualties that may occur between this time and the breeding season, by setting apart a few reserve birds to provide for such contingencies. This is work that demands some careful thought—hence the present lull may truly be termed a helpful one.

When this business of selecting and estimating the merits and failings of one's stock has been carried through, all surplus stock should be cleared out as speedily as possible. Just now there should be a ready sale for the latter, and the fancier is wise to take advantage of the demand to reduce his stock to the low ebb he wishes it to be at when the breeding season is about to commence. That point should be indicated by the number of pairs the breeder intends to mate up, allowing a few extra odd birds as a reserve to fill up vacancies arising from causes which cannot be foreseen.

Don't Stint the Birds of Room.

The number of pairs must of necessity depend upon each individual's accommodation, but it is a mistake to fill up the space at command to its fullest capacity. Plenty of room should always be allowed for the expansion of one's stock during the run of the breeding season. It must not be forgotten that what has the appearance of a very thinly populated room in March, may with a fair measure of success be a "full house" before the end of June, with perhaps a few more broods coming on which are destined to become so many danger units from a health point of view—the evil of overcrowding is apt to begin at the most dangerous season in the year Another point in favour of the early disposal of all surplus stock is that the way is clearer for the overhauling of the room and all its appurtenances, which should immediately follow this work of selection and dispersal.

The spring cleaning should be no less thorough and complete than that which he usually views with dismay in the domestic establishment, but it is essential for him to get this annual overhaul done several weeks in advance of the actual spring. Upon its thoroughness depends much of his success during the coming summer and autumn. He will be spared much anxiety, and the comfort and condition of his birds will be infinitely advanced by determined effort now. This, of course, refers chiefly to attacks of insect pests; but there are such dangers as the germs of infectious diseases lurking about ready to rise up and deal death broadcast at any time when the room gets thickly populated, and the weather becomes very warm. These dangers may be very largely neutralised by a general turn-over and clean-down now.

How to "Spring Clean" Properly.

Do not imagine that because such things as red mites are just now conspicuous by their absence that they do not exist. Like the proverbial poor they are always with us. And if the fancier allows himself to believe now that he has no red mites, and fails to attend thoroughly to this cleansing work, he will assuredly find himself confronted with trouble towards the end of the summer, when prudence forbids the taking of drastic measures to eradicate them, as the stock at this time must not be subjected to great disturbance.

It is best to take advantage of the first spell of mild sunny weather after the beginning of January to overhaul the room, as by so doing there is less risk of the birds being exposed to chills during the operations. If the birds can be removed to another room, and a few spare cages brought into use for a short time, it will be a great convenience. But whatever plan is adopted one should aim at carrying it right through from beginning to end without a break, and avoid as far as possible all contact between that which is cleansed and articles awaiting treatment. After moving cages, etc., the walls should be thoroughly cleaned.

Papered walls are about the least suitable for bird rooms, but if it is not intended to alter, or re-paper it, the walls should be systematically rubbed down with fairly large chunks of crust from a crumby loaf. This not only cleans the paper nicely, but by rubbing with a firm pressure, and going over every spot the great majority of any colonies of red mites harbouring on the walls will be crushed out of existence. Any tears or damage to the paper should be carefully repaired, to avoid forming harbours for insects under loose edges of paper.

The best dressing for the walls is undoubtedly limewash or sanitary distemper; they can then be washed down with a disinfectant, and have a fresh coat put on each year. A solution of Jeyes' Fluid (1 in 100) or Izal, makes an excellent disinfectant wash, which may be liberally applied with the distemper brush and allowed to dry before applying the new coat of distemper, or limewash, as the case may be. This solution will practically be obtained by adding three tablespoonfuls of the fluid to each gallon of water.

The cage racks and floor may also be well scoured with this solution and carbolic soap. When the staging has dried, go over the joints with a small brush dipped in turpentine or pure Jeyes', allowing the fluid to run into the joint, this will prove invaluable in destroying the few refugees that may have escaped the operations so far. The great point is to leave no spot untouched.

Overhauling the Cages.

Now turn attention to the cages. It is here that the convenience of a few extra cages is felt. If the birds have been housed temporarily in some other room they should, of course, undergo treatment before being returned. If this has not been possible they will doubtless have been moved to some other part of the room whilst the staging was being overhauled. In that case they should be kept clear of the wall, and disturbed as little as possible until taken in hand for cleaning. Given a spare cage or two, these can be overhauled out of the room, well dried, and placed on the rack, when the birds may be placed in them, and the vacated cages taken out to be dealt with.

One word of caution here. When placing the first clean cages on the rack see that there is a supply of cleaned and disinfected vessels ready to put on them. It is a matter that is very easily overlooked, but the tiniest little cracks in the joints of the seed-boxes or other vessels kept in or on the cages, not infrequently harbour insect pests at this time of year. All ordinary cage appliances lend themselves exceedingly well to the most perfect form of cleansing and disinfection—to wit, boiling for a few minutes. Even glass vessels may be so treated if put into the water cold and then brought to boiling point, the water being allowed to cool somewhat again before the glasses are removed. Wooden seed-boxes, either with or without glass fronts, may be treated the same, and if kept quite immersed whilst in the water no warping will occur. The varnish will suffer, but that is of very little moment, as a bottle of varnish-stain costing a few pence will restore quite a goodly number of boxes.

Close Up the Crevices.

The process of overhauling the individual cages is very similar to that adopted on a larger scale for a room. Give a thorough good cleansing, in the ordinary way, as a first step. It is a wise precaution to burn all the debris from the cages with as little delay as possible. Do not give possible tenants a chance to get away and settle in new quarters. Next, well wash out the cage with a 1 in 100 solution of Jeyes', or Izal, paying particular attention to all likely insect harbours, and when dry go over the joints, etc., with strong disinfectant.

If there are cracks, or gaping joints, about the cage, fill them at this stage with putty, softened, if too hard, with a little copal varnish—outside cracks may be filled with the same medium coloured to match the wood. Finish by distempering (or paint or enamel as may be preferred). If the insides of the cages have been previously enamelled so as to be washable, it may be only necessary to thoroughly wash them with the disinfectant; a small brush and some carbolic soap may be employed to do the work well. Then, when dry, the dressing of the joints, etc., with strong disinfectant or turpentine, would complete the job, and when they were quite dry and furbished up they could be at once replaced on the staging. But even with enamelled cages, if the joints have opened so that it has become necessary to fill them up, it is a wise plan to add another coat of enamel to make a good job of it.

Order from Chaos.

When the whole of cages and their ordinary fittings have been got through and the room once again begins to look ship-shape, nest-boxes, pans, brackets and nursery cages should be brought out and undergo a similar process of overhauling, cleaning, disinfecting, and repairing, where necessary. Never leave slight repairs, such as bent, twisted, or displaced wires, to be done at the moment the articles are wanted for use. Some day comes a sudden demand for them, when one "thinks things," because words are inadequate to express all one feels. Therefore, when you come across these trifling defects needing attention, make a point of "doing it now."

Easy and Effective.

Nursery cages if not well cleansed and disinfected when put away last season, should be treated in the same way as the breeding cages, and put away when perfectly dry, ready for use at any moment. All the other appurtenances may be treated by the boiling method, which is by far the most generally useful and effectual for the purpose in view. After this the nest-pans should be fitted with linings and made ready for use when required.

To add the finishing touch to this work of preparation, turn out the remains of last season's supply of cuttlefish, nest-bags, etc., and discard what is soiled or rendered of doubtful utility. Cuttlefish is so absorbent of moisture, and is so cheap, that it savours very much of folly to keep it over from one season to the next. As regards nesting material, now it is turned out and examined, it is a good plan to bake it well in a moderately hot oven, dusting flowers of sulphur well amongst it before placing it in the oven. Then, if any stray insects have found their way into it they are readily destroyed, and prevented from working mischief later on. Do not argue that insects could scarcely have got into such a place. One never knows, and the trouble is so small that it is far better to give the nesting material, and not the insects, the benefit of the doubt.

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A NOTED CREST-BRED CANARY.

This fine, almost clear. Buff has won many prizes, including first at the last Horticultural Hall Show. Its owner is Mr. T. Gilbert, of Coventry.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED!

AN EPISODE AT A BIRD-SHOW.

Chronicled by GEO. GARDNER.

"What a delightful colour those Canaries are, Reggie, dear! It is a shade of gold that seems almost impossible to obtain in hair, or in fabrics. I wonder if I could glean any information as to how the owners succeed in obtaining that particular shade?"

Reggie listened attentively to his lady-love, and after meditating, replied: "You see, darling, the difficulty is great. The owners of these beautiful birds give them a special kind of diet. They eat food that is carefully prepared; and their drink is also such as to aid the food in its action upon the colour of the feathers as they grow. It is so different to obtaining it in dress material."

A Joy for Ever.

Reggie felt it was too delicate a subject to broach the matter of his darling's hair—her wealth of auburn locks of which he was so proud and the other fellows so madly jealous! He cared little that much of that which came forth in all its magnificence in the morning, disappeared at night! A thing of beauty is a joy for ever! So he ventured simply to leave the case where it stood. Not so Miss Mabel.

"Tell me more about these Canaries, Reggie, dear," she persisted, "It is so interesting, because I might be able to eat and drink so that my own hair would come that lovely colour and grow in profusion." Reggie endeavoured to cover his confusion by changing the subject.

"Do not worry, darling," he replied, "your eyes are your glory, and your sweet disposition is your crown"—(aside: "leaving the old man's banking account out of the hunt!")—"But listen, darling, to the song of the birds!"

"It is thrilling, dear! Look at that one over there, how it swells its little throat and pours out its melody. But, Reggie, just look. Here is one in dainty dress that has a ring on its leg. What is that for?"

Reggie was "stumped" again for a moment, but eventually replied: "You see the Canary with the ring on has won a prize!"

"Yes, I noticed that, Reggie, but what is the ring there for?"

Hooking the Fish.

"Well, darling," answered Reggie in desperation, "if I must tell you, and you won't mind, the ring on the Canary that has won a prize denotes that she is married!"

With a rosy blush tinting her cheeks, Mabel shyly made reply: "Oh! Reggie, and if I were to get married and wear a ring, do you think my own tresses would come that colour and that I should win a prize?"

Reggie rose to the occasion bravely, "Yes, dearest, you would win one who cares only for you and nothing for the colour of your hair, and I should win my darling Mabel." (Aside: "And a chance to tap the old man's banking account!") Then a tiny hand stole into a manly palm, while for the nonce the show-room became transformed into a lover's paradise, and the question of sweet (or hot) pepper was left to assimilate until St. Valentine's day!

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THIS BIRTHDAY NUMBER
TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS.

INFLAMMATION OF THE BOWELS: ITS CURE AND PREVENTION.

By T. JOHNSON (Southport.)

Some very valuable hints on avoiding and combating a trouble that is a bug-bear to many Canary Breeders.

EVERY fancier has at some time or other in the height of the breeding season, when birdy-men have met together either by accident or design, overheard some such conversation as the following. Says Mr. A: "Well, Mr. B, how many youngsters have you on the sticks?"—"Oh," answers Mr. B, "I don't know that I have anything to swank about; nine youngsters from twelve pairs isn't anything great. How many have you got? You don't seem over-pleased with yourself."

"I've got nothing to feel pleased about, I can assure you; I have had 24 youngsters on sticks from nine hens, and have lost them all but six since."—"Ah! that's bad; how do you account for it?"—"I don't know; I can't account for it; they just seemed to die one after the other at about from five to seven weeks old. Sometimes, on going into the bird-room, instead of finding one dead I might, just as a break in the monotony, find two. Otherwise, they all seemed to die the same way."

The Diagnosis.

"I am sure you have my sympathy. Did you notice any symptoms? It sounds like inflammation."—"Well," they used to sit at the seed-box, or the egg-pot, and eat and eat till you wondered what became of all the food; and as for drink, why, they never seemed to have enough water. Then they seemed to get diarrhœa and have great pain in passing the excrement, which was very watery and of a yellowish-brown colour."

My readers will probably have overheard this, or something very similar, many a time; maybe some have been the principals in a like conversation. However, we can commiserate with both parties, and although a man with bad feeding hens is to be pitied, who shall say that one who rears lots of youngsters and afterwards loses them is not more in need of our sympathy!

The symptoms mentioned are those which we always find present in the disease known to fanciers as "inflammation of the bowels," or "going light," but which a medical gentleman, who is also a fancier, tells me is correctly called "gastro-enteritis." I had at one time thought it was some kind of a fever, owing to the rapidity with which one death followed another; and I think we, as laymen and fanciers, owe a great debt of gratitude to one who, as a man of science, condescends to put us right in a matter of this sort. Some there are who would, with their superior knowledge, smile with contempt at our amateur efforts at investigation.

What Are the Causes?

Various are the causes attributed by fanciers, as being responsible for the disease of "going light," or, as we will now term it, "gastro-enteritis." Some breeders aver that the giving of green food after the young leave the parents is the cause, but I have seen birds affected with the malady that have never touched green food after weaning. Personally, I never stop giving green food to my youngsters, in more or less quantity, from leaving the parents right through the moult, and I have never known any ill effects accrue. It always appears to me illogical to say that green food can be a good food for a young Canary of from three days old to a month, and yet, when that same bird gets a month old, the same food is harmful.

Some might argue that the green food, being swallowed by the parent, is pre-digested. That, again, to my mind, is illogical, because as a rule, green food is not given until after the young ones are three days old, and the hen at that time will go direct from the green food and feed them; and one must be gifted with an elastic imagination to admit that merely swallowing green food is digesting it. Of course, it is understood that the green food is never allowed to get stale in the cages, else we should indeed be courting disaster. But given the right sort of green food in moderation, say a dandelion head or young leaf, or spray of watercress, or a sprig of shepherd's purse or seeding grass per bird per day, the young birds will suffer no detriment—indeed, quite the reverse. I am aware that in the foregoing, I differ from some fanciers, but I am one of those who take their lessons from personal experience, and I think that the time is not far distant when the old fallacy of green food being the cause of this disease will be exploded.

Impure air and dirty cages are causes of the disease. If a breeder will go into a bird-room which is badly ventilated, on a hot, sultry day, such as we experience during the summer, he will soon see that the air is vitiated, especially if the cages are not cleaned out regularly. Such a place must be absolutely full of disease germs. Other causes of the disease are stale water, sour egg-food, and egg-food getting scattered on the cage bottoms and coming in contact with the excrement, afterwards being eaten by the young birds.

A Sad Case in Point.

Overcrowding will also cause the birds to become affected. I well remember a summer or two ago visiting a fancier's birdroom on a very hot day. It was a pokey little place. He had about a dozen hens down on their second clutch of eggs, after a good first round. They were of the common singing variety, were considerably overcrowded, and he had no accommodation for the youngsters he had bred. I counted thirteen young Canaries in an ordinary double breeding cage. I repeat, it was a hot day; and I ask you to imagine the odour that greeted us as we opened the door. Of course, it goes without saying there was no ventilation. I remarked to him that he would have some trouble with those youngsters if he didn't get them separated. He was building another place for them at the time, but as he was one of those lackadaisical fanciers (luckily, they are few) whose motto always seemed to be "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," he was, of course, late with his work I told him if he didn't get it finished quickly, he would have no need of it—at any rate, not until the second round was ready.

Sad to relate, I proved a wise prophet. In a few days those youngsters started to die off, until he had scarcely one from the first round left. They died from "gastro-enteritis," brought on through vitiated atmosphere due to overcrowding and bad ventilation. His method of feeding was all right, except that he didn't give green food after weaning.

The Effect; and the Method of Cure.

This disease is contagious, differing from an infectious disease, inasmuch as the latter would carry off all the birds in the room in a short time, whereas a contagious disease only affects those birds which come in contact with it. For instance, say we had four birds in a cage, and one of those birds became affected with the disease and was not at once isolated, it is certain that the other three would sooner or later, probably sooner, become affected. How? Why, through the diseased bird's excrement getting on to the feet and being transmitted ultimately, by way of the perches, to the other birds. It is, perhaps, needless to add that a diseased bird's excrement swarms with disease germs, therefore every precaution should be taken by any breeder who is so unfortunate as to have a bird suffering from this complaint.

The first symptoms shown are a decided looseness in the bowels, and an appearance of pain when passing the excrement. The bird will sit on the perch in a huddled up shape, and there will be an absence of that brightness of manner so peculiar to a healthy lot of youngsters. It is generally the weakest of the brood that is affected first; but if taken in hand at once, I have no hesitation in saying that a cure can be effected if the following directions be carried out.

As soon as a young bird is noticed "off colour," it must be moved into a cage that has previously been well washed out with a disinfectant fluid (of course, after the cage has become dry). Perches and all utensils must also undergo a similar cleansing. Cover the cage bottom with sawdust that has been previously prepared in the following manner: Add about a teaspoonful of Joyes Fluid to a quart of water and well sprinkle the sawdust with this solution. A quart of solution will be about enough for half a bucketful, and the sawdust must be thoroughly incorporated with the solution. Give some grit in a tin inside the cage.

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YELLOW VARIEGATED BORDER FANCY HEN.

A noted winner, and 2nd prize at the Scottish National Show. The property of Mr. C. Hughes (Springburn).

The Fascination of Producing Something New.

A FEW WORDS ON MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

By JAS. SPARKS (St. Helens).

VERY few bird fanciers escape the fascination of Mule breeding. The uncertainty of it, and the ambition to produce something new hold the fancier like a spell. The novice sometimes begins with the idea that all that is required is to put a cock Goldfinch and hen Canary in a breeding cage, give them a nest, and then sit down to await results. Usually he either gets a succession of clutches of unfertile eggs, or a houseful of "sparrows."

The usual pair to begin with is a cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, who are comparatively certain to produce some sort of Mules which are saleable, with most beginners a great point in favour of this cross. The Mules, too, are handsome, and make good songsters. Many people prefer a Goldfinch Mule to a pure Canary for singing purposes, as their note is not so high and shrill; also in a house their plumage seems to keep and look cleaner than does that of a light Canary.

Is the Hen entitled to the Credit?

It seems to have now been established that the secret of producing light, or lightly-marked, Mules, lies in sib-breeding. This means that the hen Canary from which you breed must have come from birds which have been bred for several generations from closely-related ancestors, i.e., a sib, or in-bred, strain. It reflects honour on a Mule breeder if, instead of purchasing his muling hens, he builds up a reliable strain of his own. The method I recommend of building up a light muling strain is as follows: Obtain from a recognised breeder a pair of Yorkshires with plenty of Cinnamon blood in their veins. Let them be out of the same nest, or off the same parents. Also get a pair of large, well-shaped, rich, natural-coloured Norwich Canaries. Let these be related, also, and get clear birds, too. Pair the Yorkshires together and the Norwich together.

In the following year pair a young Yorkshire cock with a young Norwich hen; or a young Norwich cock with a young Yorkshire hen. Prepare a diary, and keep a record of the young. Then, in the following year, mate these young ones so that no two birds of a pair are from the same parents. Never pair two yellows together. The young will be bred weak and short-feathered enough as it is. To keep size in the strain, mate two buffs occasionally. Continue on these lines for a year or two, and then try one or two hens with Goldfinches. It is a good plan to mate a pair of Norwich, and inbreed their young; then, when the principal strain begins to deteriorate, bring these in. It will put new stamina into the strain.

It is desirable, but not essential, that Finches should be house-moulted for muling. At any rate, they must be perfectly steady. Choose large Finches, and get them to eat plain canary seed. It is advisable to take a nest of Canaries from the hens before introducing them to the Goldies. By so doing, you get the hens keen on breeding, and also have some of their young to perpetuate the strain. Further, Goldfinches do not begin to breed until about the end of April. You will, too, know the capabilities of the hens as feeders, and can act accordingly when you have young Mules. Use a large roomy cage, with a sliding partition. If the Goldie is mischievous, separate them for the greater portion of the day. Put the cage in a light, airy situation. Supply the Finch with plenty of wild seeds, and give an abundance of fresh green food, especially the early dandelion.

To breed dark exhibition Mules what is wanted is a strain of large, romping, rich-coloured hens (size and colour are very important in a dark Mule.) Green Canaries are much used for colour. If a breeder merely wants Mules for singing purposes, he can run a vigorous Finch with two common, healthy hens. Both Goldfinch and Linnet Mules are very good singers, and can also be taught to whistle short tunes.

Where the Foster-Mother is Useful.

For breeding between two British birds Bullfinch hens are, of course, very valuable. They will, when steady, lay in an ordinary breeding cage, and sit their eggs as faithfully as Canaries. It is, however, better to put their eggs (or some, at least) under trusted Canary hens. If you want to use other hens, besides Bullfinches, it is better to hand-rear them or rear them under Canaries. They can then be got to lay in a cage, but cannot be trusted to incubate their own eggs. We must use foster-mothers. Hen Canaries can be used, but if the breeder happens to have some common hen Mules, which are practically valueless in other respects, they will do the work splendidly. They are paired with cock Canaries, and when they lay, their own eggs (which are invariably clear) are thrown out, and the valuable eggs are put in their place. Or if a nest of young are not being fed by their own mother, they are transferred to the hen Mule, who will generally take to them at once.

Hens that are not hand-reared usually won't lay in a cage. For these we must use a small room, or large flights. Even then, it won't do to have several pairs in one room or flight. Some kind of foliage must be put in. Pine branches, cut in February, are very suitable for this purpose, as they do not then shed their leaves. Nests are placed in various suitable positions, and nesting material strewn about. The birds may, however, ignore the artificial nests, and build one themselves. Wild seeds and green food should be supplied in abundance, and the conditions made as natural as possible. Before turning the birds into the room it is advisable to put them in a small box cage in order to get them familiarised.

Fields and Pastures New.

I have briefly tried to point out to novices the lines on which to work. Perhaps some will think that to establish a strain of Canaries to breed exhibition Mules will take many years. So it will, but that need not keep them off the show bench. They can, meanwhile, breed dark Mules, or Hybrids between two British birds. The novice, in this branch, has an equal chance with the veteran. They can also try for honours in new fields. Hybrids between British Softbills have not yet been produced. Then there are Hybrids between foreign birds. I think that some very handsome Hybrids will be produced in the foreign bird department. The fascination of hybrid breeding chiefly lies in the excitement and glory of attempting to get the hitherto unknown. The bird lover who takes a deep interest in his hobby, and who can exercise patience, is the one to take up hybrid breeding.

Which Canary is "King of the Fancy" to-day?

By J. HODDER, (London, E.)

Our contributor thinks the title rightly belongs to the Norwich Plainhead, of which he is a very successful breeder and exhibitor; and concerning the mating and management of this variety he here gives some valuable hints.

IN my opinion the King of Canaries to-day is the Norwich Plainhead. A real good specimen, and such are not numerous, has always had a crowd of ardent admirers at any show I have ever attended. I do not think there is any variety of Canary to-day that is so popular and is bred so extensively as the Norwich, and this is largely due to his agility, his robust constitution, and his wonderful shape, quality of feather and colour. It is a real delight to see a good bird move from perch to perch showing off every good point—his beautiful large round head, and well placed bold eye, nice round well filled back, short thick neck, deep chest (as "round as a ball"), clean waist, nice short pipe tail, and glorious deep colour.

I fancy I hear someone say, "colour again; why so much stress on colour?" My answer is, I do not say colour is everything, but we must remember the Norwich Plainhead is essentially a bird of colour, and that is one point in which he excels over all other breeds of Canaries and no amount of colour feeding will produce the desired depth of colour unless it is bred for by judiciously using green blood, i.e., pairing marked birds to clears.

Money Is not Everything.

I was describing what I consider a first-class specimen—a lovely sight. Few of such birds are bred, but we do see real good ones now and again. Well, says the amateur, how can I get such a bird as you have described? There are some, perhaps, who would answer: Take a short cut to success and buy one. Claim him at catalogue price—anything from £10 to £20. I would say that this is an expensive process, and rather hazardous, too, because unless you know exactly how to treat the bird and keep him in first-class condition, without over-doing it, you will have cause to regret your large outlay, once he gets out of condition. How often do we hear it said that so and so has bought so and so's champion, but that nothing has been heard of the bird since. It is a waste of money to buy expensive birds unless you know how to manage them.

Practical experience is a great teacher in all matters, and especially in the management of Canaries. Now I would say to the amateur, gain experience, begin quietly, spend your money cautiously, have just as many birds as you can manage, and no more. Don't let your enthusiasm carry you away, or you may have regrets later. Pay attention to what may appear small matters of this kind, and it may save you the bitter disappointment of thinking of a large sum of money expended on your hobby with poor results, maybe through having too many birds or insufficient knowledge to carry breeding operations to a successful issue. I say begin cautiously. Get a few pairs, pay a reasonable price for them and get them as typical as you can for the money you pay, and be careful how they have been bred, so that you may know how to pair up the next season, etc.

How Time Is Wasted.

About pairing up: Try to remedy the defects of one bird with the good points of the other. It is of course obviously useless to pair up two birds with small heads and hope to breed birds from these with large heads; or two long-feathered birds, and hope to breed tight feathered birds from them; or two very long-sided birds and hope to breed short specimens. And it is just as much a waste of time if you pair up two very pale birds, bred from clears, and hope from such a pairing to breed hot-coloured birds.

Norwich breeding requires time and thought, care and attention. When the breeding time comes round I give many hours of anxious thought to the pairing up of my birds, because I know upon this largely depends my success or otherwise for that season. I like to get my birds in the best of condition by the time breeding operations should commence. To ensure this the cocks require a little careful feeding up from about the end of January, a little egg food, once a week, and mixed seed, as follows:—1 part German rape, ½ part maw, ¼ part hemp, ¼ part niger, ½ part gold of pleasure. Give about a teaspoonful per bird. I find the singing of the cocks brings hens into condition, but I always give the hens a little niger seed from the middle of January, as it prevents egg binding. Another good preventive of egg binding is mutton suet stuck in the wires for them to peck at for a few weeks before breeding begins and for a few weeks afterwards.

When Yellows Preponderate.

If you want more Yellows than Buffs among your young birds pair a Yellow cock to a Buff hen, as colour is influenced more by the cock, and I have proved more Yellows are bred in this way. Still, a good proportion of Yellows are often bred from a Buff cock and Yellow hen. Don't pair up unhealthy birds, as it is only a waste of time, as they perpetuate their weakness in their offspring, and they will only give you trouble, and probable die off in the moult. Give all your birds good roomy cages, with the bottoms covered with coarse pitch-pine sawdust, and plenty of good grit in jars placed inside the cages for them to peck at (it is astonishing what a quantity of this they will get through).

When the birds have commenced breeding operations, I feed up more liberally than usual for a week or so, notwithstanding the fact that I have been gradually bringing them on for weeks. I have proved this to be necessary, as the cocks somehow or other get out of condition at the end of the second week, and often become ill unless these preventive measures are adopted, hence the unfertile eggs and a host of troubles.

When your hens are sitting don't be too anxious if they do not happen to hatch their young on the 13th morning after setting them. I have known them to hatch on the 14th and 15th mornings early in the season. Leave the hens absolutely alone while sitting; don't upon any account interfere with them. Some hens won't stand it, and I believe many bad feeders are made this way, through sheer nervousness, lest you should be coming to the cage. So they sit tightly on the young and won't come off to feed and give the young any air; and so they die, whereas they might all have been reared if you had not been so anxious.

If you have a naturally poor feeding hen, or hens, you can often save the young by dividing them between other hens that are good feeders, and have young about the same age. Of course, there are other methods of dealing with bad feeding hens, which I have fully dealt with in previous articles of mine, published in this journal, and which space will not allow me to deal with now.

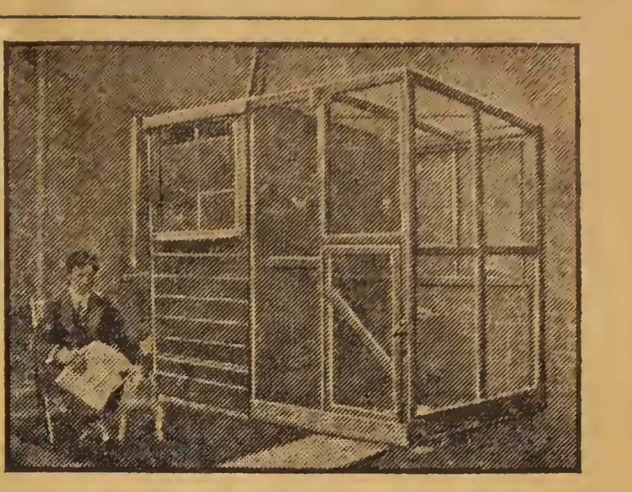
Leave Hen and Brood Alone.

When the young birds arrive, don't go to the nest at once, leave the hen with them, and if you treat her kindly, after a day or two she will soon gain confidence, and let you see them without being greatly perturbed. I like hens to feed well on egg food the first week, as the young grow faster and are more fat and plump than if fed on seeds. Give sweet apple as a "green food" early in the season, as watercress and other true green-foods are likely to have frost on them, which, of course, would be fatal to young birds.

When the young begin to look after themselves don't give them too much water. I prefer boiled milk or milk sop till they are seven or eight weeks old. By these means hundreds of young birds are saved that would probably otherwise die. Give egg food in the same strength as when with the old birds, until they are six weeks old; then gradually reduce the egg and give more bread or biscuit, as the case may be. I clean out the young birds' cages daily, as they may pick up a bit of sour food, become suddenly ill, and die.

Young birds begin to moult when they are about 10 weeks old. Be sure and have them in large flights as I am certain they grow faster, become larger birds than if kept in small cages, and they come a better colour. If you should have a "plucker" or pluckers, tie some pieces of tape or string inside the wires of the cage. This will divert their attention from the feathers and amuse them. If this does not cure, remove the culprit and put him in a cage by himself.

In conclusion, I would say, have healthy birds. Give them the best seeds, give them roomy cages, plenty of ventilation without draughts, keep room, birds, and cages scrupulously clean, don't be too anxious, but leave nature to do its own work, and success will be yours. I wish all my fellow fanciers a prosperous season during 1913, and abundance of success on the show bench.



A very useful and easily constructed type of outdoor aviary belonging to a reader of Cage Birds, Mr. E. E. Saw, of Epping, who built it himsel'.

THE HUNTING CISSA.

By JOHN FROSTICK.

Notes upon the subject of the beautiful painting by Mr. Goodchild reproduced on page 18 of this issue.

ALTHOUGH I do not possess any bird at the present moment that could properly be described as a "talker," nevertheless all our birds do talk, and that quite plainly to us (my wife and I), who understand what they say, and who appreciate their efforts to show us how they enjoy our company, and welcome our presence amongst them. All true lovers of birds will, I am sure, have noticed this tendency on the part of their pets to attract attention from those who administer to their wants, and are careful to supply all that is necessary to ensure their charges' every comfort and happiness in captivity. That birds are happy and contented under such conditions has been proved times out of number, scores of cases having been noted where they have been given their liberty and have returned to enjoy the advantages of cage life.

A Joyous "Good Morning."

When we turn the handle of our bird-room door in the morning, what a commotion there is, every bird on the qui vive, all anxious to say good morning, every one in his peculiar way. The foreign Finches set off in a regular laughter, and sound their "toy trumpets" in great delight; the merry trill of the Blackbird transports us in a second miles away to our beloved native country lanes; the Bullfinches are in a desperate hurry to kiss the tips of our fingers; the Dartford Warblers cock up their tails, erect their crests, and fly round their roomy cages with their scolding cry of "Cha-Cha-Cha," in a greatly excited manner. A Goldfinch swirls his tail round and with his beak held haughtily aloft, exclaims, "mind your back"; the Mexican Jays cry out, "Aunt M-a-r-y," pip-pop! pip-pop! pip! pip! pip; and last, but not least, we get the most enthusiastic welcome from the subject of this paper, in the glorious Hunting Cissa, with his "Hulloa, Biddy," Hip! Hip!! Hurrah!!!

It takes no great effort of the imagination to translate the birdy language into these words, and without sympathy no one has any right to keep any living creature. Were I a wealthy man, I would doubtless build palatial garden aviaries, like those owned to-day in ever-increasing numbers, I'm glad to say, by the nobility and rich merchants, and which I am often privileged to inspect; but though I sometimes envy my more fortunate confreres of their possessions, I generally come to the conclusion that my humble bird-room teaches me greater lessons in bird life than the most elaborate wire palace ever built.

Some birds are more suitable for cage life than others, and the Hunting Cissa is one of those eminently fitted for such an existence. "Biddy" was the "pick" of an excellent consignment of Indian birds that arrived in London at the beginning of last year. About a dozen Cissas landed in fine condition, and one of its fellow-passengers is now in the London Zoo.

The Hunting Cissa (Cissa sinensis, or venatoria) inhabits the south-eastern districts of the Himalayas, with the exception of Assam, Silhet, and Tenasserim; in Sikim it is often found living at an elevation of 12,000 feet, so our climate ought not to unduly affect it, and in my opinion it is a tolerably hardy species.

A Vision of Beauty.

I have never seen a picture of this bird, and I doubt if many of your 50,000 subscribers have ever beheld one until to-day. Therefore, it will be better to describe this extremely beautiful bird in detail. In length it is about 15½ inches, of which 8½ inches belong to the tail; the wing measures 6 inches; the predominating colour is a delicate chrysophrase green, shading here and there into blue or bluish green, shading into yellow upon the head; the black bridles are prolonged to the nape, where they unite, thus forming a kind of ring. The wings are a beautiful deep red or crimson. The feathers upon the head are elongated into a crest. The beak is strong and about as long as the head, of a brilliant vermilion colour, as are also the feet, which are large and strong, with formidable claws.

Jerdon says that it wanders from tree to tree in search of delicate leaves or insects, and that it also eats grasshoppers. It hunts small animals after the manner of the Shrikes, and is expert in pursuit of its prey.

The Cissa is the most carnivorous of any Jay I have kept, with the exception of the North American Blue Jay, Cyanocitta cristata, and I quickly found that a diet of the best insectivorous food mixed with cold boiled potato was not sufficiently sustaining, so now it has in addition as much fresh, raw beef daily as it likes to eat, and this forms its staple food. My friend Mr. Frank Finn tells me that in India these birds kill and eat snakes and lizards, and that he believes they would eat fish; probably they would, but I've never tried them. A dead mouse is a great luxury, and I supply them regularly; dead sparrows are eaten, but not relished; a dozen mealworms are a treat, and I give all the cockroaches (blackbeetles) I can obtain, a few grapes, and cut up banana complete the menu.

"Biddy" After the Bath.

"Biddy" lives in a large cage, which is furnished with stout perches to fit its feet, and it has ample room to display its plumage, which is almost as wonderful a sight as its vocal attainments are amusing. When it is in a good humour, generally after its matutinal ablutions, it elevates its crest, expands its wings, and spreads out its tail fan shape, and seems to know quite well that it is thus an object of extraordinary beauty.

Like many other birds, after a moult in captivity, the natural wild plumage undergoes a change in colour, in this case the prevailing green colour is changed into a pale greenish-blue. The other colours remain the same, and the general effect is by no means deteriorated.

I have a faint recollection of once seeing a rather bedraggled specimen of the Hunting Cissa exhibited at the Palace, but though I have searched through my catalogues of all the important shows for more than twenty years back, I can find no verification of it, therefore, as a show bird the Cissa is rare, and my example, if not a "first appearance," is certainly the second and only perfect specimen ever exhibited. It requires a fairly large show cage; my bird's cage measures 26in. long, 15 wide, and 20in. high and is enamelled inside pearl white, which I think shows the bird to the best advantage.

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CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 4. It was decided to hold a table show for British birds at the Punch Bowl on Jan. 18; seven classes. Mr. Knowles, Grange Villa, has kindly consented to judge, and has also promised to give a good medal. Mr. Calvert, South Moor, is also giving a medal for the most points. Alf. Dawson, sec.

LEINSTER O.S.

Under the above title, a new cage bird society has been formed in Dublin. An enthusiastic meeting was held Jan. 10, with Mr. J. J. Cloke in the chair. Arrangements were made for further meetings and the completing of the list of officers, also the raising of money to carry on the organisation. Show dates have been provisionally fixed for Oct. 28 and 29. Fanciers desirous of helping on the society should communicate with the hon. sec., C. Holley, at 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Annual general meeting held at Cossar's Tea Rooms, Jan. 3. Mr. Alex. Moffat presiding. It was decided to change annual show date to the first Saturday in December, and to advertise in CAGE BIRDS, and put in show dates fixed. The following office bearers were elected:—Pres., Alex. Moffat; vice pres., Jas. Smeaton; sec. and treas., A. Hoyle; committee, Messrs. J. Lawson, J. Little, D. Moffat, A. Young, C. Watt, A. Fleming, W. Burns, J. Sykes, C. Sykes, T. Taylor, R. Lees, Jas. Skinner; auditors, Messrs. Jas. Smeaton and Jas. Skinner. Next meeting Cossar's Tea Rooms, Jan. 25.—A. Hoyle, Sec.

PARTICK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in the Trades Hall, Anderson-street, Partick, Jan. 10, Mr. Park presiding over a large turn-out of members. Sec. read balance-sheet, which showed a total income of £30 19s. 10d., and an expenditure of £24 12s. 11½d., leaving a balance of £6 6s. 11½d. Mr. Park then left the chair in favour of Mr. T. Fraser, who was well received. Agreed to hold breeding pairs show Feb. 7, classes to remain same as last year, points specials to count as in former years. The following judges were elected: Mr. Wm. Hutchieson, Mr. R. Heggie. Agreed to hold Burns' night on Jan. 28 in the Bank Restaurant. The following fanciers were duly proposed and seconded for membership: Messrs. D. Wylie, Wm. Smith, P. McNicol, J. Murray, Leitch, and J. Arthur. A vote of thanks to retiring office-bearers for their good work throughout the year, and to Mr. Fraser for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held January 8. Mr. Tindale took the chair over a record attendance. Evidently the recent strike has not damped the ardour of the Gateshead members. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the officials and stewards for their brilliant work during the recent show under such trying circumstances. The secretary's report upon the show revealed a heavy loss, which would have been worse had we cancelled it at the eleventh hour. Several suggestions as to the best means of meeting the trouble resulted in an agreement to have a prize drawing. Several prizes were offered and soon totalled to fifteen. Tickets will be sent out to members as early as possible, and I trust everyone will make an effort to sell them quickly. Mr. Tindale informed the members that at the annual meeting he would have to resign his position as chairman owing to going into new business which would occupy most of his time. I will be pleased if members will let me know how many tickets they can manage to dispose of; also hope they will try to push books into the quarters most likely to sell, and unknown to the secretary.—J. G. Greason, Sec.—(Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper.—Editor.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

The Club have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. Sheppard, of 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, as Secretary. Heavy business prevents Messrs. Andrews and Beck from continuing, and their past splendid services will be missed. The Society is very flourishing, and many new members have joined. The novice has plenty to attract him in the various competitions. The lucky winners of both champion and novice cups will be duly announced at the general meeting at headquarters, the Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, next month. The Chairman has received from other towns many good ideas to further the general interests in the club. From Loughborough many have offered to join, but require a small Sub-Committee to be formed, with the headquarters' permission, so as to gather together and discuss the various items of interest in the Club. It is intended to hold a general rally of members once during the season at headquarters and as many times as possible at the various shows where patronage is granted. The members feel also that fresh ground should be covered to prove to the secretaries of the various Midland shows which have no novice section in their schedules, the loss they sustain. We have only to point to Hanley, Stoke, Wolverhampton and Birmingham to prove this. Intending members should send names in at once to the General Secretary, the fee being only 2s. 6d. per year.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual general meeting held at 60, Paddington Street, W., Jan. 13, Mr. Shepherd in the chair. Mr. Dickinson announced that Mr. Shepherd had presented to the association a handsome new minute book, and the donor was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness. A touching letter was read by Mr. Wynn from Mr. Warwick, referring to the sad loss of his wife. A vote of condolence was put to the meeting from the chair, and the whole of the members offer him their deepest sympathy. An unusual amount of correspondence was read, including letters from the hon. sec. of the London Federation offering prizes for the disposal of tickets for the Federation show of the 17th and 18th inst.; from the British Roller Club, thanking the association for the arrangements made for them in their forthcoming international show to be held at 60, Paddington Street, on February 7 and 8; from Mr. John Frostick with a handsome donation of one guinea for special prizes in the British section at our pair show on the 25th inst.; also letters from Messrs. Harris, Lazarus, Copeland, Botting, Thurley, McMillian, Rumbel, Wright, Ponsford, Bamber, Stewart Grahame, and Messrs. Carter and Co. Resolved to take up the usual advertisement in "Cage Birds Annual." An unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the whole of the officers for their services in the past year. Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Dickinson suitably replied on behalf of the officers. The result of the voting for officers for the year 1913 was announced as follows:—President, the Dean of Carlisle; vice-presidents, the Rev. Dr. W. D. Morrison, the Rev. Rosslyn Bruce, M.A., B.D., and Jacob Mackley, Esq.; hon. solicitor, S. Gluckstein, Esq.; hon. auctioneer, A. Tredinnick, Esq.; chairman, W. Shepherd, Esq.; vice-chairman, F. Knight; sec. and treas., Mr. V. Wynn; assist. sec., Mr. F. Thynne; auditors, Messrs. C. Prior and A. W. Curtis; scrutineers, Messrs. E. C. Offord and W. A. Shepherd; staging stewards, Messrs. W. G. Saunders and H. R. Lowe; Council, Messrs. Pooley, Saunders, Offord, Weston, Burton, Curtis, A. W. Hart, Davis, Dickinson, Martin, Sayer, and Prance. The result of the Border judging competition was announced as follows:—Messrs. Offord and Clark tied for first place and F. Knight followed up. Medals were presented to the above by the chairman. The following alterations to rules were carried:—Show Rule No. 11 to be deleted; Show Rule No. 9, delete the word "gift" in the last paragraph, and in Rule No. 13 delete the bracketed paragraph. Show dates for the year 1913 were fixed corresponding to those of last year. The following gentlemen were elected by the members to be voted for judges at the annual and pair show:—Messrs. Robson and Crisp, Canaries; Messrs. Frostick and Alban Silver, British and foreign. Mr. S. J. Wright was elected a member of the association and Mr. T. E. Ponsford was nominated for election. Members, please note: the pair show takes place on Saturday, the 25th inst. Entries close on Jan. 20. I have much pleasure in stating that our much respected Mr. Wynn is once more taking full control of the show, and as an encouragement for future continuation, it becomes the duty of all members to ensure the show being a success by being very liberal with entries and doing their utmost to make the show successful, as it is well known that visitors and friends are always welcome at the City, etc. The annual general meeting was adjourned to next meeting night. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a most pleasant evening.—F. Knight.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held at Barton Road Boys' School, Jan. 8., Mr. Raynor, chair; Mr. Reeves, vice-chair, and several committeemen. Correspondence read, general business gone through, balance-sheet prepared for auditors, secretary will send one to all members with voting list as soon as possible.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, the White Horse Hotel, January 9, Mr. Wm. Spencer in the chair. The balance-sheet was presented, and showed the affairs of the society to be in a flourishing condition. Specials given for the series of shows held during 1912 were won by the following members: Most points, champion, 1st J. W. Ingham, 2nd A. Barnes, 3rd A. Pickles; most entries, Messrs. Spencer and Maiden; Mr. Jefferys' rose-bowl, A. Barnes; most points novice, 1st J. Bevan, 2nd L. A. Broadbent. Officers for 1913: Chairman, Mr. W. Spencer; vice, Mr. S. H. Jefferys; treas., Mr. A. Barnes; auditors, Messrs. J. Maiden and L. A. Broadbent; hon. sec., A. Pickles.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held at The Feathers, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Jan. 8. Mr. J. Dewhurst in the chair. A lengthy discussion took place as to holding an annual dinner; this will be finally decided at a special meeting, notice of same having been sent to all members. Mr. Wallington was elected a delegate to represent the L.C.B.A. at the London Federation. An anonymous gentleman who is greatly interested in the keeping of Budgerigars, and was disappointed at the poor entries at the last annual show, to encourage this variety, kindly offered through Mr. J. Dewhurst, to guarantee a class at the next annual show, viz., 20s. 1st, 12s. 2nd, 7s. 6d. 3rd, 4s. 6d. 4th, which was greatly appreciated by the whole of the members present. It was decided to hold a pair show. Mr. John Robson being elected to judge, the date of the show being left to the secretary owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable place to hold same. The attendance of every member is desired at the Federation show, which takes place on the 17th and 18th inst., at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, to ensure the show being a complete success, and as a slight appreciation of the honorary work of the secretary, Mr. J. Wright Dewhurst. Members please note the next meeting will be the annual general meeting, due notice will be sent to all and notified in the Press. To enable the meetings for the year to be a success the secretary will be glad to receive any suggestions, papers, or offers to lecture or demonstrate on any subject of interest to the Fancy.—W. H. Mugford and F. Knight.

PRESTON O.S.

The fourth annual dinner and concert was held in the Tokio Cafe, January 9, and was in every way a great success. About 30 members sat down to a most enjoyable dinner, to which ample justice was done. After dinner the members were entertained to a very successful concert provided by some of the old favourites, assisted by others. During the interval Mr. Dent, chairman, presented to the late sec. and treas., Mr. J. P. Leeming (on behalf of the society), a handsome silver Rose Bowl, as an appreciation of his work for the society during his seven years of office as treas., and the last two as sec. and treas. Mr. Dent spoke very highly of his work, and alluded to the good position financially in which the society now was. Mr. Leeming thanked the members for their kindness and appreciation, and reminded them that without their help and support the good results would not have been attained. Mr. T. Leeming received from the members a silver matchbox as an appreciation of his work as assistant sec. After Mr. T. had suitably replied, Mr. Dent presented the cups and medals as follows:—Mr. T. Barton, three cups and medals; Mr. J. Pyke, cup and medal; Mr. D. Metcalf, cup (best bird in the gift class); Mr. J. Nickson, gold medal best young bird at the first feather show; and medals for points to Messrs. H. F. Marsh and J. Knowles. The concert programme was then completed. This social, beginning in a very small way, has improved every year, and this one was voted to be the best ever held. This year the greater part of the expense of both supper and concert was provided for out of the society's funds. The arrangements reflected great credit on the gentlemen who had the work in hand, viz., Messrs. T. H. Dent, H. F. Marsh, T. Barton, the new sec. Votes of thanks to the artistes, committee, and chairman, and the hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," concluded at a very late hour a most enjoyable evening.

Despite the amount of space devoted to club reports this week, pressure on our columns has compelled us to hold over accounts of several meetings until our next issue.—Editor.

CHORLEY C.B.C.

General meeting, held at the Albion Hotel, Jan. 8th. There was a good number present, from which a committee was formed. A great Chorley bird fancier was elected to take the chair. We intend holding a members' show on Feb. 8th, and hope to have a good one. The name of the society is the Chorley and District Albion Cage Bird Society. H. A. M. Gregg, Sec., 22, Grime Street, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 9. Special prizes, rose bowl, and medals, etc., were presented to the respective winners. Balance sheet, showing 1/8 in hand was adopted as read, and the following officers were elected for 1913: Pres., Rev. F. Roberts; vice-pres., Messrs. R. Bamber, C. A. House, P. J. Jamieson, John Robson, T. L. Salter, and Dr. J. D. Windle; chairman, Mr. J. R. Higgins; committee, Messrs. H. Burrows, R. Cambers, A. Crockett, C. Huxley, W. H. Phipps, J. Shepherd (late of Newcastle), J. Smith, W. Taylor, and F. Wright; assist. sec., T. H. Fletcher; sec. and treas., Jeffery Jefferis, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middlesex. The membership is steadily increasing, and any fancier residing in Middlesex is invited to join, and please note there are three cups to be won outright this year, 1913. Entrance fee is 1/-, and subscription 4d. monthly. New rule cards shortly, and any fancier who would like one has only to communicate with Jeffery Jefferis, Sec. and Treas., Beck Lodge, High Road, Hayes.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Sixth annual meeting, held in the Church House, Jan. 6., Mr. Johnson, jun., presiding over a good company. The following officials were re-elected:—Chairman, Mr. Johnson, jun.; vice, Mr. G. J. Johnson; auditors, Messrs. E. A. Walker and T. Mawdsley; hon. treas., Mr. J. W. Johnson; hon. sec., Mr. T. H. Tiffen; all the present members forming the committee. Over £2 10s. was reported to the credit of the society. Presentation of prizes made an interesting function, the chairman, in handing the cup and medals to Mr. Walker, commented on the good feeling that each member had shown in the competition, Mr. Walker suitably replying. Several young fanciers have intimated their intention to become members, and to instruct them in the art of staging birds in faultless condition, a washing demonstration is being arranged for the February meeting, and lectures for subsequent meetings. A gold medal, to be awarded to the runner-up for cup, and three silver medals have already been promised for the next annual show, a successful breeding season being all that the members require to make it a record one.—T. H. Tiffen.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

One of the most successful and enthusiastic meetings ever held under the auspices of the above society was held at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Jan. 7, Mr. T. Dawn, the chairman, presiding. The members commenced the New Year well by rolling up in full force. The business of the evening was of very great importance, and was as follows:—Adoption of balance sheet for 1912; auditors' report; syllabus for 1913; and other important business. The balance sheet, when read, gave the greatest satisfaction, and well it might when a balance of £47 13s. stands to the society's good, and this after only two years' working. This, of course, has only been obtained through the keen business way in which the officials tackled their various duties. The auditors' report was one of the best, they pointing out the businesslike manner in which the society's affairs had been conducted. The next business of importance was the syllabus for 1913. This should prove more successful even than last year, and is constituted as follows:—Table shows of old and young Canaries, British, Foreign, washing exhibition, lectures on Norwich, Yorkshires, etc., lantern lectures, etc., etc. A copy of syllabus will be forwarded as soon as printed for publication. Several more specials were promised for members' show to be held Jan. 18, when we are anticipating a record entry. From information received, the foreign section will be a show in itself. It was decided to hold our annual dinner in February. Further notice of same will be announced in Fancy Press. Don't forget next meeting—table show of matched pairs of Canaries, champion; Class 2, novice; no entry fee. Judge, Mr. Spencer. Prize money 5s., 2s. 6d., and 1s. 6d. fixed. Six new members were elected.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent. (We have received the balance sheet, showing full details of expenditure and receipts, and the society is to be congratulated upon the eminently satisfactory condition of its finances.—Ed.)

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 8th, at Palmer Hall, before a very good attendance. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, The Right Hon. G. V. Palmer; vice-pres., L. G. Sutton, J.P., Howard Palmer, J.P., S. Pike, Esq., G. H. Acton, Esq., F. Couslade, Esq., C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., Alfred Palmer, J.P., A. W. Sutton, J.P., H. D. Astley, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.; treas., G. H. Acton, Esq.; auditors, J. P. Lawrence and E. J. Smith; chairman, J. Brooker; committee, Messrs. Yates, Dearlove, Maisey, Vince, Munday, Smith, Lawrence, Hayward, Avis, C. Cox, Albury, Tremlett. sec., W. H. Pyke, 102, Radstock Road. Two new members were elected, Messrs. G. Biles and Medcalf. Hon. Sec. brought forward balance-sheet for the year, showing a balance at bank of over £14. This was, of course, considered very satisfactory. Arrangements for pair show on Feb. 5th were then settled. There will be 10 classes, comprising champions, amateurs, and novices, and a lecture on birds, after judging, by Mr. Geo. Gardner. Young bird show will be held on July 16th, with Mr. Gardner again as judge. Entries for pair show were very poor last year, so to encourage more entries this time six members are giving 2s. 6d. in each section for most points, and we hope members will do their best to give the judge something to lecture on. Postcards are being printed with full details, and will be posted shortly. Any fancier wishing to be present please send me a card, and I will reserve a seat for them. A protest had been entered against a bird shown at recent show on the ground that it was not bred by the exhibitor, but after a discussion it was decided that a misunderstanding had arisen, and the member's assertion that he had bred the bird, and could prove it, was accepted. The Hon. Sec. has had to get a new hat three sizes larger since this meeting owing to the many complimentary remarks passed on him by the members, but he is very pleased to find so many members working so well together for the good of the society, which has been such a great encouragement for him.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

The report and balance-sheet is to hand, and we have pleasure in congratulating the society upon the very satisfactory state of affairs therein disclosed.—Ed.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Dec. 30. As usual, there was a good attendance, which is very gratifying to the officials. The members heard with deep regret of the serious illness of our esteemed chairman, Mr. H. George, who instead of being present at the members' show on Boxing Day as he expected to be, was undergoing an operation for appendicitis, all were pleased to hear that this has been successful, and that his health is now improving. The Secretary was requested to convey the members' sympathy to Mr. George, and a wish for his speedy recovery. After clearing up the accounts of the members' show, the Secretary announced that Mr. J. Bagshaw had kindly promised to give a washing exhibition at the meeting held Feb. 3. It was also decided to have an essay competition, competitors to choose any subject they like, that is connected with the cage bird fancy, and the writer of the best paper to have free membership for the coming year. If every member will make up his mind to participate in the scheme, and not leave it for others, it will prove very interesting and instructive. Papers are to be handed in at the February meeting. Now members, let us see what you can do. I hear of several fanciers who are intending to join the society for the coming season, those desirous of doing so, should send in their names at once, and take advantage of the benefits of membership of the Jan. 20, at Red Lion Hotel, Stoke, to elect officers for 1913, receive balance-sheet, statement of accounts, and other important business.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Ninth annual show held in the P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, Dec. 23. There was a goodly number of entrants, a noticeable feature being the healthy appearance and vivid colouring of the birds exhibited. The society has among its patrons Sir Wm. Max Aitken, M.P., and Mr. J. Wood, M.P. Sandiford's medal was won by Mr. W. Green, and Mr. H. Foden's spl for best unflig. Yorks, Mr. G. Ackland. Mr. A. Wellings judged to the general satisfaction.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Mellor; 2, 4, Foxall; 3, Sharples. BUFF: 1, Marsland; 2, Oliver; 3, Foxall; 4, Kelsall. YELL. HEN: 1, Sharples; 2, 3, Hargreaves; 4, Foxall. BUFF: 1, Drabble; 2, 4, Foxall; 3, Hargreaves. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Drabble; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Sharples; 4, Foxall. BUFF: 1, 3, Drabble; 2, Mellor; 4, Hargreaves. NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, Hargreaves; 4, Sharples. YORK. YELL. CK.: 1, Foxall; 2, Green; 3, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Sharples; 2, Foxall; 3, Green; 4, Harrison. YELL. HEN: 1, Foxall; 2, 3, Green. BUFF: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, 4, Green. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Green. BUFF: 1, 2, Green. NON-FED: 1, Harrison. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Oliver; 4, Marsland. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Foxall, 2, Dyson; 3, Flowers. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Heap; 3, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Marsland; 2, 3, 4, Heap. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 4, Baron; 2, Gavin and Broadhurst; 3, Mellor. BRIT.: 1, Baron. BRIT. HEN: 1, Marsland; 2, Baron; 3, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Dowling; 2, Jones. BUFF: 1, Jones; 2, Dowling; 3, Flowers. YELL. HEN: 1, Flowers. BUFF HEN: 1, Dowling; 2, Jones. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Flowers; 2, 3, Dowling. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Dowling; 3, Flowers. NON-FED: 1, Flowers. YORKS YELL.: 1, Ackland; 2, Etchells; 3, Smalley; 4, Fearns. BUFF: 1, Fearns; 2, Smalley; 3, Grayson; 4, Etchells. YELL. HEN: 1, Etchells; 2, Smalley; 3, Fearns; 4, Etchells. BUFF: 1, Smalley; 2, Barnes; 3, Grayson; 4, Etchells. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Ackland; 2, 3, Fearns; 4, Barnes. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Barnes; 4, Ackland. NON-FED: 1, 2, Fearns. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Flowers; 2, 3, Stubbs. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Flowers.

CAMPBELTOWN O.S.

36th annual show, held in the Argyle Drill Hall, Campbeltown, Jan. 1 and 2. 20 classes were provided for cage birds; entries in this section totalled over 100. We were sorry to see in Scotch Fancies no entries, as this used to be a hot-bed for the bird of circle, also all Norwich Plainhead classes have been mixed among common Canaries. Crests and C.B. were a good level lot all over; Border Fancy the same, the leaders in this section could hold their own in any competition in Yorks.; some very creditable birds were shown; some of the birds in this section had to stand down owing to not being staged to the best of advantage. Mules and British contained some nice exhibits; the judge must have had some difficulty in coming to his decisions, especially in Linnet class, the best in this class getting special for best cage bird, a bird of real merit, not one of the biggest, but all there for type, steadiness, and grand breast work, just failed a trifle in colour, 2nd running him very close, only losing in type and sweetness to leader. It was amusing to see the judge taking this bird out for best bird in hall against the Scotch Grey cock, a Palace winner, and a Flying Homer. Mr. Campbell made a good fight for his Lintie, but had to give in to the Scotch Grey, a beauty in faultless condition. The society is fortunate in having such an excellent list of patrons. More excellent arrangement could not be made at any show, everything went like clockwork. Special mention should be made of Mr. Ollar, the hard-working president, for his untiring efforts to make everybody feel at home, and to make the show a success; also the vice-presidents, Messrs. McInnes, McSporran, McArthur, treasurer (Mr. Weir), and secretary (Mr. Duncan). Although it is only three weeks since Mr. Duncan took the reins he acted like a tried veteran all through, and was well supported by a hard-working committee, Messrs. Downie, J., D., and J. McLean, Graham, McPhee, McNair, McPherson, N. J. Ollar. The judge was Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow, and we heard few comments on his awards.

CREST. CK.: 1, 3, McPherson; 2, McLean. HEN: 1, McPherson; 2, McLean; 3, Brown; 4, McPherson. C.B. CK.: 1, McPherson; 2, McPherson; 3, Wallace; 4. Brown; 5. Brown; 6. McLean. HEN: 1, McPherson; 2. Brown; 3. Wallace; 4, McPherson; 5, McLean. BORDER CK.: 1, Tayler; 2, McLean; 3, 4. Brown. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Brown; 3, McLean. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, McPherson; 2, McCallum; 4, Brown; 5, Osmay; 6, J. McCallum. HEN: 1, 5, spl, Brown; 2, 4, Brown; 6, McArthur. GOLDF.: 1, Smith; 2, McPherson. LINNET: 1, McLean; 2, 6, McPherson; 3, Smith; 4. Brown; 5, Smith. TWITE, ETC.: 1, McPherson; 2, McLean; 3, 5, Smith; 4, Brown; 6, Miss Brown. MULE: 1. 2, Smith; 3, McLean; 4, 6, McPherson; 5, McPhee. COM. CAN. CK.: 1. McPherson; 2. 4, J. McPherson; 3, McLean; 4, Girvan; 6. McLean. HEN: 1, Greenlees; 2, Greenlees; 3, McMillan; 4, McPherson; 5, McLean; 6, Brown. SINGING CLASS: 1, Conservative Club; 2, Girvan; 3, McLean; 4, McLean. A.O.V.. 1, 2, Smith; 3, McAlister; 4, Johnstone.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

CITY OF BRADFORD C.B.S.

Thirty-second grand annual exhibition of Canaries held in the Leverham Street Council Schools, January 11th. President, Sir Geo. S. Robertson, K.C.S.I., M.P.; Chairman, T. Fortnam; Treas., Fred Ludbrook. The hardworking committee were the following well-known fanciers: Messrs. J. R. Taylor, W. Helliwell, G. Hunter, P. Jenkinson, E. Litson, W. Morement, J. Roe, J. Wythell, and the Hon. Sec. and Assist. Sec., Mr. F. Rhodes and Mr. J. Horsfield. Some rare birds were benched in the Yorks. section. Mr. C. Clegg's buff hen is a real beauty. Messrs. Bailey, Ogden Bros., H. H. Towers, L. Dykes, F. Crabtree, Joe Thomas put down grand teams of birds in the champion classes. In the amateur classes for Yorkshires Messrs. Hall and Whitwham were the successful exhibitors. Some grand birds were benched in the Yorkshire Union Novice classes; Messrs. Padgett, Naylor, Wood, Gledhill, Beaumont came out on the top. The attendance, owing to the bad state of the weather, was on the small side, a snow storm raging all the day, which made it very unpleasant for foot passengers. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, placed the cards.

The Critique

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, Bailey, 1st brimful of qual., rich level col., stands well up on leg, good head, but fails a bit in wing carr., crosses at times very badly, 3 rare length, feathered to perfection, well up on leg, good round head, clean on breast, rich level col. throughout, but not so steady as we like; 2, Ogden Bros., not quite straight, but when handled improves a little, good head, rich level col., nicely placed wings, piped tail; 4, Dykes, check mkd., pale in col., grand length, nicely placed wings, full of qual.; vhc, Cruise; hc, Peel; c, Towers. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, mkd. on head, full of qual., nice head and back, good wing carr., piped tail, rare length, bit too stout; 2, Bailey, rich level col. throughout, grand position, stands on good legs, neat head, well placed wings, brimful of qual., a near race; 3, Whitley, wing tkd., blaze of col., long flights and tail, full of qual. stands well up, very smart; 4, Morrison, very slim and typical, pale col., boxy feather, grand wings, piped tail; vhc, Hall; hc, Mason; c, Thomas. EVEN, ETC. (10): 1, Dykes, Bradford National winner, looking in the pink of condition, eyes, wings and breast-mkd. buff, position A1, feathered like glass, neat head, lovely wing and tail, would do with a little more length; 2, Bailey, the noted cinn. mkd. yell., great size, lovely qual., well placed wings, had in tail to-day, which no doubt told against it; 3, Towers, buff, eye and wings mkd., position A1, feathered to perfection, grand wings and tail, fails only in size, a little gem; 4, Thomas, yell., eyes and wings mkd., stands on good legs, well braced wings, piped tail, full of qual., clean on breast; vhc, Hall; hc, Craven; c, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. (12): 1, hc, Thomas, 1st buff mkd. on chest, rich level col., teeming with qual., grand wings, piped tail, stands well up on good legs, a shade too strong for an ideal Yorkie; 2, Peel, yell., rich level col., stands on good legs, well braced wings, piped tail, full of qual., mkd. head, very smart; 3, Drake, buff, wing tkd., full of qual., well on leg, grand wings and tail, would do with more length; 4, Ogden Bros., yell., nice level col., boxy feather, long flights and piped tail, rare length, stands on good legs, fails a little in position, but might have gone up one; vhc, Tedswell; c, Morrison. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Crabtree, wing mkd., feathered like wax, perfect wing carr., piped tail, lovely head, rich level col., put down in the pink of condition; 2, Bailey, tkd. on side of head, rare length, stands well up on pair of good legs, level col., boxy feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, in the pink of condition; 3, c, Thomas, 3 grizzled on head, stout, full of qual., level col., grand wing carr., piped tail; 4, Dykes, very stylish, boxy feather, well up on leg, well braced wings, piped tail, neat round head; vhc, Craven; hc, Cruise. BUFF (14) the best class in the show, some of the finest hens out this season were on view: 1, vhc, hc, Clegg, a grand team, 1, lovely col., neat head, grand wing carr., piped tail, teeming with qual., vhc an unflighted, rare length, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, will be heard of again; 2, Bailey, wing tkd., boxy feather, level col., good head, grand pair of wings, piped tail, position A1; 3, Peel, rich level col., feather like wax, neat round head, grand wings and piped tail, well on leg, position; 4, Brown and Son, check and wing mkd., rare length and position, well braced wings, piped tail, boxy feather; c, Craven. AMAT., YORKS. CK. (17): 1, Hall, buff check mkd., rich level col., boxy feather, well up on leg, good head, very smart and well put down; 2, Burdekin Bros., yell., wing tkd., lovely qual. of feather, neat round head, clean on breast, nice wings and piped tail, very smart and stylish; 3, hc, Myers and Lumb, buff, rich col., boxy feather, long flights, well placed piped tail, very typical; 4, Midgley, yell., well up on leg long flights, piped tail, good head, rich level col., shows a little frill on breast; vhc, Crabtree; c, Fowle. HEN (7): 1, Whitwham, buff, rich col., boxy feather, grand wing carr., well up on leg, piped tail, very smart and well put down; 2, Horsfield, yell., full of qual., long flights, well placed, piped tail, rich level col., shade wild; 3, Midgley, buff, cap mkd., boxy feather, very stylish, piped tail, rich level col.; 4, Crabtree, yell., long flights and piped tail, rich col., very lame when we saw it; vhc, Lunn; hc, Derby; c, Fowle. NOR. CK. (7): 1, Roe, buff, eye and wings mkd., rich col., boxy feather, good head, neck and chest, short and cobby; 2, 4, Bolton, varieg. yell., rare good head, neck and chest, rich level col., short and cobby, 4 cap and wing mkd., rich col., boxy feather, very short and cobby; 3, Fortnam, cl. yell., pale col., good head and neck, short and cobby, boxy feather; vhc, hc, Jones; c, Rhodes. HEN (7): 1, Rhodes, rich level col., teeming with qual., good head and neck, full chest, short and cobby; 2, Hammond, buff, rich level col., good head, short and cobby, full of qual.; 3, Jones, buff, rich col., short and cobby, boxy feather; 4, Fortnam, buff, tkd., boxy feather, good head, rich col., cobby; vhc, c, Roe; hc, Bolton. YORKS. UNION NOV. CLASSES: CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Padgett, unflig., lovely qual. of feather, neat round head, grand wing carr., piped tail, level col., very smart; 2, vhc, Naylor, unflig., rich level col., nice qual. of feather, good head, pair of nice wings, piped tail, well up on leg, very stylish; 3, Midgley, not so good in head properties, long flights and tail, stands well up, level col., nicely benched; 4, Hamsworth and Son, fails a little on head, nice wings and tail, position A1, level col., full of qual.; hc, Butterfield; c, Binns. BUFF (9): 1, Gledhill, pale col., boxy feather, well up on leg, pair of nice flights, piped tail, neat head, bit unsteady; 2, Fisher, mkd. head, rich level col., silky feather, neat head, compact wings, piped tail, stands well up; 3, Midgley, pale col., boxy feather, good round head, long flights and tail, fails a little on leg; 4, vhc, Naylor, well up on leg, very typical, nice boxy feather, piped tail, well put down; hc, Padgett; c, Butterfield. UNEVEN, ETC. (12): 1, Wood, buff, wings and check, rich col., boxy feather, nice wing carr., piped tail, well on leg, very stylish; 2, vhc, Binns, yell., eyes and wings mkd., very typical, rich level col., full of qual., stands on good legs, well put down, we liked; 3, Helliwell, buff, cap. neck and wings, rich col., silky feather, very typical, nicely benched; 4, Naylor, yell., blaze of col., cap. neck and wings, position A1, long flights, piped tail; hc, Padgett; c, Hamsworth and Son. UNEV., ETC., HEN (7): 1, spl., 4, Naylor, 1 yell., cap. eyes and wings, level col., boxy feather, well on leg, piped tail, very smart, 4 buff eye and wings, bit loose in feather, very typical, piped tail, good head; 2, Bower, buff eyes and wings, rich level col., silky feather, piped tail, position A1; 3, Bennett, yell. eyes and wings, rich col., boxy feather, nice wings and tail, very smart; vhc, Padgett; hc, Hamsworth and Son; c, Binns. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Beaumont, rich col., boxy feather, grand wings and tail, very slim and stylish, shows a little loose on breast at times; 2, Naylor, rich col., well on leg, nice flights, piped tail, shows a little frill; 3, Hamsworth, and Son, pale col., nice wings and tail, well on leg, boxy feather, very smart; 4, Hodgson, junr., pale col., silky feather, very typical, well put down; vhc, Kitson; hc, Midgley. BUFF (10): 1, Gledhill, cap. mkd., rich level col., silky feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, good round head, very stylish, nicely shown; 2, Beaumont, position A, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, we like; 3, Hodgson, junr., full of qual., position, nice wings and tail; 4, Rhodes, rich col., full of qual., position; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Naylor; c, Midgley. CINN., TKD., CK. (7): 1, Naylor, yell. tkd. wing, rare length and position, rich col. and full of qual., very slim and nicely put down in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Binns, 2 buff, eyes and wing, rich col., full of qual., position, 3 yell., eyes and wing, very stylish, boxy feather, long flights and tail; 4, vhc, Wood, buff, cheek, eyes and wings, rich col., boxy feather; vhc, Helliwell; c, Hodgson, junr. HEN (5): 1, Hodgson, junr., yell., tkd. wings and head, pale col., nice types, well on leg, lovely qual. of feather; 2, Ward, yell., cap. eyes and wings, rich col., full of qual., well on leg, piped tail; 3, Binns, yell., grizzled on back, very slim and stylish, boxy feather, nice wings and tail; 4, vhc, Wood. NOR. CK. (12): 1, Kaberry, buff cap on head, rich col., boxy feather, good head and chest, well put down; 2, c, Hunter, rich col. buff, good head, neck and chest, full of qual., short and cobby; 3, hc, Ingham, buff, boxy feather, rich level col., very cobby; 4, Birbeck, pale col. yell., good head, silky feather, cobby; vhc, Lythell. HEN (11): 1, Ingham, grizzled cap, buff, boxy feather, good head, rich level col., very cobby, nice type; 2, Birbeck, yell., pale col., short boxy feather, good head, clean on chest, cobby; 3, Lythell, buff, very short and cobby, nice type; 4, vhc, Lord; vhc, c, Hunter.

RYECROFT & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

First annual members' show of Canaries and British birds held in the club room of the Queen's Hotel; a very suitable room for the occasion. The secretary and committee are to be congratulated upon the array of special prizes provided. Specials for every class also special for best Yorks., best Norwich and best British. Mr. J. Warrender judged. YORKS.: 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Gascoigne; 3, hc, Wilshaw. HEN: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Wilshaw; vhc, c, Gascoigne; hc, Smith. UNFLI.: 1, spl best Yorks, 2, R. J. Smith; 3, hc, Wilshaw; vhc, Gascoigne. NOR.: 1, Gascoigne; 2, J. Smith; 3, Dyson; vhc, Wilshaw. HEN: 1, c, Gascoigne; 2, Dyson; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Wilshaw. UNFLI.: 1, spl best Nor., hc, Gascoigne; 2, 3, vhc, c, Wilshaw. LINNET: 1, J. Dyson; 2, vhc, T. Cook, 3, Wilshaw. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, spl best Brit., Wilshaw, 1st Bullfinch, 2nd Greenfinch, 3rd Goldfinch; vhc, J. Smith; hc, c, T. Cook.

WOOD GREEN F. & F.A.

Annual members' show, held in the Assembly Rooms on Jan 4, and was a decided success. The hon. secretary, Mr. G. Harris, is a splendid organiser, and he has the assistance in the secretarial duties of Mr. T. Callegan, who is also well up in the routine of the duties. In addition, Mr. Wilson was here, there and everywhere, rendering efficient aid. A more suitable hall could not have been selected; it has the advantage of a grand light, and is spacious and lofty. The quality was excellent, and the competition very keen. Cup for best bird was won by Mr. Pettit, with a really good saddle-marked Dark Crest. The same exhibitor also annexed special for 2nd best with a grand-headed variegated Crestbred, and Mr. Jones 3rd special with an evenly marked dark Crest, a very creditable performance for amateurs. Mr. Tickner won 4th special with a very smart buff Norwich, and the special for best in novice section was deservedly taken by Mr. Tolfree, with a typical Yorks. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, sp., 2, 3, 4, Tichner, rattling team of typical birds, clear buff, beautifully fed, and rare silky feather leading, closely followed by a bonny shaped variegated buff hen. AMAT., BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Warner, good team of these natty little birds, sweet headed, jaunty yellow green leading. YORKS.: 1, Jones, buff, flat in colour, but good pose. CREST: 1, cup, 3, 4, Pettit, already referred to: 2, Jones, smart Crest, also alluded to above. C.B.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Pettit, really fine team, all high-class; 4, vhc, Jones, also good. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Jones, neat and typical Borders. NOVICE YORKS., CL. OR TKD. CK.: 1, sp., 4, Tolfree, both typical birds, well shown; 2, vhc, Nuttall, former stylish and full of nerve; 3, Cobden, great length, but a trifle coarse; hc, Sonster. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Tolfree, Smart and quick in position: 2, 3, Cobden, grand length; 4, Sonster, neat, but small. HENS: 1, Tolfree, typical yell., of nice length; 2, Tolfree, buff, neat; 3, Cobden, stylish. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Griffin, all full of quality, especially the winners, one or two fail trifle in head. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Cobden, nice face, good bars and buttons, steady; 2, Pettit, best flush, very smart, would have won but had rubbed feathers off over beak, evidently in the wires: 3, Griffin, neat Bully. GREENIE OR LINNET: 1, 2, Griffin, good Linnet and Greenie; 3, 4, Pettit. A.O.V. BRIT. OR MULES: 1, Pettit, nice Redpoll-Canary; 2, Deuchfield, good Thrush.

GUILDFORD F.A.

Annual show held in the Drill Hall, January 14th. The entry was not large, but a few birds were staged in all sections of more than average merit. Norwich contained some good ones, particularly the leading birds in the yell. (Mr. A. E. Silk, Emsworth) and buff classes, the latter was capitally staged by Mr. J. Kilby, of Caterham. The bird looked bonny, much better than when we last saw him, and should score many wins for his new owner. Yorkshires were good, and the Hybrid, fit for any show in the kingdom, while a few good British made a nice little collection. Our section was located on the stage near the entrance, and we would ask the cage bird representatives on the committee to do their best to have our pets staged in a more cosy corner (say, the opposite end of the hall). Mr. G. Russell-Cox acts as Secretary, the cage birds being looked after by Messrs. L. Stevens, C. Pope, F. Killick and J. Reed. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

BUFF NOR. (6): 1, vhc, Silk, fine bold bird, grand type and sub., stands well on perch, bold head and front, sound col. and qual., bonny and typical; 2, Kilby, well-known green, grand bird for col. and subs., rare stock bird; 3, Lees, neck mkd., rare size, good head and front, well braced wings, neat tail, nice qual.; hc, Edwards. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Kilby, bonny bold bird, nicely rounded neat head, good full neck, in capital condition, a good win, 3 good qual., capital type and subs., beaten head by winner; 2, Silk, bold, grand subs., stands and moves well, broad skull, but inclined to brow, nice qual.; vhc, Miss Edwards; hc, Springett. YORKS. (10): 1, Yates, smart and shapely, capital length and style, neat head, closely braced wings, grand qual. in the pink; 2, 3, Hawes Bros., smart racy one, showing a bit more leg, grand shoulders and back, lovely qual. and a bit more polish than winner, better filled at throat, 3 beauty for style and qual., neat head, grand wings and clean cut, wee bit open in front, still good; vhc, hc, Rosser; c, Boyes. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., leader grand length and style, a Yorkie all over, neat head, grand shoulders, nice clean run to a good tail, lovely qual., 3 big bird, shale stouter all through, grand length, hardly so clean cut as winner, lovely qual.; 2, Matthews, a stormer for qual. of feather, very typical, smartly braced wings, neat tail, well put down, fine position; vhc, hc, Rosser; c, Yates. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Cooper, capital buff, nice type and qual., well braced wings, neat tail, hardly the length of 2, Cook, smart upstanding yell., nice qual., good length of wing, capital position; 3, Silk, good length, bit rough at thighs and carried too much fat, which spoilt the contour, nice qual. feather; vhc, hc, Boyes; c, Yates; Nos. 11 and 12, Hawes Bros., grand typical birds, as good as any in class, No. 11 wing mkd. yell., lovely, racy beautifully moulded, full of qual. and col., fine position. A.O.V. CAN (6): 1, Yates, really good typical Yorkie, grand style and qual.; 2, Ellis, neat little varieg. Bord., capital type, sweet head, well braced wings, in A1 condition; 3, Fifield, good Dutch Frill, capital size and feather; vhc, Bacon. NON-FED. (12): 1, Fifield, fine bold Dutch Frill, grand size and type, lovely mantle, full of feather, a beauty; 2, Bacon, good Yorkie, good length and type, well up on leg, good qual. and condition; 3, Wade, bold full fronted Nor., we liked, unusually lovely head, neck and chest, neat wings and tail, must have pressed; hc, Cameron; c, Ellis. HYB.: 1, Howick, fine, bold young Can.-Bullie, grand size for a young one, well up in col., should make a topper; 2, 3, hc, Lamb, well-known light Can.-Goldie, leading, still looking in the best of condition, 3 Linnet-Bullie, capital size and shape, good head, nice bold chest, good col., grand condition; vhc, Lees; c, Rosser. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (12): 1, Harris, topping Goldie, not over large, but good, shapely, clean cut blaze, nice tanning and well polished all through; 2, Jones, rather small Bullie, and bit pale in col., but lovely qual., good cap and well polished; 3, vhc, Jupe, fine big Goldie, quite as good as winner on points, but not the polish, still a beauty; vhc, Head; c, Hinds. CHAFFIE OR GREENIE (6): 1, Harris, good bold Greenie, shapely, nice head, good front and sound col., in fine fettle; 2, Edington, fair size Chaffinch, nice shape and quality; 3, Marriott, another good Chaffinch, a beauty for size and shape, nice round rich col. all through, lovely cap, in the pink of condition; vhc, c, Donn; hc, Bacon. LINNET. ETC. (10): 1, Gunnell, grand bold Linnet, capital size and shape, beautifully rounded, full of lacing, in grand condition, a good win; 2, hc, Heal, bonny Twite, rare size and col., capital shape, beautifully marked, a real good one, close up; 3, vhc, c, Jones, another Linnet, shapely, in very fine condition. A.O.S. (6): 1, 3, Harris, bold Hawfinch, in the pink of condition, capital shape, nice rich tone of col., sound bib, 3 good Yell. Bunting, fine size, beautifully laced, sound rich col., in good marking; 2, hc, Miss Wishaw, lovely Cirl Bunting, beauty for shape, nicely marked, in very fine condition; vhc, Cooper; c, Inglis. FOR. (6): 1, 3, Cox, two grand exhibits, both in very fine condition, leader an easy winner; 2, Tates, Red-fronted Parrakeet, very richly mkd., in very fine order; vhc, Killick; hc, Wade; c, Munn.

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HEDNESFORD F.A.

Annual show held Jan. 1st, this year allotting classes for cage birds, these being controlled by the C.B. section. It was a regrettable fact that the event was not advertised. Many good fanciers in the surrounding neighbourhood had not even heard of the show, and the open events had to be unfortunately cancelled, although of a liberal nature for a first attempt. The Market Hall makes a splendid room, with plenty of light, whilst the show secretary, Mr. C. Dawson, was most courteous. Mr. J. A. Tonks judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, spl, 2, res, Shepherd; 3, Pearce; vhc, hc, Sutton. YORKS.: 1, Shepherd; 2, 3, vhc, Pritchard Bros. BRIT.: 1, Sutton; 2, 3, hc, Taylor; res, Shepherd; vhc. Pritchard Bros.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

Members' show at the Regent Hotel, Guiseley, Dec. 26th. Mr. T. Ogden judged and gave every satisfaction to all. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, hc, Myers; 2, vhc, Boulton, c, Dibb. BUFF: 1, vhc, Brown and Son; 2, Boulton; 3, Hardaker; hc, Dibb, c, Atkinson. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Myers, 2, Long. BUFF: 1, vhc, Wheatley; 2, Boulton; 3, Myers, hc, c, Brown and Son. UNEVEN MKD. CK.: 1, Myers, 2, Brown and Son; 3, Dibb; vhc, Long; hc, Wheatley. UNFLI. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Myers; 2, spl, vhc, Boulton; hc, c, Brown and Son. CLASS 7: 1, Myers; 2, vhc, Cater; 3, c, Dibb; hc, Atkinson. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN: 1, Brown and Son; 2, 3, vhc, c, Myers; hc, Hardaker. UNEVEN MKD. HEN, 1, 3, Brown and Son; 2, vhc, Myers; hc, Dibb; c, Wheatley. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Brown and Son; 3, hc, c, Boulton. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Wheatley. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1. Long. HEN: 1, 2, 3, hc, Hardaker, vhc. Long.—W. Long, Sec.

KENDAL C.B.S.

Fifth annual members' show held in the Town Hall on Boxing Day, was a record in numbers and quality, and attracted a large number of visitors. There were 264 birds entered, as against 225 last year. Dr. Noble is the president, and the committee consists of Messrs. John Thompson (chairman), J. W. Crossley, F. Dent, J. Dickinson, S. Mitchell, J. C. Parker, A. J. Pearce, Geo. Sumpter, W. Vart, with Mr. William Heywood as hon. treasurer, and Mr. P. S. Ransome, 9, Mayfield, as hon. sec. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

NOR. CL. ETC.: 1, 2, Heywood; 3, Hoyle; res, Crossley; vhc, Dent; hc, Durston; c, Higginson. HEN: 1, vhc, Crossley; 2, Vart; 3, hc, Hoyle; res, Heywood; c, Whally. UNFLIG.: 1, Dr. Allen; 2, res, Dickinson; 3, Crossley; vhc, Heywood; hc, Whally; c, Tedcastle. HEN: 1, 3, Crossley; 2, Hoyle; res, Dr. Allen; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Dent; c, Vart. NON-FED: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, res, Dickinson; vhc, Dixon. HEN: 1, Dixon; 2, Dr. Allen; 3, hc, Thompson; res, Dickinson; vhc, Dent, c, Heywood. CL., ETC., CK. (NOV.): 1, hc, Dixon; 2, Aslam; 3, Allen; res, vhc, Mitchell. HEN: 1, 3, hc, Mitchell; 2, res, vhc, Dixon; c, Allen. YORKS CL. ETC. CK. BUFF: 1, 3, Cafferty; 2, Dr. Allen; res, Bostock; vhc, hc, Mackereth; c, Durston. HEN: 1, Cafferty; 2, Higginson; 3, Mackereth; res, Allen; vhc, Bostock. YELL.: 1, Cafferty; 2, Moffatt; 3, res, Mackereth; vhc, Durston; hc, Allen; c, Dr. Allen. HEN: 1, Cafferty; 2, Dr. Allen; 3, Bostock; res, c, Mackereth; vhc, Allen; hc, Higginson. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Dickinson; 2, Pearce; 3, hc, Thompson; 4, Mackereth; vhc, Allen; c, Higginson. BUFF: 1, 2, res, Ransome; 3, c, Pearce; vhc, hc, Dickinson. YELL. HEN: 1, Bell; 2, Heywood; 3, Higginson; res, Ransome; vhc, Allen. BUFF: 1, Heywood; 2, 3, Pearce; res, Mackereth; vhc, hc, Dickinson; c, Thompson. GR. OR CINN.: 1, 2, Higginson; 3, Thompson; res, Dixon. CINN.: 1, 2, vhc, Hawthornthwaite; 3, res, hc, Dixon. HEN: 1, res, vhc, Dixon; 2, Dixon; 3, hc, c, Hawthornthwaite. A.O.V.: 1, res, c, Vart; 2, Aslam; 3, Hawthornthwaite; vhc, hc, Dickinson. A.V. CAN. OTHER THAN NOR. (NOV.): 1, 3, Allen; 2, vhc, hc, c, Armstrong; res, Ashworth. GOLDF.: 1, vhc, Alexander; 2, Higginson; 3, hc, Heywood; res, Alexander; c, Dent. BULLF.: 1, Gibson; 2, 3, Dickinson; res, Dent; vhc, Dixon. LINNET: 1, Alexander; 2, Dixon; 3, Whally; res, Thompson; vhc, Sumpter; hc, Ashworth. A.O.V.: 1, Bostock; 2, Vart; 3, Ransome. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Durston; 3, 4, Alexander. DARK: 1, Whally; 2, r, hc, Durston; 3, Vart, vhc, c, Alexander. FOR. LGE.: 1, 2, res, vhc, Kenworthy; 3, Vart. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, res, hc, Kenworthy; vhc, Graham. GIFT (BIRD ONLY): 1, c, Dickinson; 2, Bostock; 3, Cafferty; res, Thompson; vhc, Heywood; hc, J Pearce. Sandiford's medal: Hoyle.

NORTH SHIELDS C.B.C.

Second annual show, held in Griggs' Cafe, Dec. 26. Entries were well up to last year, 194 birds being on exhibition. Competition in many of the classes was very keen. The management of the show was carried out by the chairman, Mr. W. Hunter, ably assisted by the following: Messrs. Couchman, Armstrong, Wilson, Buglass, McVay and Thompson, and others. Mr. R. P. Fox, secretary, had everything in clockwork order, his unceasing efforts being the cause of the great success that the show attained. Mr. J. Johnson, Wallsend, ably acted as judge, his awards satisfying even the keenest critics. In open classes Mr. W. Hunter took 1st, 3rd, sp. for Linnets, Mr. McVay being a good second. Mr. J. Jobling, 1st and sp. in Larks. Mr. R. McVay being again second, and Mr. H. Potts 3rd. Special interest was taken in the open Lark class. Twelve very fine specimens were on view.

NORWICH, YELL.: 1, Armstrong; 2, Couchman; 3, 4, sp., Newton. BUFFS: 1, 2, sp., Couchman; 3, Newton. HENS: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, 4, sp., Couchman; vhc, Bell Johnson. YELL. CK., UNFLIGHTED: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, sp., Newton. BUFF UNFLIGHTED: 1, 2, sp., Newton. HENS: 1, 4, sp., Newton; 2, 3, Couchman. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, 3, sp., Couchman. Unfortunately in Yorkshires there was little or no competition. Mr. Wigglesworth carried all the honours with some very fine birds. In the nat. col. Yorks., Mr. McKean was 1st, and Bainbridge 2, 3, sp. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, sp., R. P. Fox; 4, Beevor, vhc, Fidler. BUFF: 1, C. M. Bainbridge; 2, 3, sp., Couchman; 4, Beevor; vhc, hc, Fox. YELL. OR TKD. HENS: 1, vhc, Beevor; 2, Couchman; 3, 4, Fox; Beevor and Fox divide sp. BUFF: 1, M. Armstrong; 2, vhc, Beevor; 3, 4, Fox; hc, Couchman; M. Fox and Beevor again divide sp. GREENS, YELL.: 1, 2, sp., Armstrong; 3, Fidler. BUFF: 1, 3, sp., Armstrong; 2, vhc, Beevor; 4, Wilson. CINN. OR CINN.-MKD.: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, vhc, sp., Fox; 4, Beevor; hc, Fidler. CRESTS: 1, 2, vhc, sp., Hands; 3, 4, Newton; hc, Wilson. C.B.: 1, vhc, hc, sp., Hands; 2, 3, Newton; c, Wilson. MULES: 1, Armstrong; 2, 4, sp., Couchman; 3, vhc, Udberg; hc, Thompson. GOLDFINCHES: A good class. 1, 2, sp., Hands; 3, McKean; 4, J. Bell; vhc, Johnson; hc, Bergen; c, Buglass. BULLFINCHES: 1, sp., Bergen; 2, McVay; 3, Dixon. GREENFINCHES: 1, 2, vhc, sp., McVay; 3, Dixon; 4, Bergen; hc, Buglass. LINNET, H.M.: 1, 3, Potts; 2, 4, sp., McVay; vhc, Fox. F.M.: 1, McVay; 2, Potts; 3, Udberg. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Couchman; 2, Buglass; 3, 4, vhc, sp., McVay. CHAFFINCH AND BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, 2, hc, sp., McVay; 3, Couchman; 4, Dixon. BUNTINGS: 1, 2, sp., McVay; 3, Udberg. MEMBERS. LARKS: 1, 3, McVay; 2, 4, vhc, sp., Potts. SOFTBILL: 1, sp., Wilson; 2, McKean. A very fine Hawfinch was exhibited by Mr. McVay, but there was no competition. A good number of visitors attended considering the inclement weather and the show as a whole was a great success.—R. P. Fox Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual members' show at headquarters, the Chequers' Hotel. There was a grand display of Canaries and British, entries totalling 64. Mr. W. Davis, Coventry, judged, and gave great satisfaction. The list of awards were:

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl., Roycroft; 2, Follows; 3, Rowley. BUFF: 1, 2, spl., Rowley; 3, Ploughton. HEN: 1, Follows; 2, 3, Roycroft. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Roycroft; 3, Ploughton. BUFF: 1, Howe; 2, Symonds; 3, Cox. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, Green; 2, Saunders. HEN UNFLIG.: 1, spl., Follows; 2, Roycroft; 3, Houghton. YORK.: 1, 2, spl., Symonds; 3, Groom. YORKS., UNFLIG.: 1, A. Green; 2, Groom; 3, Symonds. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, A. Green; 3, Follows. PAIRS: 1, Saunders; 2, Houghton; 3, Howe. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Saunders.—R. Symonds, Secretary.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Last show for 1912; 70 birds were staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and gave satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Parker; 2, Casey; 3, Stebbing; 4, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, 4, Swaine; 2, Hodgson; 3, hc, Robson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, Stebbings; 3, Robson; 4, hc, Swaine. YELL. HEN: 1, Casey; 2, 4, Walton; 3, hc, c, Stebbings. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Robson; 4, Stebbings. CINN.: 1, Casey; 2, 4, Parker; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Swaine. HEN: 1, 4, Parker; 2, Casey; 3, Swaine. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Bland; 3, Pyrah; 4, Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, Bland; 3, Revell; 4, Walker. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Hudson; 2, Foster. YELL. HEN: 1, Bland; 2, Pyrah; 3, Foster; 4, Patchett. BUFF: 1, Bland; 2, vhc, Pyrah; 3, Foster; 4, Revell. CINN.: 1, Revell; 2, Hudson Bros. Medal winners: Open, 1, Stebbings; 2, Swaine; spl. 3, Parker; spl. 4, Casey. Nov., 1, Bland; 2, Revel. Sealed Handicap, 1, Bland; 2, Stebbing.—J. E. Hudson, Secretary.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual members' show held December 28th at the Plummet Line Hotel, when 97 birds were staged. Mr. Wm. Spencer, Hebden Bridge, judged, and gave general satisfaction. The awards were as follows:—

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Burdekin Bros.; 3, A. Ross. BUFF: 1, S. H. Jeffries; 2, 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, A. Ross. MKD. YELL.: 1, S. H. Jeffries. YELL. HEN: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, A. Ross. BUFF: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, A. Ross. NOV., YELL. YORKS.: 1, P. F. Sunderland; 2, E. Holroyd; 3, E. Saville; vhc, E. Ogden; hc, S. Wilkinson; c, S. Barron. BUFF: 1, 3, E. Ogden; 2, S. Wilkinson; vhc, E. Saville. hc, F. Horsman. MKD. YELL.: 1, P. F. Sunderland; 2, E. Saville; 3, E. Holroyd; vhc, E. Howarth. BUFF: 1, E. Holroyd; 2, Wilkinson; 3, W. Wold; vhc, c, A. Mann; hc, F. Sladdin. YELL. HEN: 1, P. F. Sunderland; 2, E. Ogden 3, c, A. Mann; vhc, E. Saville; hc, S. Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, 3, A. Mann; 2, F. Horsman; vhc, E. Ogden; hc, c, S. Barron. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, J. Mottram; 2, H. Clegg. BUFF: 1, H. Clegg; 2, J. Mottram. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Mottram; 2, H. Clegg. BUFF: 1, J. Mottram; 2, T. Pilling; 3, H. Clegg. YELL. NOR.: 1, E. Howarth; 2, J. Corney. BUFF: 1, E. Saville; 2, c, E. Howarth; 3, J. A. Watson; vhc, H. Lord; hc, J. Corney. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, H. Lord; 3, W. Wild; vhc, J. A. Watson. BUFF: 1, W. Wild; 2, H. Lord; 3, J. Crossley; vhc, J. Corney; hc, J. A. Watson; c, J. Corney. BRIT.: 1, Mottram; 2, 3, R. E. Helliwell; vhc, E. Howarth; hc, D. A. Macpherson; c, W. Woodhead. Special winner in champion section, J. Mottram; novice, P. F. Sunderland.—Harry Clegg, Secretary.

RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth annual Christmas Show, held Dec. 27, at the Old Court Room, Town Hall, Rugby, and was what some would call a "mixed success," inasmuch as the entries were the highest on record, and the Canaries a bit above the average, but the weather played its usual dirty trick of being as dirty as possible. It is rather unfortunate that a young society, trying hard to get on, should have a drenching wet day, as has happened for both shows this season. However, the birds were entered and most all of them came through all right. The show was arranged by the Hon. Sec. and several improvements were made on last year. A number of specials were kindly given by local tradesmen, and were much appreciated by the committee, and the fortunate winners. Three gate prizes were given; the first being a pair of Canaries, second a Canary and cage, and third a Canary. Another noticeable item was the advertisement of Cage Birds League, on the catalogue cover (and schedule) inserted by the local hon. sec. Mr. E. H. Hulse, of Leicester, judged the Canaries, and gave much satisfaction. He is up to his work and very eager to help societies along by assisting them in the judging. He would be well advised to bring his name more prominently in front of societies next season. He had several classes with little to choose between the first three, and the exhibitors were well satisfied. Mr. T. Hough, Rugby, judged Foreign and British, and got through his work well, and improved his good name amongst the members. Supt. Clarke (of the Rugby Police) staged a fine unflighted buff, which got the special for best bird in show, and several other good birds. Mr. F. Ager put down a finely marked Goldfinch in his team of British birds. It is pleasing to note the names of several new members in the "money," and it is to be hoped that they may go on as they have begun. The thanks of the society are due to the hon. sec. (Mr. J. W. Veasey) for the work he put in. He was hardly recovered from a severe illness when he started his arrangements, and one cannot help but wonder how he got through.

NORWICH CHAMPION YELL. (1): 1, Leng; 2, Packer; 3, hc, Veasey; vhc, Nelson; c, Muddiman. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Veasey; 2, hc, Clarke; c, Nelson. YELL., UNFLIG.: 1, Clarke; 2, hc, Veasey; 3, Packer; vhc, Leng; c, Muddiman. BUFF: 1, sp, Clarke; 2, 3, Veasey; vhc, Muddiman. YELL. HEN: 1, c, Veasey; 2, Muddiman; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc, Matthews. BUFF: 1, Buswell; 2, Muddiman; 3, Leng; vhc, Barnwell; hc, Clarke; c, Adcock. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, hc, Shorthose; 2, Clough; 3, Watts; vhc, Veasey. HEN: 1, vhc, Veasey; 2, Matthews; 3, Shorthose. NOV., YELL.: 1, Barnwell; 2, Webb; 3, vhc, Martin. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, T. Whitehouse; 3, Webb; 4, Adcock. YELL., UNFLIG.: 1, Sharp; 2, Webb; 3, Whitehouse; vhc, Clough; hc, Adcock; c, Martin. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Salter; 3, Webb; vhc, Martin; hc, Beet. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Marshall; 2, Clough; 3, Veasey; vhc, Skipworth. MULE: 1, 2, Ashmore; 3, Beet; vhc, Fielder; hc, Barnwell. HYB.: 1, Skipworth. FOR.: 1, Beet, Paradise Whydah; 2, Watts, Red-crest cardinal; 3, vhc, Mrs. Marshall. GOLD., ETC.: 1, Ager; 2, Garratt; vhc, Stephens; hc, Leng; c, Mrs. Marshall. GREENFINCH: 1, Ager; 2, Matthews; 3, Nelson; vhc, Morgan; hc, Easton. A.O.V., SMALL: 1, 3, Ager; 2, Mrs. Marshall. Winning Nos. for gate prizes:—688, 1st; 21, 2nd; 693, 3rd. B. Pain, chairman.

KEITH.

Annual show held in the Longmore Hall, Jan. 8. The Canaries were comfortably staged in a room by themselves, which is by far the best system, at a mixed show. Entries showed a slight increase, and quality was all that could be desired. Mr. R. B. Kennedy makes an ideal sec. and treas., and deserves every credit for the able manner in which the show was conducted. He is ably backed up by the show manager, Mr. Charles Ralley, who was at everyone's beck and call. British were a very creditable lot, Mules and Bullies being the two strongest classes, Bullies being very hard to separate. The society rose bowl for best Canary in show was won by Mr. A. Macdonald's "Beauty," a nice nat. col. yell. cock, of great size and subs. and lovely qual. There was a grand turn-out of visitors, and we hope the venture will prove a financial success. Mr. John Lyon, Aberdeen, judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction to all.

The Critique.

YELL. CK.: 1, Macdonald, grand type, lovely texture of feather, nicely staged; 2, Stewart and Sons, another nice one, fails only in subs., A1 qual. and col. HEN: 1, Macdonald, lovely size and shape, good head and neck, nice short wings and tail; 2, Baxter, good subs., grand qual. and col., good second. BUFF CK.: 1, Banks, well up in size, good qual., and condition. HEN: 1, Geddes, in grand form, excels in qual. and col.; 2, McLean, good size, but lacks qual. of winner. VAR. CK.: 1, Banks, nice stamp, short thick set bird, good head and neck, well rounded body; 2, Baxter, nice type and condition, a little wet while taking notes. HEN: 1, Baxter, best of col., fine bold front, well turned out, a good one. HEN, FED: 1, Banks, good size, red hot col., nice head and neck, nicely staged. BUFF CK.: 1, Mackie, nice shape, neat head and neck, good col. and qual. VAR. CK.: 1, Macdonald, best of type and size, grand col. and condition. CREST CK.: 1, Shand, good size, nice rounded crest, of grand texture. BORD.: 1, Gentleman, a gem, lovely shape, grandly rounded head, nice body, sweetly moulded, well braced wings and tail; 2, 3, Blackie, two good ones, 2nd gem for shape, lovely col., grandly rounded, scarcely so neat in head, still a good one, 3 A1 qual. and condition; 4, 5, Stuart; 6, Chisholm. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Junor, two nice exhibits, and well staged. VAR. FED: 1, 3, Junor, 1st Yorkie, fine length, nice position, good shoulders and waist, nicely braced wings and tail, hot col., 3rd fails only in col.; 2, 4, Wilkinson, 2nd a good one for length of position, neat head, nicely rounded back and breast; 5, Bruce. MULE: 1, Junor, Linnet-Bullie, fair size and col., in nice condition; 2, Johnston, well coloured Greenie Mule, good size, and staged to perfection; 3, 4, 5, 6, Watt, 3rd Greenie-Goldie, lovely condition, could do with more size and col., 4th Goldie-Can., nice size and col. BULLF. (10): Grand class: 1, 5, Watt, 1st old winner; 2, Anderson Bros., grand Bullie, very little to choose, fails only a shade in finish, still a good one; 3, McIntyre, not so large, grand col., fine broad cap and excellent bars; 2, Gentleman, good Mealy 'Poll, A1 size, col., and markings, must have pressed winner; 3, McLean, good col. and qual., fails a little in size; 4, Milne; 4, Strachan. LINNET: 1, Watt, good size, nicely pencilled, well staged. SISKIN: 1, Gentleman, good cap, grand col., nice wing bars, lovely condition; 2, McAdam, good one, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Junor, very sweet, and well staged; 4, McLean. BRIT., SMALL: 1, 3, Watt, 1st Greenie, nice shape and col., 3rd Yellowhammer, good col. and size; 2, Junor, nice Chaffie, grand blue head, beautiful whites on wings, a good second; 4, Strachan; 5, Thomson; 6, r, L. Strachan. LARGE: 1, Thomson, A1 Blackie, good col. and cond. FOR., SMALL: 1, 3, 4, Watt, two good foreign Bullies, grand size and col.; 2, 5, Pirie, 2nd very nice Diamond Sparrow, in lovely plumage. LARGE: 1, Donald, Hill Parrot, in charming cond.; 4, Baxter, grand col., good size, a little rough at side; 6, Gray. HEN BULLIE: 1, 2, Gentleman, beauties, great size, perfect plumage and cond. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Harcomb, best of shape, nice blaze, clean cut and pure in col., nice tans, good wings and buttons; 2, Gentleman, not quite so shapely, beautiful blaze, grand tone of col., nice wings, good 2nd; 3, Watt, plenty of size, fails in tanning to winner; 4, Chisholm; 5, Walker; 6, Stewart. VAR. BRIT.: 1, Gentleman, lovely Hawfinch, grand bib, in excellent cond.; 2, Junor, Snow Bunting, good size and col.; 3, Angus, Bullie. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Johnston, lovely Twite, not extra large, but grand col. and markings, wins. LOCAL., CAN., BOY OR GIRL: 1, 2, Pirie, 1st Crest, good size and subs.; 3, McLean, good type and col., nice head and neck; 4, 5, Stuart. LOCAL BRIT., BOY OR GIRL: 1, McAdam, nice Bullie, grand col., nice bars and cond.; 2. Thomson, Goldie, rich col. and markings; 3, 4, Milne; 3, also a Goldie; 4, Siskin.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Club show held Dec. 28. Unfortunately some of the leading fanciers could not see their way to patronise same, owing, no doubt, to their intending to exhibit at the Scottish National. At the same time some of us are inclined to think that the manner in which the specials were placed was not approved of by the majority. Mr. J. J. Dewar judged, and in all cases gave excellent awards. General satisfaction throughout seemed to be the order. Border gold medal was won by A. Muir; Crest silver medal, J. McGregor; matched pairs, A. Muir; special for best Norwich P.H., D. Dursire; best British, W. Whiteford. The show was well attended throughout the day.—R. Muir, Sec.

CARSHALTON.

The Carshalton and District F.A. held another successful show in the Parish Room, Jan. 9. Cage birds were staged in the warmest part of the building, and made quite a brave show. Quality all through was above the average, especially in Norwich classes. The competition for the challenge cup and other specials was exceptionally keen, Mr. Saunders, Sutton, winning the cup with a very typical clear yell. Norwich cock, a well proportioned bird of good quality and colour, the runner-up being a yell. Yorks. shown by Mr. Soper. These two exhibitors also won the specials for best Norwich and Yorks. The Yorks. hen spl., went to Mr. Truelove, for a good buff marked bird. Mr. Sidney Hudson once more carried out the duties of show manager, with his usual ability. His special hobby is pigeons, but he is such a thorough fancier that all sections receive equal attention. The show was well attended by visitors. Mr. H. Norman judged.

YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Soper; 3, Seldon; vhc, c, Truelove. BUFF: 1, res, Truelove; 2, 3, Soper. HEN: 1, 2, Truelove; 3, res, Soper; vhc, Seldon. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Soper; 3, vhc, Truelove. BUFF: 1, 2, Truelove; 3, res, Soper. NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Saunders; 2, 3, res, Kilby; vhc, Seldon. BUFF: 1, 2, Saunders; 3, 4, vhc, Kilby; hc, Seldon. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Saunders; res, vhc, Seldon. UNFLIGH. YELL.: 1, Saunders. BUFF: 1, 2, Saunders. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Saunders. BRIT.: 1, Seldon; 2, 3, Truelove. SELL.: 1, [illegible], Soper; 2, Saunders.

WIBSEY C.B.S.

Last of a series of members' shows, held Dec. 28, at the Horse and Groom Inn. Owing to the bad weather only 68 birds were staged in 15 classes. Mr. R. Garnett judged, and his awards were well received. Winners in the various sections are as follows:—Cl. and Tkd., A. Holden, 1; W. Mann, 2; Bairstow and Chapman, 3. Gr. Mkd.: D. Sutcliffe, 1; L. Hudson, 2; C. Bastow, 3. Cinn. Mkd., W. Mann, 1; W. Hillas, 2; W. Jowett, 3. Cup, W. Mann. Best bird and best vhc bird, A. Holden and L. Hudson.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, hc, L. Hudson; 2, Bairstow and Chapman; 3, A. Holden; 4, c, C. Pickup and Son. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 4, A. Holden; 2, D. Sutcliffe; vhc, C. Pickup and Son; hc, L. Hudson; c, Bairstow and Chapman. EVEN, ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, D. Sutcliffe; 4, vhc, hc, c, L. Hudson. BUFF (4): 1, D. Sutcliffe; 2, 3, L. Hudson; 4, C. Bastow. CINN. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, C. Pickup and Son. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, W. Mann; vhc, C. Pickup and Son. FOUL MKD. CK. (1): W. Hillas. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, A. Holden; 2, W. Mann; 3, hc, C. Bastow; 4, c, C. Pickup and Son; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF (5): 1, W. Mann; 2, D. Sutcliffe; 3, 4, A. Holden; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, D. Sutcliffe; 3, C. Bastow. BUFF (4): 1, 3, C. Pickup and Son; 2, D. Sutcliffe; 4, L. Hudson. CINN. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, 4, W. Hillas; 2, W. Jowett; 3, C. Bastow. BUFF (7): 1, W. Hillas; 2, C. Pickup and Son; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, W. Mann. FOUL MKD. HEN (1): 1, Bairstow and Chapman.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

BANKFOOT C.B.S.

Final show in connection with this season's competition was held December 28. The leading positions have been keenly contested throughout the year, and only by placing a quantity of quality birds down for competition have the respective leaders been able to hold their own against their less fortunate club-mates. Several "best bird specials" have been given during the year, and without exception no member has been able to secure more than one of these coveted prizes. From this it will be seen that the shows have been no "one man show." For the final show the largest entry of the year was recorded (62). Mr. F. Self, Clayton, judged in his usual painstaking style, and his awards proved to be entirely satisfactory. The winner of most points, along with the society's rose bowl was Mr. C. Hardaker, who counted 99 points, Mr. G. Hudson being in hot pursuit with 97. Hard on the latter's heels came Mr. S. Smith with 95 (after an unfortunate start). Mr. J. Lawson wins 4th prize, Mr. J. Mitchell 5th and Mr. J. Crowther 6th. A very valuable special allotted to the selling class section has up to the last show gone a-begging. This was eventually won on the post by Mr. F. Gelder (23 points); second prize in this section, Mr. W. Ormondroyd. Winner of special for best cock at last Saturday's show, W. Ormondroyd; best hen, S. Smith.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, spl., Ormondroyd; 2, Hardaker; 3, Hudson; 4, Crowther; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Lawson; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Hardaker; 4, Ormondroyd; vhc, Crowther; hc, Lawson; c, Mitchell. EVEN OR UNEV. YELL.: 1, Lawson; 2, Smith; 3, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Hudson; 3, Lawson. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Smith; 3, Crowther. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, Mitchell. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Hardaker; 3, Hudson. BUFF: 1, spl., Smith; 2, 3, Hudson; 4, Mitchell. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Mitchell. STOCK BIRD: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Hudson. £1 SELL.: 1, 3, 4, Gelder; 2, vhc, Ormondroyd; hc, Wilman; c, North. 12/6, SELL., HEN: 1, vhc, Wilman; 2, 3, Ormondroyd; 4, c, Gelder; hc, North. Will all members desirous of obtaining tickets for our next social and dance on January 18th kindly make early application, as the present stock is almost exhausted.—F. Gelder, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Amalgamated).

Held Dec. 14 in Parish Church School, open to members of the following societies:—Rochdale Good Intent, Smallbridge, Littleborough, Heywood, Bury, Middleton, and Oldham. Mr. R. Barrass, of Rochdale, judged, and we heard no dissatisfaction; 163 birds were staged, and everything points to the show being an annual event and a movable fixture, the previous show having been held at Bury. The show was well up in quality, some really good birds being staged. Mr. P. H. Barlow, of Heywood, had quite a field day in specials, being responsible for most entries in show, also winning spl for best bird, best Nor., most points in show, and most points in Yorks. Other spl winners were:—J. Newell, Lancs., Yorks, Hampshire Lizards; C. Wilson, Nor.; J. Meadowcroft, Nov.; J. Gorton, Crests; J. Hulton, Brit.; J. Addison, A.O.V.

The Awards.

YELL. COPPY: 1, spl, Newell. BUFF: 1, spl, Jameson; 2, Newell; 3, Lowe; 4, Adams. YELL. P.H.: 1, spl, Adams; 2, Woodhead; 3, Fielding; 4, Newell. BUFF: 1. spl, Collinge. LANC. 1912 BRED: 1, 2, spl, Lowe; 3, Newell. LANC. HEN: 1, spl, Collinge; 2, Newell; 3, Jameson; 4, Lowe. CL. CAP GOLD: 1, spl, 3, J. Hampshire; 2, Pleasance. SILVER: 1, spl, 2, Hampshire. HEN: 1, spl, Hampshire; 2, Pleasance. CREST: 1, spl, Arnstead; 2, Cheetham; 3, Gorton. C.B.: 1, 4, spl, Gorton: 2, 3, Collinge; vhc, Fielding; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Cheetham. CL. YELL. YORK: 1, 4, spl, P. H. Barlow; 2, Winterbottom; 3, Crossley; vhc, Butterworth; hc, Lees. BUFF: 1, spl, Sharples; 2, Winterbottom; 3, Hartley; 4, Barlow; vhc. Addison; hc, Crossley; c. Howarth. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Brooks; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Butterworth; 4. Addison; vhc, Barlow; hc. Meadowcroft. BUFF: 1, spl, Brooks; 2, Barlow; 3, Crossley; 4, Addison. NOV. YORKS: 1. spl, Meadowcroft; 2, Cryer; 3, Howarth; 4, Lord; vhc, hc, Brough. UNFLIG. YORK: 1. 2, spl, Schofield; 3, Brooks; 4, hc, J. W. Howarth; vhc, Coupe; c, Butterworth. YORKS HEN: 1, spl, vhc, Schofield; 2, 4, Barlow; hc, Crossley; c, Winterbottom. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Barlow; 2, Lees; 3, Cope; 4, Greenhalgh. BUFF: 1, spl, Arnstead; 2, Greenhalgh; 3, Cope; 4, A. Howarth; vhc, Cope; hc, Wagstaff. TICK. YELL.: 1, C. Wilson; 2, Leach; 3, vhc, spl, Steeple; hc, Smith; 4. A. Howarth; c, Greenhalgh. BUFF: 1, 3, spl, C. Wilson; 2, Sharples; 4, hc, Greenhalgh; vhc, Hartley. NOV. NOR.: 1, spl, Lord; 2, Windle; 3, Brough. UNFLIG.: 1, Pleasance; 2, 3, spl, Leach; 4, hc, c, Greenhalgh; vhc, Dewhirst. HEN: 1, spl, Cope; 2, Steeple; 3, Wilson; 4, Hollows; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Pleasance; c, Dewhirst. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, spl, vhc, Addison; 2, Wilson; 3, R. D. McMurdo; 4, Lees; hc, Hartley. BRIT. HARDBILL, SMALL: 1, spl, R. D. McMurdo; 2, Hulton; 3, Barlow; 4, Windle; vhc, Fielding. LARGE: 1, spl, Hulton; 2, R. D. McMurdo; 3, Woodhead; 4, Wilson; vhc, Hartley; hc, Windle.—Tom Holt, show sec.

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Annual show held in the Grand Hall, January 8 and 9. The hall is a very fine building, with good top light and plenty of artificial lighting during the evening. Entries this year were unfortunately below that of other years. Quality, however, was good, particularly in the Yorkshires, which contained some birds of exceptional merit. Messrs. Hawes Bros. sent in a good team, and Mr. O. T. Crawhall a few, all the way from Newcastle, his winner in the buff class being much admired. Norwich as a whole were below the Yorks. in merit, although a few really good ones were among them. A few high-class hybrids and good British made up a nice collection. Mr. Wibley makes a first class secretary, having his work well in hand, and is ably assisted by Mr. Allen. The birds were comfortably staged and well looked after by the stewards, among them being Messrs. Wraight, Bellamy, Knapp, Richards, Hayward, and T. Allen. Mr. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, C. E. Silk, smart yell., nicely rounded, good neck and back, and very hot col.; 2, Miss Norbury, bigger, bolder bird, rare substance, paler in col., almost non-fed, grand back, would have looked better in a proper cage; 3, Allen, rare subs., good chest and back, neat head, wash would improve him; 4, Foster, smart bird, capital size and type, grand wings, full head and neck, nice col. BUFF (5): 1, Richards, massive grand full head and neck, capital wings and tail, A1 qual., rare chest and back; 2, Ellis, fine bold one, shade long in barrel, but plenty of subs., good head, capital qual. of feather; 3, Frost and Rogers, head ticked buff, rather better type, shorter and fuller, lovely qual. of feather, beaten only in col.; 4, Foster, neat, capital full head and neck, grand qual. UNFLIG. (6): 1, vhc, Ellis, neat, nice head, back, and good wings, neat tail, hot col., fine feather; 2, Lees, lovely thick-set bird, grand head and neck, nice full front, good back, nicely braced wings, neat tail, A1 condition; 4, r. Wickham, typical, beautifully proportioned, good cap-marked head, nicely rounded all through, A1 qual.; 3, Bellamy, big, bold cl., nice full head and neck, good wedge shape, capital quality. HEN (6): 1, C. E. Silk, a real beauty, lovely type, beautiful head, nice full front, grand wings and tail, A1 qual. and col.; 2, Ellis, another typical varieg. bird, grand full body, short and thick set, hardly so full in head as winner, still a good one; 3, Lees, Sinclair, quite as good on points, not the subs. of winners, lovely quality; 4, Wickham, grand, nearly green, wonderful type and subs., we thought close on winner; r, Kerr; vhc, Kerr. NON-FED (4): 1, Ellis, good cl., neat and typical, capital head and wings, lovely qual. feather; 2, Frost and Rogers, similar, tkd. on thigh, bit fuller in head; 3, Noakes, nearly green, well rounded, good wings; 4, Price. YORKS. YELL. CK. (13): 1, hc, Hawes Bros., 1st beauty for length and type, grand position, well up on legs, fine shoulders, not the tightest of wings, but grand qual.; 2, r, Auton Bros., another beauty, rare length, grand head and neck, beautifully rounded, capital wings, A1 qual., we liked; 3, Crawhall, smart, upstanding bird, good head, capital wings trifle soiled, with a wash might have been higher; 4, Chandler, smaller, but lovely type, and as tight as wax; vhc, Venness; hc, c, Wraight. BUFF (11): 1, Crawhall, magnificent, exhibit, grand position, well up on legs, tightly braced wings, in the pink, a topper; 2, 3, R. Hawes Bros., grand length, hardly so smooth in front as winners, nor so nice in head, but lovely qual., 3rd nice slim type, beautifully rounded, grand length, well braced wings, A1 qual., rare legs, res. a beauty, we liked immensely, grand qual.; 4, Ballard, smart bird, hardly so long as some, but good head and shoulders; vhc, Venness; hc, Fulford; c, Wraight. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., smart, neat yell., well up on leg, lovely head, good shoulders and back, grand qual., 2nd another grand yell., shade larger, perfect position, grand head, in the pink; 3, Frost and Rogers, eye tkd., grand length, nice clean run, lovely head and back, perfect wings; 4, Fulford, smart, well up on leg, beautifully rounded, must have pressed; r, Lord; vhc, Auton Bros.; hc, Wraight; c, Vidgen. HEN (9): 1, Foxen, real beauty for type and quality, beautifully modelled, perfect head, good shoulders, well braced wings, in the pink of condition; 2, Bousfield, cinn. mkd., wonderful size, nice qual. feather; 3, hc, Hawes Bros., lovely wing mkd., grand type and style, nicely rounded, fine qual.; 4, Crawhall, beautiful buff, perfect type, tight as wax, A1 wings, a real topper; r, Wraight; vhc, Wraight; c, Auton Bros. NON-FED (7): 1, 4, Cross, smart, upstanding bird, nice type and size, lovely qual., 4th a bit wild, wonderful length, would make a good one if handled; 2, 3, Bousfield, good one, shade fuller in build, but grand qual. feather, 3rd smart cinnamon mkd., grand length, good wings, shade wild or might have gone up; res, Wraight; vhc, Venness; hc, Lord. CREST (4): 1, 4, Foster, shade small in build, but carries neat well formed crest, good front and well filled back, nice droop all round, capital subs., 4th neat one, lovely qual. of feather; 2, 3, Hayward, green, grand size, rare thick mop, wee bit untidy, but plenty of it, 3rd grand body, neat crest, of good shape, capital droop all round, good centre. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Hayward, big, massive bird, grand subs., rare width of skull, nicely domed and thatched, well lashed, 2nd another beauty, grand subs., shade better rise than winner, looks well packed and beautifully lashed; 3, Newman, big one, well lashed, hardly so nicely domed as winners, plenty of feather. BORD. (11): 1, 3, Burton, wing and cheek mkd. yell., sweet type, neat, well rounded head, inclined to be a bit flat on back, still a good one, in lovely order, 3rd lovely clear, grand type, nice free mover, good col., just beaten for polish; 2, res, Rev. Soames, smart, neat, typical green, nice size, and good wing, grand depth of col., good qual.; 4, Frost and Rogers, sweet buff, good size and type, neat head, would improve with a wash; vhc, hc, c, Aitken. HYB., LIGHT (6): 1, 2, Lamb, lovely eye and tail mkd., nice size, very shapely, good touch of blaze, grand qual., well put down, 2nd wing mkd., beauty, close up only, beaten in col., smart charming exhibit, lovely qual.; 3, Lees, mkd., nice type, rather pale in col., good size; 4, Hurst, very smart, heavily mkd., capital size and lovely shape, good sound col., A1 qual.; r, Winter. DARK: 1, 3, Howick, big bold Canary-Bullie, good shape, grand depth of col., very sound, dense cap and wings, 3rd another Canary-Bullie, beaten size; 2, Lamb, lovely Goldie, capital size, very typical, A1 blaze, nicely mkd. wings, well polished; 4, Bousfield, fine bold buff Goldie, grand size, lovely blaze and wings, A1 qual., a topper. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Lamb, well-known Goldie-Bullie, Goldie-Redpoll and Siskin-Greenie, all in very fine condition. GOLD. (9): 1, Harris, grand bold bird, fine size and type, rare frill, nicely cut blaze, well up in col., rich tanning; 2, r, Jupe, another beauty, hardly the finish of winner, otherwise quite equal on points, good wings; 3, Marriott, smart bird, lovely clean cut blaze, and both of tannings, fine wings, nice qual.; 4, Plummer, grand size, well formed blaze, hardly so rich in col. as winners, capital wings; vhc, Gregory; hc, Ellis; c, Bignall. BULLF. (8): 1, Wickham, beauty for type, rare full head, and neck, grand front, neat, well formed cap, A1 wings bars, sound rich col.; 2, Miss Bousfield, hardly so cobby and massive, grand cap, good silvery back, nice wings, rich breast col.; 3, Bignall, smart bird, in rather dark cage, good type and nice rich col.; 4, Jupe, lovely bird, but bit wild, grand cap, will make a good one; r, Wells; vhc, Harris; hc, Aitken; c, Walker. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Wickham, nice bold bird, stands well, beautifully proportioned, good full head, nicely rounded all through, nicely mkd., in the pink of condition; 2, Miss Bousfield, bonny Twite, must have pressed, lovely size, rich col., and a wealth of lacing, charming exhibit; 3, Earl, good Linnet, nice size, well laced; 4, Walker; r, Cane. SOFTBILLS (5): 1, Miss Bousfield, lovely yell Bunting, not over large, but a beauty for shape and qual., beautifully mkd. and spangled, sound col.; 2, 4, Harris, good Hawfinch, very rich col., neat bib, capital wing and sound rich col., in very fine condition, 4th lovely Corn Bunting, grand size and shape, beautifully mkd. all through, a good one; 3, Plummer, capital Chaffinch, grand col. and quality, good cap and wings. LARGE (4): 1, Miss Bousfield, lovely Waxwing, grand size, nice bold clear cut bib, perfect wings, fine tone of col., in grand order; 2, Dell, grand Starling, not one of the biggest, but beautifully spangled, very fine polish, A1 wings; 3, Dunning, good Blackbird, capital size and depth of col., in fine fettle; 4, Col. Rogers, bold Magpie, hardly the best of cages, spoils his chance, or might have done better, a good bird. FOR. (6): 1, Miss Bousfield, lovely Sugarbird, grand col., in the pink of condition; 2, Morse, fine big White Cockatoo, rare size, in fine plumage; 3, r, Livestock Co., good Amazon, in grand order; 4, vhc, Miss Backhouse, lovely pair Blackheaded Gouldians, in perfect col. and condition. JUVENILE: 1, Miss Dawes; 2, Miss Pearson; 3, Master Morse.

FALMOUTH C.B.A.

Annual show held in the Town Hall, Jan. 8—a grand place for a cage bird show, plenty of room and good light, and the staging was excellent. The show was favoured with ideal Cornish Riviera weather, plenty of sunshine. Norwich and Yorks. sections were well filled, and some grand typical specimens were staged. Cinn. classes were small, but the winners were good. Goldies and Bullies were a fine lot, Mr. Coombe's Finch again coming out on top—a grand specimen. We cannot speak too highly of the management: it was perfect. Mr. Medlin, the sec. and show manager, had everything well in hand, and was very obliging to everybody. Members' classes contained some grand specimens, which would do well in the open. The winner of the shield and best bird in members' classes was Mr. Medlin's unflig. varieg. yell., which will be heard of again. Mr. Redwood (Newton Abbot) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Kemp, nice type and quality, good condition; 2, Stephens and Gaved, nice head and chest, good wings; 3, Cock and Son, good size, nice col.; 4, hc, Pascoe, good type and qual., many liked the hc bird for a higher position; vhc, Ferrill. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stephens and Gaved, lovely type and qual., good wings and tail, 2nd nice head and neck, good colour; 3, 4, Pascoe, good col., very neat, 4th nice wings and tail, good condition; vhc, hc, Cook; c, Ferrill. NOR. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Stevens and Gaved, grizzle head buff, good type; nice wings, 3rd varieg. buff, nice type and qual., 4th good buff, tkd. head; 2, Ferrill, mkd. head, yell., grand col. and condition; hc, c, Pascoe. HEN (8): 1, Pascoe, tkd. head and tail, buff, grand type and qual., lovely damsel, easy win; 2, 3, 4, Stephens and Gaved, varieg. buff, nice type and qual., good wings, 3rd cl. yell., very sweet, nice col., 4th yell, grand col., good wings; vhc, Ferrill; hc, Reynolds; c, Marten. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Cock and Son, buff, nice type, seems a bit out of cond. to-day; 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, cl. buff, lovely type and qual., good wings and tail, we liked for 1st, 3rd mkd. wing yell., good col., nice wing carr.; 4, vhc, Pascoe, varieg. yell., good head and neck; hc, c, Ferrill. YORKS. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, vhc, c, Boundy, cl., well braced wings, well up on leg, nice tail; 2, Julian, tkd. head, good back and wings, lovely condition; 3, Allen, nice head and back, good wing carr.; 4, Thomas, cl., very sweet, good back, nice wing and tail; hc, Philpott. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, Thomas, good type, nice wing carr., fine col., 3rd very nice type, neat wings and tail, 4th very smart carr., good tail; 2, Julian, well braced wings, nice tail, lovely condition; vhc, Boundy; hc, Andrew; c, Allen. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 3, c, Thomas, varieg. yell., good wings and tail, well up on leg, 3rd mkd. wings and head buff, good wing carr., nice leg; 2, Oatey, varieg. yell., good cond., nice wings and tail; 4, hc, Boundy, var. buff, nice wings, not best of cond.; vhc, Allen. HEN (10): 1, 4, Thomas, tkd. head yell., very sweet exhibit, good wings and tail, 4th cinn. buff, nice qual.; 2, c, Boundy, buff, good wing carr., nice tail, lovely cond.; 3, hc, Andrew, cinn. yell., mkd., nice back and wings; vhc, Allen. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, Thomas, yell., good back, wings, and tail, lovely qual., 2nd buff, good col. and qual., nice wings; 3, Boundy, yell., very sweet, good wing carr., nice tail; 4, hc, c, Roach, yell. mkd. neck, good wings and tail, nice legs; vhc, Allen. CINN. (6): 1, 3, Master Collins, grand type and qual., good head and neck, well mealed buff, 3rd buff, good qual., nice feather, good colour; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Medlin, yell., good type and qual., lovely col., 4th yell., nice col., good wings. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 4, hc, Coombe, grand blaze, good buttons, nice chest and moons, 4th good blaze, nice col., good moons; 2, c, Master Collins, good chest, nice buttons and moons, good blaze; 3, Cooper, nice button and moonings, good blaze; vhc, Ferrill. BULLF. (7): 1, Collins, grand cap, well over head, good wing bars, nice bright chest; 2, Polkinghorne, good cap and bars, nice col. and qual.; 3, 4, Cooper, not quite so good in cap, nice wings and col., 4th good col., breast, neat cap, very steady; vhc, hc, c, Coombe.

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ELGIN P.P. AND C.B.A.

27th annual show held in the Corn Market Hall, Jan. 1. The hall is of a good size, well lighted from the top, and free from draughts. The birds were well staged in the centre of the hall. Entries came up fairly well, and there were some grand specimens staged. There was a nice display of Border Fanciers, and also of Norwich in the natural colour classes, but the British birds were very poor this time. The show was well patronised by the public, and there were present many well-known fanciers; there is every probability of it proving a financial success. Everything was in first-class order, and things went smoothly all day. Much credit is due to the obliging and energetic secretaries, Messrs. Garden and Sinclair, assisted by an able and hard-working committee. Silver cup for best bird was won by Mr. A. Ironside, with a clear yellow colour-fed Norwich. Silver cup for best local by Mr. R. Garden, with a buff varieg. Norwich. Mr. Jas. Kerr, Dundee, was elected judge, but was unable to attend, and Mr. K. Maclean, Forres, judged in his place.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FCY. (1): 1, McDonald, nice col. cl. yell., fine style, on the small side. NOR. NAT. COL., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, sp, medal, and cup, Garden, rare bodied bird, grand head and neck, fine size, nice col. and qual.; 2, Campbell, rare col. and qual., good size, head, and neck, nice body, well staged, our choice; 3, vhc, Garden, nice type and qual., fine col., good body and size, nice head and neck, not far behind; 4, Macdonald, grand col. and qual., nice wing carr., good head and neck; hc, Grigor; c, Bremner. BUFF (3): 1, sp, 2, Garden, good body, head, and neck, nice size, fine col. and qual., nicely shown, 2nd another nice one, good col. and qual., fine size and head, fails body; 3, George, grand wing carr., fine col. and qual., good head and size, nice body. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Lumsden, good size, col., and qual., nice head and neck, fine type. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Garden, typical, good body, head, and neck, fine col. and qual., nice wings and tail, well staged, his old winner, 2nd rare size, col., and qual., good head and neck, loses in body, 3rd grand col. and qual., good body and wings, loses in size to winner, otherwise close up. VAR. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Ironside, grand size, col., and qual., good body, head, and neck, nice wing and tail, in tip-top order, wins; 2, Allan, good head, neck, and size, fine col. and qual., heavily mkd. on wings, dark head, loses in body to winner. BUFF (3): 1, sp, Ironside, nice type, rare body and size, fine col. and qual., good head and neck, in nice bloom; 2, Lumsden, fine size, good head and neck, nice col. and qual., well placed; 3, Minnie, fair size and col., nice body and flights. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (3): 1, Bain, grand bodied dark, rare size, col., and qual., nice type, good head and neck; 2, Dr. Alexander, good head and neck, nice body and front, fine col. and qual., loses in size to winner; 3, Henderson, another nice coloured one, fine size, nice wing carr. BUFF (3): 1, Henderson, eye mkd., nice type, col. and qual, good body, head, and neck, rare size, well shown; 2, Trigor, rare size, col., and qual., good body, flights, and tail, well placed; 3, Neaves, good col. and qual., nice body and size, fails in flights and head to winner. CREST (3): 1, sp, medal, 2, Craigen, green, good head, neck, size, and qual., shapely crest, nice feather and body, 2nd varieg. D.C., grand body and size, nice head, fine length of feather, loses in crest, not so well covered; 3, Neaves, good body, nice size and feather. C.B. (3): 1, Craigen, buff varieg., rare size and body, fine length of feather, good head and neck; 2, 3, Neaves, nice pair of buff varieg., good size and bodies, nice heads and feather, not much between them. CINN. OR GR. (1): 1, Allan, big yell. gr., good col. and qual., nice body and head. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Blackie, typical couple, 1st rare qual., nice head and neck, fine wing and tail carr., well shown, 2nd same stamp, hard to divide; 3, Maclean, nice size and type, good flight and tail, fails col. to winners; 4, Craigen, another nice one, our choice for third if tail and flights had not been damaged; vhc, hc, Neaves. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Neaves, nice exhibit, good col. and qual., nice head and neck, fine wing carr., well shown, 4th another nice one, good head, col., and qual., nice type, inclined to cross wings little; 2, Hendry, good head and neck, nice col., fine flights, very showy; 3, Blackie, another good one, presses winner hard. VARIEG. (7): 1, sp, 2, Blackie, grand pair, rare col. and qual., good type, wing and tail carr., 1st nice mkd. yell., 2nd buff, both well shown, in rare bloom, not much between them; 3, 4, Cross, nice col. buff, good flights and head, 4th yell., nicely mkd., rare col. and qual., close up; vhc, Craigen; hc, Maclean. PAIRS, BRED 1912: Cancelled. COL.-FED., CL. OR TKD. YELL., CK. (3): 1, sp, cup best in show, Ironside, grand rich col., nice type and qual., good head and neck, fine body and size, well staged, wins; 2, Garden, good size, head, and neck, fine body, nice qual., patchy in col.; 3, Craigen, same stamp, loses in col. also. BUFF (5): 1, Mackie, good body, nice type, col., and qual., rare size, head, and neck, well staged; 2, Ironside, grand body and size, good col. and flights, nice head and neck; 3, Garden, rare head and neck, fine col. and qual., good body and size, damaged a little in tail and flights; 4, Craigen, grand type and qual. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, sp, 3, vhc, Garden, fine type, col., and qual., good body and size, nice head and neck, nicely shown, 3rd rare body and size, nice col. and qual.; 2, Craigen, good size, col., and qual., rare head and neck, nice body and flight, might have changed; 4, Ross, nice body and size, fine col., loses in head properties; hc, Dr. Alexander; c, Bain; Mackay, yell., w.c. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, Dr. Alexander, nicely mkd. yell., good head and neck, fine col. and qual., nice size, good body and flights; 2, Neaves, rare size and col., good wing carr., nice head and neck. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF VARIEG., CK. (3): 1, Ironside, rare size, col., and qual., good body, head, and neck, fine flights and tail; 2, Garden, mkd. on tail, good body and size, nice col. and qual., loses in head properties to winner; 3, Campbell, good head and neck, fine size and col., damaged tail. HEN (3): 1, sp, medal and cup best local, Garden, fine type and qual., rare subs., grand head and neck, good size, col., and flights, in rare bloom; 2, Ironside, good one, only fault, loses a little in body, otherwise a close run; 3, Neaves, nice size, good body and flights, fine col. A.O.V. COL.-FED (1): 1, Craigen, nice col. yell. cinn., good body and size, fine qual., well mkd. NAT. COL. (1): 1, sp Cross, good yell. gr. Bord., nice head and col., fine type and wing carr. GOLDF. (2): 1, Walker, good size and col., fine blaze, well mkd., nicely shown, wins; 2, Cormack, nicely mkd., fine size, very steady. BULLF., CK. (4): 1, Allan, grand col. and cap, good head and bars, fine size and qual.; 2, Craigen, very taking exhibit, fine col. all over, good head, cap, and bars, loses in size; 3, Clark, grand body and size, nice head and bars, fails col.; 4, Merchant. HEN (2): 1, sp, medal, Craigen, very smart exhibit, rare size, col. and qual., good head and cap, well put down. SISKIN or REDPOLL (1): 1, sp, Clark, fine sized Siskin, good col., cap, and bib, nicely mkd., very steady. LINNET or TWITE: Cancelled. A.O.V. SMALL (1): 1, Garden, Bramblefinch, nice col. and markings. LARGE: Cancelled. PAIR FOR HYB. BREEDING (1): 1, Campbell, Linnet and Bullie hen, well matched pair, nicely balanced Bullie all over, Linnet fine size, altogether white, except a few markings on breast, a sweet exhibit. MULE (5): 1, sp, vhc, Clark, nicely mkd., light Goldie Mule, good size and col., well shown; 2, Campbell, fine sized dark Linnet Mule, nice qual., well mkd, loses in col.; 3, Douglas, nice dark Goldie Mule, fine size and col.; 4, Cormack, another dark Goldie, presses winner hard. PARROTS: Cancelled. FOR. SMALL: Cancelled. GIFT (3): 1, sp, 3, Minnie; 2, Murray. BOYS or GIRLS CAN. (3): 1, sp, McDonald, nice buff var., Nor., good col. and size, nice head and neck; 2, Muray, yell., var. Nor., good head and neck, fine colour; 3, Anderson, yell. var. Bord., nice col. and body.

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YARM.

Fourth annual show held Jan. 11, was a record show for Yarm. True, there was not a very long list of classes, but what a really fine entry, nearly 300 birds, and so late in the season too! Four money prizes, a large number of valuable specials, and the support of the Yorks County B.B. and M.C., brought about this fine result in the main. There is a fine set of fancier members who take a keen interest in the society and its shows, and they give of their very best during the show. The show is supported by a fine list of patrons. Mr. J. Henderson is chairman; Mr. E. Wilson, vice; committee, all members; sec. and treas., T. Wilson; asst. sec., L. Wilford. The show was held in the County Council Schools, which as a matter of course are well lighted and seated. The birds were well staged in good time, and judging got through by a little after one p.m. It speaks volumes for the promptness and efficiency in the management that all the prize cards were on cages, and all the exhibitors present up to 2 p.m. had received their prize money. Some had been paid for the earlier classes, before all the judging was finished. Surely this will be remembered when next Yarm show comes round. Norwich were very strong, and birds of the highest merit were present in numbers equal to the average of the best shows of the season. Yorks. were a grand lot, but not quite so heavy classes as Norwich. Competition was very close and keen, Hybrids in two classes contained some of the cracks of the day, Britishers were super excellent, quantity and quality reigning supreme throughout the section. The Foreign class contained a marvellous Blue-wing Sugar Bird in magnificent order. Goldfinches were fine, Bullfinches 23 of them and such a grand lot as is rarely seen outside the Palace. Linnets were excellent all round. Redpoll, Twite, and Siskin class brought 24 together, and they required a lot of care to sort out. Greenfinches were very nice. Brambles and Chaffinches might have been of higher merit. The show was an eyeopener to visitors who came in from Stockton, Darlington, and more distant towns, for a one day show. Mr. Cowgill judged Canaries, and Mr. Houlton the remainder, and all fanciers present seemed smilingly pleased.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (14): 1, 3, Thomas, grand cl., rare subs., fine head, good col., qual., carr., and condition; 3, varieg., very cobby, fine col., qual., and condition; 2, W. A. Wilson, cl., grand shape, level col., carr., and feather; 4, vhc, Freeman, well up in shape, col., and qual.; hc, H. Wilson; c, Pierson. BUFF (21): 1, P. H. Wilcock, stout fine bouncing bird, grand head, back, bloom, and condition; 2, vhc, W. A. Wilson, longer through, fine carr., qual., body shape; 3, Thomas, very cobby shape, rare qual., carr., and bloom; 4, Parlett, bit long in tail, nice body, well mealed, in nice condition; hc, Freeman; c, Carr. UNFLIG. CK. (18), strong class: 1, Parlett, really fine subs., cl. yell., grand condition; 2, Wake, equally good, buff, fine qual.; 3, Pierson, stout set, very silky feather, etc.; 4, Stanger and Herdman, cl., good body, and carr., bit longer tail; vhc, J. Bennet; hc, Barnes; c, H. Wilson. HENS (13): 1, Wake, varieg., rare size, shape, qual., and condition; 2, 3, Pickering and Wright, grand chubby type, clean, and fine qual.; 4, Carr, pale buff, lovely bloom, shape, and condition; vhc, hc, Freeman; c, Pierson. YORKS., YELL., CK. (12): 1, Cook and Hood, tick left cheek, capital, well rounded off, fine position and wing and tail carr.; 2, Ogden Bros., breedy, bit patchy colour; 3, Thomas, well up on legs, A1 position, etc.; 4, Simeson, upstanding, clean through; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Dykes; c, Pyman. BUFFS (12): 1, Cuthbertson, mkd. bird, gem for type, carr., and neatness right through; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., grand qual., very level, and A1 position and carr.; 3, Dykes, cheek tick, A1 qual., style, etc.; 4, Simeson, grizzle head, fine type, neat carr. and condition; vhc, Thomas; hc, Pyman; c, Ramsden. UNFLIG. (20): very good lot; 1, Ogden Bros, grand buff, lovely level bird, rare col and condition; 2, Dykes, tkd head, well drawn, fine wing and tail carr., well up in position; 3, 4, vhc, Pyman, rare good trio, tick head, yell third, grand type, etc., finely drawn, all in good condition; hc, Simeson; c, Cook and Hood. HENS (14): 1, Thomas, uneven yell., capital length, type, neat carr., A1 order; 2, 4, Cuthbertson, grand cl. buff of the best type, position, and carr.; 4, cl. yell., fails a little in front; 3, Dykes, uneven buff, grand type, etc.; vhc, hc, c, Pyman. A.O.V. (15): 1, Fletcher, very big, heavy varieg. C.B., immense head, wealth of feather, fine entrance; 2, hc, Yeates, good sized yell. Cinn., full of col., etc.; 3, Appleby, wing mark, yell. Bord., grand type, etc.; 4, Orton, big, strong green C.B.; vhc, Calvert; c, Stanger and Herdman. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (10): 1, 3, vhc, Martin and Archer, nearly cl. yell. Greenf. Can., fine big pale clear Gold.-Can., and nearly even buff Gold.-Can., all in tight form; 2, Inman, rare col. Gold-Bull., in full bloom, good size, etc.; 4, c, Dr. Wilson, fine Linnet-Bull., and a smaller Gold-Bull., in good trim; hc, Maddison, good col., cl. buff Gold.-Can., showing a bit lumpy when we saw saw it. DARK CAN. (15): 1, Parlett, the old champion yell. Green-Can., late Somerfield, in splendid form to-day; 2, c, Dr. Wilson, big buff Can.-Bull., fine bird, hardly so perfect as winner in plumage to-day; 3, vhc, Martin and Archer, fine yell. Gold-Can., and nice Siskin-Can., both in grand order; 4, Maddison, rare good yell. Linnet-Can., in deep col., etc.; hc, Carr. GOLDF. (16): 1, Lane, best all round to-day, of a good lot, good clean cut, rich level blaze, good body, tan, nice chest, good moons and wing bars, in fine feather and condition; 2, Inman, runs very close, very little difference if any; 3, Eades and Haigh, gives way a little in blaze and tanning; 4, Pitchford and Stocker, well balanced in colours, shape, etc., nice condition; vhc, Bradley; hc, Hanson; c, Parlett. BULLF. (23), a specially good class: 1, D. Wood, very solid in plumage all through, medium size, steady, and full of bloom and colours well up; 2, Dr. Wilson, larger, finer cap, good back, nice colours, glossy, only fails in smoothness of feather, or could have won; 3, Brewster, another beauty, and runs in all points up to 2nd; 4, Inman, smaller, tight bird, in good colours; vhc, Mays and Allison; hc, Todd and Son; c, Kelsey. GREENF. (14): 1, Parlett, fine yell., in rare feather and condition; 2, Dr. Wilson, capital feathered buff, good size and shape, etc.; 3, Gregory, yell., smaller, grand col. and condition; 4, Foster, nice shape, qual. of feather, and tight condition; vhc, Spence; hc, Millburn; c, Henderson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Nicholson and Son, very nice medium sized Chaffinch, nice colour and markings, in fine feather and condition; 2, Parlett, nice col. and spangled, medium sized Bramble, good feather and glossy condition, but we did not like the colour of this bird's beak, being blue-black all over, which is abnormal for a Bramble; 3, Dr. Wilson, Chaffinch, smaller than first, nice col., markings, etc.; 4, Barlow, another nice Chaffinch; vhc, hc, Lane; c, J. Wilson. LINNET (20): rare fine lot, 1, vhc, Parlett, first fine bold shape, rare head, fine markings, good col. and solid condition; vhc, fine markings, etc., but narrow in body; 2, Isherwood, A1 col., size, and shape, deep dense markings, fine condition; 3, Lovatt and Mason, grand size, shape, markings, and condition, only yields in colour a little; 4, Inman, grand markings and condition; hc, Cowey; c, Hughes. TWITE, ETC. (24): very strong class: 1, Pitchford and Stocker, rare good Twite, in best of order, A1 col., shape, and markings; 2, Gregory, very neat Siskin, nice level col., good dark laced cap, nice bib, and good condition; 3, Willis Bros., fine rich plumaged Mealy Redpoll, level in feather, in good condition; 4, Hanson, another good Twite, hard to separate from first, in grand order; vhc, Mays and Allison, very nice feathered nat. col. Siskin, in good order; hc, Jones; c, Parlett. A.O. SEEDEATER (11): 1, Lane, a swell Yellowhammer, well marked, good colour, in perfect condition; 2, c, Parlett, very big Hawfinch, deep colours, an easy win when tail is perfect; 3, Bousfield, grand Bunting, in very fine condition; 4, Gregory, lovely conditioned small Hawfinch; vhc, Bruce; hc, Jones. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, Isherwood, profusely spotted Starling, fine size, bronze lustre, splendid, like satin all over; 2, hc, c, Wilkinson and Danby, grandly spotted Thrush, a good Blackbird when beak is clear, and a nice Starling, all in good feather; 3, Parnaby, nice feathered Redwing, in sound condition; 4, Robinson, another splendid Starling, and runs winner a hard race; vhc, Murray. SMALL SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, 4, Wilkinson and Danby, strong trio, grand Wryneck, nice slim Redstart and nice sized Wheatear, former most perfect to-day; 2, Bousfield, very good Grey Wagtail, well shown, in tight condition; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Dr. Wilson, Woodlark. LARGE (3): 1, Dr. Wilson, very fine Waxwing, in perfect condition; 2, Barnaby, equally fine Missel-thrush; 3, Wilkinson and Danby; very fine Magpie. FOR. (4): All Nicholson and Son, well shown, in good condition, splendid Blue Sugar bird, leading in superb condition. GIFT: 1, Foster; 2, Briscoe and Son; 3, Garbutt and Clement; 4, Yeates. BRIT. HENS (13): 1, Parlett, very tight Waxwing; 2, Wilkinson and Danby, good well spotted Thrush; 3, Oglethorpe, Corn Bunting, bit small; 4, Carter, nice Bully; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Isherwood; c, Foster. NOV. CAN. CK. (19): 1, 3, Husband; 2, Hinchcliffe and Turner; 4, Sirrell; vhc, Fairey; hc, Sanderson; c, Carlisle. HEN (12): 1, Husband; 2, 4, Ronald; 3, Carlisle; vhc, Firth; hc, Sanderson; c, Fairey. BRIT. (14): 1, Lowes and Son, nice Chaffinch; 2, Smith, Bullfinch; 3, vhc, Sirrell, yell. Bunting and Redpoll; 4, Spence, Greenfinch; hc, Pearson; c, Seymour. MEMBERS. NOR. CK.: 1, 4, Sirrell; 2, 3, Henderson. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Henderson. GREENF. (11): 1, no name; 2, Sirrell; 3, Spence; 4, Garbutt and Clement; vhc, Willis Bros.; hc, E. Wilson; c, Henderson. GOLD or BULL (6): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Garbutt and Clements; 4, hc, Seymour; vhc, T. Garbutt. LINNET: 1, Smith; 2, no name; 3, W. Garbutt; 4, E. Wilson. CHAFF. ETC.: 1, Spence; 2, Sirrell; 3, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Willis Bros., fine Mealy Redpoll; 2, Smith, Twite; 3, Johnson, lesser Redpoll; 4, c, Garbutt and Clements, Twite; vhc, Stead; hc, Sirrell. A.O. SEEDEATER: 1, Sirrell, Yellow Bunting; 2, Johnson, Snow Bunting. SOFTBILL: 1, Willis Bros., Yellow Wagtail, in nice order; 2, no name, a decent Thrush.

EPSOM AND EWELL F.A.

A splendid display of Yorks. and Norwich was staged at this show, held in the Lecture Hall, Epsom, Jan. 7. The management is excellent, and no man could perform the duties of hon. sec. with more ability, courtesy, and kindliness than Mr. A. W. Breeden. From top to bottom, no detail was left unattended to, and success, so well deserved, was certainly achieved. The hall is a splendid building, lofty, and well lighted, albeit cosy and comfortable. The stewards were unceasing in their efforts for the comfort and welfare of the birds, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The challenge cup for the best members' exhibit was won by Mr. A. J. Kilby, with a romping Norwich bird, which won in a grand class of 15 exhibits. Mr. L. Bousfield put down a rattling yellow Yorks., which was not eligible for the cup, or it would have won; and as a guide to the quality on show, it may be mentioned that such exhibitors as Messrs. G. W. Saunders, C. E. Silk, Hawes Bros., A. T. Stroud, W. R. Terry, Soper, and Mrs. Ballard, sent exhibits. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards generally were well received.

NOR. (15): 1, cup, 3, Kilby, winner his well-known yell. green, in fine trim, 3rd lovely buff, fed to the hilt, grand shape, full of qual., just little rough from washing probably, or it would have made a bold bid for the cup; 2, vhc, Saunders, leader rattling tkd. wing yell., heaps of qual., rich col., compact in feather, but cut just a trifle square at rump, a good one; r, Kerr; hc, c, Silk. YORKS. (15): 1, Bousfield, rattling yell., up like a dart, clean at front, nicely folded tail, good length behind, and well up on its legs, fine all down taper, very smart Yorkie; 2, 3, r, Mrs. Ballard, fine team, leader cl. buff, splendid pose and feather, excellent action and clean cut all the way, 3rd varieg., very racy, but not so finely proportioned quite; vhc, hc, Hawes, two grand birds, had their chest frills up, which put them back, or the result might have been different; c, Poingdestre. CHILDREN'S CLASS (6): 1, sp, Miss Daisy Belle Bates; 2, Miss Winnie Dancer; 3, Miss Hilda Lodge; vhc, Miss Gwendoline Soper; hc, Master Percy Sharpe; c, Master W. G. Randall.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Annual members' show held at the Swan Hotel, Jan. 4 Entries were not very good, but the quality was excellent. Mr. C. Birks judged, and his awards were well received. Being an old member of the society, he kindly gave his services free. Winners of specials:—Best Buff Nor., J. Bagshaw; Buff Yorks., R. Ratcliffe; Yell. Nor., N. Leese; Yell. Yorks., J. B. McMurtrie; Unfli. Yell. Nor. Nov., N. Leese; Ditto Yorks., J. B. McMurtrie; Best Goldfinch, Best Linnet, J. Peake. Points and other spls by McHickman and J. Davis. NOR. YELL.: 1, Leese; 2, 3, Filkin. BUFF: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Leese. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Clay. BUFF: 1, Bagshaw, 2, Leese. HEN: 1, Leese; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Clay; vhc, hc, Filkin. YORKS. YELL.: 1, McMurtrie; 2, Ratcliffe. BUFF: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, 3, vhc, Hickman. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 3, McMurtrie; 2, Ratcliffe. BUFF: 1, McMurtrie; 2, Ratcliffe. HEN: 1, McMurtrie; 2, Ratcliffe. GOLD.: 1, Peake; 2, 3, Davies; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Lovatt and Mason. LINNET.: 1, Lovatt and Mason; 2, Peake; 3, vhc, Davis. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, hc, Davis; 3, vhc, Tams and Son. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Davis; 2, Hickman. MULE: 1, Lovatt and Mason; 2, vhc, Davis; 3, Tams and Son. HYB.: 1, 2, Davis. NOV. GOLD.: 1, 2, 3, Peake. LINNET: 1, Peake. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Hickman; 2, Peake. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Peake.—J. B. McMurtrie, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

TREORCHY.

Only twelve classes were provided for cage birds at the Welsh International Show, which was held by the Treorchy Fanciers' Society, in the Drill Hall, Pentre, Jan. 9. Late in the season though it be there was a very nice entry of high-class stock, the quality being of great merit, and the competition keen right through the section. Special for the best bird fell to a very handsome four-pointed buff Goldie Mule, shown by Mr. H. S. Davies, a bird of grand type and quality, and well finished right through; Goldfinches, as is usual in this district were beautiful, but the entry hardly equalled some we have seen in the valley. The winning bird owned by Mr. J. H. Jones, was a gem, being very rich in blaze, and clean in his cheeks and buttons, and the same might be said of Mr. A. Harries' Greypate, a bird of wonderful colour and marking, and which should have a big future before it if carefully moulted. The arrangements were most ably carried out by the following committee of enthusiastic fanciers:—Messrs. W. Allen (chair), A. H. Capper (vice-chair), R. A. Jones (treas.), W. H. Lewis, Dd. Thomas, R. Lewis, J. John, G. Watkins, Price, Davies, Dl. Thomas, F. Lane, J. Jones, T. Shepherd, E. Evans, S. A. Jones, A. Evans, D. Thomas, T. Daily, and Jack Phillips. Mr. J. H. Barnett made a most indefatigable and courteous secretary, and did his utmost to make things move well, as did the stewards, Messrs. Jack Davies and G. Watkins. Mr. C. A. House judged, and his awards were generally well received.

The Critique.

CAN., NOR. (8): 1, E. Richards, grand qual., varieg. buff, capital head, rare shoulders and wings, beautiful colour, and very stylish; 2, vhc, Bollius, grand yell. wing tkd., lovely col., full of qual., neat wings and tail, very stylish; 3, H. S. Davies, stout, shapely wing tkd buff, hardly so stout as 1st, but rare qual. and col; 4, Muscott, neat four-pointed buff, well feathered; hc, Coombe; c, E. Rees. YORKS. (12): 1, sp, Levy, long, slim, racy yell., grand head and neck, splendid wings and tail, full of qual., wins well; 2, 3, hc, Thomason, very slim buff, sleek and smart as a new pin, rare head, wings, and tail, but short; 3, long, slim, finely drawn yell., capital wings and tail, not quite so tight in front; 4, E. Richards, grandly shaped, rich tkd. buff; vhc, Portman, East; hc, Curtis and Son; c, Breeze. NON. FED. (9): 1, Watkins, varieg. buff Nor., a beauty, grand type, feather, and style, well shown; 2, Levy, neck tkd. Yorkie., very fine in feather, rare shape and style, grand wings and tail; 3, hc, Collins, big, shapely, close feathered wing mkd. yell. Nor.; 4, Tylke, stylish, close feathered, nice col. green Yorks.; vhc, T. B. Jones; hc, Curtis and Son; c, E. Rees. A.O.V. (9): 1, J. H. Jones, very long sided, reachy Belgian, grand head, neck, and shoulders; 2, withheld; 3, Watkins, nice shapely Crest, nice droop, well feathered; absent No. 2, Portman and No. 3, Mrs. M. A. Morris; Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, Weeks, and No. 9, W. Rees, all Yorkshires in the wrong class. MULES (7): 1, sp, sp. best bird in the show: H. S. Davies, grand four-pointed buff Goldie-Can., fine shape and size, lovely col., and qual., shown in the pink of condition; 2, J. H. Jones, rich coloured, well mkd. Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape, well feathered; 3, W. Lewis, big varieg. buff Goldie-Can., in splendid fettle, full of qual., nice shape and feather; 4, Muscott, another very nice Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Nicholas, hc, Mrs. M. A. Morris. GOLDF. (6): 1, J. H. Jones, a real gem, very rich and bright in col., deep and large, grand body and feather, shown very fit; 2, J. Davies, jun., better bars and body col., but not so rich in blaze, and hardly so clean cut in collar, nice feather; 3, A. Harries, nice body col., rich fan, not so large in body, capital feather; 4, Mr. M. A. Morris, bonnie little Finch, not in such good feather; vhc, Watkins; hc, W. Rees. GREYPATE (5): 1, Harries, a real topper, wonderful col. and lustre, grandly mkd. right through; 2, G. W. Lewis, not so clear in cheeks, but wonderful head and bars, grand buttons; 3, 4, W. E. Lewis, nicely mkd. very rich col., not quite so steady, and this damaged their chances by disturbing their feathers; vhc, Curtis and Son. LINNET (7): 1, sp, A. J. Nicholas, wonderfully rich in col., grandly mkd., rare shape and style, nice size, in rare form; 2, 4, vhc, J. Davies, not quite so distinct in markings, lovely col. and feather, very steady; 4, capital markings, good col., nice feather, smaller in head; 3, W. Rees, very neat feather, grand col., not quite so shapely; vhc, Breeze; c, McLucas. A.O.V. (11): 1, 4, sp, Curtis and Son, very steady, good coloured, and well mkd., pied Wagtail, in grand form; 4, bonnie little Robin, grand shape and feather, capital col.; 2, hc, Harries, large, good shaped, rich coloured, well spangled Bramble; 3, Rowlands and Jones, rich coloured Chaffinch, well defined markings, grand feather; vhc, McLucas; c, Caddy. FOR., LARGE and SMALL, both cancelled. LOCAL (9): 1, c, E. Richards, long, reachy, yell. York., good head, neck, and wings, very nice feather and style; 2, Curtis and Son, wing tkd. buff Yorks., rare shape and style, nice feather; 3, Breeze, dark jonque Goldie-Can. Mule, of good shape, size, and col.; 4, Rowlands and Jones, varieg., yell. Goldie Mule; vhc, Watkins; hc, F. Nicholas.

DUNOON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth club show held New Year's Day. Entries much the same as last year, about 150 birds being on view. Competition was keen in most classes, except Scotch Fancies, which seem to have fallen on evil days in the district. Norwich were a grand lot, the principal awards falling to Mr. Melville, the sec., with a fine team. The Andrew cup for best young Norwich was not competed for, owing to a misunderstanding. Borders were the feature of the exhibition, and here again the sec. was well to the front with a fine lot. The rose bowl for best young Border was won by D. Stenhouse with a foul buff cock, the runner-up being a fine yellow hen belonging to Mr. Melville. British were distinctly good, the Siskin shown by Mr. McIntosh, a novice, being a champion. Mr. Wm. Lambie judged, and gave every satisfaction, while the sec. and his assistants had everything in good order.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCIES (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, D. Stenhouse, 1st yellow pied hen, fine nerve and reach, thin through, 2nd buff pied cock, good bird, but unsteady. NOR. CK. (8): 1, 4, Melville, grand yell., hot fed, best bird in hall, 4th monster, very heavily feathered; 2, 3, Moodies, 2nd short thick buff, 3rd fine size, but rather long. HEN (10): 1, 3, Melville, good buff, thick, and cobby, and a grand hen, our choice for 1st; 2, P. Clark, fails in size to winner; 4, D. Moodie, good size. NOR., YOUNG COL.-FED (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Melville, fine buff cock, a bouncing buff, a yell. hen, very typical, will improve, and 4th fine bird, pale in col. YOUNG, NON-FED (7): 1, 2, Clark, nice bird, fine wings and tail, 2nd similar; 3, Moodie, lacks size to the others; 4, Kennedy, bit rough in feather. BORD. CK. (7): 1, 2, Melville, champion, grand colour and pose, nice wings and tail, 2nd fine front, lacks polish of winner; 3, 4, D. Stenhouse, slimmer bird; 4th looked like a hen. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, W. Melville, 1st fine yellow, correct size and type, 3rd good bird, our choice, 4th nicely drawn cinn.; 2, P. McLean, with better head might have gone up. CK. YOUNG (19): 1, 2, Stenhouse, winner of rosebowl, runner-up for best bird in hall, 2nd bonny green; 3, 4, Melville, both nice type. HEN (15): 1, 4, Melville, well drawn yell., correct size and type, 4th beautiful buff, in fine order; 2, 3, D. Stenhouse, nice buff cinn., beautiful markings and an almost even mark. A.O.V. (3): 1, Moodie, C.B., plenty feather; 2, 3, McIntosh, both Yorks. GOLD. OR BULLF. (10): 1, McIntosh, Goldfinch, small but in grand order; 2, Clark, good Bullie; 3, Moodie, fine Bullfinch hen, some liked for 1st; 4, Stenhouse, good Goldfinch, bit unsteady. LINNET, ETC.: 1, McIntosh, grand Siskin; 2, Moodie, bonny 'Poll; 3, 4, Stenhouse, nice coloured Twite, and good Linnet. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, D. Moodie; 3, Stenhouse, all Greenfinches. NOR. NOV. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Kennedy. BORD. NOV. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Kennedy. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Clark, nice coloured Goldfinch, and good Greenfinch; 3, Stenhouse, Goldfinch; 4, McKinnon, Goldfinch. GIFT (9): 1, Melville; 2, 4, Stenhouse; 3, McLean.

MEADOWFIELD (Co. Durham).

First annual open show, held Jan. 11., in the Club Hall, a grand place for a show, lofty and large, with any amount of light, and kept at a suitable temperature. Being the initial venture, the classification was not an extensive one, only six classes being provided. These brought forward an entry of about 70 exhibits, which is to be considered fairly satisfactory, under the circumstances. Quality was superb, all the winners having previously secured the highest honours at the principal northern shows. Norwich were a very choice lot, both in numbers and quality, the winners being very true to type. Yorks., although not so strong in numbers, also contained some grand specimens, while the British section was really splendid, the Goldfinch and Bullfinch class being the pick, some stormers being staged here. Foreign birds were a nice lot, and attracted a good deal of attention from the visitors to the show. The staging was very nicely arranged, and reflected the greatest credit on the management. Mr. George Reed, the genial and well-known judge of Linnet singing, undertook the duties of show manager, and got through his work in a most creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of everybody. He was grandly supported by a keen body of fanciers, consisting of the chairman, Mr. Sam Jones, treas., Mr. J. Robson, and Messrs. J. Attees, W. Hunter, G. Hunter, J. Briggs, and R. Hodgson. The genial sec., Mr. T. E. Jones, had everything in grand order, and everything went off without the slightest hitch. The society is to be congratulated on having so capable a fancier in charge of the clerical work. A word of thanks must be accorded to Mr. W. Rutherford (Crook) who rendered valuable assistance to Mr. Jones during the time of the show. We understand that the society will probably enlarge the classification another year, and we see no reason why the club should not make a name for itself. The show was well patronised, and will, no doubt, prove a financial success. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (13): 1, 2, Wilson, leader, cl. yell., grand size, lovely shape, short and thick set, grand back and chest, thick head and neck, nice col., lovely wings and tail; 2, cl. buff, fine size, short and cobby, nice head and neck, deep chest, good col., short wings and tail; 3, Butler, cl. yell., scarcely so thick set as leader, red hot col., good qual., nice size, good wing and tail carr., well cleaned under; 4, vhc, Briggs, var. buff., leading, but long in barrel, grand size, rare head and neck, rich col. and qual., nice carr.; hc, c, Mills. YORKS. (8): 1, Nattrass, cl. yell., grand length, straight as a gun barrel, beautifully drawn, nice col. and qual., good shoulders and waist, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, 3, Twinsco, pair of nice ones, leader cl. buff, fine length, nice position, well rounded back, nice col., neat head, well carried wings and tail; 3, wing and eye mkd. yell., bit shorter than leader, grandly rounded, red hot col., nice head, well braced wings and tail, lacks the fine position of leader; 4, Saunders, cl. buff, not the length, or so well finished behind, nice shoulders, good head, nice wings and tail; vhc, Nattrass; hc, Middleton; c, Bailes. GOLDF. or BULLF. (16), a wonderful class: 1, Almond, Goldie, medium size, lovely blaze, beautifully clear cut, and pure in col., grandly tanned, rich body col., grand condition and polish; 2, vhc, Tomlinson, Bullie, plenty of size, fine shape, good breast col., grand back and wing bars, good clean cut, dense col. cap, in grand condition; 3, 4, Dixon, Goldie, leading, larger than leader, nice blaze, though not the same expanse or rich col. of leader, grandly tanned, nice wings, fine condition; 4, Bullie, not the size of 2nd, grand breast col., rich and pure in tone, lovely clear cut cap, bars broken on one side, otherwise a topper; hc, Nixon; c, Sanderson. LINNET (10), a grand lot: 1, 2, Dixon, leader, fine size, lovely shape, beautifully pencilled all over, lovely back, well laced flanks, grand col., in tip top condition; 2, not quite the size or shape of leader, beautifully pencilled breast, but scarcely the same grand lacing on head and back, nice col., fine condition and feather; 3, Bainbridge, big and shapely, nicely pencilled breast, grand chest, not staged so well as it might be; 4, Boyd, nice size and shape, scarcely so steady as leader, good col., nice pencilling, but not quite so distinct as those above it, nice condition; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Sanderson; c, Stubbs. A.O. BRIT. (8): 1, c, Dixon, Waxwing, fine size, lovely col., not so perfect in waxes as we like to see them, but otherwise in perfect condition, lovely bloom; 2, Butler, Bearded Tit, fine size, lovely col., grand moustachios, nice tail, lovely feather, trifle unsteady; 3, Mills, very nice Lark, fine size and shape, good col., well pencilled, nice bold head, good condition and feather; 4, Clemmetts, Song Thrush, fine size and shape, god col., well spotted, nice condition and feather; vhc, Bunt; hc, Parnaby. FOR. (8): 1, Butler, Ceram Lory, in lovely plumage, colour pure and rich in tone, shown in grand condition, not a feather out of place; 2, 4, Almond, leaders, lovely pair, Fire Finches, beautiful col. and plumage, charming and vivacious, grand feather, a nice attraction to visitors; 4, grand Lavender Finch, in exquisite feather, lovely col. and condition, put down in rare form; 3, vhc, hc, Christer, Red-naped Lorikeet, wonderful combination of colours, but in scarcely the same grand tight condition we have previously seen him; vhc, hc, Christer; c, Rutherford.

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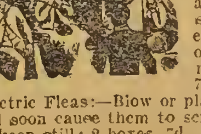

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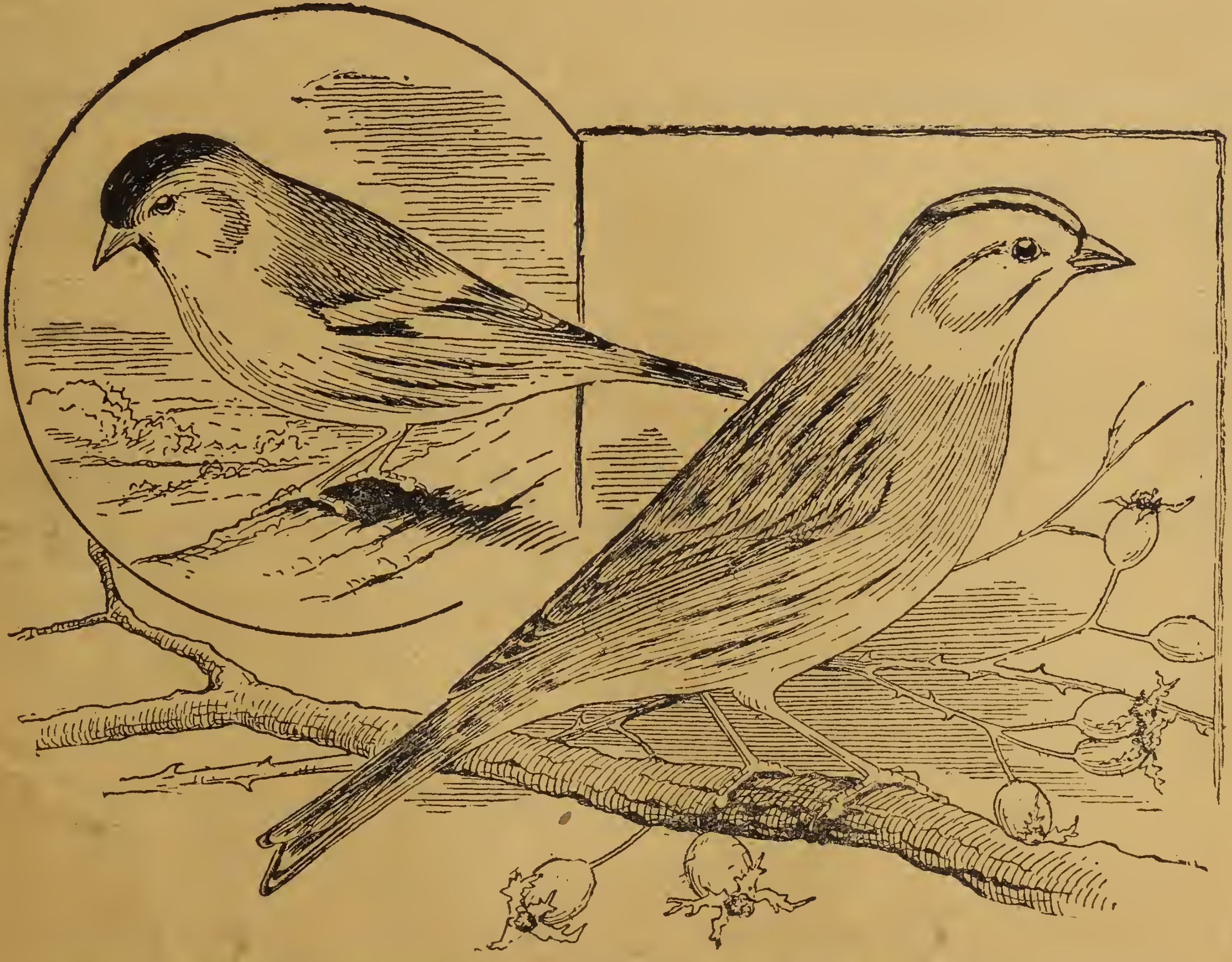

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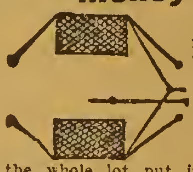

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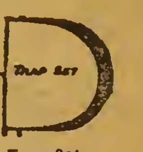

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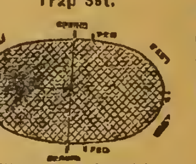

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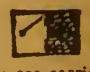

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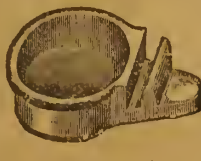

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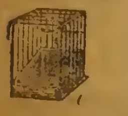

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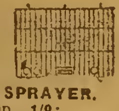

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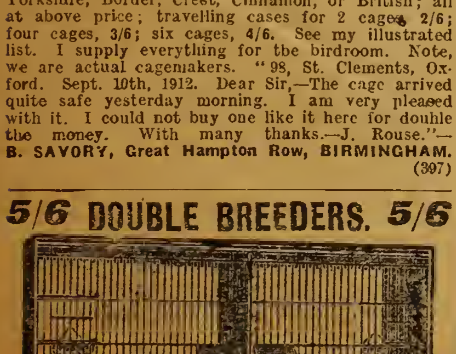

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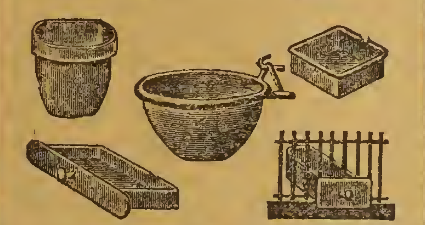

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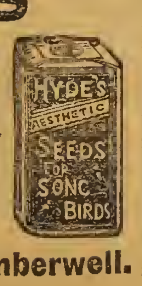

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A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder of high-class Crests and Crestbreds, can spare large clear, green or variegated cocks or hens at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-, 60/-, 70/-, 80/-, 90/- each; approval. (400)

THOS. TAYLOR, King Edward, Empress, etc., strain; several noted winners bred from birds sold from this strain, including Martin's wonder, and other 1912 winners: several good birds for sale: Mrs. Thos. Taylor, 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (389)

EVINS BROTHERS have few nice Crest-bred cocks, really good stock birds, with long head feather, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; variegated Crest cock, good bird, 60/-; grey Crest cock, 50/-; Crest hen, 30/-; Crest-bred hen, 20/-; all 1912 and healthy: 259, High-st., Exeter. (380)

FOUR real good Crested cocks, 1912 bred, from my cup winners, six years in succession, winner of hundreds of prizes, or exchange for hens, equal value, also Clark's gas radiator, for bird room, new, 16/-: Geo. Bennett, 168, High Town-rd., Luton Beds. 34 years 46, Wenlock-st. (399)

I HAVE for disposal 7 true pairs of Crests and Crest-breds (Taylor and Roberts' strain), in exchange for good Rollers or exhibition British; also three new show cages and 16 volumes of "Our Canaries"; no rubbish; on approval both ways: Reply, C. Ramsey, 10, Croxdale Colliery, Durham. (405)

Greens.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 2 cocks, 6/6; hen 3/-, Ambler's strain: offers lot; approval: John Robinson, 33, Avenham-rd., Preston. (394)

YORKSHIRE greens; few good birds for sale, cocks and hens; reasonable; approval: Tabberner, 22, Greta-st., Dingle, Liverpool. (379)

LARGE pair Norwich Green stock birds, 12/6; also large pair colour fed Cinnamons, 10/6: 1, Alexander Terrace, Long Sutton, Lincs. (396)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire greens, own breeding, cheap; see report Anfield and Everton: Bell, 31, St. Chrysostom-st., Liverpool. (339)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshire Greens, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-; cages 3d.; aproval: W. Rudd, the Bird Specialist, Norwich.

FEW typical Norwich greens, from 10/6 each, Abbot and Barker's strain; also few Norwich; inspection invited; approval: Ashcroft, Farnworth, Widnes. (377)

FOUL buff cock, self-yellow, 1912 hen, guaranteed winners, G.C.A. shows, pair 42/-; or exchange for pair Norwich, must be good stock birds: Pilling, Washington-st., Lee Mount, Halifax. (401)

GREAT sacrifice. Foul-marked, lengthy, upstanding, leggy, Green Yorkshire cock, 3rd Stratford, etc.; also hen, grand quality and typical, 7/6; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (388)

I HAVE just purchased the entire stock of Norwich Greens of one of the foremost breeders in this variety, some grand birds for disposal, show or stock; come and inspect them; approval: Metcalfe, 69, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

I CAN spare several matched pairs of Norwich greens from £1 up; single hens, yellows and buffs, from 7/6 each to £2, according to requirements; correct type, grand colour, all my own breeding from winners Palace, Newcastle, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Rochdale, Scottish National, etc.; also a few typical Yorkshires, fit to win anywhere; approval: F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (411)

Lancashires.

YELLOW Plainhead cock, buff Plainhead cock, yellow Plainhead hens, buff coppy hen; approval, stamp: E. Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham. (401)

TWO yellow coppy cocks, two buff Plainhead cocks, one yellow Plainhead cock, one yellow Plainhead hen; on approval: Butterworth, 70, Entwisle-rd., Rochdale. (399)

Lizards.

FOR good and cheap Lizards, send for free list: Rudd the Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WHIPP, 483, Rochdale-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, has only left a few Silver hens, 5/-, 4/- each, 1912 bred; approval. (306)

J. HAMER, 44, Hanson st., Oldham, the well-known Lizard breeder, has a few good Gold cocks, 1911-12, for sale; hurry up, you fanciers, I have only a few left. (348)

E. OLLERENSHAW. Having selected my stock, can still spare a few Lizards, same strain as my champions; stamp reply; inspection invited: 37, Freetown, Glossop. (402)

THE Lizard Prince; champion Lizard, Sheffield; best Gold, Grantham, best Gold, Horticultural Hall, 1912. Show or stock birds cheap; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire. (307)

C. F. BOSWORTH can spare few high-class Lizards, cocks 6/6, matched pairs from 12/6, related to my winners (see show reports); also two Linnet Mules, one Goldfinch Mule, 1912 birds, full song, 6/6 each: 14, St. Mary's Place, Rawtenstall, Lancs. (404)

JOHN DEWSNAP, 14, Princess-st., Glossop, winner three diplomas Crystal Palace, also winner Lizard challenge cup three years in succession, and winner championship 1911, diploma L.C.B.A. 1911, diploma Gateshead 1911; a few pairs left, and odd cocks; inspection invited; stamp address reply. (372)

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E. GODLEY, the well-known breeder and exhibitor, for Norwich and Cinnamons; write as to terms, stamped addressed envelope; approval.—29, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn. (181)

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COCKS 7/6, hens 3/-; yellow and buff, cold-room: Miss Fooks, Brentwood, Essex. (348)

YELLOW, Buff and Green hens, 2/6; cocks 5/-: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex. (394)

GOOD Norwich Canaries, aviary reared; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6: Mrs. Grindle, Coldash Vicarage. (404)

ONE pair Norwich, 10/6, 1912; first p.o. gets these: Patterson, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow, Essex. (401)

NORWICH cock Canaries from 10/6, 1912 birds, should breed winners: Dunbam, Aviaries, East Finchley. (336)

TWO yellow Norwich cocks, 6/- each; 4 hens, 2/-, or offers lot: J. Rhydderch, Victoria-st., Cinderford, Glos. (395)

GIVING up Fancy; few Norwich left, in pairs, or singly, cheap; also cages: Cooper, Station Buildings, Lenzie. (406)

TYPICAL buff hen, 1st prize winner Ipswich, lovely quality, first 10/6; approval: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (404)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has grand lot of Norwich, single or pairs, very cheap; state wants; approval. (408)

NORWICH cocks, 6/6, hens, 3/- each, 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (370)

THREE pair Norwich, 10/- pair; one pair Norwich, prize winners, 15/-; all 1912 birds: Staddon, Club, Exmouth. (391)

TO make room for breeding Norwich Canaries; cocks from 4/-; hens from 2/-: 417, Bury New-rd., Manchester. (393)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire; good birds for cash; state price: J. Burton, Dealer, Radcliffe, Manchester. (397)

FOUR good yellow hens, bred from winners, 5/- each; deposit; exchange no live: Fletcher, Castle-rd., Bedford. (402)

STRONG, healthy Norwich cocks, on full song, 6/-; hens 2/6, 3/-; approval: Gater, 6, Jones Square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (407)

CASH offers wanted, 6 Norwich hens, 1912, from pairs costing £5 and upwards: 5, Cheetham-place, Cheetham Hill. (401)

NORWICH Canaries, two cocks, two hens, for sale, strong and healthy, 15/-: Pitt, Millford-rd., Sidmouth, Devon. (392)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich hens, 4/-; cocks from 7/6, fed; approval, deposit: Timbrell Bros., Bootmakers, Chipping, Lancs. (407)

FOUR buff Norwich cocks, natural colour, 7/6 and 10/- each; good yellow hen wanted, 1912: Porteous, Biggar, Scotland. (392)

PRIZE bred Norwich; a few pairs for sale, cheap: J. E. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester. (396)

TWENTY large Norwich for sale, prices reasonable; approval, stamp: S. Elliot, 18, Edward-st., West Pelton, Co. Durham. (405)

GREEN Norwich cock, singing, two hens, 12/6 the three, or near offer; offers: Salmon, 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead. (396)

NORWICH unflighted cocks and hens from my winners: Muir, 107, Shields-rd., Glasgow (late of 30, Eaglesham-st.). (397)

PAIR high-class Norwich Canaries and double breeding cage, 15/-: Dawson, 5, Fernlea-terrace, Main-rd., Harwich, Essex. (407)

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow cock, 3rd at Ayr, variegated ditto, 2nd Partick, cheap; stamp: Muir, 107, Shields-rd., Glasgow. (405)

GRAND Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; week's approval: Falsham, Rawlinson-st., Dalton-in-Furness. (377)

EXHIBITION Norwich; a few good buff cocks, 12/6 to 30/- each: A. G. Smith, 42, Carlton-st., Old Trafford, Manchester. (393)

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, healthy birds; cash: Albert Harris, 100, Oxendon-st., Leicester. (381)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, unflighted; cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (400)

VARIEGATED buff cock, 10/6; clear buff ditto, 10/6; buff hen, 3/6; good stock birds: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (401)

UNFLIGHTED variegated buff cock, winner, 15/-; 2 buff hens, clear, 15/-; green, 10/-: Howarth, 6, Harold-st., Smallbridge. (402)

MORTARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has got few high-class Norwich for sale from 10/6; cock or hen; cash or deposit. (365)

SOME really good stock birds from winners, rare type and quality, 15/-; 1912: Barrows, Devonhurst, Babbicombe-rd., Torquay. (374)

NORWICH hens, 1912, large good birds, clear, variegated and green, 3/6 and 4/6: 2, Mayfield-aven., Chiswick, London. (401)

TOMSETT, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley; grand typical birds, related positively to my winners; hens, 5/-; pairs, 12/6 upwards. (401)

NORWICH hens, 2/-; cocks, 5/- and 6/- each, or 6/6 pair; approval, deposit: Royston, Canal Locks, Westbridgford, Nottingham. (405)

TWO variegated Norwich cocks, 10/- the two, or exchange large yellow Norwich cock. 1437: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth West. (402)

FOR SALE, monster typical 1912 Norwich buff hens, yellow hen, Roller cock; approval: Vernon, Glenholme, Cannon-rd., Ramsgate. (376)

THREE Buff Norwich hens, 3/- each; also two cocks, Buff, 7/6; yellow, 8/6; 1912: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (399)

APPROVAL willingly. Typical pair; colour-fed clear yellow cock, clear buff hen, 10/6; unfed yellow cock, 7/6: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (405)

BIG buff marked cock, 8/6, very rich colour; two big buff hens, 5/6 each; good bold heads; all unflighted: Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance. (306)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, 7/6; unflighted yellow cock, 10/-; unflighted yellow hen, 7/-; approval, deposit: Dalzell, Ormrod-st., Oldham (396)

TWO splendid yellow cock Norwich; last year's birds; grand songsters; very hardy; 5/6 each; cheap: Burton, Vicarage, Banbury. (399)

WOODS, 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester, has a few grand Norwich to spare; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; state wants; approval. (410)

COLOUR-FED yellow Norwich cocks 7/-, buff cocks 6/-, buff or buff-marked hens 3/-: Mr. Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (410)

SALE, five 1912 Norwich cocks, 7/- each; 5 hens, 1912, 2/6 each; large clears; or £2 the lot; approval: H. Hicks, 5, Rosedale Villas, Hampton. (401)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants., has some grand Norwich for disposal; prices to suit all customers; from his challenge cup strain; approval. (335)

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries, unflighted, from good stock, 15/- pair; cock Thrushes, 7/- each: Kingsman, 141, Lower Park-rd., Peckham. (408)

MASSIVE buff cock, winner several prizes, 50/-; another clear buff, 2nd Manchester, 30/-; approval: Muscott, Dderw Villa, Llandrindod Wells. (409)

TWELVE yellow Norwich hens, bred from winners of over 500 prizes, £1 each; best cash offer lot: Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (405)

MONSTER buff cocks, 10/6; yellow and buff hens from 3/6; worth double; songsters, 6/-: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., Mount Pleasant, Tottenham. (352)

NORWICH cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, clean and healthy; cash; approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (403)

NORWICH. I have a few high-class Norwich to dispose of, most of them have won; stamp particulars: Smith, Stronvar, Balquhiddir, Perthshire. (407)

NORWICH yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; fine yellow and buff hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (396)

NORWICH songsters, 1911, 10/-; 1912, 7/6; medium sized hens, 3/- each, 1912; from the best feeders living: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate. (397)

NORWICH buff cock, winner, 15/-, another 12/6; two yellow hens, 5/- and 7/6; two buff hens, 7/6 and 10/-, lot £2 10s.: Worrall, 18, Corve-st., Ludlow. (404)

CAN spare big buff cock, a grand one and very chubby, 12/6; also big buff hen, full of quality, 8/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (410)

FRANK POTTER, cup winner 1909-10-11, can spare big unflighted buff cock, beauty, 25/-; unflighted marked yellow, 12/6; approval: Thoresby-st., Hull. (412)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cocks, from 10/- to 20/-: buff cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; splendid type and quality: James Brown, Jeweller, Catrine, Ayrshire. (400)

PURE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, cold-room bred; if not fully satisfied, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, can still supply Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (398)

NORWICH hens, two variegated, 5/-; one yellow variegated cock 10/6; two clear buff cocks, 10/6 each; approval: Blower, 202, Victoria-rd., Charlton. (396)

REAL good Norwich unflighted cocks from 5/6; pairs 12/- and 14/-; try a pair on approval, good quality, own breeding: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (395)

GOOD, large, typical Norwich, fed to perfection; cocks 6/- to 15/-; hens from 4/-; approval, deposit; inspection invited: Burdett, Dares Walk, Hinckley. (412)

SIX good reliable cocks from 5s. also five yellow hens from 3/6, healthy; reasonable offer for them not refused: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield. (401)

LARGE yellow-marked hen, 1911, excellent breeder, good quality, colour-fed, breeding condition, healthy, 5/6: John Haywood, Black Bank, Exhall, Warwickshire. (405)

VARIEGATED yellow cock, 3rd Carlisle, good buff hen, 35/-; buff cock, 1st Carlisle, good yellow hen, 30/-; others cheap. Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (402)

FEW good Norwich hens for sale, price 10/- each to clear; yellows and buffs; approval: also few cocks: Barnes, Factory-row, Whalley, nr. Blackburn. (372)

HARLAND'S champion Norwich; few pairs for disposal, cold-room bred, and all own breeding, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; approval; stamp: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull. (400)

NORWICH Canaries for sale; 6 hens at 2/- each, or will take 10/6 for the lot; also for sale, 4 Norwich show cages with light travelling case for same, 6/-: Smithers, 17, Chapel-grove, Addlestone, Surrey. (395)

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WILLIAM HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of Norwich has few good birds either single or pairs from 20/- to £3 10s.; approval. (358)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (235)

ONE clear yell. cock, 1911, good buff hen to match, price 10/6; one clear buff cock, 1912, 8/6; yell. hen to match, 5/6; approval: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (393)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, winners of the season, have some of the right Norwich and Crests for sale; can be seen any time, or sent approval. (393)

CHAMPION Norwich, 30 years' breeder of the best, some grand large birds, good heads, grand type; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (381)

NORWICH, from my prize winners, 1911, 1912, hens 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; cocks 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, or pairs; approval willingly; Di Williams, 12, Roseveαn-rd., Penzance, Cornwall. (335)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks and hens; state wants; selected songsters, 6/6, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; also Crests and Crestbreds, yellow and buff: Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich. (398)

SIX grand big yell. Norwich cocks, 1912, from 15/- upwards, also one 1911 big var. yell. cock, 3 yell. hens, 10/- each, cold room bred: Jeyes, 27, Herbert-st., Northampton. (402)

TWO pairs prize bred Norwich, 15/- pair; few good hens from 7/6; kept cold room; 30 years breeder; approval: Sidgwick, Elwick-terr., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire. (398)

CLEAR buff cock, marked buff cock, 15/- each, big stock birds, not half value; also 30 more off the best, to clear cheap; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester. (394)

CLEAR buff cock, winner two 1st prizes, £1 10s.; grand lot stock birds from winners, cocks, 6/6 to 15/-; hens from 5/6; approval: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (356)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, unflighted yellows, buffs; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; few pairs, 12/6, colour-fed cold room bred; approval: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick. (353)

GRAND clear unflighted yellow cock, 4th Luton, 15/-; large 1911 variegated yellow hen, breeder and feeder, 10/-; ditto clear, 8/6; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (406)

CHAMPION challenge cup winners, my yellow took special Guildford show over 1st buff I sold for £10; see report; prices to suit all; Charley still has 'em: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants. (406)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6; unflighted yellow hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; buff cocks, 1911 bred, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 4/-, 5/6; 7 days' approval: Parkes, Anderson-st., Sandal, Wakefield. (406)

A. HUMPHRIES can spare one or two good pairs of Norwich; also four buff cocks, 12/6 to 20/- each, same strain as my winners, see show reports; stamp: The Lodge, Acomb-rd., York. (353)

THIRTY Norwich hens, cold room, ready for breeding, buff 2/6, yellow 3/6; 11 large buff hens, 4/- each; cocks full song, 8/6; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven King's, Essex. (408)

D. DEVOY, George-st., Stranraer, has yellow variegated cock and buff cock, two buff hens, and yellow ticked hen; the above are to be sold cheap for a quick sale; particulars stamp. (405)

REAL good Norwich monster cocks and hens, show or stock, no better blood in the country, very reasonable; over 25 years breeder; approval: Hand, Meadow Lea, Albany Drive, Herne Bay. (353)

MUST clear; two pairs of large, typical Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair; approval, deposit; joiner-made outdoor aviary, in sections, 15/-, carriage paid: A. Brewitt, Westgate, Sleaford. (409)

GRAND Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs unflighted, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, fed cold room: cash: approval; deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (403)

S. T. JONES, Lynton, Devon, has large cobby buff cocks, grand stock birds, from 15/-; variegated yellow hen, 10/-; lightly marked yellow and buff hens, 15/-; genuine bargains; approval, deposit. (408)

NORWICH.—Two large typical unflighted yellow hens, three large typical unflighted buff hens, short wings and tails, 7/6 each, 35/- lot; approval: exchange Roller cocks: Phillips, Jeyes-st., Chatham. (397)

HAVE still few pairs well bred Norwich, yellows and buffs, from 15/- pair; also several odd birds, cocks 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 4/6: Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex. Winner 30 prizes 1912. (391)

NORWICH for sale, related to winners, Manchester, Nottingham, Preston, Bradford, National, also Scottish National, cheap to clear, from 10/- to 25/-; approval; stamp: Wm. Wrigley, 143, Back Lane, Hyde, Cheshire. (401)

ALBERT JEFFRIES has show and stock Norwich for sale, reasonable prices, related to winners at Norwich, Southshields, Stockton, Middlesborough, Darlington, Broomhill, and Shildon: Hartforth, Richmond, Yorks. (402)

TICKED buff cock, winner of 1st, 2nd and 4th, 15/-; clear buff, 10/-; two buff cocks, one yellow hen, 5/- each; wanted, large yellow Norwich Green hen, unflighted: J. Ovenstone, Wallace-street, Grangemouth. (396)

THREE 1912 Norwich cocks, full song, 2 hens, ditto, all medium size, 1 1910 Norwich hen, cocks, 6/- each, hens 2/- each; exchange for 1912 large Norwich cock, to value; approval: Bolton, 9, West st. Lane, Carshalton, Surrey. (403)

YELLOW and buff cocks, grand stock birds, perfect type and quality, fine heads, direct from winners, medium size, 7/6 to 10/6; extra large, 12/6 to 21/-; buff hens, only from 5/6: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (405)

YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger st., Keswick, clearance sale, owing to not having time to devote to my birds, I am disposing of them all, including all my winners; also cages, cases, etc.; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-. (375)

BARGAINS. Bred from winners; three pairs of Norwich at 15/- pair; one pair, £1, 1912 birds; two marked 1911 Buff hens, 10/- each; large heads; one clear Buff hen, 1912, 12/6: Dearton, 45, Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. (399)

FOUR large clear Buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; few first-class hens cheap; extra large yellow hen, marked wings, green cap, splendid colour-fed, 12/6; this hen honestly worth double; healthy; sale compulsory: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (399)

ARTHUR WAKE, breeder, exhibitor, 20 years, has large typical show of stock Norwich for disposal, wins see Middlesbrough, Stockton, Yarm, etc.; prices reasonable; approval; inspection invited: 128, Princes rd., Middlesbrough. (379)

CHARLIE ROBERTS, the noted breeder and exporter; winning Norwich, as matched, pairs 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; single, colour-fed or natural colour from 10/6; show birds cheap; state wants: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (410)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, winner last year at Huddersfield, Leeds, Burnley, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham, Preston, and Bradford, has some grand birds for sale, prices moderate; a few choice pairs for novices at low prices. (397)

BARGAINS. Cap spare unflighted yellow cock, vhc Reading, 8/6; unflighted yellow hen, real gem, 7/6; typical unflighted buff cock, good head, front, 7/6; Cinnamon Border hen, 2/-, bred from my winners; see show reports: Lewin, 58, Marlborough, Oxford. (394)

I HAVE a few pairs to go cheap; also a few good hens; pairs from 12/6 to 20/-, worth quite double; hens from 5/- to 20/-, same blood as my unflighted buff claimed at Manchester show for ten guineas; approval: W. Whetstone, 3, Parker-st., Leek, Staffs. (351)

TO make room for breeding I offer clear yellow hen, 1912, 8/6; one ticked yellow hen, grand stock bird, 10/6; two clear buff hens, 5/6 each, 1912; one large buff cock, very stout, 1911, 10/6; all bred from winners; approval: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (393)

HIGH-CLASS plainheads, a few buff cocks and hens, some almost green, bred from my well-known strain, some untried; also winners; would exchange for good headed yellow cock, must be good bird: approval: James Logan, Baker, Dysart, Fife, Scotland. (381)

CLEARING out; eight pairs and seven buff hens, including vhc buff cock, 10/-; one pair, 15/-; parents, 1st winner, 30/-; class four buff hens, sisters to winner 5/- each; yellow hen, 15/-; also show and breeding cages: Thompson, 113, Humber Avenue, Coventry. (407)

WELLSBURY, champion Norwich, winner of the N.C.N.C.C. cup, 1912, also at all the leading shows in the north, see show reports, Newcastle, Hartlepool, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Gateshead, show and stock birds for disposal; approval stamp: 149, Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead. (399)

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I HAVE a few good Norwich hens for sale, the best of type and quality, year old and unflighted, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; also yellow, green cock, unflighted, 12/6, winged marked yellow cock, 1911 bird, 15/-, unflighted clear buff cock, 12/6: Wm. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. (403)

GEORGE THOMAS has some grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs; reasonable; all bred from and related to my winners at South West, South London and Federation (last week); buff cock and yellow hen, 2nd in class of 21 at Federation, 30/-; seen any time: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

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W. L. TAYLOR

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CANARIES, Rollers for sale, in full song; cocks, 5/6 to 6/6; hens, 2/-: Dallow, 4, Pool-st., Wolverhampton. (402)

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ever since I first introduced the Leipzig Roller to the English market, the demand for them has steadily increased, and now they have a far larger sale than all other strains combined. I have repeatedly said that they are absolutely the finest songsters in the Roller world, and I want you to test the truth of my statement by having one on a week's trial—an ordinary Roller at a higher price from elsewhere, test them side by side, and if in your opinion the Leipzig Roller is not far and away the better bird, return it to me and I will instantly refund the whole of your out-of-pocket expenses. I have nothing whatever to gain by making an offer like this unless I knew my birds were everything I say they are. At present I have an exceptionally large stock of genuine Leipzig Roller cocks, all in full song day and gaslight, with long, hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, water-bubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, bell, harp, flute and gong notes, etc., etc., and guaranteed entirely free from any harsh or discordant notes whatever, price 7/6 and 8/6 each. Special Bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, 10/6 and 12/6 each. Few genuine Glucke-bred contest Rollers, fit for immediate contesting, 15/- each. For those who like a loud noisy songster I have some splendid loud, vigorous singing Hartz cocks, in full song, price 5/6 each, three 15/-, seven 31/6. These are real ceiling-lifters, and just the thing for public bar or coffee tavern, where plenty of loud, noisy song is required. Roller cabinet cages, with loose fronts and folding doors, made specially for my Rollers, 2/6 and 3/6 each. Please note all are sent on full week's trial, either on receipt of cash, or if same is deposited with Editor of CAGE BIRDS, and unless bird gives every satisfaction, and realises your every expectation, back comes the whole of your money without question or comment. Please notice what my customers say about the Leipzig Rollers they have had:—"4, Brynn-st., Lower Ince, Wigan. Jan. 2nd.—Sir,—Received Roller safely, and am well satisfied. He was not put into fresh cage 10 minutes when he started to sing grand.—Yours, E. Foreham." "Eldorado-rd., Cheltenham, Jan. 2.—Sir,—I have now had the Bandmaster Roller a week, and must tell you I am very pleased with him. He has great power in sustaining the high full notes, and also has many beautiful changes, and as far as my knowledge goes, I believe he is very good on the Glucke.—Yours, M. Manley." "17, Henley-st., Lincoln, Jan. 4th.—Sir,—It gives me very great pleasure in acknowledging safe receipt of Roller this morning, and I admire you, especially in your promptness. The bird is a lovely songster, and commenced to sing almost as soon as I got it home, and continues to do so in quite a sweet and melodious tone. Its song and change of notes quite eclipses the ordinary Canary, and I am well satisfied. Again thanking you.—Yours, G. Moore." "104, Cherrytree-rd., Elsecar, nr. Barnsley, Jan. 6th.—Sir,—Received Roller safely, and it started singing 15 minutes after arrival. I am well pleased with it.—Yours, W. Oakly." "Selby, Yorks, Jan. 3rd.—Sir,—Roller arrived quite safe, and I am delighted with him. Thanks so much for sending such a good one. Your advertisement is quite true to the letter.—Yours, A. Nettleton." "62, City-rd., Kilt Green, Pemberton, Wigan.—Sir,—The Bandmaster you sent me fortnight ago has turned out a marvel; he has got some grand notes with him, and I am very pleased with it, and thank you for the way you treated me.—Yours, R. Mather." Hundreds more letters similar to above filed for inspection any time. All genuine Leipzig Rollers are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and I am the only importer of them, so send orders direct to ensure getting the real thing. See British Bird column. (409)

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Scotch Fancies.

FOR good Scotch Fancies see my list: Rudd.

GOOD buff cock, will sell, or exchange for yellow green hen: Davie, Manderston Stables, Duns. (410)

FOR sale, a few Scotch fancies, good birds, yellow and buff: Crosbie, 156, Scott-st., Galashiels. (382)

YELLOW, buff, and buff pied cocks and hens, good strain, cheap to clear: James Sinclair, 83, Dickson-st., Leith. (407)

SCOTCH Fancies, buff hens, 1912, grand birds, cheap to clear, buff Border hen, 4/-: Gardiner, Temdhill-green, Duns. (392)

SCOTCH Fancy Canaries for sale, cheap; cocks and hens, well bred: Apply Hunt, 4, West-st., Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow. (377)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, Buff and Buff Pied cocks, one Buff and one Yellow hen: Andrew Howden, 6, Cochrane-pl., Leith. (410)

BUFF pied cock, clean buff cock, both 1912, cheap, same strain as my winners; approval: Keill, Albert-sq., Broughty Ferry. (398)

SCOTCH Fancies; 1 yellow, 1 buff hens, sisters of my Glasgow winner, also others, young: Robert Neil, 1, Barnes-st., Barrhead. (404)

SCOTCH FANCIES from highest class birds, pairs or single to suit; moderate price; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns. (385)

TWO buff pied cocks, both good birds, one first cross buff cock, prize winners: M. Petrie, 6, Jameson Place, Leith Walk, Leith. (400)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, yellow and pied cocks, yellow hen, buff and buff pied and green hens: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead. (357)

FOR sale, 4 high-class Scotch Fancy buff cocks; no approval; seen any day after 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.: Milne, 83, Taylor-st., Townhead, Glasgow. (400)

JAMES STRACHAN, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath, winner of silver cups, medals, etc., has a few matched pairs Scotch Fancy Canaries to sell; surplus birds cheap. (400)

WANTED, Scotch Fancy hen yellow or variegated, must have plenty of size; I will pay good price for good bird, young hen preferred: Harvey, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (402)

TWO grand buff cocks, 1912 bred, from cup winners, 20/- each; worth double: approval, reasonable distance; exchange either or both for large young green hen to value: D. Shearer, Thurso. (393)

Yorkshires.

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J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Yorkshires, full of true character, 20 years' study: Write as to terms; reasonable approval, stamp; Sheffield cup winner outright. (408)

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EIGHT Yorkshire hen Canaries, 3/- each, £1 the lot: Kelley, 25, Reynolds-rd., Peckham Rye, S.E. (395)

YORKS., cocks, 10/6 to 15/6; hens, 4/6 to 7/6; several winners in this lot: Cook, 50, Queen-st., Filey. (374)

FOUR pairs good long Yorkshires, bred from my winners, 10/- pair; lot cheap to clear: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (406)

SIX strong Yorkshires, hens, 1912, 13/-; 8 good feeding hens, 14/-: 252, Ashley-rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset. (403)

FEW young Yorkshires, prize strain; cocks, 7/6; hens from 5/-: Poulton, 159, Praed-st., Paddington, London. (404)

THIRTEEN typical Yorkshire hens, must be cleared, sell best offer in cash: A. Simpson, Mason-st., Hebden Bridge. (394)

STYLISH 7in. buff cock, Dyke's, 8/6; approval; exchange lengthy buff hen: A. Hill, Clarence-rd., Newport, Wight. (404)

TEN Yorkshires for sale, five cocks, five hens, 7/6 pair; approval: Robert Coverdale, Brompton, near Northallerton. (395)

FORTY Yorkshires, 12 Norwich, from some of the finest strains in the West; cheap: Reed, 33, Neath-rd., Plymouth. (396)

TWO pair Yorkshires, clears, 12/6 pair, including clear yellow cock, vhc Carlisle: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (402)

SIX pairs Yorkshires; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; 7/- pair; good healthy birds; cocks in full song: C. Town, 158, Park-lane, Keighley. (405)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, winner 3rd Paignton open show, ticked buff hen, £1 pair; offers: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham. (400)

FOR sale, 2 yellow, 2 buff Yorkshire cocks, good stock birds, cheap: Russell, 4, Malvern Buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath. (407)

FIVE Buff and one yellow Yorkshire, cocks 5s. each; approval: Willie Lodge, Brick-row, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (396)

YORKSHIRES, two buff marked, 1912 hens, even marked strain, from prize birds, 4/- each: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (408)

STILL have a few from my winners; cocks from 10/-, hens from 3/-; approval willingly: Clive, Plumber, Sittingbourne. (394)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some grand Yorkshire hens, yellows and buffs, fit for keen competition, from his challenge cup winners, also cocks, some good winners amongst them, cheap, approval. (362)

Yorkshires

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YORKSHIRES.—Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Pairs matched for Breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. I am exceptionally strong in good Hens. Pairs, matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12 6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

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TICKED yellow cock (pure Shackleton), cost 40/-, sell 15/6; bargain; on approval: Percival, 43, Woodfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (395)

CLEARING out, 30 pairs high-class Yorkshires, lot, or in 10 pairs, 6/6 pair; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley. (400)

TURNER AND ROBERTS for Yorkshires; a few good cocks, 10/6; cold-room bred, 1912 birds: Havelock-st., Ripley, Derby. (407)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; cocks, guaranteed singing, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6: Fallows, 96, Benjonson-rd., Stepney, London. (374)

THIRTY Yorkshire hens, 1911 and 1912 bred, 3/6 each or offer for lot; seen by appointment: Whitby, 31, Therapia-rd., Honor Oak. (349)

REAL good Yorkshire cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, 5/- upwards; 1912 bred; winning strain; approval: L. Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe. (395)

TWO unflighted buff Yorkshire cocks, first and second at Inverness, young bird class, first P.O.; 30/- gets them: Junor, Tomatin. (389)

TWENTY Yorkshire hens, 1912, lot £3, or 3/6 each; 6, breeding cages and fittings, cheap: Martin, 16, Kings-rd., Kingston, Surrey: (402)

GRAND Yorkshire cocks for sale, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, cold room bred, in full song, guaranteed healthy: N. Adey, College-st., Burnham, Somerset. (403)

YORKSHIRES for sale; cocks, 8/-; hens, 4/-; can be seen any evening; related to my winners; approval: F. King, 49, Inworth-st., Battersea. (407)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires for show or song, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

PAIR Yorkshires; lengthy buff cock, marked yellow hen (Dykes' strain); five other hens, good feeders; 25/- lot: Williams, 21, Watts-lane, Eastbourne. (397)

THREE good Yorkshire hens, 15/-; or exchange for one large Yellow Norwich hen, with big skull; unflighted preferred: Davies, 24, College-hill, Llanelly. (393)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, bred from winners; cocks, 7/6 to 10/6; hens, 4/- to 10/-; seven days approval: Parkes, Anderson-st., Sandal, Wakefield, Yorkshire. (406)

WINNING Yorkshires, buff cock, winner 3 seconds, 15/-; yellow cock, 12/6; three nearly even marked, 10/6 each; hens from 5s.: Spann, Stivichale, Coventry. (407)

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·DROOM cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; long, stylish birds, bred from winners, Clapham, Wandsworth, etc.; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (397)

TWO high-class buff Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each; 2 yellow hens, 3/- each, 1912, or sell 7/6 pair, Ambler's direct; approval, deposit: Phillips, Donnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. (406)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, pairs 12/6 upwards; lot cheap; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; cash or deposit: O'Reilly, Breeder, Nunthorpe-aven., York. (397)

YORKSHIRE clear buff cock, £1; also clear yellow hen, 12/6; both winning 1st and special in their respective classes this season: Craig, 18, St. Leonards Bank, Edinburgh. (410)

TWO pairs high-class Yorkshires, clear buff cocks, yellow marked hens, from a noted winning strain; cocks on full song, 8/- pair; approval: Dean, Highgate, Glusburn, Keighley. (409)

YORKSHIRE (Knight strain), some clinking stock birds; cocks, 10/- each, hens 5/- each; 5 days' approval: cash or deposit: Phillips, Arfon House, Pontardulais, Glamorganshire. (400)

FIVE typical unflighted Yorkshire cocks, buffs, yellows, marked, all winners; useful stock birds; 30/- lot to clear; will divide; guaranteed healthy: Clark, Hummersknott, Slough. (398)

GRAND pair upstanding Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, took first and special Kettering, Jan. 18, 15/-, worth 30/-; buff hen, 5/6, worth 10/6; all 1912: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (399)

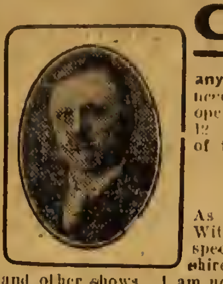
CAN spare two matched pairs of Yorkshires, pure bred, 15s. a pair, cinnamon marked yellow hen, 7/6, honestly worth double; approval, deposit: J. McVicar, 21, Wood-st., Tunbridge Wells. (398)

GRAND lot Yorkshires, yellow and buff, long stylish cocks, 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-; good typical hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (396)

FRANK POTTER, cup winner 1909-10-11, can spare clear buff, monster, 17/6; unflighted buff, 15/-; marked yellow, grand length, 17/6; cap marked yellow, 12/6; approval: Thoresby-st., Hull. (412)

FEW choice Yorkshire hens, bred same as my challenge cup winner, Stratford, last week, accept 5/- each to effect immediate clearance; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (409)

NOW'S your chance to secure some of the best Yorkshires for stock or show, many winners amongst them; see show reports; must dispose immediately; state wants: Park, 9, Cambridge-st., Millom. (361)



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CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

Yorkshire Cocks, grand lengthy birds, with good position, feathered to perfection, and in full song, **6/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards.**

Grand racy hens, splendid type and feathered like wax, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each upwards. Matched Pairs, correctly mated for breeding winners and sex guaranteed, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. I can supply these in Clears, Ticks, Green Marked, Cinnamon Marked, or Self Greens.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.—I have a few real gems ready for immediate benching, sure winners at small Shows, at **15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-,** or **50/-** each, Cocks or Hens. These can win their cost in prize money, and will make reliable breeding birds at the end of the show season.

I have also a few real toppers, able to hold their own in hottest open competition. Kindly state wants. The following are taken from scores of Testimonials recently received, and which considerations of space alone prevent me from publishing:—

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Adelaide Road, Dublin, Dec. 25, 1912.—I am writing to thank you for the birds you sold me last January. They have bred me some capital youngsters. This is my first year as a breeder and exhibitor, and I consider the following results extra good: 4 Firsts, 4 Seconds, 5 Thirds, 9 Fourths, and Diploma for best bird shown by a novice at the Y.C.C. of Ireland's Show. All the birds I have exhibited have been bred from birds I purchased from you.—Robert McKeon to Joe Thomas.

2 FIRSTS.

Balgonie Terrace, Fife, Dec. 23, 1912.—I write to congratulate you for the birds you sent me. Our show was held on the 14th, and I got two Firsts with the two birds, beating all my local friends. Your birds deserve more than you claim for them. They are real gems, and I shall always recommend you to my friends.—Alex. Wishart to Joe Thomas.

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Pure-bred Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller cocks, direct from Germany, with good length of song and many changes, in fact, trained to perfection and in full rolling song by day and gaslight, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each; specially selected schoolmasters, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each; hens, guaranteed same strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-** each; Cages, **3d.** extra.

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BARGAINS, 1912 yellow cock, winner, two 1sts, 20/-; 2 buffs, 1sts each, 12/6, 10/6, worth double, cards sent; several others, each 8/6; approval, deposit: Adams, West-end, nr. Southampton. (398)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, in splendid health, and full song, cocks 7/6 upwards; hens 5/- and 7/6; pairs, to breed winners, 12/6 to £1; approval, deposit: Gamble, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester. (405)

FOR sale, 110 Yorkshire Canaries, 50 cocks, 60 hens, 40 colour-fed, some worth 15/- pair, accept £15; can be seen anytime; also 9 double-breeders, 30/-: J. Kent, 1, North View, Holgate, York. (397)

PRIZE bred Yorkshires; now is your time to secure, for stock or show, nice stylish birds, rare type and quality, cocks 7/6, pairs 12/6 upwards; approval: Geo. MacRobbie, 11, India-st., Partick. (408)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, same strain as winners, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Bradford, etc.; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (410)

YORKSHIRES, yellow cock (winner), buff hen, 17/6; buff cock (winner), yellow hen, 17/6 pair; stock birds, 7ins. long, 10/- each; pairs, bred from winners, 12/6; approval: Cattell, 81, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (411)

YORKSHIRES (challenge cup, 1912), full of quality and type, cocks 5/6, 7/6, 9/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 7/6; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6 upwards; approval, carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (395)

GENUINE annual sale, open winners, and same blood stock; cocks, £1; pairs, 25/-, 30/-; grand hens, 7/6, 10/-; all colours; young, healthy; can produce the best: write wants; approval: George Harris, Kenley, Surrey. (391)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; first-class stock pairs cheap; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (333)

SELL following high-class Yorkshires, 2 buff cocks, 12/6 each, 3 8/6; three yellows, 10/6 each; 9 hens, buffs, 5/6; yellows, 6/6 each; no better strain obtainable: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-terrace, Bradford, Yorkshire. (398)

AT Falmouth Show my Yorkshires again won four firsts, championship cup for third time, beating all so-called champions; grand unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, £1; hens, 5/- to £1; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (398)

WILLIAM E. KING, winner 10-guinea challenge cup, Hebden Bridge, Nov. 30, 1912, for best three Yorkshires in show; 1912 cocks, 5/-, 7/-, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/6 up; approval; carriage paid: Oak-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (395)

CAN spare grand yellow cock, big bird, well up off perch, full of quality, 15/-; good big buff hen, plenty of leg and size, 10/-; also good yellow hen, with size and quality, 10/-: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (410)

NOTICE! Must sell all my stock of Yorkshires; two pairs cost me £10 last season; I have 13 pairs in all for sale; two first prize winners, two seconds, three thirds, two fourths; a fair offer not refused: James Horler, Westfield, Radstock. (372)

BENNETT'S Champion Yorkshires, matched pairs, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; cocks from 7/6; hens 4/6; all related to my winners Leyton, East Ham, Wimbledon, North London; inspection invited, not Sundays; week's approval: Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (408)

THIRTY good Yorkshires for sale: same strain as my winners Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Stockton, Gateshead, Sunderland, Workington, and others; prices reasonable; see Sunderland report in this issue: Stewart, 11, Woodville-terrace, Whitehaven. (405)

RADFORD (late Trafford Park). High-class Yorkshires, bred as winners, Warrington, Sale, Sheffield, grand type and quality, cold room; satisfaction guaranteed; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; approval: 128, Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (405)

HANFORD'S noted Yorkshires, long typical cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, racy hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6; pairs correctly matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; send for complete list and approval terms; inspection invited; see Norwich advt.: R. Hanford, Derby. (408)

YORKSHIRES: if you are wanting good yellow or buff cocks or hens, I can supply you. Type, size and quality; grand stock birds; approval, deposit; state wants: value for money; Inspection invited: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (Q)

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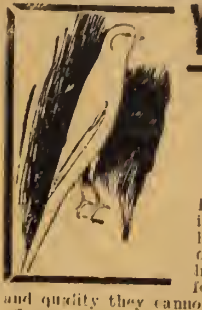

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WANTED Canaries, British, or Foreign birds, good exchange in silver-plated cutlery or spoons; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield. (411)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large, young, healthy birds; also talking Parrots: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (356)

WILL give 6/- a pair for colour-fed Yorkshires, and 5/6 a pair for colour-fed Norwich: H. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester. (405)

WANTED, best cash offer for two Yorkshire cocks also ten hens, Norwich, and Yorkshires, 2813: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth West. (402)

WANTED, Crests and Crest-breds, also good Norwich Plainheads; send lowest prices to: H. Hughes, 162, London-rd., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (405)

WANTED Goldfinch, house-moulted, white-legged, proved muler, must have bred; state price; approval: Irving Seeds, Broughton, Cockermouth. (407)

WANTED, two unflighted Norwich hens, yellow and buff, exchange pair Yorkshires, bred 1911; approval: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield. (401)

WANTED large h.m. cock Siberian Goldfinch; exchange two cock Linnet Mules; approval both ways: J. Mallatratt, 11, Birkland-st., Mansfield. (404)

OLIVER, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton, wanted, Yorkshire cocks and hens, any quantity; particulars, price; cash deposited; stamp reply. (408)

GEORGE IV. crown-piece, 1822, offers, cash, hen Canaries, or singing cocks; no cards answered: Walker, Usworth, Colliery, Co. Durham. (411)

WANTED Goldfinches, Canaries; exchange all kinds of cages, punch barred wire fronts, etc.: Cage Works, 68, Grosvenor-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (411)

WANTED, cage birds, or useful articles; exchange ½-bred Old English sheep dog, good house dog: W. Harrison, Potter Hill, Hovingham, Malton. (393)

WANTED two hen Canaries, or good singing cock, for a really good singing cock Skylark and muling cock Linnet: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable. (409)

WANTED offers Canaries, exchange silver English lever watch, new, sell £2; guaranteed timekeeper: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson Street, Glasgow. (371X)

WANTED, for cash, Norwich, Yorkshire, or Common Canaries, also Linnets, Finches, etc., quote: P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire. (397)

WANTED painter's blow lamp, distemper, paint, or varnish brushes, will give good value in Borders or Yorkshires: Flook, 80, Montgomery-st., Hove. (393)

WANTED, cream or orange miniature Pom. bitch, good pedigree, in exchange for Canaries and breeding cages: 45, Edward-ter., Abertidwr, Cardiff. (400)

WANTED, Crests and Crestbreds, also good Norwich Plainheads; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (386)

WANTED Norwich cock Canary, exchange two house-moulted cock Bullfinches and two hen Linnet Mules; approval.—E. Jordan, Hele, Cullompton, Devon. (396)

WANTED young spaniel male, well broken to gun; approval; exchange Song Thrush and cage, other cages, and cash: Hawkes, 16, Smith-st., Trafford-rd., Salford. (411)

WANTED yellow Cinnamon or Crest-bred cock, exchange black toy Pom. bitch, ten weeks old, 25/-; mutual approval; bird first: Murray, 84, Eddlewood, Hamilton. (397)

WANTED any quantity cock and hen Canaries, for spot cash; state breed and lowest price; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (362)

I WILL buy for cash any quantity of hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each; and any quantity of hen Canaries at 1/3 each: C. Helyar, 52, Holyoak-rd., Newington Butts. (407)

WANTED two good Sib. hen Canaries; exchange photographic scales (14 weights), and dictionary of photography; Canaries first, or sell 8/-: Spencer, 85, Athol-st., Burnley. (404)

WANTED exhibition cock British or good Roller; exchange for gentleman's double case, watch and silver medal, sell 11/-; send birds first: 67, Brindley Heath, Hednesford. (400)

WANTED offers of good Norwich Canaries in exchange for "Yorkshire" Chicken Rearer, complete with lamp and tank, cost 25/-; unused: Newton House, Northallerton. (398)

COCKATIELS, wanted, mature pair for present breeding, exchange large photogravure "Winter," after Farquharson; state age; approval: Miller, "Beeleigh," Fakenham. (401)

SMALL billiard table, Edison phonograph and records, boy's or girl's cycle, exchange good Crests, own breeding; mutual approval: Fradgley, Oaklands, South Normanton, Alfreton. (411)

WANTED offers in other breed for (pedigree) sable Collie bitch, good head and ears, with white collar and tip, value 40/-, or will sell £1: Percival, 43, Woodfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (395)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, either sex, coloured fed preferred; state lowest price, etc.: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. (408)

WANTED, matched pair Yorkshires, 1912 birds; Parrot, or offers, value 25/-; exchange pedigree flat-coated retriever, 43 months, and pup; approval both ways: Bryson, Crossford, Carlisle. (403)

WANTED, two good extra lengthy buff or variegated Yorkshire hens, exchange large yellow Norwich, clear unflighted cock, Hodder's strain; yours first: Williamson, 24½, Catherine-st., Leicester. (408)

WANTED toy Pom, jewellery, anything useful, in exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich, exhibition or stock purposes, to value; see respective columns and Stratford report: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (419)

WANTED, class Rollers; exchange champion pedigree wire-haired fox terrier bitch (by Worsley Wrangler), darker still, inbred to ch. Sylvian Result, 25/-, or offers: Worthington, 4, Wharton Lane, Little Hulton. (403)

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SHIPLEY O.S.

Last members' show held at the Prince of Wales, Jan. 15, when 79 birds were staged. Mr. W. Mundell judged and gave every satisfaction. The winners of season's specials are: Champ.: Messrs. H. Long, 69, J. B. Martin, 64; W. M. Craven, 58; E. Grange, 57; H. Hudson, 43; L. Crossland, 42; W. Bloomfield, 42; J. A. Taylor, 33. Novices: J. Excell, 58, Th. Cooper, 52; J. H. Murgatroyd, 37.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Martin, 2, Craven; 3, Towers; vhc, Bloomfield. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, hc, Crossland; 3, c, Towers; vhc, Martin. UNFLIGH. YELL.: 1, Grange; 2, Martin, 3, vhc, Craven, hc, Bloomfield, c, Towers. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Craven, 2, Martin. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Crossland 3, vhc, Long; hc, Towers; c, Martin. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Towers, 2, 3, vhc, Long. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Martin; 3, Craven. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Towers, 2, Martin. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Bloomfield; 3, vhc, Long. CINN. TK. OR VARIEG.: 1, 3, vhc, Grange; 2, hc, c, Hudson. HEN: 1, c, Grange; 2, vhc, Towers; 3, Crossland; c, Hudson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Towers. NOV. YELL.: 1, hc, Excell; 2, c, Th. Cooper; 3, Murgatroyd; vhc, Armstead. BUFF: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, Excell; 3, Armstead. YELL HEN: 1, 2, Th. Cooper; 3, Murgatroyd, vhc, Excell. BUFF: 1, hc, Excell; 2, c, Th. Cooper, 3, T. W. Cooper; vhc, Armstead.

OBITUARY.

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, Sec. Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S., that I have to announce the great loss our chairman, Mr. J. Hands, has sustained by the death of his wife on Sunday night last, leaving behind a family of nine to mourn her loss. I am sure that fanciers will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Hands in his great trouble.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Muir, sec. Lochgelly C.B.S., that I report the death at the early age of thirty-one, of Mrs. Reid, Park St., Lochgelly, the wife of one of our members. After a short illness she passed away on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. We tender to Mr. Reid and his sorrowing relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement. Four little children are also left to mourn a mother's loss. Of a kindly and amiable disposition, her death will be greatly regretted by all who knew her.

Mr. T. Watson, Birkenhead.

I regret to announce, writes Mr. W. T. Howlett, assist. sec. Birkenhead C.F.A., the death on the 15th inst. of Mr. T. Watson, Birkenhead, which occurred only after a few days' illness. On behalf of the Birkenhead C.F.A., we extend to Mrs. Watson and family our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

Mr. W. E. Jeffries, Leigh.

We regret, write Messrs. Deer and Cundy, secs., Southend and Southern Counties O.S., to inform you of the death of our late member, Mr. W. E. Jeffries, of Leigh, late chairman of the Southend and Southern Counties Ornithological Cage Bird Society. The members of the above society wish to express their deep sympathy with the wife and son.

Mr. J. Jennett, Sheffield.

I am very sorry to record the death of Mr. J. Jennett, one of the oldest members of the Sheffield C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec. He had been ailing for some time, and finally underwent an operation for cancer of the stomach. He passed away on January 16th, in his 60th year. The Sheffield C.B.S. has lost a good member, and everyone will be sorry to hear the sad news. We extend to our departed brother's wife and family our sympathy in their hour of trial.

Mr. P. A. Jack, Peterhead.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. P. A. Jack, late sec. of the Peterhead Cage Bird and Pigeon Association, of which he was the original founder. He called the first meeting of the Association and was its secretary for five years. In grateful recognition of his services the Association sent a beautiful wreath, and at the funeral it was represented by Mr. Charles Cross, the present secretary. Mr. Jack left a widow and family of four sons and one daughter, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt.

Mr. W. Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil.

It is with deep regret I have to inform you, writes Mr. Edwin Thomas, Sec., Cardiff C.B.S., that Mr. W. Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil, has passed away after a long and painful illness. He was one of the few remaining Scotch Fancy exhibitors. On behalf of the Cardiff C.B.S., I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lewis and family in their sad loss.

Mr. J. H. Jones, Merthyr Tydfil, also sends a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis throughout his long illness made daily enquiry as to the welfare of the birds of which he thought so much. The Cardiff C.B.S. sent a beautiful wreath as a token of respect, and many of Mr. Lewis's old fancier friends attended the funeral. Mr. Jones refers to the great number of prizes won by his deceased friend, and concludes by saying: "He had been in the cage bird fancy about forty years, and there are only one or two of the old school remaining amongst us to day."

GREAT SUCCESS OF OUR BIRTHDAY NUMBER

A few opinions which have reached us from readers.

We are very much gratified that our Birthday Number of last week should have met with such a splendid reception at the hands of our readers. Our only regret is that pressure on space will not permit us to acknowledge this week all the kindly congratulations which have reached us. The sale of this issue, it is pleasant to be able to add, was a record one; the circulation of CAGE BIRDS, we may say, now leaves all past figures well in the rear, thus evidencing in indisputable manner the hold our journal has upon the affections of birdkeepers. We return sincerest thanks to all our friends.

I found the Birthday Issue very entertaining.—Miss Joyce (Cheltenham).

The Birthday Number is a masterpiece, and rare good value.—P. McIntyre (Belfast).

Your Birthday Number I consider is a grand threepennyworth.—John Rukin (Rawtenstall).

I congratulate you on the splendid Birthday issue. Many happy returns! T. Jephcott (Bradford).

Your Birthday Number has capped all previous ones; it is simply A1.—Harry Ingram (Hindlay Green).

Your Birthday Issue is very fine, and the plates, photos, and pictures most interesting. —Miss Penton (Willesden).

We would like to say how pleased we are with your Birthday Issue of this week.—Messrs. Dutton (Manchester).

Congratulations on splendid achievement this Birthday Number, and many happy returns.—T. Stanley (Handsworth).

The Birthday Number is splendid and the plates are extra good. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—H. Dyer (Benwell).

Birthday Number very good. I wish you the season's greetings and a doubled circulation.—W. H. Harris (Dorchester).

I like your Birthday Number better than any I have previously seen. The plates and the supplement are fine.—W. Cowan (Leeds).

I congratulate you on the grand Birthday Number, which I must say is the finest I have ever seen.—J. Aldersdale (Eastleigh).

Your magnificent Birthday issue of CAGE BIRDS, with the lovely coloured plates, is a real budget for all bird lovers.—J. Sansford (Weymouth).

I congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number, which is quite a record. The coloured plates are especially good.—W. H. C. Boswell (Watford).

The Birthday Number was a great "treble event"—plates, articles and supplement are all winners. Many happy returns of the day! —T. Clark (Harpurhey).

I like the Birthday Issue immensely—the plates are truly beautiful. I spent a pleasant day devouring the contents and admiring the supplement.—J. Spencer (Birmingham).

The Birthday Issue is just fine, and the plates very beautiful, that of the British birds filling a want, especially with the excellent article accompanying it.—W. Smart (Glasgow).

Your Birthday issue is excellent. The coloured plates are splendid, and reflect great credit on your able artists. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its staff every success.—S. Beaty (Alderley Edge).

You have given us another "stunner" in the Birthday Number. You keep going one better in coloured plates. The one with the British birds on it is a treat to behold.—J. H. Mitchell (Alfreton).

The coloured plates of foreign and British birds are very fine; my congratulations to Messrs. Goodchild and Norman, also to the Editor, for the budget of good things.—P. E. Royce (Highbury).

I was very pleased with your Birthday Number, and, being a British bird lover, the British plate was most acceptable, and ranks first in my collection of coloured plates.—A Ward (Deeping St. James).

We thank you very much for the grand Birthday Issue of CAGE BIRDS, which we are sure cannot help but please all. The coloured plates have surpassed all others.—T. W. Christer and Sons (Chopwell).

Your Birthday Number was the most pleasant surprise I have had this year. Your coloured plates and art supplement are things of beauty, and I regret we do not get more of them.—Robt. Croom (Gateshead).

The Birthday Number is grand. The plates are a splendid piece of work. I have shown it to different friends and they say it's wonderful for the money. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—F. King (Cambridge).

I must congratulate you on your Bithday Number. I think one plate alone is worth the money, saying nothing about the valuable information we receive in it. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—A. Lawton (Sheffield).

I was well pleased with the Birthday issue; it is beautiful and the plates perfect.—W. Laugdon (Bethnal Green).

Good old CAGE BIRDS! What a fine issue! Hearty birthday congratulations. May you have everything you wish for.—L. Short (Cheltenham).

May I offer you my congratulations on that magnificent production, CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number? It is undoubtedly a masterpiece, and a credit to all concerned. The coloured plates are delightful.—H. Hill (Bradford).

What a lovely plate of foreign birds Mr. Goodchild has given us. As a lover of these birds, I think it the gem of this splendid issue. The articles are very good, and interesting, and the art supplement A1.—Miss A. Lloyd (Bexhill).

I enjoyed the Birthday Number very much, the Supplement and all the articles being "cert. prize-winners." I have already taken both plates to be framed. May CAGE BIRDS have many more birthdays. It deserves to succeed.—Peter Brown (Gourock).

Allow me to congratulate you on your great Birthday Number. British bird lovers will ever be indebted to you for the portrait gallery of British birds. Your artist, Mr. Norman, has excelled himself; nothing better has ever been produced.—J. B. Clarke (Ascogbank, Rothesay).

Allow me to congratulate you on the 1913 splendid Birthday Issue. I am an old reader of CAGE BIRDS, and it gives me great pleasure to see the advancement made year by year. I sincerely hope that good fortune will pursue CAGE BIRDS and its workers.—Albert Gay (Quinton, Birmingham).

The last Birthday Number was grand in every detail. How I enjoyed the articles by the Rev. C. D. Farrar and Mr. Teschemaker. Another valuable feature is Mr. Weston's information in brief, which I intend to file for future use, along with Mr. Norman's plate, which I am framing.—E. McKenna (Edinburgh).

I should like to compliment you on your Birthday Issue, and on the British bird plate. I think that if you continue the idea by giving one or two further plates dealing with other British birds, you will compile a set which will be a boon as a work of reference for Nature lover and aviculturist alike. —L. P. Luke (Brighouse).

Glad to receive Birthday Number, on which we most heartily congratulate you, as this issue excels all previous ones. It is simply a masterpiece. Long may CAGE BIRDS reign, and its circle of readers continue to widen, as it is the foremost and most instructive journal for all lovers of our feathered pets.—McGillivray Brothers (Bo'ness).

I must really thank you for your wonderful Double Number of this week. It is like a book of gold to me, with its fine coloured plates, supplement, and interesting articles (especially that fine plate of different kinds of British birds). I do not think that any other number has reached such a height of perfection as this one.—F. MacPherson (Oban).

Heartiest congratulations on your Birthday Issue of 1913; it is far above expectations. The Coloured Plates are very interesting, especially the plate representing British Birds, which should find a place in all bird-rooms and aviaries. Glad to say other bird fanciers of this town are delighted with the issue, and wish you every success in future.—George Grant (Victoria Rd.).

The art supplement and the coloured plates of the Birthday Number were very much admired by me. Mr. Norman's British bird plate and the admirable "Brief Biographies" by Mr. G. E. Weston makes an ideally instructive combination, which I intend to keep by me for future guidance. I had many a laugh at Mr. Teschemaker's very entertaining contribution.—W. G. Eastlake (South Kensington).

I was greatly surprised, and more than pleased, with your valuable Birthday Issue. I must thank you very much for same. I also wish CAGE BIRDS every success. I shall show it to my friends. The beautiful coloured plates should be the means of bringing others to be constant readers of CAGE BIRDS, from which I find many handy little recipes etc., during the breeding season.—James Jefferies (Bristol).

Your Birthday Number is a treat, and I think excels anything previously given. The plates are simply superb, and your artists and printer deserve the thanks of the Fancy for their efforts on our behalf. It is worth far more than what you charge for it. The plate depicting the most popular of our British birds was a happy idea, and well worthy of framing, which no doubt many will do.—[illegible] (Leith).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mt., Roundhay, Leeds.)
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 18.—**Burton on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
No. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool).
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Ireland.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

The Birthday Number is magnificent.—W. Cumming (Forres).

The Birthday Number I consider a rich treat.—A. Wright (Hackney).

I think this week's issue is extra special, the plates of Mr. Goodchild and Mr. Norman being something grand, while the art supplement is most interesting, not forgetting the articles, too. Many happy returns.—A. Ross (Bolton).

I must congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number. It is indeed excellent. I should imagine it must have had a good sale, as I wanted a few extra copies and had to apply at several bookstalls before I was successful in getting them.—J. Rogers (Bromley).

I have now taken in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS for several years, and I can honestly say your present Birthday Number eclipses all your others. The coloured plates are the finest I have yet seen, and nobody ought to begrudge the small cost.—R. G. Leigh (Chelsea).

I must say how pleased I was with the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The Coloured Plates were simply grand. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for years, and consider no Canary breeder should be without it. I wish it all the success it so honestly deserves.—R. Evens (Kingsbridge).

I am a novice fancier of Roller Canaries, and a reader of CAGE BIRDS, which, I am pleased to say, is my leading paper. I have benefited greatly by its timely hints, etc., and I show it regularly to my friends. I can safely say that your Birthday issue is truly magnificent throughout, and a red letter 1913 number. Any novice Canary or British bird fancier, however blunt he is, will readily be sharpened by following CAGE BIRDS articles. My bird room is looking nice and bright with your art supplement and coloured plates and the coloured plates of past issues.—Jno. Seddon (Atherton).

I received the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS on Saturday, and was surprised when I opened it. The "Gem Portrait Gallery" is absolutely grand, and alone worth treble the price. The foreigners are also very nice, and the way you have depicted the colours is wonderful. I have shown the issue to a good many of my friends, and they are going to get it. I am going to frame my plates, and very nice pictures they will make. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for over five years, and hope to continue so. I wish you and all the staff a prosperous New Year. —Fred Challoner (Peckham).

Your Birthday Issue of CAGE BIRDS is simply grand. A wonderful budget for the 3d. charged. It must have cost a lot to produce such splendid coloured plates. The British bird fanciers, I feel sure, must be delighted with the Gem Portrait Gallery, which does your artist great credit. Then the plate of foreign birds is simply lovely, and makes one wish to have such lovely specimens in their possession. Altogether, with the art supplement, it is a wonderful Birthday Number, and those that remember and possess the tiny first issue can only look and marvel at the progress of CAGE BIRDS.—G. W. Saunders (Sutton).

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

We are having our first members' show on Feb. 8th at the Star Inn, Church-street, with nine classes, four for novices, three for professionals, one British, and one selling. Last day of entry Feb. 5th. All members wishing to exhibit at this show must attend the next meeting to be held Jan. 30th at the above place. All fanciers are welcome. W. Redman, Sec., 2, Allan-street, Burnley.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Annual general meeting held in Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard-street, Jan. 13. The financial statement of the club and open shows was read, and showed a loss to the club. Office bearers for 1913 were elected: Pres.: Mr. A. G. Forest; vice-pres.: Mr. R. F. Duncan; treas.: Sergt.-Inst. Fullarton: Sec.: J. L. Smith; auditors: Messrs. Todd and Blythe; committee: Messrs. D. Brown, A. Borrie, J. Keir, W. Bruce, R. Campbell, R. Crawford, W. C. Smith, J. Watson, J. Cranna, W. Munro, D. Roy, G. Wylie, G. Dunlop, D. Carstairs. It was agreed to hold an open show this year, date to be fixed next meeting, and to have a pairs' show on Feb. 8, at three, in Laidlow's Rooms, classes for Crests, Plainheads, Borders, Hybrid, and Muling pairs, small British birds, any variety.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual meeting, held in the Village Schoolroom, Alexandria. Auditors' report having been submitted showing a membership of 89, and a very successful financial year, office-bearers for ensuing year were elected: Hon. President, A. Gilmour, Esq.; hon. vice-president, J. W. Bull, Esq.; president, Mr. A. W. Donaldson; vice-pres., Mr. Wm. B. Gillies; sec. and treas., Mr. A. H. M. Lean, Ladyton Cottage, Bonhill; auditors, Messrs. J. Hannah and Wm. B. Gillies; representative committee, Alexandria, Messrs. J. Campbell and J. Liles; Bonhill, Messrs. J. Hannah and J. McEwan; Jamestown and Balloch, Messrs. P. McAdam and G. M'Call; Renton, Messrs. J. Roxburgh and W. Binnie; Dumbarton, Messrs. A. Nicholson and D. McBride; Helensburgh, Mr. Wm. Davidson. Rules were carefully gone over, and several minor alterations made. Agreed [illegible] show of matched pair Canaries. Mr. J. Nicholson appointed to judge Borders and Scotch Fancies, and Mr. Hannah Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest, etc. Twenty-eight new members were admitted amid great applause.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Annual general meeting held at the Silver Grill, English Street, Jan. 8, and a good number of members were present. Mr. Geo. Davidson in the chair. Secretary read his report for year 1912, mentioning in same Pair Show, Judging Competition, Rambles and Open Show. The balance-sheet for 1912, which shows a credit balance of £5 14s. 3d., as against £1 19s. 8d. in 1911, was duly adopted on the motion of T. Holmes, seconded by J. Robson, sen. Prior to election of officers, three new rules were passed. The following officials were appointed:—Pres., Major Spencer Ferguson, Mayor of Carlisle; sec., John C. Bell (23, Botchergate, Carlisle); treas., Geo. Davidson; committee (for three years), Messrs. T. Holmes, T. J. Robson, and R. Macartney; (two years), Messrs. G. Higgins, T. Johnstone, and H. C. Palfrey; (one year), Messrs. Fred Bell, J. Robson, jun., and Jno. Robson. The open show was next discussed, and it was decided to stick to our old date, the last Wednesday and Thursday in October, namely, the 29th and 30th (will northern secretaries please note, and so avoid the clashing of dates, which we had in several cases last season). Several names were proposed as judges, and sec. was instructed to write same gentlemen for terms, etc., the matter of appointment being left in hands of committee. T. J. Robson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. Chaplow for the use of his room at past meetings. This was carried unanimously. C. S. Traill was proposed as a member. A vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary concluded a successful meeting.—John C. Bell.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Cheapside, January 8. Mr. C. Pearson took the chair. The auditors, Messrs. A. Goble and H. James, submitted the balance-sheet showing a small balance in hand after paying all expenses of the year, and the previous year's printing account for that annual show. The club also has a good quantity of staging and trestles in store. The hon. sec., Will H. Gibb, reported on the year's work, giving details of the monthly shows held, also the judging competition, and announced that the last annual show had broken all records. Officers were elected as follows:—Pres., Capt. G. C. Tryon, M.P.; vice-pres., Lord Newlands, Hon. John Gordon, M.P., Dr. G. B. Thwaites, W. R. Campion, Esq., M.P., Herbt. Langton, Esq., M.R.C.S.; chairman, Major Frank Johnson; vice, Mr. C. Pearson; hon. treas., Mr. J. East; hon. auditors, Messrs. A. Goble and H. James; hon. solicitor, W. Graham Hooper, Esq.; hon. assist. Sec., Mr. G. B. Absalon; hon. sec., Will H. Gibb; committee, Messrs. D. Dean, F. Dandridge. A. Flook, E. Holley, J. Boxall, G. Pinyoun, J. E. Gravett, W. Miles, S. Sparks, W. Wall. Seven new members were elected. Rules and regulations for 1913 were passed, and classes made for the members' annual show to be held at headquarters, January 31; Mr. W. Swaysland judge. The following fanciers offered specials for competition at that show. Silver cup, Messrs. Cadman Bros., Messrs. H. Luckley, D. Dean, H. T. Gibb, Will H. Gibb. F. Dandridge, A. Goble, H. James, H. Akehurst, W. Cadman, E. Holley. Meetings and shows will be held monthly on the 2nd Wednesdays during 1913, from which it is expected much good will accrue to fanciers.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

33rd annual general meeting held at the Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Birmingham, on Monday, Jan. 13, 1913. Mr. A. Broadhurst presided over a grand muster of members. The principal business of the evening was the re-election of officers for 1913. The following were appointed:—President, Mr. J. A. Eckersley; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Webb, H. C. Wilkins, Broadhurst, J. H. de Maillet, W. C. Wells; hon. vet. surg., Mr. L. S. Sedgwick, M.R.C.V.S.; hon. auctioneer, Councillor R. Nicklin; treas., Messrs. Allen and Collier; auditors, Messrs. Clay and Childs; chairman, Mr. A. Broadhurst; vice, Mr. J. H. de Maillet; sec., Mr. J. H. Jones; assist. sec., Mr. R. Tipper; committee, Messrs. Burke, Baker, Crowther, Dipple, Derry, Day, Jeffrey, and H. Pearce. The following new members were then elected:—Messrs. Baker, Britton, Greenup, E. Fordred, T. J. Jackson, H. Johnson, and H. Wakefield; bringing the membership up to a grand total of 80 members. The chairman (Mr. A. Broadhurst) proposed making a little donation to Mr. Jones, hon. sec., for the way in which he had filled his position during the past year. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried. It was also proposed and carried to make two other members a small present for the manner in which they worked during the show. The next item was brought forward by Mr. Tipper to provide a Roller section for the Birmingham and District Roller fanciers, but owing to the time getting short it was decided to bring it forward at the next monthly meeting. The chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the sec. and members of the society and complimented them on the way in which the open show had been brought to such a financial success. He said that he had been a member for a number of years of the Birmingham C.B.S., one of the oldest in the country, and that during his membership he had not seen it in a more flourishing state than at present. On his joining, all exhibitors were classed on a level, there being no distinction between the novice and champion. It had always been his ambition to cater for the novice, and, what is more, he hoped to provide even more still for them, as they have always come up well with their entries. He hoped that the members would always try and pull well together, as they had done in the past, and should any little trouble arise, if they would only come and give him particulars, he would do his level best to put things right in a friendly way. This brought the meeting to a close.—J. H. Jones, hon. sec.; assist., R. Tipper.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held January 4, in the Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. Moderate attendance of members. Balance-sheet for 1912 laid before the meeting and passed, but was not satisfactory from a financial point of view, as we found ourselves 9s. on the wrong side. The hat was taken round, and the deficiency was promptly made up, squaring us up for the year. We are very pleased to come through with such a small debit. It is a great pity so many northern shows are held on the same date. Decided not to hold an open show in 1913, but that we hold a members' show on November 15th to try and replenish the funds a little. Officers elected for 1913 as follows: —Chairman, Mr. G. Barkas; vice-chairman, Mr. M. N. Gardiner; committee, members; assist. sec. and treas., Mr. R. Johnson; sec., Mr. E. Jamieson, 59, High Westwood, Hamsterley Colliery, Co. Durham. Secretaries and others, please note secretary's address.—Lindsay and Marsh.

WATFORD C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Essex Arms Hotel, Jan. 7. Mr. R. J. Pretty, chairman, presided over a good turn up of members. The Hon. Sec., submitted the balance-sheet for the year. The annual show balance-sheet showed a balance on the right side, and the sheet for the year showed a balance in hand of about £4. The sheets were handed round to the members for inspection, and comment was general on the highly satisfactory condition of the society, the Hon. Sec. being congratulated on clearing a debt of about £4 to a profit of about the same amount, which is a credit to him. Office-bearers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. R. J. Pretty; vice, G. Swain; hon. sec., W. Rackley; committee, Messrs. W. Buckingham, Bunce, Campbell, Cox, Dumbleton, Fox, Findley, Knight, Sear, Wombell, and T. Wright. It was arranged to have a judging competition of matched pairs for breeding instead of an ordinary pair show, at a date to be arranged in February. Mr. J. Goodall to judge. A discussion took place about having an open show, but it was advisable not to have an open show this year, but with another good year we may be in a position to have an open show. Mr. R. J. Pretty then presented the medals, etc., to the winners at the annual show, and votes of thanks to Mr. F. Easterling and Mr. Campbell for their kindness in giving the medals, and to the Chairman, closed a most enjoyable evening.—W. Buckingham, Club Reporter, pro. tem.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held January 9th, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. The sec. reported a loss of £1 2s. 3d. on social, but through the generosity of Messrs. Crawhall, Tindale, Holden, R. W. Smith, and W. McKenzie, it was reduced to 8s. 9d. I shall be pleased to receive any subscription, however small, towards the deficit, from any member who is disposed to give anything, as I should like it cleared off, if possible, before the balance-sheet goes to printers. Judges for open show were nominated, and will be elected at next meeting in February. Prize-money for members' classes was paid to those present who were entitled to same. Decided to bear half the cost of timber for show with Gateshead Society. Messrs. Atkinson and Potts were elected as scrutineers in connection with election of officers for 1913. A table show took place with the following result:—YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Holden. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Smith; 3, Fryer. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Holden. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Dix; 2, 3, Crawhall. BUFF: 1, 3, Crawhall; 2. Dix; 4, Mirley. HEN: 1, Dix; 2, 4, Crawhall; 3, Mirley. BORD., YELL.: 1, Espie. BUFF: 1, Espie. A vote of thanks was accorded the judges, Messrs. Tindale, Potts, and Curry. There will be a table show at March meeting with the following classes: Linnet, Greenfinch, Softbill, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, and A.O. Hardbill, Java or smaller, larger than a Java, and A.O. For. Softbill. Mr. A. Holden won special for most points, given by Mr. Crawhall. Nominations were received for officials for 1913. Please note the annual meeting is on February 6th.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Monthly meeting, held Jan. 8th, before a splendid gathering of members. Chairman Willmott occupied his usual place, supported by Vice-chairman Hughes and a full committee. Before commencing business the Chairman wished those present the best of good wishes for the coming season, and a very prosperous one for the society. We had commenced, he said, in good style, as three new members were down for proposal, Messrs. Basely, Smith, and Garry, who were duly elected. Sec. then read report of the past members' show. Although he had to estimate the cost of the printing tickets and catalogues, there would easily be a profit of about £1 10s. (Applause.) Considering the terrible weather it was, said the Chairman, a splendid result. The resignation of Messrs. Day and Child were accepted. Before taking nominations for officers the Chairman requested the members, before proposing any name, especially of those who were not there that evening, to make sure the nominated member would act. The following were elected unanimously: President, Dr. Taylor; chairman, E. T. Willmott; vice, J. Hughes; treas, W. T. Harding. The following were proposed for committee, Messrs. Burke, Raby, Clay, Bayliss, Constable, Hall, Wright, Perks, Swinden, and West. On being put to the ballot the following were duly elected: Messrs. Burke, Raby, Perks, Constable, and Wright. Auditors, Messrs. Hall and Perks. Show manager for 1913, J. Wright. Sec., J. Sheppard. Mr. Burke proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the past officials. Considering the way the past year's work had been done, they had been a credit to the society. The Chairman moved, on behalf of the officials, a vote of thanks to the members for their appreciation of the work done. All had done their best to make the South Birmingham the premier society. Although the total of names appearing on the books stood at 74 that evening, he should instruct the secretary to approach any who had not paid up to the end of the year, and so make sure how we stood in regard to official numbers of names on list. The evening's business concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Leckie for the use of the room, and the improvement of the lighting of same, also to show manager Wright for the excellent way he had managed all shows in 1912. Mr. Wright suitably responded. We hope all will make an effort to attend the February meeting, when, besides the balance-sheet of the year, a novel debate is being prepared.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

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Members' sing held Jan. 18th, at Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, when 20 birds sung for three good prizes. Result: J. Wallis, 1, 2; A. Tomlin, 3. We had the pleasure of enrolling a new member in Mr. J. Caddy, of Froyston. Jaunary 25th we have open sing, first pair hung three o'clock prompt. Three minutes sing: 1, Spring; 2, Bluff; when we hope to see some fresh faces.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Jan. 11, 27 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, E. Smith, 74; 2, S. Morley, 49; 3, J. Brindley, 40. Also Jan. 12, 14 birds entered for three prizes, and we had the best singing heard so far this season, the 1st and 2nd being in one heat, S. Morley, 82; W. Nelson, 78; W. Nelson, 41.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, January 19, when 22 birds sang for 3 good prizes. Result: 1 and 2 shared by A. Binns and A. Lorriman; 3, Playforth. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and P. Soloman. The Linnets were a treat to hear.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality held at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Jan. 18, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house from all parts of Lancashire, also from Hull, Dewsbury, and Beverley. 1, C. Ward; 2, 3, shared between C. Ward and J. Sellers. Judges, Messrs. T. C. Summers and C. Clayton. Also Jan. 19th, when some extraordinary good singing was heard before a house packed to its utmost, when the judges gave every satisfaction. 1, 2, C. Ward; 3, J. Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and J. Granger. A German Canary contest will be held on January 26th, when Mr. Fishwick will give three special prizes according to number of birds entered; first pair to be on the nail at 7.30.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Jan. 18, when 19 birds sung for three good prizes, 1, H Wigfield; 2, T. Johnson; 3, A. Butler. Judges, H Robinson, Lacy. Also Jan. 19, when 27 birds sang for four good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson, 1, T. Chadwick; 2, A. Richardson; 3, T. Stead; 4, H. Wigfield. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor. Open contest for Rollers, held Jan. 19, 19 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes before a crowded house, 1, Lunn, Woodhouse, the best Rollers that have sung in Leeds for years; 2, Roberts; 3, W. Sissons. Judges, S. Hardcastle, Naylor. Open contest for Rollers will be held Jan. 26, when Mr. Wm. Tillotson will give three good prizes, first pair 7.45.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

The Globe Inn Linnet Club held its first open singing contest for time and quality, Jan 18, when some 40 birds sung for eight good prizes. Quality: 1, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 2, H. Brown (Leigh); 3, W. Barnes (Wigan); 4, H. Fairhurst (Leigh). Judges for quality: J. W. Jones and J. Macallister. Time: 1, R. Fairhurst (Atherton) 148; 2, E. Page (Leigh) 139; 3, R. Fairhurst (Atherton) 109; 4, T. Hindley (Pendlebury) 97. Judges: R. Disley, J. Bate. Minute man: Ben Jones. Birdman: H. Fairhurst. There will be an open to all England contest, for time and quality, Feb. 1, at the Globe Inn, Leigh. Blackburn and Wigan fanciers know we are always glad to see them again after eight months, and we hope to have their entries at the open contest.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

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The annual subscription (2s. 6d.) to the Yorkshire C. and C.B.S., of Ireland, becomes due this month, writes Mr. C. Lattimore, the Sec.

Secretaries and friends please note I have purchased two houses in Sheffield, and gone to live in one myself, 75, Scott Road, Pitsmoor, writes Mr. R. D. Parlett.

All prize-money has been paid for the Craven Arms and Ludlow Show, writes Mr. J. Creasey. Not one class filled, but we had the best of quality, if not quantity.

Will secretaries who are including Field-moulted Linnet classes in their schedules forward one to us? write Messrs. Bell and Nelson (7, Main-st., Frizington, Cumberland).

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), we hear, has been appointed judge of the Sheffield O.S. Nest Feather Show, July 5th, also the open show of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S., held October 25th.

Buck up, fanciers, writes Mr. H. C. Peerless, and if you are in favour of the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show dates falling on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in 1914, please send a post-card to that effect to J. W. Ramsden, Esq., at once.

Mr. W. E. Allen writes that he has resigned the secretaryship of the Grantham and Dis. C.B. Society. All future matters concerning the society should be addressed to the newly-elected secretary, Mr. H. Lowther, 26, Agnes Terrace, Grantham.

I wish to inform you, writes Mr. Arthur Hudson, 9. Methuen Street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness, that I have been elected secretary of Barrow and Dis. C.B.A. Therefore, all communications in connection with the above association should be addressed to me.

We hear from Mr. Ramsden, show manager, Crystal Palace show, that Mrs. Askham will present a drop action silver pencil for best vhc Mule or Hybrid. Donor not competing. Also that the Crystal Palace Co., are enclosing the sides of the show, so as to exclude all possibility of draught.

Mr. A. Brown's name was left out of list of nominated judges for our annual show, writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec. West Stanley C.B.S. It was my mistake. I hope all members will turn up on Saturday, 1st prox., at the club room at Commercial Hotel for the final selection of two judges.

Kindly convey through the columns of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, my thanks to Mr. Clelland, secretary, and the officials of Larkhall Society, for the quick return of my birds from show, writes Mr. Thos. Bell (Bo'ness). I think if they would give more cage bird classes they would have even more success.

All prize-money has been paid and specials and prize cards have been posted, writes Mr. J. Jeffrey, Sec. Sunderland Show. The following are corrections in catalogue: Class 22, Novice Border: Special won by T. Davison, not J. G. Greason, and Class 39, Foreign, P. Arnott wins special, not A. C. Young.

The Anfield, Everton and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. R. R. Wright, has elected to the chair a true Yorkshire sportsman in Malcolm E. Wilson, Esq. (Halifax), who presents a handsome 5 guinea gold medal to run in conjunction with the 50 guinea challenge cup. Mr. A. Nimmo (Liverpool), winner of the G.C.A. cup and other trophies, has joined the society.

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Please thank, through your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," all those who replied to my advert on Jan. 4. They numbered 37, and it is impossible for me to write them all. This speaks well of your paper, and I advise all bird lovers, sellers, and buyers to use "Cage Birds."—H. C. Bingham (Long Sutton).

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A wonderful little invention has been secured by Mr. W. Rudd, the noted bird specialist, of Norwich, one for which, when its merits become known, we anticipate a great sale. It should be a welcome item in every bird-room, whether the fancier keeps few birds or many, as it not only saves his pocket (and incidentally, of course, soon saves its own cost). but it makes for the better health of his birds, as it ensures the seed being always clean and free from dust, husks or rubbish of any kind. This invention is a machine well named the "Little Wonder." All that the fancier has to do when feeding the birds is to empty the seed from the hoppers into the machine, and turn the handle, when all the rubbish is "blown" one way and the cleaned seed falls out another way. It is wonderfully simple, reliable and effective. Saves time, trouble and labour, and keeps the bird-room clean (no husks being blown all over it), and the cost is quite small.

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It has been brought to our notice that some faulty copies of Mr. Norman's coloured plate of last week were put into circulation through an error on the part of an employee of our colour-printers. They should really have been thrown out as waste, as the colour values were wrongly rendered, and, in one or two cases, the printing was out of register. We very much regret this. Should any reader have one of these faulty copies, we shall be glad to send a perfect plate free of charge, to replace it, on hearing from him.

A Warm Welcome.

We hear that the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. have welcomed the return of their valued friend, Mr. V. Wynn, to the posts of hon. secretary and treasurer by according him a record entry at the pair show being held this Saturday (Jan. 25).

After the Colour-food.

Heard at the headquarters of the Sutton in Ashfield and Eastfield Side C.B.S. A certain local fancier, after a visit to the Hurthwaite aviaries, said: "We have some Canaries at our house, but if the other birds are Canaries, then mine must be consumptive!"

Tunbridge Wells Show Report.

The awards in the non-fed Yorks class should read: 1, 3, Cross; 2, Bousfield; 4, res., Wraight, and not as printed in our report. The awards in the Members' classes were: Canary: 1, 3, Wraight; 2, Greenaway; 4, Bellamy; res., c, Walker; vhc, Richards; hc, Hurst. Brit.: 1, 3, 4, Dunning; 2, Borman; res., Tickner.

Crests at the Palace Show.

We are asked to call attention to the fact that the specials (both cash and points) of the Crested Canary Club are being competed for at the Crystal Palace Show, also that the prize-money is guaranteed according to the rules. We hope Crest fanciers will rally round the great national fixture, and afford visitors and the Fancy generally a chance to see a representative collection of the present-day gems of this variety of Canary.

The L.C.B.A. Annual Dinner.

The 24th annual dinner of the London Cage Bird Association will, writes Mr. T. R. Trower, be held at the Sheraton Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday, February 8th, at 7 o'clock; R. L. Crisp, Esq., chairman. Tickets 4s. each, which can be obtained of Mr. F. Knight, 20, Station Grove, Wembley, N.W. First-class musical talent has been engaged. Country fanciers visiting London will be welcomed, and can be assured of a good dinner and pleasant evening.

Our Photographs of Societies.

The supplement of last week contained a number of photographs of gatherings of fanciers, and the following lists of names of those appearing thereon have been supplied us:—Harrogate Linnet Club: Reading from left to right—back row, Messrs. S. Slinger, J. Long, J. Slinger, W. Hall, W. Smith, T. Wilkins, T. Slinger, E. Gill, J. Skirrow, W. Leyland, and W. Farnhill; front row, W. Slinger, E. Baul (sec.), J. W. Scott (president), E. Jones, and A. Deitz. Lancashire and Lizard F.A.:—Left to right—top row, J. Hamer, Miss M. Jackson, N. Stansfield, E. Thompson, Miss Minnie Fuller, W. Ridgard, J. E. Ollerenshaw, S. R. Compton (judge), F. Hamer; second row, Barker Clegg (judge), Mrs. John Hamer, John Rukin (secretary), Joe Hampshire (chairman), John Swalwell (treasurer and judge), Mrs. F. Hamer, Teddy Fuller (judge), J. Oldham; bottom row, E. Ollerenshaw, Miss Mary Gerrard, Miss Nellie Fuller, Master Hamer, and T. H. Collinge. (Photographer: Mr. E. Batty, Glossop). Portsmouth C.B.S. Officials:—Reading from left to right—bottom row, A. J. Boxall, F. Joiner (sec.), R. C. Tout (chairman), W. R. King (sec.), F. Cleife; middle row, T. Saunders, A. Hatter, H. Ninness, W. Bickell, H. J. Lockhart, J. W. Parker, F. Newman; top row, Sergt.-Maj. Walker (auditor), Hoskison, G. T. Hall (vice-chairman), F. Olding. Liverpool Fanciers:—Standing left to right—J. W. Metcalfe, J. E. Wright, R. Bratherton, T. R. Jones, W. Hales, C. Hillmen, A. Parker, S. McNulty, A. Nimmo, A. Parsons, V. H. Deacon, John Walker; middle row, Mrs. Bratherton, J. Abbott, Mrs. John Walker, T. Rowlands, Mrs. Handley, F. Handley; third row, W. Woods, Miss Walker, Master Bratherton, Miss Walker, and George Green. Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.:—Standing at back—left to right, J. Hunter, F. Johnstone, J. Inglis, J. Cordery, J. Anderson, W. Brown, and A. Anderson; middle row, A. Hutt, W. Purvis, A. Cowan, T. Barclay, and A. and D. Moffat; front, D. Kirk, A. Dickson (secretary), J. Fotheringham (vice-president); J. Stenhouse (president), D. McConville (treas.), and A. Ramsay. Partick C.B.C.:—Back row, reading from left to right, Messrs. Rowan, Webster, McMillan, Smith, a friend, Whitton, McCondrick, Murdock; middle row, McMillan (senr.), Walker, Fraser, Henry, Sellars, Kinnard, Crichton; front, a friend, Fairweather, Anderson, Henderson, Park, Aitkenhead, Madewell, Kidd, Priest (sec.) and Sinclair. Owing to confusion with the photographer (Slimming, of Cowdenbeath), the picture of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. was inadvertently described as the Cowdenbeath C.B.A.

Excursion from Bradford to Palace.

Intending visitors to Crystal Palace Show from Bradford and District are reminded, writes Mr. H. Hill, that the Midland Railway Co. are issuing excursion bookings from Bradford to St. Pancras, on Friday, February 7th, for 1, 4, or 6 days. Trains will leave Bradford Midland Station at 10.45 p.m., according to present arrangements; see handbills for confirmation or alteration. Every accommodation will be made for passengers by this excursion,

Enter at Once.

Exhibitors should not overlook the fact that entries for the forthcoming Great National Cage Bird show at the Crystal Palace are due to close this week-end (Jan. 25). Following the usual custom, no extension of time will be made, and no "whip-up" cards will be sent out. This year a new method of dealing with the temperature of the show arena—a method which, we hear, gave excellent results at the last cat show—will be in force. This promises to reduce the risk of draughts to a minimum, and to ensure the atmosphere being kept at a uniform temperature. Entries and all communications should be sent to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, show manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

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The numerous friends of Mr. J. H. Scothern, of Nottingham, will congratulate him on the splendid recognition life-long devoted service on his part has met with from the head of his firm. Mr. Scothern some few years ago was a very successful breeder and exhibitor of the Crested Canary, officiated as judge at some of our foremost shows, and was recognised as a leading authority upon the breed, concerning which he wrote many clever articles. The nature of his good fortune is conveyed in the following paragraph taken from a daily contemporary: "A bequest of 10,000 £1 shares in his business is made to his manager, John Henry Scothern, by the will of Mr. W. G. Gregory, of Clumber House, The Park, Nottingham, a lace manufacturer, of Messrs. W. G. Gregory. The bequest is 'in recognition of his faithful services to me.'" Mr. Gregory, who was seventy-nine years old, left estate of £129,090 gross value." Mr. Scothern, we may add, was a very popular fancier, and everyone who knows him will wish him well.

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INFLAMMATION OF THE BOWELS: ITS CURE AND PREVENTION.

By T. JOHNSON (Southport).

(Concluded from page 32.)

Take all seed and egg food away, and give in two ounces of drinking-water for twenty-four hours as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence. Catch the bird and give it one or two—not more—drops of rape oil in its beak. Some prefer castor oil; either will do, but I have had good results from the use of rape oil. I got the "tip" from an old Lark and Linnet fancier, and I have found it answer very well. Some people don't believe in giving medicine direct into the beak. Certainly it is rather a ticklish job; but if it can be managed at all, I prefer it, as it is a shorter road to the goal to be reached. But for those who object to giving oil in the beak, I advise leaving the Epsom salts in the water for two full days..

There are some fanciers who, on finding a bird ill, will simply give the bird some milksop and a pinch of maw seed, and expect it to get better; never thinking to give the bird a dose of salts. They might just as well sow the wind. In nine cases out of ten they certainly *will* reap the whirlwind. What causes this disease? Unhealthy surroundings. What causes the bowels to become inflamed? Why, the bacillus in the intestines. Therefore, before any reasonable fancier can expect a cure, he must remove both causes of the complaint; first, by clearing the germ from the intestines of the patient through the medicine, and secondly, looking to the cleanliness and ventilation of his birdroom.

The Medicine and How to Give It.

After the salts have been given the necessary time, give in the drinking water ten drops of tincture of quinine, and six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, until the patient seems to be entirely clear of the disease, when half a teaspoonful of compound syrup of hypophosphites may be given in place of the other medicine every alternate day for a fortnight, to enable the patient to get thoroughly strong. Of course, it is understood that these quantities are intended for the two ounce drinkers; and under no circumstances should the quantities be exceeded, or the remedy may be worse than the disease, if that is possible.

As I have mentioned previously, all seed must be withheld for two or three days, and no egg-food must be given until the patient is entirely well, or, at least, free from the disease. Feed entirely on milksop, prepared as follows (there are many ways of preparing it, but I prefer it made in the following manner): Take a one pound jam jar, and a medium sized saucepan, one thick tea biscuit and a round of stale bread. Fill jar with bread and biscuit (broken up) to within an inch of top, and pour milk and water (in equal parts) to just cover the bread. Add one teaspoonful of sugar. Put jar in saucepan half filled with water and boil over a slow fire for nearly an hour, when the sop becomes like a thick jelly. It may then be allowed to cool, and is ready for use. It will require stirring up three or four times while boiling. If it appears too thick, more milk may be added; but after once making it, one can generally judge whether or not it will be all right. This sop, I find the birds eat readily, and it will last a week almost without going sour.

This food is very easy of digestion, and has no equal for an ailing bird. When the patient has had milksop for two days, it should be showing signs of recovery, when plain canary seed and a pinch of maw seed may be allowed each day; but no egg-food yet for a week.

We will now return to the remaining birds of the clutch. They might not at the time show any signs of illness; still, it is better to be on the safe side. They must be removed to a clean cage, and a dose of salts be given them in the water for twenty-four hours; afterwards medicine as for the ailing bird for another two days. All seeds must be taken away, and a milksop diet must be given for two days, when the egg-food and seeds may be returned.

The cages of all ailing birds should be cleaned out daily, and fresh sawdust put in, else the patients stand a fifty per cent. less chance of recovery, owing to the presence of the germs in the excrement. Always burn the refuse from the cages of affected birds.

Always Be on the Safe Side.

The remaining youngsters, (i.e., other than the brood referred to) should be carefully watched; for one day a dose of salts should be given them all round, with a tonic on the succeeding day. Always remember that, even if a bird is not ill, a dose of salts will do it no harm; and it is always better to be on the safe side.

I should here like to say a few words about that old-time remedy for inflammation—painting the abdomen with turpentine. I have tried this remedy personally—I don't mean on my own person, of course—and I have found it wanting. I had two birds attacked by this disease a few years ago, when I wasn't so well acquainted with up-to-date methods, and turpentine was what I treated them with. I caught the birds, and painted the abdomen with a camel hair brush, and returned them to the cage. After waiting about five minutes, the birds seemed to buck up wonderfully, and they jumped about the cage as sprightly as if they had never known what illness was. I thought well, this is a "bit of all right," and no mistake; those birds are soon cured. So I left them for half an hour. On returning, I found them, as bad as they were before. I thought—well, that's funny; perhaps they haven't had enough. So I gave them another dose. Results were just the same for about another half-hour. But they died. The only logical conclusion I can come to is that the turpentine had the power to ease the pain for a short time, and for a short time only.

Prevention is the Best Poicly.

No matter what the disease may be, nor on what lines a cure is effected, there is one thing that will always beat a cure, and that is prevention; and if these directions are followed by the breeder, the chances of his being visited by the disease are reduced to a minimum, if not to certainty. In the first place, there should be efficient ventilation; and during hot weather there ought to be facilities for extra ventilation in the form of windows to open. My windows are made to slide one behind the other. Further, I have a wire door to replace the ordinary door. I don't mind a little breeze blowing through the windows; on days such as I mean the windows to be open, the wind, such as there is, is usually warm. Of course, I am assuming that the breeder will use his discretion; but I would remind him that fresh air never killed a bird yet.

Use sawdust for the cage bottoms that has been prepared as before mentioned; it gives off a pleasant odour, and keeps the room sweet. Fresh water should be supplied twice a day during very hot weather. Cages ought to be cleaned out not less than twice a week between the end of May and the end of August. Food pots are better if kept sweet by washing once a day in water that has had a little of the disinfectant added, and I always keep a dry cloth hung up in the birdroom for wiping out the food pots at each feeding time.

When Weaning the Young.

When weaning youngsters from the parents, I always use sand on the cage bottoms, until I see them all on food. My reason for this is: If not properly on food, a young bird when hungry will nibble at anything that is white, and might possibly swallow a few grains of sawdust; in fact, I have known a case or two where they have done so. Happily, tardy youngsters are few. I don't experience much trouble in weaning them myself. When I know them to be all on food, I replace the sand with the sawdust, and allow some grit in a tin. I clean the cages out every two days, until they are six weeks old, and give plain canary in hopper with a sprinkling of summer rape on top. They don't often touch the seed until they are five weeks old, but it is there in case they do. I give egg-food fresh three times a day, and crushed hemp in addition.

At five weeks, the egg-food may be reduced to a teaspoonful per bird per day; and at six weeks they are better if put into a flight, as they grow much stronger if allowed to use their wings. Egg-food may now be reduced to a teaspoonful per day for about four birds, until it is time to start colour-feeding. Although not really touching this question, it is assumed that while the youngsters have been in the weaning cage, they have been undergoing a course of training in the show cages, especially in the case of Yorkshires. I always make a practice of hanging a show cage on to the front of their own cage to induce them to run in and out of their own sweet will; and I never miss a day running any likely specimen into the show cage and handling him. A few lessons when young save a lot of labour after moulting.

The Virtues of Milk Sop.

I have omitted to mention that between the ages of four and six weeks, I put about three drops of tincture of quinine in their drinking glasses. Of late years, milksop has become a universal food among Canary breeders. I don't know that it requires any eulogy from me, but a few words as to its use may not be out of place. Some fanciers use milksop as a preventive of inflammation. Personally, I don't think that milksop of itself will prevent it. The real cause of the disease lies not altogether in the food, but in unhealthy surroundings, dirty cages, and food turning sour; and unless these three points are well attended to, no amount of milksop will prevent the disease. Personally, I never give healthy birds milksop, neither old nor young; but I give the youngsters one feed of it after weaning, just for them to acquire the taste, so that they will take to it readily when required.

One or two points are well worth remembering. When you notice a young Canary out of sorts, dont leave it for another day to see if it will come all right. It is quite possible that it may, but it is very probable that it will get worse, and that's why I recommend prompt action. As soon as one is noticed ailing, out with him into a cage by himself, and give him a purgative. Another thing to remember is: The simpler the diet, the better for a youngster suffering from this complaint. That is why milksop is an ideal food, its excellence lying in its simplicity and its ease of digestion. Stimulants and tonics are only required when the patient is on the road to recovery.

SEVEN FOREIGN BEAUTIES.

Interesting facts concerning the charming creatures depicted on Mr. Goodchild's coloured picture which accompanied last week's issue.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. (Author of "Aviaries and Aviary Life.")

(Concluded from page 23.)

THE VIRGINIAN CARDINAL (CARDINALIS CARDINALIS).

A truly regal bird, once quite common on the English market, but since the advent of the prohibition laws of the U.S.A., it has become scarce, almost disappearing from the market for a time, although for the past three years, odd males have been obtainable, with an occasional female appearing now and again.

Take a glance at the figure on the plate; note the rich colouring, and fine (shall I say martial?) contour. What a well-balanced bird it is, both in colour and form! Beautiful as the figure is, intense as the crimson hues are, they certainly do not do more than justice to the glistening splendour of the living bird. As a cage bird some of the intensity of the crimson disappears, and is replaced by a more bricky hue, nevertheless the crimson is not irretrievably fugitive like that of the Rose Finches, for instance, but is speedily recovered, if the bird be turned into a natural garden aviary. I can best illustrate this by quoting an instance: Last summer my late friend, Mr. Tinniswood Miller, whose death we have recently had to deplore, presented me with a cock of this species, which had enjoyed cage-life for several years. Though it had received a natural dietary, and had not been stinted for live-food, the rich crimson areas of its plumage had become more or less suffused and obscured by brick-red. This bird has, in my aviary, assumed the full natural depth of colouration, and is now not one whit less fiery a crimson than the figure on our plate, though the past season proved such a trying one, both to man and beast, being at its worst during moulting time.

When caged, the cage should be a roomy one, and hemp seed should form no part of the dietary; canary and white millet will be the mainstay, with a few sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, and, say, six mealworms *per diem.* the live food can be varied and supplemented during the summer months, by live ants' cocoons, wasps' grubs, and any beetle, spider, or smooth larvæ that can be captured.

A Valuable Hint when Nesting.

When a pair can be procured they are very ready to nest, and quite as ready to use a box for a nesting site as to build a nest in a bush. If a varied and unstinted supply of live food can be kept up and so supplied to them as to make them work for their living, the majority of their young will be reared, but on insectile mixture, seeds, and fruit alone successes will be few and far between, and the young reared will usually be lacking in stamina and comparatively short lived. I would here remark that it may be taken almost as an axiom with insectivorous species that supplying the live food in such a way that the parent birds must work for their own sustenance and that of their brood tends not only to the general well-being of the adults, but is a great factor towards the successful rearing of the young, while, on the other hand, plenty without effort often spells failure and ill-health.

Generally speaking, the Virginian Cardinal is peaceful towards other birds. Some individuals will attack small birds, but I have seen and possessed many that have been perfectly harmless.

THE NAPOLEON OR BLACK-BELLIED BISHOP (PYROMELANA AFRA).

Weavers, like Whydahs, have an eclipse plumage, and they are clad during the breeding season in gorgeous hues, while for the other part of the year their plumage is sombre brown of various shades, the latter being the garb of the females throughout the year. The Napoleon Bishop or Weaver in nuptial plumage is clad in shining velvety black, brilliant chrome yellow, and brown, which gorgeous apparel he wears for about eight months of the year in this country—the arrangement of the colouration is beautifully shown in the plate. When out of colour the male may be distinguished from the female by his yellow eye-streak. The female is of much the same colour and pattern of plumage as a Sedge Warbler but has a distinct eye-streak. During the breeding season she assumes a slightly warmer hue, and the lighter parts become slightly suffused with yellow.

Fussy, but Usually Harmless.

Some species of Weavers are spiteful in a mixed series, but spiteful Napoleons are few and far between. By their fussiness when in full dress, and somewhat obstreperous behaviour, they sometimes disturb the other cage or aviary inmates, but to no serious extent, unless the birds are really over-crowded—that is, too large a number in a limited space. The species has not been bred in captivity in Great Britain, and the conditions most likely to induce it to do so would be a natural aviary containing some growing bushes and trees, and one corner kept rather swampy to encourage the rank growth of some kind of giant reed-like plants.

The dietary and treatment given for the Paradise Whydah will suffice for this species also. The Napoleon Bishop or Weaver, according to my experience, is quite hardy, and may be kept out of doors all the year round. This short account of the Napoleon Weaver completes my homely discourse, which I venture to hope may prove of some little practical utility to the keepers of, or those desirous of keeping, the species or groups depicted on our plate.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHITE SPECKS ON EYES (J.D.S.C.).—The cause of the white specks is the disease known as cataract, and, unfortunately, there is nothing you can do to cure it. The bird will live healthily, and, to all appearances, happily, just as long as though it had normal sight, I would, however, strongly advise you not to breed with the bird, as the complaint is strongly hereditary.

RUNNING TWO HENS WITH ONE COCK (Jack).—This is quite a simple process. It is not advisable to put all the birds together in one cage, unless it be a very large one, or small aviary. The best method is to put up the hens in separate single breeding cages, or one in each side of a double breeder, with the wooden slide between them, would answer almost as well. Keep the cock in separate cage, when pairing time arrives, and the birds are ready for mating, put the cock with the hen that is most forward and ready for nesting. Leave them together until the hen has laid her third egg. Then put her to sit, and remove the cock, and mate him with the second hen. When the second hen begins to sit, remove the cock and cage him alone again until the first hen is ready for him for the second brood. Then repeat the above process. Both hens are, of course, left to hatch out and rear the young by themselves.

A BALD YOUNGSTER (E.K.).—The fact of the hen laying soft eggs last year is no reason why you should not succeed in breeding from her this season, but I would certainly advise you to reject her for breeding if the head and neck plumage be not reproduced before pairing time. A hen which has this trouble permanently at two years old will transmit a strong predisposition to it to her progeny. Treat her for a month as advised to "Newport, I.W.," in last issue, and, in addition, well mix 20 drops of glacial acetic acid in a teaspoonful of glycerine; keep it in a small phial, and slightly moisten the bare skin with it twice a week for a month. Use it sparingly, and do not apply it quite near the eyes.

MATING AND GROUNDSEL (M.Y.P.).—(1) As far as age is concerned, a one-year-old cock and a two-year-old hen should certainly breed quite healthy progeny, provided, of course, that the birds are themselves healthy and robust. It is, in fact, an ideal mating as far as ages are concerned. The relationship, however, is very close, the birds being half brother and sister, so if there is no other object in view than merely making up a pair, you would be well advised to replace one of them by a suitable and more distantly related, or quite unrelated bird. If you have any particular object in view in desiring to mate these birds, there is no reason why they should not have quite healthy progeny, provided they and their parents were robust and vigorous, and the parents were not the progeny of closely-related unions. (2) I should not give groundsel with the appearance of rust on back of leaves. I have never given it myself, so cannot say whether it is really injurious. Except in summer, when things are growing vigorously, and, therefore, fresh and crisp, the only parts of groundsel I use are the very tips or shoots, and branchlets which contain little flower buds.

OUT OF CONDITION (Pit Laddie).—I'm afraid you are going to pay the penalty this season for taking too much out of the hen last year. Her condition, in comparison with your other stock, should be an eloquent object lesson for you. It is not so much that you need patience now as moderation last season. See? But anyway, try what the following treatment for a few week will do. Keep the bird in a moderate sized cage, in a comfortable, but not necessarily very warm place, free from cold draughts. Keep a good supply of clean gritty sand in cage, and stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for it to peck at. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of some green vegetable food, if available, or a piece of apple or banana, the green food preferably. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. After the first fortnight stop the oil and sherry, and give the sponge cake only twice a week, filling in the other days with half a teaspoonful of mixed seed. As soon as you can, get crisp young dandelion, give two leaves every second day. Limit the diet to this. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight.

MATE FOR CINNAMON VARIEGATED (C. Pollard).—It would have been best to have said what breed the birds are, and also what you wished to produce. There must have been cinnamon blood in the green variegated cock from which the hen was bred, and therefore I would advise you to follow up the cinnamon colour and pair the hen to a clear yellow pink-eyed cock. If it comes from an even-marked cinnamon strain so much the better, and in that case you might if you wish, choose a bird with very light eye-marks, but otherwise clear.

A BAD COUGH (Koft).—This is quite probable, but the suggestion of bird being troubled with a worm in the throat is rather far fetched. Whilst the latter is not really impossible, the chances of its being so are very remote. Keep it in a comfortable place, free from cold draughts and heated impure air, and in addition to the ordinary seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cage with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water the mixture as advised to "Lizards" in this issue.

TWO NORWICH (Goldfinch).—(1) If this hen is one of a group of several in the aviary, it would be best to cage her separately in a fairly large cage for a few weeks, say, a month, and treat her the same as advised in first part of reply to "Crest" in this issue, in addition giving in the drinking water during the second and fourth weeks four drops of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. (2) If the growth on leg does not appear any serious inconvenience to this bird, I would advise you to leave it alone. Otherwise, touch it twice, with an interval of four days between, with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine. If this does not cause it to disappear in, say, a fortnight, prick the skin with a clean needle, press out contents, and anoint place with a little Lanocyllin daily for a week or so.

HENS SHAKING WINGS (Old Reader).—Your letter gives no symptom that could lead one to form any definite opinion as to what may be wrong, and as the hens seem quite healthy, I am inclined to think there is not much the matter. Do the hens make a kind of low twitter or approach each other when they shake their wings as you say? If they do, all that is wrong probably is that the hens are a little too fresh in condition. Try the effect of putting on a diet of plain canary seed with a supply of green food daily—but do not give dandelion leaves—for a fortnight, and every second day in the first week add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water. Give a bath three times a week, if weather keeps mild, and add a few drops of quassia essence to it. If this does not set matters right, write again, and give some details about the birds.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's "Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

RESTLESS AT NIGHT (Miss Stamper).—The cage is practically certain to be infested with red mites. Examine it carefully, particularly in joints and corners, and ends of perches, probing any likely harbour with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, when the cause of restlessness will doubtless be quite apparent. Thoroughly overhaul the cage as mentioned in article last week, or, if you do not wish to remove bird, dissolve a cube of camphor in the least quantity of paraffin that will suffice, and, after giving cage a good cleansing twice in a week, go carefully over all joints or crevices, and ends of perches, with a small camel-hair brush dipped in this solution, allowing solution to run well into crevices, etc. A few moments later rub over the places with a duster to destroy any escaping insects. Persevere with this for a few weeks, and also add a few drops of essence of quassia to the bird's bath twice a week. Give a morsel of bred and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and add twenty drops of Chemical Food to the drinking water on the alternate days. As regards the sight, the bird is probably blind with cataract, and nothing you can do will be of any avail.

JAUNDICED CANARY (J.S.B.).—(1) Glad to hear this bird is improving nicely. Such cases are usually very slow to recover, so I think the bird has made very satisfactory progress. Continue the same dietary as formerly advised for another month, unless the bird should appear before the end of that time to be getting too plump, in which case, reduce the frequency of the bread and milk to twice a week, and the banana to once a week. Try, however, to get some wholesome green salad, such as young dandelion leaves, lettuce, or watercress, and give a supply of this daily, when the banana may be at once reduced to once a week. If you cannot get green food break open a grape and fix on end of perch for it to peck at. For the next month add the rhubarb and dandelion juice to the water every second day for a week. In the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of calumba every third day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat first and second respectively. (2) If the young hen is sound and healthy, I see no reason why you should not mate her with your stock. But keep an eye on her and her progeny, to see if any signs of a predisposition to bronchial trouble manifest themselves. If you really knew that the ancestors of the Palace hen you bought had an asthmatic history, it would be very risky to introduce the blood to your stock, but as there may be a reasonable doubt, you may well take the risk in the circumstances, subject, of course, to keeping a close watch over the result.

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BIRDS AND PLANTS (W.S.R.).—(1) Growing tomatoes and rearing Canaries together under glass, is a combination which, in my opinion, is much more likely to meet with failure than success. I do not know of any similar venture succeeding, so cannot speak from personal experience, but I should be chary of taking the risk. The greenhouse if utilised solely, or nearly so, for the birds, could be made to answer tolerably if you started with a hardy and healthy strain of birds that had not been accustomed to artificial heat. (2) In the latter event it would be most advisable to cover the glass roof in summer with "summer cloud" shading—well known to nurserymen,—unless you went one better and covered it permanently with boards and felt. For the winter you should provide movable wooden shutters to cover about two-thirds, or a little more, of the glass sides. Of these you could put up more or less as the severity of the prevailing weather seemed to necessitate for keeping the interior fairly equable.

PECKING AT SHOULDERS (M.B.).—You do not say whether there is any bare place as a result of this pecking. If there is, anoint it slightly every third day for a fortnight or so with Lanocyllin. Thoroughly examine cage, not the bird, for signs of red mite, and if any are found deal with them as advised to "Miss Stamper" in this issue. In addition to the staple diet of Canary and rape, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flower of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add six drops of glycerine and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, to the drinking water. Stop giving apple, and substitute in its place a little green food, if obtainable, three times a week. Otherwise, give a morsel of banana or raw carrot instead. Allow bird to bathe three times a week whilst weather is mild.

RESULT OF ESCAPADE (Portable, Rochdale).—It is impossible to tell how a shock of this description will affect any particular bird. If the bird is in good health and has grown a new tail, it may very likely tighten up and gradually come into breeding condition in a few weeks' time. It would be a good plan to turn it into a flight with a few more cocks for two or three weeks, then cage it up separately and keep it where it will hear other cocks singing. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, millet, and teazle. In the water give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

BIRDROOM AND BREEDING (Constant Reader, Worcester).—You give no details which enable me to say much about the suitability or otherwise of your outdoor birdroom. The aspect is good, and with wire door and window frames, the ventilation should be efficient, so if the place is free from cutting winds and damp, it should be quite suitable for any hardy variety which has been bred and reared hitherto under normal condition of temperature. Common Rollers, Nor., Border Fancies, or Yorkshires would be suitable breeds. You have unfortunately made your cage rather low, so on the whole you would do best to begin with Borders or Rollers. A good size for a single breeder is 18 ins. by 10 or 11ins., by 10ins. high, whereas yours are only 13ins. high. You must not change the hens about from one cage to another after breeding season commences. See reply to "Jack" in this issue for particulars about running two hens with one cock.

A KIND OF DIZZINESS (Lizards.—Sorry, but your description of symptoms is really too vague for me to gather anything of importance from them. What is the shaking of the head like? Is it a kind of jerky motion while the breath is ejected through the nostrils with a sort of "sniffing?" And is there any panting, wheezing, or drowsiness? You had better write again and describe how the birds are affected as closely as you can. Meantime keep them in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, but free from cold draughts and impure air. In addition to the staple of plain canary, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw every second day, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, niger, and teazle, and a morsel of banana. Give a spray of green food if procurable in good condition three times a week. In the drinking water add six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water every second day for a week or fortnight.

DIET AND DOUBLE-CRESTING (Crest).—It would certainly be most judicious to cage the birds in question separately, and keep them on a quite plain diet for a time. This is especially advisable in the case of the cock that is fat and pants. Give a diet of plain canary only for a month, with a liberal supply of green food, such as watercress, lettuce, dandelion, chickweed, or groundsel, if you can get these in good condition. These things can generally be obtained at this time of the year from market gardeners or nurserymen for a mere trifle. Give half a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts red and black rapes, millet, niger, and teazle, once a week, and once a week a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, to the drinking water every second day for a week, then miss a week, and give it again for another week. If you mate two Crested birds one year, you may, of course, continue mating the same pair in future years as long as you like, if you still have need for the kind of material they produce, but none of their progeny that have crests should be mated with other Crested specimens. Therefore, if your pair of Crests breed a Crested youngster, as they undoubtedly will do, you would do wrong to purchase another crest to mate with it. Get a good and feathery Crestbred, with plenty of head-gear, broad and long, and a broad skull and short thick beak.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

GREEN PARROT WITH SORE FEET (W.A.J.).—Bathe or soak its feet and legs in hot water, not hot enough for discomfort, then dry with a soft cloth, and anoint with Elliman's embrocation several times weekly; there is evidently some serious cause of irritation, and the above should give relief. Treat as above for a few weeks, and then report progress. I assume you are dieting this bird as advised regularly in this column. You must not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

BUDGERIGARS AND THEIR EGGS (O. Miller).—I am pleased to note you are now getting some results from your birds. It is quite normal for Budgerigars to go on laying while the fledgelings are in the nest; it means the waste of a few eggs, young birds being in the nest, from a newly-hatched chick to one almost fully fledged. The birds usually stop nesting during the process of the moult, and you should not interfere with them. As regards sleeping quarters, do not trouble further than to have one or two spare husks in the aviary. Sometimes eggs are turned out of the husk during a period of frenzy, arising probably from over-stimulation, and at others the birds will regularly clean out the husk and throw out unfertile eggs. Occasionally a clutch is spoiled by getting thrown out owing to a scrimmage with their neighbours.

AILING GREY PARROT (Taylor).—Give this bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water twice weekly for a fortnight, then only once a week. On the intervening days give the chemical food. Keep the seed in the cage, but while it cannot eat this try the following: Take a dry crust or piece of biscuit, well sprinkle with sugar, let ten drops of the chemical food soak into it, then pour over it as much boiling water as the crust or biscuit will absorb. Also get a box of honey and borax and put a little in its mouth daily; it cannot possibly do harm, and will assist in keeping the mouth and throat free from slime; you can easily put a little of the mixture inside the mouth from the end of a small stick, which should, of course, be well cleaned before being dipped into the mixture. After a fortnight report progress.

BUDGERIGAR OUT OF CONDITION (G.R.).—Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the bird's drinking water daily till the bowels have moved freely, but as soon as the voidings become watery-loose, cease the magnesia, and follow on with a course of Byno-phosphates, half a teaspoonful in the water daily till the bird is toned up. Of course, seeing you have had to wait several days for this reply, the bird may have succumbed (very probable) before you see this reply. In such case, the cage must be well scalded out, disinfected, and distempered before being used for other birds, and if you have a spare cage I should suggest doing this at once, returning the bird to it as soon as it is thoroughly dry, and then the spare cage must be similarly treated. Nutshell No. 9 would tell you how to do this thoroughly.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet St., London, E.C.*

DOVES (Bagge-Brussels).—(1) All Doves are more or less wild when first turned out. It is a good plan to put new purchases on arrival into a roomy box, and hang this up in the aviary and keep them in this for two or three days, then leave the door open and leave them to find their own way out at their leisure. A bird that was banging itself wildly about the aviary should be at once caught, and either caged for a time or have one wing cut (tying the first six flight feathers together answers the same purpose), thus partially taking away the power of flight for a time. (2) Picui or Diamond Doves, or Australian Crested Pigeons, would fulfil your conditions, but I doubt their breeding in a cage; also you must keep the Bantams under observation. I once tried keeping fowls and domestic pigeons together in the same run, but after having several killed, I had to remove them.

VIRGINIAN AND OTHER CARDINALS (Barlow Manicks).—You make no mention of the size of the aviary, but you can keep with the Virginian and Red-crested Cardinals such as Orange-headed Ground Thrushes, Grey-winged Ouzels, Green Cardinals, Rufus-necked Weavers, Cow Birds, Malabar Starlings, the larger Whydahs, also one or two species of Doves, a pair of Quail, some species of Hawfinch, Mocking Bird, and Spectacled Thrush, according to size of the aviary. Of course, it is not suggested that more than one pair of each species be included, and it would require a roomy aviary to house all the above; all are birds of character and interest. See Mr. Weston's column for reply to British bird query.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS (Wallitorn).—I should leave these birds entirely to themselves; if they are kept free from draught, at the same time the room must be properly ventilated, they will take no harm from nesting at the present time. The only risk you will run is that of egg-binding, mostly occasioned by a sudden chill. However, as you would probably gain but little by interference, I repeat, leave them to themselves. The probability is that if you removed the husk, the hen, if really ready to lay, would drop her eggs from the perch, or deposit them on cage floor, thus you would not escape the risk of egg-binding. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, a few oats, green food, cuttlebone, and grit, will suffice for their single needs. Our Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free from our Manager, would help you.

NONPAREILS, WEAVERS, ETC. (T.G.S.).—(1) Your bird will certainly be better brought in at once, but do not make the change too sudden; that is, it would be better in a cool room at first than a heated one. Such weather as we are having is very trying to outdoor birds, far more so than sharp frost or dry cold. In the aviary six to twelve mealworms per day would not be too many, and in the cage I should let it have two in the morning and the same number again in the afternoon. For one day make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and follow this by putting half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water till the bird is properly toned up. (2) I take it that the birds you refer to are the Crimson-crowned Weaver

(Pyromelana flammiceps), but the sketchy description given would equally fit the Grenadier. (3) The Pintail Nonpareil is merely a Long-tailed Parrot Finch, and is very difficult to establish, but once this is accomplished, they are fairly hardy, and in southern counties may be wintered out of doors; there are instances of this having been done in the north as well.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A SEED SAMPLE (D. Price). I do not see anything wrong with the seed you send, in fact, it looks very clean and nice. That it could have had anything to do with the death of the hen Bullfinch seems somewhat improbable.

MANAGING A SKYLARK (W. H. L., Derby). Your best plan would be to get a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet upon the Skylark. It is only 2d., or 2½d. by post (there is an agent in your town who would stock it). In it you will find information upon every point of management and full details concerning the food.

SEXING A CURLEW (Miss Mussicks).—This question is a little out of my line, the Curlew hardly being a "cage bird." Judging by the books of reference I have consulted, there is no sexual difference in the plumage; the female, however, is invariably the larger bird. I gather that both sexes utter the characteristic note of the species.

MULING IN AN AVIARY (Old Reader).—The place you describe is a fair size and suitable enough in its way, but, as I have frequently stated, I am not enamoured of attempting to breed Mules by means of a number of couples all flying loose together. It is not the best way; it is a kind of happy-go-lucky method, for one has little or no control over the birds. Some hen Canaries will fight like the very deuce when the breeding fever comes upon them should they be left in the company of others of their kind. The same remark applies to cock Goldfinches, most of whom, in fact, "enjoy" pummelling their kith and kin at any and all times. I really think that the best "mixture" for your place would be 3 or 4 hen Canaries, 2 cock Goldies, and a cock Linnet. I hope they will agree and do well.

A MATING PROBLEM (Fussy).—I have never yet seen a Hybrid produced by the mating of a cock Bullfinch with a hen Canary, so am only able to supply you with a guesswork, so to speak, reply. I should not expect to find the colour of the progeny better than in those which had a Canary as the male parent—that is, of course, providing the latter was a really rich-coloured specimen. It is not easy to imagine how some of the best of the present-day Canary-Bullies could be excelled in colour. You could not possibly beat a yellow green, or heavily green-marked Canary hen, of stout (Norwich) build, possessing a broad head. The same description would apply to the Canary cock, too.

A GOLDFINCH'S BLAZE (Mac).—The colour is not likely to improve now until well on into the spring; when the bird comes into breeding condition it may improve. As it is a young Finch, it is quite likely that the blaze will come a much better colour after the next moult, providing you manage to moult him early and quickly, and under proper conditions. The blazes of all birds are "brassy" in colour (more or less), when the moult has just been completed, but they should rapidly deepen until of the desired crimson shade.

IN AN AVIARY (Bugler, Kirkdale).—For my opinion upon the breeding of Mules and Hybrids in an aviary containing a flock of birds, note the answer I give another querist this week. (1) Your place would hold 5 or 6 hen Canaries, and 4 or 5 cock Finches (say, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, and two Linnets). (2) If put into the aviary towards the end of March (during a favourable spell of weather) they should breed this coming season. (3) Don't interfere with the eggs, and feed the hens on the same lines as those kept in cages. (4) Yes; a cinnamon hen would breed the same as any other variety of Canary hen. The Mules would probably be dark, of the usual type (i.e., similar to those bred from green-marked hens, except that I find them hardly so well marked). (5) It would decidedly be better to confine yourself to Canary hens. (6) It is a good idea to run each pair in a large cage for a time before turning them into an aviary. Nothing is lost by so doing; at the same time, it is by no means absolutely necessary.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TWO AND SOME CANARIES (E. G. S. Everard).—Norwich hens are more suitable for muling than Roller hens, unless you merely want to breed songsters. The Greenfinch will sing when the breeding season gets a little nearer; it will be a sign that he is in breeding condition, when he will fly about flapping his wings and "breezing" for all he is worth, and paying unmistakable attentions to the hen Canary. Feed him as recommended in the "Nutshell" booklet. I don't see any object in keeping him by himself. Let the two be together until you turn them into the aviary. (2) It is most likely due to the bird not bathing. Invest in a bird spray and use this on him every other day or so. Dissolve a good-sized saltspoonful of boracic powder in each breakfastcupful of water used for spraying purposes.

A QUINTETTE (Haw).—(1) Two or three mealworms every other day are quite sufficient for a Hawfinch, except during the moulting season. (2) Not absolutely necessary for a Greenfinch; not many of these birds, in fact, care a great deal for mealworms. (3) Give the colour-food in a good quality insectile mixture. I seldom experience trouble in getting Hawfinches to eat soft-food during the moult, at which period they seem to welcome and relish it as a change of diet. (4) I have seen some genuine English Hawfinches quite as large as any that ever come over from "Siberia." There is no doubt, however, that the Continental Hawfinches are larger birds taken on the whole, though I have seen many very small specimens amongst them. (5) My own opinion is that British Greenfinches and Linnets are better, on the whole, than those which come over from the Continent.

A CHAFFINCH OUT OF CONDITION (Anxious). You should increase the mealworms to 3 or 4 daily until the bird picks up in condition, and offer some cracked white sunflower seed daily in addition to the seeds you mention; also give teazle in the stock mixture. See if he will eat some soaked teazle, as frequently mentioned in my replies. For 24 hours let the bird have 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Afterwards substitute a small half-teaspoonful of compound syrup of hypophosphites (any good chemist will supply it) for the buckthorn. Give it fresh daily for four successive days, then on alternate days over a period of about a fortnight.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Ebor.—Very many thanks for your kindly efforts on behalf of CAGE BIRDS. If at any time we can be of assistance to yourself, we are yours to command.

A. Spencer.—Always pleased to publish reports; no charge is made. We wish your new society the best of luck.

G. Johnson.—Your letter has been duly forwarded.

T. Gilbert.—Many thanks. Will find a corner for the photo in due course.

J. McCorrisken.—The abbreviations are of terms well-known to fanciers; for instance, unflig. means unflighted; ck., cock; yel., yellow; mkd., marked; var., variegated, etc., etc.

LINGFIELD.

Held Jan. 22, in the Victoria Memorial Hall, a capital building for the purpose. The birds were comfortably staged at the top end, and entries were in excess of last year. There was a nice class of Yorks., some good British, and a really fine lot of Hybrids. The show was ably managed by Mr. Jones. Mr. M. Crust placed the awards.

The Critique.

NOR., BUFF: 1, Terry, bold cl., nice qual. feather, shade long in body, good, clean, bold head, capital col.; hc, Frost and Rogers, very typical, short, capital head, well braced wings, neat tail. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 2, Hayward, grand C.B. leading, good width of skull, big, bold body, of capital subs., 2nd fine Crest, neat, well formed, with good centre, good subs. and feather; vhc, Newman, very nice C.B., well lashed, good type and size. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Wraight, two beauties for type and length, leader hotter col. and a bit better moulded, well up on leg, 2nd real Yorkie, grand length, well braced wings, neat tail, good head, beaten only in colour; 3, Simmons, another smart yell., beautifully moulded, grand wings and tail, well up on leg, tight as wax; vhc, Frost and Rogers, lovely buff, rare length and type, clean as a smelt; hc, Bacon. BORD. (5): 1, 3, Bacon, neat, smart yellow, lovely type, beautifully moulded, grand head, well braced wings, neat tail, in the pink of condition, 3rd typical green, nice size, neat head, well rounded front, tips wings at times, good qual.; 2, Burton Bros. mkd. bird, nice size, neat head and wings, bit stout in build, capital qual.; vhc, Frost and Rogers, smart and typical, might have gone up. HYB. (6): 1, Cheal, varieg. Goldie Can.; 2, Howick, well-known Can.-Bullie, still looking fit; 3, vhc, c, Lamb, his well-known team, dark Goldie leading, Goldie-Bullie, and ticked Goldie-Can., we were quite unable to follow the judge in his placing of the awards in this class. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Bulpin, two nice Lizards, leader cl. cap, non-fed, fails in spangling, good wings, wins spl. for best members'; 2, broken cap, we thought better bird of the two, well up in spangling, very fine condition, good body work, capital wing carriage. GOLD. (5): 1, Gregory, nice size bird, good clean cut blaze of capital size, well up in tanning, nice qual. of feather; 2, Newman, another good one, bit wild, nice full blaze, should make a topper; 3, Simmons, extra size, clean cut blaze of good expanse, capital wings; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bignall. we made best in class to-day, well up in col. and polish, full blaze, good wings. BUFF. (4): 1, Bignall, nice shape, good cap and wings, nice tone of col., but not so hot as 2, Newman, big, bold bird, lovely type, marvellous cap and breast col., full of polish, a real topper; vhc, Nash; hc, Bacon. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Wilson, neat Linnet, nice nutty col., good wings, fairly well marked, shade small, capital condition; 3, hc, Earl, big, bold bird, beautifully proportioned, sound col., grand wings, a capital specimen; 2, Bacon, good Redpoll, capital size, well mkd., good bib, sound col., in the pink; vhc, Newman.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S.

First smoking concert held Jan. 15, Mr. M. E. Wilson in the chair. There was a good gathering of over 100 present, amongst those present being Messrs. Nimmo Bros., Wilson, R. B. Wright, Steinart, Green, Benson, Young, J. W. Metcalfe, Irvine, Plunkett, Pryor, C. H. Wright, Taylor, Ewin, Maddrell, Kyffin, Bishop, Bell, Royle, Jones, Horner, Lewis, Handley, Skilling, Osborne, Burgess, Ridge, Wray, Parry, Redman, Johnson, Longmore, Shacklady, Green, Blayey, Teir, P. Davis, Tudor, Cooper, Blundell, Redpath, Kelly, Quirk, Williams, Smethurst, F. Jones, Holden, Cutts, Crowe, Sinclair, Noble, Holmes, Burns, Bush, Frankham, Heaton, Walker. Mr. Geoff. Benson in proposing the toast of "The Society," gave a short sketch of its history, giving special credit to the sec. for the very able manner in which he had worked against very heavy odds. Other societies in their formation had had the assistance of old fanciers, but Mr. Wright had had nothing but opposition, and it was really a marvel how he had worked the society up to its present pitch. The Boxing Day show was a huge success in spite of the inconvenience of the day. Mr. Benson went on to say it was the intention of the sec. to start a cycle club shortly for the purpose of getting out into the country to study bird life in its wild state, and also to gather wild seeds for the Britishers at home. Mr. Benson also referred very feelingly to the very sad domestic troubles the sec. had experienced in the loss of his father and one of his children. Mr. Young supported the proposition, and said he heartily endorsed everything Mr. Benson had said. Mr. S. Hadwin proposed the toast of "The Kindred Societies." The secretary, Mr. R. B. Wright, then replied to the toast of the Anfield and Everton Society, and said that owing to his domestic troubles he did not feel very fit for speech-making, but he thanked those present for their kind expressions of sympathy. Mr. Wright then gave a short sketch of how the society had been worked up, and stated that over 100 members, fully paid up, were on the books, and that the society was in a sound financial position. The Lady Mayoress had given a donation of £5, when she opened the show, and the Lord and Lady Mayoress had promised a 50-guinea cup for next season. (When this announcement was made the members sat simply spellbound.) The secretary went on to say that he had received a large number of promises from both Yorkshire and Wales to support future shows. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe replied to the toast of "Kindred Societies," and said the Anfield Society had set a good example in getting local men to judge their shows. The "Visitors and Artistes" was proposed by Mr. G. Holmes in a few well-chosen words, Mr. A. Nimmo replying with a solo, "God Save the King." Mr. Benson, in proposing "The Chair," said they would all agree that Mr. Wilson was quite at home in his new position, and he hoped the members would rally round him and make his year of office a great success. The Chairman, replying, said he would do his best for the society, and declared his intention of giving a gold medal to the first winner of the cup. The musical programme was ably contributed to by the following artistes:—Messrs. H. Green, G. Whitehead, C. Gifford, J. Clements, F. Dreaper, Rudkin, McDuff, McDaff, D. Leamore, Steinart, Burgess, and R. Elliott. During the evening 8 new names were given to the secretary as wishing to join, and anyone writing to the secretary, R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmoor, Liverpool, will receive every information. Subs., 2s. 6d. per annum.

Nantwich.—Feb. 7, 8, Hodnett and Sons, Hospital Street. 10 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 29, to F. Powell, 38, Welsh Row.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S. Jan. 25, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Business. Election of officers, select judges, balance sheet, and to enrol new members.—Wm. Hall.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Queen's Hotel, 7.30. Very important meeting.—J. W. Christon.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Jan. 29, Headquarters. Members' annual show; judging by Mr. W. Swayslund at 3; committee meeting 8.—Will H. Gibb.

Burslem C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Barnfield's Inn, 8. To appoint auditors, etc., and to prepare programme for the year. Leonard James.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers.—F. Gelder.

Blaydon and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Important business; all members and fanciers invited to attend.—G. Havver.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 25, Shoulder of Mutton Inn, Girlington, Bradford, 8. Special business: revision of Y.U. rules and balance sheet for open show.—Kilburn and Weston.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Jan. 30, Jolly Gardeners, 8. Special general meeting for 1913 business.—John Clark.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Syllabus for 1913. Local fanciers have a hearty invitation to attend.—F. C. Sims.

Bingley O.S.—Jan. 25, Co-op. Rooms, 7. General meeting. Election of officials for 1913.—Asa. Livesey.

Bramley O.S.—Jan. 25, Carnival Committee Room, 7.30. Monthly meeting. Business important. New members invited.—W. H. Steel.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W., 8.15. Adjourned annual general meeting; payment of prize money and presentation of specials.—V. Wynn.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Headquarters, 8.30. General meeting; election of officers for ensuing year, and balance sheet.—H. Saunders.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 25, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Election of officers, balance sheet for 1912, nomination of Union officials, and new rules, allotting of members' specials of open show.—F. Rhodes.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Three Tunns, Eastwood, 7 p.m. General meeting; election of officers for 1913.—J. H. Mitchell.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Black Bull, 7. Arrange pair show and very important inter-club business.—G. Bescoby.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Anyone wishing to join can do so by attending the meeting.—B. Robinson.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 25, St. John's School. First show for 1913; judge, T. Ogden, Esq., Dudley Hill. Birds staged 2.45.—Levi Booth.

East Ham C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Hartley Avenue Schools, 8. Adjourned general meeting. Balance sheet, new points specials, submitting the 1913 Handbook, pair show, etc.—Frederick Fox.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Feb. 1, Fountain Inn. Annual supper and distribution of prizes. Supper at 6.30 p.m. prompt, 1s. 6d. each. All fanciers invited.—W. Nettleton.

Forres and Northern O.A.—Jan. 27, Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. Annual general meeting.—Wm. Cumming.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 25, Butchers' Arms, 3. General meeting, balance sheets, etc. Also members' show. Judge, Mr. John Greaves. Birds staged at 3.—J. Holroyd.

Grimsby O.S.—Jan. 30, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting; balance sheet 1912, election of officers, programme for 1913, and other important business.—Towl and Smith.

(Glasgow) Queen's Park C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Maria Stuart Halls, 8. Annual general meeting.—Robert Heggie.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Jan. 28, Lellor Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Business very important.—A. Roberts.

Heywood O.S.—Jan. 28, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Judging Competition; yellow Yorks. cocks and buff Nor. cocks. Will members kindly bring a bird.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Crown Inn, 7. Auditor's report, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Grange Park Hall, 8. Pair show. Judge, Mr. John Robson.—Forso and Son.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 25, 55, Briggate, 2.30. Members' contest, 3 classes, young birds, any age, and £2 limit. Judge, Mr. Walton. Entry 6d.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Jan. 28, White Swan, 8.30. Take members' entries for combined show.—A. Freestone.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Hope all the members that intend taking the trip to the Palace show will attend this meeting.—Daniel John.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Bull's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.30. Special meeting to take entries for combined show. Will all members make a special effort to make show a success by plenty of entries?—J. Cook.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Classification for 1913 members' show, and judges for same. Will members bring number of sold tickets for tea, and return unsold tickets.—J. E. Hudson.

London and Counties A.C.B. Feb. 1, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Usual monthly meeting.—G. G. Stubbs.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Bainbridge's Cycle Rooms, 7, to pay out prize money, to arrange for other important business.—R. Jones. (No date stated.—Ed.)

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 25, Headquarters, 2. Members' show. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley. Entries 24th, 8-11.—H. Grange.

Midland Roller C.C.—Jan. 30, Swan and Peacock, 8. Election of officers, etc.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Crown Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; business very important.—Arthur Wake.

Northern Norwich C.C.—Jan. 29, Lockhart's, 7.30. Table show, medals, etc.; fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

North Wales C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Assembly Rooms, Market-st., Carnarvon, 7. Appoint officials for new season.—J. Wynne Parry.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.45. Table show of Norwich Plainheads, and all names for tea party on Feb. 1.—James Cope.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 1, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Financial statement, re-open show; very important.—J. Jeffrey.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 27, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Election of officers. Delegate's report. Ticket money to be brought in.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, 7.30. Balance-sheet, etc.—H. Wantling.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 25, College Inn, 8. Pay out members' prize money, fix date of open show, balance sheet, and other business.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting; to consider schemes for improvement in the society's work.—Wm. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 1, Table show (members'), British and Canaries.—R. Blincoe.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Jan. 28, Victoria Hotel, 8. Special meeting. Also members' show, Jan. 25. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers (Glusburn); birds staged 2 o'cl.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Swindon F. and F.A.—Jan. 29, The Baths, Swindon, 8. Annual general meeting. Pass balance sheet, election of officers, arrangements for show, and other business.—W. J. Moran.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Special meeting, business very important.—W. Walker.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by an expert; fanciers invited.—W. G. Andrews.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Election of two judges for annual show, new members can join at this meeting.—W. Elliott.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Union business, tea and social for Feb. 1, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 5. Annual tea and concert, tickets 1s. 6d. each, from the secretaries. Please apply before Jan. 29.—Taylor and Ellis.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Blue Bell Sale Room, 7. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. D. Leigh. Balance sheets.—G. M. Nelson.

Yorkshire County B.B. & M.C.—Feb. 1, Market Tavern, 7.30. Subscriptions and prizes for ensuing year; also officers.—J. Lane.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED NCC.

The competitions for 1912-13 finished at the Bradford West C.B.A. show. There has been some very keen competition this year, and the result is as follows:—The Shackleton trophy, value £10 10s., open competition: 1, Messrs, Ogden Bros., 126 points, the above trophy now becomes their own property, having won it twice; 2. Mr. L. Dykes, 106; 3, Mr. J. Thomas, 87; 4, Mr. C. Morrison, 68; 5, Mr. P. Mason, 56; Mr. E. Stobart 55, H. H. Towers 36, A. Brown and Son 34, J. Bailey 33, H. J. Chittenden 20. Ramsden's special, Ogden Bros.; most points with 3rd prize birds, C. Morrison. Amateurs: 1st, A. M. Craven, 32 points; 2nd, C. E. Hall, 23; 3rd, 4th, and 5th prizes in this competition have not been won, no other exhibitor having competed at the specified number of shows. Junior novices: 1, S. Binns, 36 points; 2, Mr. B. Wood, 28; 3, H. Tasker, 20; 4, W. Long, 18; 5, W. Highley, 17. The above points are counted from catalogues, and should any competitors count their points differently, will they please communicate with me at once, so that the matter may be rectified. Cash prizes will be published later.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec., Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

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Correspondence.

Green Yorkshires at the Palace Show.

Sir, Please announce that there is a printer's error in the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show. The Green Yorkshire classes, Nos. 39 and 40, should read "hens."

J. W. Ramsden.

To Midland Roller Canary Fanciers.

Sir, Having had several Roller fanciers of Birmingham and district asking if we, the City of Birmingham C.B.S., cannot provide a Roller section for them, it is the intention of the Society to try and do so. Will those fanciers in the district who are desirous of joining, kindly communicate?

R. Tipper, Assist. Sec.

227, ..ston Lane, Perry Barr.

A Canary which Lived for Twenty Years.

Sir,—A friend of mine here (Fleet, Hants) has just lost his cock Canary, age 20 years. He bought it in London 19 years ago. It was then supposed to be one year old, but may have been older. I think this should be proof enough for the sentimentalists who are opposed to keeping birds in cages, that it does not in any way shorten their lives, as the bird was perfectly healthy up to a short time before it died.

A. Stoter.

A Red-naped Lorikeet's Record Show Season.

Sir,—It might be of interest to foreign bird fanciers to hear of the record of our Red-naped Lorikeet. The bird has taken first prizes at the following shows: Blennerhassct, Chopwell, Morpeth, Newcastle (2 firsts), Hartlepools, Carlisle (Border City), Blaydon, and Haltwhistle; second prizes at Alnwick and the Scottish National, and thirds at Gatcshead, Meadowfield, and Sunderland. The nine firsts were awarded by seven different judges. The Lory altogether has been under ten different judges. Surely this is not a bad record for one season.

Christer and Sons.

Chopwell.

The Secretaryship of Kippax Linnet Club.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Plows' letter in last week's issue, I wish to inform Mr. Plows he was not re-elected as secretary at the general meeting held Nov. 16, 1912, as there were not sufficient members present to re-elect any officials, so they decided to let it stand over until next meeting. They certainly did arrange for open sing to be held on Jan. 4, which, by the way, was never advertised. Mr. Plows did not attend opening sing, which was his duty; if he had he would not have needed informing about the meeting that was called after the sing to elect a secretary that could devote more time to attend sings. At above mentioned meeting, I was unanimously elected as secretary to succeed Mr. Plows, Mr. O. Potter was re-elected as president, and Mr. J. Wallis as treasurer, so that should satisfy Mr. Plows that it was not a meeting arranged during a Sunday morning walk or fireside chat. Regarding the books, etc., if Mr. Plows wishes the club the success that he professes to do, he will return them the next sing he attends (may it be soon), and I will guarantee the club won't suffer for want of attention from his successor.

A. Tomlin, Sec.

Our Gem Portrait Gallery of British Birds.

Sir,—As a student of British birds for the last fifty years, I congratulate you on such a magnificent coloured collection of them as is found in Mr. Norman's plate of last week. It is, as your Mr. Weston says, a good work of reference, and a capital educational factor for the young naturalist. There is only one exception that I take to the accompanying article, which is that we have no "Golden Crested Wren"; it should be Golden Crested Regulus. The Latin name, too, is a little wrong; not Regulus regulus, but Regulus cristatus. I wish you every success in the future.

H. Gould.

Sir,—With regard to Mr. Gould's comments upon the nomenclature of the bird I termed the Golden Crested Wren, this either resolves itself into more or less a matter of opinion, or depends upon which authority one chooses to follow. The latest book touching upon this subject is, I think, that entitled "A Hand-list of British Birds" (published in 1912 by Messrs. Witherby, at 7s. 6d.), one of the chief aims of which is to name each bird "in conformity with the Rules of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature." In this trinomials are used to demonstrate the "close relationship of geographical forms of the same species." Thus the bird under notice is termed: "The British Golden Crested Wren, Regulus regulus anglorum," this distinguishing it from the Continental form of the same species. I am aware, of course, that the names put forward by Mr. Gould have been used in the past by numerous ornithologists. Further, I may say that personally I should have termed the bird "The Gold Crest" but as Mr. Norman had inscribed Golden Crested Wren on his plate, I simply followed his lead, it seeming to me a matter of small moment.

G. E. Weston.

The Gateshead Show Fund.

Sir,—Kindly acknowledge the following donations towards our funds: Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead), 10s.; Mr. J. Pierson (Gateshead), 10s.; Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr), 5s.; Mr. Hamilton (Newcastle), 5s.; Mr. T. C. Crawhall, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Petterson (Gateshead), 2s. these subscriptions being returned from prize-money won at our recent show.

J. G. Greason.

The Date of Hartlepools Show.

Sir,—I notice in last week's Cage Birds that Hartlepools Show will be held on November 8, and they are asking secretaries to note, so to avoid clashing. Are they aware they are the ones who are clashing? This date has been ours ever since the commencement of our society, Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. seven years ago, and you were kind enough to publish through Cage Birds several weeks ago that we still are keeping this date.

J. H. Elwell, Sec.

Praise for the Officials of Sunderland Show.

Sir,—I feel I should much like to express my sincere thanks to the secretary and committee of Sunderland Show for the splendid manner my birds were packed. In all my experience, which covers a great many years, I never had birds so well packed, and when opened out they were simply as fit as they were at the time they were put in the case, and had sufficient food in the cages to last a couple of days. I wish this was more often the case; it would be some encouragement to keep in the Fancy.

W. H. Pickles.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—In your issues of Jan. 4 and 11, letters appear from Messrs. J. F. Morgan and J. Devins, complaining of week-end shows, and as each of them mention Larne I have to enter the field and say a word or two. Mr. Morgan says this Society (Larne) complains of not receiving support from exhibitors from a distance. No doubt he is referring to the report of our show in your issue of Dec. 21; are those not the remarks of the reporter (who who I understand is not a Larne man), and not a complaint from the Society? Larne had not the honour of an entry from Mr. M., so perhaps he does not know that the last show was held on Thursday and Friday as usual; they never had a Saturday show. This year Dublin birds were home by 1 o'clock on Saturday (not bad work). I'm sorry that Mr. Devins had any cause to complain of the treatment received. He has been, I might safely say, one of the best supporters of our Irish shows, and has sent entries every year to Larne. Unfortunately his birds were delayed, when going home from our 1910 show, through the fault of the railway company; they were not despatched from Belfast by their proper train. A member of the Larne Association went with them to Belfast (as they have done every year) and had them delivered early in the day to the G.W.R. If his birds were not returned free this year it was his own fault; his entries came in so late that the Secretary had no time to send him his numbers, much less a risk form. I think all who sent stamped forms got their exhibits back free. Mr. Devins refers to the Specialist Clubs. He is a member of one of them that at one time claimed the title of "The Crystal Palace of Ireland." That society always holds its shows on Thursdays and Fridays, same days as Larne. Why not set their own house in order. They had a very good show this year, but their management was nothing special, seeing that some exhibitors have not yet. received the catalogue they paid for. Another catalogue arrived ten days after the show; it had to be written for two or three times. Mistakes will occur which are to be regretted, but considering all, I think that the Larne Association members deserve great credit for keeping on their show at a loss to themselves; for the past two years they have had to get up a ballot each year in aid of their Society. They don't do like some other Societies, run a show for their own local members and keep the best of the specials for the local classes. The past season was, in my opinion, hurt more by clashing of shows than running them on Saturdays (although I don't approve of Saturday shows). Just imagine four shows on practically the one date! Can this not be improved? I wish all fanciers a prosperous year.

Wm. Geddis.

Letters from "Looker On" and "Wide Awake" held over.

The Early Birds.

Is this 1913's First Brood?

Sir,—I thought it might be of interest to some of your readers to know I have a nest of three Yorkshires hatched this morning, January 21. Am I the first this year? I have another due to hatch on Saturday next, the hen sitting on four eggs.

R. Evens.

The Blackburn and District Linnet Singing Association.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you for publishing special meeting at the New Club House, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road. We got about 20 members. Meetings will be held every Friday night at 8. Mr. R. Hayhurst. our late secretary, filled that position for several years, but had to give it up through other business, and I have taken over the duties. Any person wishing to become a member, kindly send his name to me at 57, Johnstone Street, Blackburn, or at the meetings on Friday nights.

Thos. Hayhurst, Sec.

Canaries' Claws Drop Off After Hand Washing.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Claude St. John and "E. G.," I have no doubt whatever myself as to the cause, viz., excessive heat in drying, either in the flannel which comes in contact with the bird's toes, or bottom of the cage while over the range, as the toe-nails are very quickly affected. If "E.G." will modify the heat I think he will find the trouble at an end.

E. J. Davies.

Sir,—A few years ago I had the same thing happen to three of my birds after washing, which I afterwards found out was caused through using too much heat when drying. The birds would fall lame, and the foot would become inflamed, and the toe or toes turn purple; later the toes would dry completely up and drop off. One young hen lost every toe on one foot. I think the mischief is done when your correspondent, "E. G." is finishing them off over the range. I have washed lots of birds since without any harm to them.

George Notley.

The Proposed New Specialist Club for Ireland.

Sir,—Some time ago it was rumoured that the Norwich and Yorkshire fanciers were amalgamated for the purpose of forming a club similar to the late Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland. In the latter club there were two silver cups, and there was a rule that if the club was dissolved the cups were to be handed over to the Ulster O.A.; but it is now proposed to give one of the cups to the Yorkshire section of the new club. As a subscriber to these cups I do not see what right the Yorkshire fanciers would have to a cup they never subscribed towards, and if fair play is not a thing of the past, I think the cups should be handed over to the Ulster O.A. As Mr. James Stewart was the secretary of above club, I would like to hear his views on above, or any of the subscribers to these cups.

A Subscriber.

How Can We Make Our Shows Pay?

Sir,—Now that the show season is practically over, one would have thought that most of our show managers would have had something to say under the above heading. As a previous contributor to the subject, I did not write last week, thinking—like Mr. Blincoe—that our secretaries would have been falling over each other to be first in the field to air their grievances, and to give their separate remedies. How are we to account for the apathy shown by our leading men? Is not a subject so important, so vital to their interests, enough to rouse them from their lethargy? Now, secretaries, wake up; dust the cobwebs from your minds. Let us have your views on this most vital subject, and spare not the ink. Mr. Blincoe gets very near the truth when he says that showing is an expensive game when you lose, and not so profitable when you win. I think the only party who seems to win is the railway company. If we could get the railway companies to reduce the fares to and from shows to the ordinary parcel rate, the problem of short entries would be half solved. One of Mr. Blincoe's remedies is the judging of exhibits by points. Perhaps there would be a greater probability of fanciers being satisfied; still, we must not overlook the fact that the system has its drawbacks. For instance, how many judges agree on any one point? No later than the present show season I was one of a group of fanciers—two of whom were well-known judges—surrounding a class at a fairly large show. There was a difference of opinion as to which was the best bird in the class, or rather, which was the best headed bird in the class. Both birds had good heads in the opinion of those present, yet the formation was slightly dissimilar, and those two prominent judges disagreed as to which of the two birds had the best head. The possibility is that if those two birds were competing under No. 1 judge this week he would allow the maximum number of points for the bird of his choice; while under No. 2 judge the week following the other bird would get the maximum. And then the fun would begin. The same remarks apply to other points of a bird. Unfortunately, the difficulty is to get all judges to see alike. Another remedy that Mr. Blincoe would apply is that of less classes for each variety. Undoubtedly that remedy would be efficacious in some varieties, to wit, the one that is the staple breed in Mr. B.'s own district, the Lancashire. Some time ago in a controversy I read that Mr. Naden, an old breeder of the variety, remembered them standing 20 (or was it 30?) deep at Rochdale. I am a few years in the Fancy, and I have visited most shows since I arrived, but I don't remember having ever seen a class of Lancashires that has paid its own prize money. If Mr. Blincoe had these in mind when he wrote that paragraph, I am with him. It is high time the Lancashire breeders trotted their show specimens out, or otherwise consent to to have their classes curtailed. But surely he wouldn't have us curtail the classes of prosperous and progressive varieties like the Norwich, Yorkshire, and Borders? Nay; the tendency is to augment the classification in these popular varieties, the fruits of which I will ask him to note at the shows where the specialist clubs have given their patronage. Not 30, but 50 and 60 deep have they stood this season. I wonder if Mr. Blincoe has unconsciously solved the problem, where he mentions that word "deck-sweepers." It isn't a rare occurrence to read in a show report that two or three men have practically swept the deck so far as the money prizes are concerned. I am aware that these men with long pockets are an acquisition to the Fancy; still, when it is overdone, they have a deterrent effect on the entries at shows. To give an instance, I will mention the Cinnamon classes. For many years now, two fanciers have monopolised the classes, and have practically divided the spoils. Many fanciers look upon them as pioneers. This may be, but no one can say that they haven't a deterrent effect on the entries in the Cinnamon classes, because for a number of years it has been little use any fancier exhibiting when he knew that they would be there. Now, I wonder if it would be better for the Fancy at large if a rule were inserted in our schedules prohibiting any one exhibitor to take more than one prize in a class. If such a rule were to become universal, it would probably have the effect of almost doubling the entries What have others to say?

Sub Rosa.

Short Entries at Shows.

Sir,—I should like to express my views re short entries at shows. At the Portsmouth Fanciers' Show, I entered four birds, and won 1st and one 3rd in selling classes, and hc in the Yorks. hen class. I received prize-money in full, which I acknowledged to the secretary, but mentioned that he had omitted to send my prize cards. To this I received no reply. I again wrote respectfully; I then wrote to the assistant secretary. I still have had no reply. I acknowledge they guaranteed full prize-money, which they carried out, and for which I thank them. I am sure, however, there are many like me who value their prize cards, and if they are treated in this manner, can officials wonder at having short entries at their shows?

A. Hill.

String for Net-making.

Sir,—Seeing G. Gibson's letter re string for net-making, I think he will find for thread Kerr's nine cord boot button thread one of the best; I believe this can be got straight from the factory (Paisley). I have always got it locally by ordering it from the drapers by the dozen reels. A pair of nets made from this will do eight to ten years hard wear, if properly looked after, or he can try Coate's crochet cotton, number twelve or fourteen, which he will find is very good to mesh, and also very serviceable, and it will last equally as long. Any draper will supply this; the bulk of the netting sold is made from this, but it is sold as fine thread. I am using a pair made from number fourteen at present, and they have been envied by a good many; they are very soft and light, which is the thing mostly required. For string for arming same I use fishing net twine. I find this does not twist or shrink as other twines. And for rope I use mackerel line; this is very strong, and can be got in different thicknesses according to the size nets required; these can both be got at any good fishing tackle shop. I have used all these with best results. I shall be very pleased to answer any questions on net-making or setting of same. I hope this will help G. Gibson and others.

J. Aldersl ade.

The Capture of Birds Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—I caught a Gull wearing one of Messrs. Witherby's rings at Leamington-on-Tyne, on Jan. 15, 1913. Number on ring: 30162. If Messrs. Witherby would like the rings, I will send them on.

H. DYER.

Sir,—I am much obliged to you for publishing Mr. McConishen's report of the capture of a Greenfinch bearing one of my rings, No. L35. This bird was marked as a nestling, at Torrance, near Glasgow, on May 24th, 1912.

H. F. WITHERBY.

British and Foreign at Annfield Plain F. and F.S. Show.

Sir,—On visiting Annfield Plain F. and F. Society's show on Jan. 4 last, I noticed in the British section, class 90, "Any other Finch not previously mentioned," which was composed of Chaffinches, Brambles, one Hawfinch and a Foreign Goldfinch. There was not a Foreign bird class in their schedule, and on looking down the winners, I saw the same Goldie had got a prize-card. Was the judge to blame, or those who made the schedule out? I should say the latter, because they ought to have made a distinction between British and Foreign. But I will make allowance for it, this being their first venture into the cage-bird section. I hope, however, the same will not occur again.

AN OLD EXHIBITOR.

Can Bronchial Affections in Birds be Cured?

Sir,—Re letter from "Despair" in CAGE BIRDS, 11th inst. I quite intended replying last week, but owing to having several things on hand, I quite forgot. If not too late, should like to advise giving the bird 5 drops of paregoric and 10 drops glycerine well mixed in two tablespoonsful of drinking-water until cured. This is quite my own idea, and I have used it for years with good results—if taken in time. I had a Bullfinch hen with cold, gasping badly, and quite looked to see her on bottom of cage; but after giving a dose of the above, she was quite a different bird the next day, and now shows no trace of a cold whatever, and is well and strong again. I have also used this mixture for dogs (giving larger quantities) and have always found it better than any other mixture or drug of any kind. I hope "Despair" will give this a trial. With all good wishes to yourself and CAGE BIRDS.

F. I. DAY.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows.

Are Clique Judges to Blame?

Sir,—I thank "Lover of Justice" for his timely letter regarding "clique" judging and exhibiting at Scotch shows. I do not know to what particular variety his remarks apply, but I would like to call the attention of exhibitors of Border Fancies to the state of matters in their section. For some time I have been following the shows and show reports pretty closely and what impresses itself very forcibly upon me is the uniformity with which the bulk of the money prizes are awarded to a charmed circle designated by your correspondent a "clique." I am also impressed with the inconsistency of this "clique" judging. The same exhibitors with the same birds have different awards at every other show, but all the outsider can hope for is a vhc or suchlike. He comes in where the cash stops. He may, and I know, often does purchase a winner from one or other of the "clique," but let him show it under any of them and it gets another position—the same position that the "clique" birds get when shown under an outside judge. To ask the why or wherefore of an award is evidently looked on as impertinence by the select band, as you are always answered in the veriest commonplaces: "Your bird was not showing well," "Your bird crosses his wings," or "drops his tail," etc., etc. Why do they trot out such paltry excuses to sensible men—men who know a bird as well as they do? Border Fancy exhibitors should allow them to have a few shows to themselves, and secretaries should give a few outsiders a chance. It would improve the entries and take away any shadow of suspicion from this delightful hobby.

BREEDER OF EVEN MARKS.

Sir,—I quite agree with "Lover of Justice" that there are cliques following some of the Scottish judges. If not, why do they not enter at local shows (in the district), instead of running away about 100 miles from home for competition? In my opinion they are following up the judge under whom they know they will win before they send their entries in, which makes a market for the sale of their birds. How do the judges know their birds? Why, by the different makes of cages, and spars, fountains, seed boxes and so on. But if a uniform cage was adopted by clubs, it would make it more difficult for the cliques to win; also the show committee should have power to disqualify from competition any bird not in a uniform show cage (not the judge). As "Lover of Justice" says, more entries and a bigger draw at the door would be the result. I may state that the uniform cage for the B.F.C.C. was discussed at Carlisle last year, but the club could not see their way to adopt a uniform cage, as it would cause a lot of expense to exhibitors getting in a new stock of cages. On the other hand, see how much expense it causes the unsuccessful exhibitors for entrance fees and railway fares, who very often are entitled to win, but whose birds seem to be in the wrong cages. In fact, I may state that I have seen this tested this year with a bird that has always won under a particular judge in the owner's own cage, but as soon as it was put into another cage it was cardless. The same bird was put out to the same judge the following Saturday in the owner's own cage, and, of course, stood top of the class again. Therefore, it seems that cages win, and not the birds. To help one of the finest hobbies any man can have let us get the uniform cage adopted, and not have shows run on this slip-shod system.

DISGUSTED.

The Date of the Crystal Palace Show.

Exhibitors may Vote on their Entry Forms.

Sir,—Up to date I have received about 40 replies to my letter. Most of the replies are in favour of the days being altered from Friday to Tuesday to Wednesday to Saturday. I should like to have the views of the Palace Show exhibitors. Perhaps they would not mind marking their entry forms "Yes" or "No" in bottom left-hand corner. "Yes" would, of course, indicate the writer being in favour of the proposed change of dates.

J. W. Ramsden.

Sir,—As a breeder and fancier of British birds, living in Willesden, I cannot see the show or enter birds; our closing day is Thursday. It is all right for masters who can leave their assistants to do the work, or for those who have not to work at all, but the assistants, who can run very close to the capitalists in the way of having good birds (I myself did so one year at the Palace), have no chance of getting there. As we are bound by the Shops Act, give us a chance of seeing the great show by altering the dates.

J. FRANCIS.

Sir,—I am one of hundreds of Metropolitan shop assistants who are bird lovers. Our closing day is Wednesday. My friend is another employed Peckham way; his closing day is Thursday. We are desirous of visiting the Crystal Palace show. We close on the Friday, 10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 8 p.m. The only way we can manage is by asking time off, which perhaps, owing to the compulsory half-day closing, would meet with a refusal from our employers (who are not fanciers). Rather than court this we must give up the idea, and therefore must be content in reading the report in CAGE BIRDS (our only consolation). How many of our friends in the provincial towns are situated likewise? Surely these last supporters and likely catalogue buyers would help to swell the finances. There would be no falling off from the gate on Saturday; many of the Saturday friends are day and half-day trippers, who must perforce leave early, and a good number of exhibits could be despatched Saturday night. I don't pretend to know the statistics for Mondays, but on one occasion I visited the show on that day; it seemed but poorly patronised. Another thing, specialist clubs would have a more representative gathering on Wednesdays or Thursdays. I feel sure that capable show manager, Mr. J. Ramsden, with his business experience, is aware of the points, and only wants the support of exhibitors who would not stand to lose, but perhaps would gain on an increased prosperity.

FRED WOOD.

We have received also a letter from Mr. F. J. Weaire, suggesting Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, pointing out that there are cheap excursions from various towns in Kent on the Wednesday, that being the early closing day.—(Ed.)

I have been a reader of your paper ever since it started, and more than that, writes Mr. Mitchell, Dundee, I brought the first copy of it to Dundee some ten or eleven years ago. I got it from some of your assistants when I was seeing the Crystal Palace bird show in 1900 or 1901.

Perches that Keep Down Red Mite.

Sir, Just a line in respect of Mr. H. J. Knapp's letter re "Perches that keep down red mite." I fully agree with all Mr. Knapp says; I should think that everyone agrees that prevention is better than cure. I cannot agree with Mr. R. Graham that, given a home like this, viz., elder perches, that they (the red mite) will trouble no other part of the cage. I say emphatically that they will. If red mite are present at all, they will invade any nook and cranny they can get into, though sometimes they are not visible to the naked eye. So that the only remedy when bothered with red mite is a thorough disinfecting of the cages, seed-boxes, etc.; but I believe what Mr. Knapp says, viz., that we can keep clear of these pests if we take necessary precautions. I do not say trap perches are useless, but for the extinction of these pests, the method is a very slow one. So we must agree with the old proverb—"Prevention is better than Cure."

HARRY INGRAM.

New Society for Old Radford and District.

Sir,—We are starting a new society for our district. We have had a general meeting, and a fine meeting too; there were something like forty members to make a start, and a proposition was made that every member joining shall pay 4d. per month, and during show time shall be straight on the books every month, or not be eligible to stage. We have some old Canaryites in the club that can tell a good tale, and we have a treasurer in Mr. W. T. Tomlin, the proprietor of the "White Horse" Inn who is not a bird fancier, but probably will be as the club goes on. We had plenty of amusement at the meeting. Above half the members are readers of CAGE BIRDS, and it is through your paper that we have decided to form a society. We have Messrs. R. Clifford, C. Dickinson, K. Knowles, R. Barnett, F. Britton, J. Berrington, Wm. Grunday, Pat Pearce, J. Tomlin, and F. Barnes as a committee. Meetings to be held every Monday night at eight o'clock.

ATH. SPENCER, Sec.

368, Denman St., Radford, Notts.

Several letters held over owing to pressure on space.

Having advertised my well-known winning Mule in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Parry (Dinorwig), **Jan. 4, I received so many applications from all parts that it was impossible for me to answer them individually. Kindly thank them all on my behalf through your valuable paper. I have disposed of the bird to that well-known Mule exhibitor, Mr. Fred Archer (Huddersfield).**

Illustrated Ideas

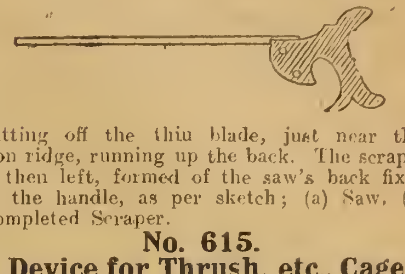
Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 614.

A Cage Scraper from an Old Saw.

Will the sender please forward name and address?

Nearly every bird fancier has an old iron-backed saw knocking about. It can easily be made into a good serviceable scraper by cutting off the thin blade, just near the iron ridge, running up the back. The scraper is then left, formed of the saw's back fixed in the handle, as per sketch; (a) Saw, (b) Completed Scraper.

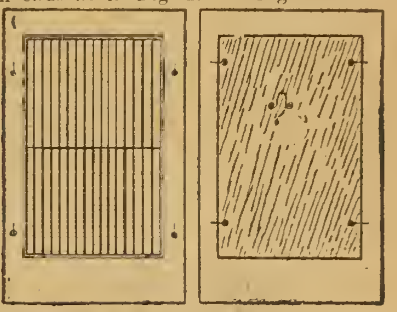


No. 615.

A Device for Thrush, etc., Cages.

Sent by H. J. Simmons, 3, Belmont Terrace. Harvey Street, Barnsley.

I send an idea that will benefit some of our readers who have Blackbird or Thrush cages for use, both out and indoors. Wire both ends as in Fig 1. make grooves round the edges, and cut to fit in these, level with the cage, a board of tea-box wood (3-ply). Get four buttons, or bits of wire, to hold the two panels in their places (as in Fig. 2) for use outside; pull down the panels when the cage is indoors. This I find an improvement when indoors, as the birds get air and light.



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Owing to severe pressure on our space, notes by the Secretary are unavoidably held over.

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How to become an Associate.

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I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

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THRUMS C.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters Jan. 15. There was a very good attendance The financial statement was read and showed a good balance. Mr. David Dewson was again elected president; vice pres., Mr. Wm Buttar; treas., Mr. John Ewart; sec., J. Stevenson, with a good working committee:—Messrs. A Paton, R. Dundas, W. Stevenson, G. Anderson, P. Paton. W. Foreman, D. Nicoll, J. Falconer. W. Ogilvy.—Joe Stevenson, sec.

CINNAMON C.C.

The points gained by above club members at the patronage shows to finish at Palace are: Trophy, Dorner, 119; Mrs. Deacon, 133; Godley, 73; Hartup, 64; Roberts, 55. Season specials, Dormer, 222; Mrs. Deacon, 192; Godley, 84; Hartup, 84; Roberts, 68. Pictures, Hartup, 84; Roberts, 58. Novices, Proctor, 83; Mrs. Tweddle, 69; Smalley, 40. Mr. Wilson's medal, Rev. B. Nugne. The above are subject to correction. There will be a meeting at Palace if sufficient members turn up, time and place on winning yellow cock's cage.J. W. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE & LIZARD F.A.

Winners of society's trophies for 1912 and 1913: Lancashires champion: G. Filton, 141 points: A. Hordern, 70; J. Garner, 28; W. Ridgard, 14; Maitland and Vickers, 14; N. Stansfield, 7; J. Swalwell, 3. Novice, W. Kay, 99 points. Lizard champions: E. Ollerenshaw, 200; F. Hamer, 184; J. Rukin, 168; W. P. Barnes, 144; J. Hampshire, 36; Barker Clegg, 16; N. Stansfield, 9; A. Martin, 9. Novice: E. Lord (champion), 58; C. F. Bosworth (runner-up), 57. Ramsden's special: J. Rukin, 3 points; W. P. Barnes, 3; E. Ollerenshaw, 1. Will members please check above points, and write me at once if any be incorrect, and I will rectify same.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 8th, at the Lamb Hotel. The president, Mr. W. Theobald, occupied the chair; there was a good muster of members. The hon. sec. and treas. presented the balance sheet, which was duly passed as read. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and the following gentlemen elected:— President, Mr. W. Theobald; chairman, Mr. D. Lewis; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Madagan; auditors, Messrs. Stevens and Short; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Boulter; hon. assist. sec. and show manager, Mr. Bunsett; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. A. S. Treasure. The advisability of getting up a dance to augment the society's funds was considered, and a committee was formed to get one up. The secretary read over a draft syllabus, which contains several innovations, including monthly table shows, with lecture on the variety staged; a lantern lecture on birds, by Mr. White, curator of Cheltenham College Museum. Letters were read from Messrs. Robson, Battye, and Longden, who were elected judges for the open show, Nov. 5th and 6th. Votes of thanks brought a very busy meeting to a close.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Maskell's Hotel, Mr. Wkrston presiding over a good number of members. We were pleased to see some of the old members amongst us again taking an active interest in the society. It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of one of our members, Mr. W. Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil, who passed away after a long illness. A vote of condolence was passed, and the members present subscribed for a wreath to be sent as a token of the respect we had for our late member. The sec. stated he had engaged Messrs. Payne and Robson to judge the annual open show on Nov. 19 and 20. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Raymond for giving the carpenters' services free, also to Mr. Melhuish for supplying the boards for staging. It was decided to hold match pair show on Feb. 19th. Mr. F. Jones to judge Norwich, Mules, and Brit., and Mr. Melhuish Yorks. and O.O.V. Mesrs. Maggs, Jones, Sivill, Simons, and Reckitts and Co. promised specials. If any other member has a special to give, please let me know as soon as possible. Mr. Leggs was proposed as a member. If there are any fanciers desirous of joining, please let me know; I will supply them with all particulars. —E. Thomas, Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON C B.S.

By the time this appears in print all open classes at our recent show will be settled off, both in prize-money and specials, also the majority of our members will have been dealt with. There are quite a lot of members who received and sold tickets for the open show and smoking concert, who have not sent in either money for tickets sold or balance of tickets left over. They will be paid prize-money, etc., as soon as they remit same and not before. It has been very unfortunate that I have not been able to devote a moment to the show affairs owing to my recent bereavement, and my eldest girl is only in the balance at the moment of writing. Members are asked to wait a little, and all things will be put in order at the earliest moment. The pair show is down for to-day, Saturday, but has had to be put back to a later date, probably Feb. 1. Members will receive schedules and other correspondence, prize cards, etc., in good time. A committee meeting will be called by card this coming week, to make final arrangements to wind up the season. Balance-sheet will be prepared and in the hands of members in good time for the annual general meeting, date published later. There are several specials promised by members, which have not yet been sent to sec., will they do so at once and get the matter settled up. Next smoker will be held at the Sandon Hotel, Feb. 12. Specials for the open show are as follows:—N. Green Marked Y.C.C.: Ogden Bros., 22 pts.; Thomas, 19; L. Dykes, 17; C. Morrison, 17. Open Yorks: Weedall, 14; J. Smally, 9; Boswell 6; Rothwell 6. Yorks, Greens: Rowlands, 43; J. Riley, 15; J. Jones, 14; W. Young, 13; H. Rushton, 4. Special Gift Class: Parsons. Special Juvenile Class: Draper. Hottest Fed Bird: Crowe. Best Green Hen: Jones. Most British shown: T. Cutts. Best Unflighted Yorks. Green: Plunkett. Brit.: Barker. Unflight, Cl., Etc.: Champion, Wright. Most points, Cl., etc. in show: Plunkett. Best Unfligh. Yks., Green, Novice: Longmore. Nat. Col.: Wilson. Most birds in show: Cutts. Most birds, novice, cl., etc.: Cutts. Most points, seasons, specials, Yorks., Greens, Champions: Plunkett, 110; Parsons, 88; Bell, 57; Young, 54; Crowe, 53; Wright, 27; Folland, 25; Benson, 18; Walker, 18, Steinart, 17; Smith, 14; Hamilton, 13; Rawsthorne, 12; Gore, 8; Leatherbarrow, 6; White, 4; Corbett, 2. Champ. Yorks. Cl., Etc.: Plunkett, 138; Parsons, 72. Wright, 68; Alston, 66; Steinart, 59; Whiteside, 50, Crowe, 49; Corbett, 29; Davidson, 21; Hamilton, 20; Rawsthorne, 14; Benson, 12; Leatherbarrow, 6; Bell, 3; Walker, 3; Folland, 2; Cooper, 2. Nov., Yorks, Greens, Cl., Etc., season's points: Bowen, 132; C. Kelly, 129; Redpath, 87; Draper, 60; Hellen, 50. Longmore, 44; Cutts, 43; Erentz, 40; Sinclair, 35; Evans, 32; W. Harrison, 31; Poole, 31; Williams, 30; Cross, 28; McLoughlin, 24; Huyton, 24; H. Kelly, 23; Eaton, 20; Foxcroft, 19; Wilson, 17; N. Harrison, 16; Evin Bros., 16; Frankham, 14; Southwood, 12; Thornley, 11; O. Jones, 10; Tyler, 9; Ritchie, 8; Bewley, 7. Nor., Bord., and Brit., season's points: Cutts, 253; D. H. Cooper, 116; Crowe, 88; Barker, 77; Cutmore, 75; Leatherbarrow, 59; Redpath, 50; Bell, 48; Young, 26; Walker, 22; J. S. Cooper, 16; H. Kelly, 15; N. Harrison, 14; Frankham, 13; Wjlkins, 13; Poole, 8; Corbett, 8; Foulkes, 8; Parsons, 5; O. Jones, 5; Ritchie, 4; Hamilton, 3. Winner of Marley Horses: T. Cutts. There are a number of other season's specials to be drawn up, and as soon as time permits this will be done. A full list of the winners of season's specials will be sent out shortly to all fully paid up members. Fanciers joining now, 2s. 6d. per annum, season 1913 (nine new members joined on the night of the smoker). Send in your application at once. All members admitted free (by ticket) to annual distribution of season's specials and smoker. 50 guinea challenge cup, other cups, medals, and lots of valuable season's specials are given for this year, and with the aid of an assistant secretary the society's business and shows will be very prompt.—R. B. Wright, Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Annual meeting held Jan. 16th, at Club Room, when a good number of members turned up. Officers for the year were elected. President, Col. W. Hall-Walker; Chairman, T. Lowe; Vice-Chair, J. Jones; Treas., T. H. Mullock; Auditors, T. James and J. Mercer; Assist. Sec., A. Wilkinson; Sec., A. T. Mullock. The usual business was gone through and balance-sheet read, which showed a fair year with a balance on the right side of over £5.—A. T. Mullock, Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 18, in Club Hall, Mr. M. Simpson in the chair. The balance-sheet for 1912 was gone through, and was passed as being very satisfactory. The following were elected as officers for 1913:—Chairman, Mr. W. Carr; vice-chair, Mr. M. Simpson; treas. and sec., W. Tomlinson. It was decided to have a two days' open show on Oct. 3 and 4, 1913. Six new members were enrolled, which looks very promising as that is what is wanted. Also decided to have a members' show about June or July. Next meting Feb. 15.—W. Tomlinson, Sec.

LANCASTER C.B.C.

General meeting held Jan. 17, when a good muster of fanciers were present to witness the presentation to Messrs. Calferty and Son, of the challenge rose bowl, Mr. Calferty responded with a natty little spech. Election of officers: R. Mason, chair; C. Catlerty, vice-chair.; J. Bostock, hon. sec.; H. Hoyle, asst. sec.; Messrs. T. Fisher, Mercer, Hawthornwaite, Whally, and Rainford, committee. I am sure all members are sorry to hear of the resignation from treasurership of Mr. Swainson; after pulling the society out of debt to its present financial position, and with a little gentle persuasion, he would no doubt take over office again. Hoping by next meeting he will have altered his decision, seeing only a "good owd 'un beats a good young 'un."—J. Bostock, Hon. Sec.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 15, President Hopkins in the chair. Several new names were added. Mr. Jas. Johnstone, Kilmarnock, gave a practical demonstration of how to hand-wash a bird, and showed by the expert manner in which he handled the three canaries present for this purpose, that he was no novice at this art. He prefaced his exhibition with a few remarks on how to hold the bird, most suitable articles to use, and the method he adopted for drying. He also explained the working of his special drying cage, which he had brought with him. Mr. Johnston afterwards placed the awards on birds entered for table show, as follows:—NOR.: 1, 2, 4, Anderson; 3, Hopkins. BORD.: 1, 2, Allan; 3, 4, Mindich. MULE: 1, Alston; 2, 4, Robertson; 3, Allan. Several questions were asked of Mr. Johnston, re washing, etc., which he answered to the satisfaction of all, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his interesting and entertaining exhibition. As it was getting late, it was agreed to leave over any business arising from minutes till another meeting. Classes for table show at said meeting were arranged as follows:—Greenf., Brit. bird, A.V., not already classed at these shows, Foreign, any variety, single or in pairs, Hybrid or Muling pairs.—J. Robertson, jun., Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Twenty-first annual general meeting held at the Quadrant Restaurant, Jan. 16, Mr. Jones in the chair. The report and balance-sheet of the past season was presented and adopted; the season has been a most successful one, the adverse balance having been converted into a credit balance of £7 19s. 7d., also fine handsome silver challenge cups have been presented to the society during 1912, making seven challenge trophies now in the society's possession. Several new members were proposed, and the prospects for the forthcoming year show great promise. The Earl of Walmesbury was unanimously re-elected as president, also the existing vice-presidents, with the addition of several names. Mr. L. Bousfield was unanimously elected hon. treas., and Mr. J. A. Crawshaw as hon. sec. In accepting he expressed his great regret that owing to ill health he had not been able to fulfil his duties as he wished during the past year. The following were elected as committee: Miss Penrice, Miss Onslow, Messrs. Fulford, House, Harris, Matthews, Jones, Briant, Hill, and Davis. Decided to hold the 22nd annual open show on Nov. 11 and 12. Mr. J. H. Roe was appointed to judge Canaries and selling classes, and Mr. H. Norman the remainder.—J. A. Crawshaw, Hon. Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) & DIS. C.B.S.

The above society held their first meeting at the Imperial Hotel, Richmond, Jan. 14th. Despite the fact that a local club was only suggested a week ago in CAGE BIRDS, the number of fanciers who attended was extremely gratifying to the promoters. Several letters were received from supporters who were unable to attend this first meeting, requesting that their names be enrolled for membership. A committee was formed, with power to add, and these were selected from the various towns in the district, viz., Messrs. Cripps (Richmond), Linley (East Sheen), Wright (East Sheen), Harriss (Richmond), Lalleni (Hammersmith), Birch (Kingston), Phipps (Isleworth), Huxley (Twickenham). Mr. W. Nichols, 31, Beaconsfield Road, St. Margarets, was unanimously elected hon. secretary. The large room at the Imperial, where the meeting was held, is an ideal room for the purpose, and the proprietor (Mr. W. J. Lill) has kindly promised the use of same for monthly show purposes, and generously offered to supply staging, etc. The next meeting will be held at the above on January 29th, at 8 o'clock, when a very large attendance is expected. Any intending member can obtain all oarticulars from the Hon. Sec. as above

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B A.

Annual general meeting held Dec. 28, when prize money and medals were given out to the successful competitors, the following officials were appointed for the ensuing year:—Pres., James Muir; vice-pres., Joseph Hunter; treas., Andrew Gillespie; sec., Walter Clarkson; committee, W. F. Sutton, Geo. Condie, Wm. Walker, Robert Leitch, Wm. Robertson, David Smart, Henry Conner, Wm. Scaile, J. Aitken, Godfrey Bros; auditors, Jas. Marshall, John Penman. Next meeting Jan. 25. Business, revising rules.—Walter Clarkson.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Headquarters, the New Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, Jan. 16th; Mr. Slade in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, and several new ones were introduced. The balance sheet was presented, showing a balance of over £5 in hand, which was considered very satisfactory, as there have been considerable expenses during the year, one item being the purchase of staging sufficient to accommodate 1,000 birds. There are also four cups for competition amongst the members. The points winners for 1912 are:—Nor. cup, Mr. Thomas, 70; Yorks., Mr. Slade, 82; Crest, Mr. Slade, 70; Nov. cup., open to all sections of Canaries, Mr. Mager, 57 points. Result of ballot for officers for 1913: Chairman, Mr. Slade; vice-chair, Mr. Goymer; treas., Mr. Lilley; sec., H. Freeman; assist. sec., Mr. Burgess. Dates for forthcoming shows were submitted, Mr. J. Robson to be asked to judge at the three shows. The proceedings terminated with a special vote of thanks to the officers during the past year. It is hoped that the high class of the exhibits will be maintained during the present year, and an increased number of members.—H. A. Freeman, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held at Grange Park Hall, January 20, Mr. J. A. Bartlett in the chair. Mr. Skinner moved the adoption of the balance sheet, seconded by Mr. W. Morris. After some discussion this was carried unanimously. Mr. J. S. Clarke then moved a vote of thanks to retiring officers and committee, commenting on the able way in which they had carried out their duties during their year of office. Mr. Skinner seconded, specially mentioning the successful way the annual show was conducted by the management. This was carried unanimously. Mr. J. A. Bartlett then vacated the chair, and called on Pres. S. C. Rhodes to take his place, supported by Vice-Pres. J. S. Clarke. The election of officers for 1913 resulted as follows: Pres., Mr. S. C. Rhodes; Vice Pres., Mr. J. S. Clarke, Dr. J. Laird Simpson, Mr. J. Robson, Mr. H. Overnden; Chairman, Mr. J. A. Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett said, that he did not wish to stand again, as he did not keep any birds now, and he thought that we could find a better man to fill the position. The members present did not think so, and eventually Mr. Bartlett was persuaded to stand again; Vice-Chair., Mr. F. Wallace; Treas., Mr. G. A. Parker; Assist. Sec., Mr. A. W. Farmer; Auditors, Messrs. G. B. Leclair and S A. Griffin; Hon. Secs., Forse and Son. Committee was elected by ballot as follows: Messrs. W. Dalton, W. Morris, C. H. Cooper, J. Shankley, P. Smith, H. W. Burbridge, W. Hellars, E. J. Pettet. Proposed by Mr. A. B. Forse, seconded by Mr. W. Dalton that unflighted birds may be shown in any class to compete for challenge cup, providing they are nominated for same. Mr. A. W. Farmer moved an amendment that birds competing for challenge cups may be shown in open or members unflighted classes only. After a good discussion the amendment was lost and the original proposition was carried. Proposed by Mr. J. A. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. F. Wallace, that the membership be open to United Kingdom. A good discussion arose from this proposition, and on being put to the meeting it was lost. Mr. J. S. Clarke proposed a hearty vote of thanks to our worthy President for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the meeting. This was carried by acclamation. Mr. J. S. Clarke was also accorded a vote of thanks for his services during the evening, and also for the liberal way he had supported the Association during the past year. This closed one of the jolliest annual general meetings we have ever experienced.—Forse and Son, Hon Secs.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Tea, Concert and Prize Distribution.

Sixth annual tea, concert, and prize distribution was held at Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Jan. 14, and proved a decided success. Over 100 persons sat down to an excellent tea provided by the wives and friends of the society, who came up in strong force to assist in carrying this function through to a successful issue, and the members desire me to convey their sincere thanks to each and everyone who assisted at the tea, also all the artistes who contributed such a delightful programme of music, etc., during the evening. The following artistes tendered their assistance:—Miss A. Heathorn (soprano), Miss D. Cruise (elocutionist), Miss C. Harper (mezzo soprano), Mr. E. Ludlam (bass), Mr. F. Kitchenman (tenor), Mr. F. Pearson (humorist), Miss A. M. Cruise, and Mrs. Beauland (accompanist). The chair was occupied by Mr. G. R. Rushworth, the senior vice-president, who made an efficient chairman. During the interval the prizes were presented to the successful competitors in the members shows by Mrs. E. Suddards, of West Bowling, wife of the genial president, who spoke a few words of encouragement to each recipient. This society gives more value in prizes than any other society in the City of Bradford, and no doubt this is the reason of such a large number of entries at all the members shows during the season. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Suddards for her kindness, and the deep personal interest she always exhibits in the welfare of the society was proposed by Mr. G. White, and seconded by Mr. S. Midgley and carried with enthusiasm. Mrs. Suddards responded in a very appropriate little speech. The successful members were as follows:—Champion section: Messrs. W. Stables, 130 points; F. Allen, 127; J. Farrar, 112; H. Hill, 105; G. White, 68; C. E. Walker, 62; J. Northrop, 59; and Riley Bros., 50. Novice section: Messrs. S. Midgley, 125 points; S. Binns, 124; S. Woad, 105; Taylor Bros., 83; J. Wroe, 65; C. Hardaker, 65; J. Rhodes, 43; W. Fielding, 34; and Myers and Lightowler, 34. Extra novice section: Messrs. A. Newbould, 42 points; Morrell and Harper 30. Selling section: Messrs. G. R. Rushworth, 43 points; J. Farrar, 36. Mr. H. Hill, sec. to the society gave a brief resume of the work accomplished by the society throughout the year, which he was happy to say had been a record one in every phase of true progress. Competition in the members' shows had been exceptionally keen throughout the year, and many prizes were in abeyance up to the very last classes judged at the last show, the members exhibited 752 birds at six shows, which will take some beating for a society yet short of its 100 members. The annual open show had also proved a financial success, and well over 500 birds were staged. The Bradford East Challenge Bowl for best unflighted bird, bred by the exhibitor, was again won by a member in Mr. F. Allen, who received a great ovation on receiving the bowl from Mrs. Suddards, and was the recipient of many congratulations from his fellow-members who are delighted to think that their own members have been successful three times out of five. The second half of the programme was afterwards continued, and the artistes met with a rare reception, encores being freely called for and willingly responded to. A vote of thanks to the artistes was proposed by Mr. W. Cruise, seconded by Mr. J. Farrar, and the President proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary for the able manner in which the function had been arranged and carried out. Both these votes were carried with loud applause, and the evening terminated with the National Anthem.—H. Hill, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 18th, at Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. P. Thorn (President) in the chair. There was a large turn-out of members. The financial statement for 1912 was submitted, showing a balance on the right side of £2 11s., which was considered satisfactory. The election of office-bearers for 1913 resulted as follows: Pres., Mr. Jno. Montgomery; Vice-Pres., Messrs. H. P. Hutchison and W. Wood; Sec. and Treas., Wm. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow; Auditors, Messrs. Hunter and Gunion; Committee: Messrs. Smart, Paling, Thomson, Henderson, Tweedie, Martin, Laurie, Nimmo, Cougan, Haddow, Leemie, Christie, Pierce. It was decided to replace the two cups which had been won outright at last annual show. With a slight addition to by-laws, rules were adopted as read. Arrangements for pair show for Canaries, Mule, and Hybrid breeding pairs were decided upon, show to be held February 1st, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, at 7.30, Mr. G. Smart as judge. There being a good special list in connection with same, it is hoped there will be a large turn-out. The following were admitted to membership, viz., Messrs. Wood, McLellan, Rankin, Begg, Thomson, Dunbar, Herbert, Irvine, and Davidson. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. P. Thorn, the retiring Pres., for his whole-hearted labours on behalf of the club during his three years of office. Mr. Thorn acknowledged and trusted his successor (Mr. Montgomery) would have as pleasant a time as he had had.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

First annual tea, concert and prize distribution held January 9th, at the Doncaster St. Friends' Schoolroom. This first venture proved an amazing success; over 80 sat down to tea. The concert and prize distribution were voted by all to have surpassed anything that had been attempted by any C.B.S. in the district. In the absence of Dr. Jones (Hon. Pres.), Mr. T. Ridal took the chair, supported by the two Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. J. G. Cowley and J. Woolhouse, and the two Secs. After a grand organ selection by Mr. J. Smith, a violin duet by Messrs. Makin and Turton, and a humorous song by Little Sammy Childs, special prizes won by Yorks were then presented to Messrs. T. Furniss, T. Ridal, Carr, Marshall. Then came a bass song by Mr. G. Holling, a song by Mrs. Butler, and a humorous song by Mr. Dan Pickering. Special prizes won by Norwich were then presented. Messrs. A. Lawton, R. Smith, J. G. Cowley, J. Woolhouse. After a violin solo by Mr. Wakin, another humorous song by Little Sammy Childs, and another song by Mrs. Butler, special prizes won by British were presented: Messrs. J. and C. Scott, A. Bailey, A. Simpson. Mr. Dan Pickering now gave us another in his very amusing style. Mr. F. Broomhead was greeted with great applause for a couple of ragtime songs, excellently rendered. Table show specials: Messrs. Thorpe and Ridal; Yorks, Cowley and Woolhouse; Norwich, J. Carr and P. Chadwick. Novice Yorks, J. Curley and R. Smith. Novice Norwich, British, J. and C. Scott. Mr. J. Smith gave another selection on the organ; Mr. Dan Pickering another humorous song. Specials won at annual show, best bird and best Norwich, A. Hobson; best Novice York, J. Smith. Most points Novice section, J. Abbott; Norwich, J. Curley; most points in show, Furness; Ramsden's medal, F. Jones. Mr. F. Broomhead gave as a Hebrew song, Mr. Dan Pickering, "Roaming in the Gloaming," and a hearty vote of thanks to artistes and the helpers on the tea committee brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held January 16, at Headquarters, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, S.E.; Mr. Hills in the chair. Owing doubtless to the wretched weather, there were not so many members present as usual. Although one or two members felt, and spoke, rather warmly respecting a resolution relating to our next annual show, the chairman with his usual tact soon put matters right. Messrs. Barton and Barton intimated that owing to pressure of business they would not be able to continue as secretaries, and although the meeting asked them to reconsider their decision, they were unable to do so, therefore we had to accept their resignation with much regret. The following were then elected:—Pres., Mr. Stuart Cortes; chairman, Mr. G. Hills; vice-chairman, Mr. C. E. Gunnell; secs., Burton Bros.; treas., Mr. T. Pope; auditors, Messrs. G. Barton and Fuller; committee, Messrs. Martin, Hall, Culham, Fuller, Williams, Jones, and G. Barton. Decided to invite members to subscribe towards two points cups, one for champion section and one for novice, and we shall be glad to receive subscriptions, however small. We then had a pleasing interlude. The chairman, rising, said how sorry we were at losing Messrs. Barton and Barton as secretaries. The success of the society was entirely due to their efforts, and as a mark of appreciation he had much pleasure in handing them an umbrella each on behalf of the members who, in this way, desired to thank them for their unfailing courtesy to every one. Mr. G. Barton, in reply, said that the presentation had taken them quite by surprise. They were glad that they had given satisfaction, and it had always been their endeavour to please the members, and to do everything in their power to further the interests of the society. Although they were unable to continue in office, they would continue to help make the society one of the best. This brought the meeting to a close. Don't forget we have a pair show February 6th, and we hope members will support us with at least a hundred entries, and so give the judge, Mr. G. Hazel, plenty of work to do.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

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RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

At our meeting the following were elected officers for the next twelve months: Mr. G. Lord, Sec., 10, Grosvenor Street, Radcliffe; Mr. J. Allen, Treas.; Mr. W. Pilling, Chairman; and all members on the committee. Owing to pressure of other business our late Sec., Mr. W. Pickup, resigned, and I have been elected in his place.—G. Lord, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Special meeting held at "The Feathers," Great Chapel Street, S.W., Jan. 15, Mr. John Robson in the chair. It was decided to hold the 21th annual dinner at the Popular Cafe, Piccadilly, on Monday, February 10. Messrs. Trower, Shepherd, Boxall and Wallington were elected committee. Visitors and friends requiring tickets should please apply to F. Knight, 64, Chaplin Road, Wembley, Middlesex.—W. H. Mugford and F. Knight.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.C.

Competition winners for season 1912-13:—Champion section: 1, J. Thomas, 182 points; 2, S. Heap, 149; 3, G. Harland, 76. Novice: 1, W. H. Ball, 47 points; 2, H. Clegg, 41; 3, H.Simonett, 8. Mr. D. McMillan gained 49 points, but had 42 points disallowed for not complying with rule 16. Junior Novice section: 1, H. Birbeck, 148 points; 2, J. W. Ingham, 65; 3, H. Lord, 44. Illingworth Cup: winner of cup outright, Mr. J. Thomas, 88 points; runners-up, G. Harland, 52; S. Heap, 48. Thomas rose bowl: winner, S. Heap, 99 points; runner-up, W. Johnson, 51. Ramsden's specials: champion section, W. Johnson, 51 points; novice, H. Clegg, 41. Sandiford's cup: Mr. J. Thomas, 182. CAGE BIRDS prizes will be published later. Will members whose subscriptions are owing kindly forward same on.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual dinner held Jan. 18 at the Douglas Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester, when over sixty members and their wives and friends sat down. After the dinner the room was rearranged for the distribution of prizes and concert. The President (M. Dent, Peston) occupied the chair. In his opening speech he referred to the successful winners of the valuable cups, medals, and other trophies which he saw before him, and said he was pleased to think that one of their members was the first to breed a Norwich that had had the honour of lifting the Dewar Shield at the last Scottish National Show, and hoped it would encourage others to try and repeat the honour. The other prizes were then distributed; several of the winners were unable to attend owing to business engagements. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Songs or recitations were well rendered by Mrs. Trengove, Messrs. Atkinson, Baraclough, McKail, and Robinson; while Mr. Wroe accompanied the songs with taste. Votes of thanks to the artistes brought the meeting to a close.

YORKS. COUNTY BRITISH BIRD AND M.C.

Below is a list of points gained by members for the season. Exhibitors from this club have not shown to great advantage in numbers. British Birds must be scarce in Yorkshire. The amateur section have had a very poor following as will be seen, and it gives a secretary no encouragement. We were in hopes of getting all the union shows to have British classes on next year, but I'm afraid classes will be less than ever, owing to the cancelling of three out of six classes, given at some of the union shows this season. Certainly some of the union shows have clashed with larger shows, but for small exhibitors it shouldn't have made so much difference. The prize distribution will soon be on us, and we must turn our heads to that, as it will have to be met. Now members, please, who have not paid their subscriptions, let me have them as soon as possible. Ponts for club specials are as follow:—Mr. T. Inman, 138 points; Dr. M. A. Wilson, 121; Mr. J. Lane and Messrs. Martin and Archer tie for 3rd, with 100 points each; Mr. J. P. Stamp, 25; Mr. W. Lee, 13. Amateurs, Mr. J. Isherwood, 44; Mr. B. H. Wilson, 15; Mr. J. Wilson, 6. We have CAGE BIRDS prizes, kindly given by Mr. F. Carl, but the points of same are in Mr. F. Hammond's hands and will be known later.—J. Lane, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD NATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE.

Meeting held at the Market Tavern, Jan. 8. Mr. H. H. Towers in the chair. Mr. F. Hammond presented the balance-sheet for the second annual show, showing a magnificent result of over £64 to the good, the announcement was received with the greatest enthusiasm as it was feared the result would not be as favourable as the previous show owing to the large addition in expenses. It was decided to hand over to the Cinderella fund the sum of £50 and carry the remaining balance over to the next show after deducting an honorarium of £5 to be presented to the secretaries at the annual prize distribution in March. A vote of thanks to Messrs. F. Hammond, H. Simonett, and H. Hill, for the valuable work they had done in connection with the show was passed unanimously. The following were elected as executive committee for next show:—Messrs. H. H. Towers, R. Halliday, F. W. Norris, W. A. Cowgill, W. Crabtree, H. J. Chittenden, S. Dean, J. Kendall, G. White, J. W. Kaberry, J. R. Taylor, F. Hammond, H. Simonett, and H. Hill. The meeting unanimously elected Mr. H. H. Towers as chairman, and Mr. R. Halliday as vice-chairman. The question of staging for next show was considered, and it was decided to purchase new staging, to be made of an up-to-date pattern, which would allow for the staging of 3,000 birds in the large hall itself. Several suggestions of a very favourable nature were considered, and the committee pledged themselves to do their very utmost to make it a distinct success, over and above its two predecessors. All interested who would like to assist in the management of the show are earnestly invited to any of the meetings called, and a hearty reception will be given to all who attend.—H. Hill.

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DINGWALL.

Thirtieth annual show held in the Masonic Hall, Jan. 18. Mr. Wm. Sinclair makes a first class sec., and by his obliging manner has been the means of enlisting many fanciers in Ross-shire. He has been ably assisted by a competent committee of fanciers, consisting of Messrs. D. Munro, McPherson, Gair, Campbell, McKenzie, Ross, Gordon, Murray, McLennan, and John Sinclair. The hall is an ideal one for a show, as it is well lighted from the roof and draught-proof, but the staging could be improved greatly. Entries this year were in excess of those of any previous years, especially the Nor., while the quality was excellent. Mr. Wm. Simpson (Inverness) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CREST: 1, 2, Capt. McKenzie, former Buff, dark crest, large and massive, plenty of feather, a topper; 2nd, Green, fails to winner in size only, otherwise a clinker. C.B.: 1, 2, 4, McKenzie, leader large Buff Varieg., grand body, lovely size and good lashings; 2nd another good one, not much between them, surely a toss-up; 4th Green, on the small side, but all there for type and qual.; 3, Ross, Green, good body and splendid cushion, head rather rough in feather, could be better staged. NOR. CL. ETC.: 1, 2, McDonald, 1st and medal for best Nor., smart Yell., good head and well filled neck, splendid type, fit to do service in the South; 2nd, Yellow, eye marked, another good one, not far behind, a credit to owner; 3, vhc, McKay, grand Buff, A1 qual. and rare back and chest; 4, Yell, a good bird but dirty, or might have been higher up. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, McDonald, trio of good birds, leader grand yell., fed, real stormer for type and qual.; 2nd Buff, another good one, needs no comment here, real bully type; 3rd, yell., bit inclined to cross wings, otherwise a good stock bird; vhc, hc, Murray; c, McGreagor. A.O.V. CAN. OR HYB.: 1, Duncan, noted Linnet Mule, still adding to his laurels, greatly admired; 2, McConnachie, even mkd. Border, nice type and a free mover, staged in A1 order; 3, hc, Murray, Yorks, grand length, nice type, stands well; vhc, Scott; c, Brown. GOLDF.: 1, medal, Harcombe, stormer, wonderful col. and lustre, steady as a rock, greatly admired, big winner; 2, McRichie Scott, lacks finish to winner, but all there for size and qual.; 3rd, another nice Goldfinch, could be staged to better advantage; 4, Ross, good Goldfinch, rather rough in feather or otherwise would have been up a bit higher; 5th, Murray. A.O. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Anderson, noted winning Bullfinch, grand bird for size and col., really a picture, wins well; 2, McConnachie, Siskin, wee gem for col. and markings, well staged; 3, vhc, Duncan; 3, Twite, well laced, steady as a rock; vhc, Bullfinch, nice Bully, good fourth.

CRAVEN ARMS.

Second annual show of the Craven Arms and Ludlow Amalgamated Society was held in the Assembly Room, Jan. 15, a room splendidly adapted for the holding of such an exhibition, being very roomy and well lighted. The exhibits were well staged in the centre of the room, with a baize screen placed all round, which made them look very cosy. A very nice collection of plants in bloom were interspersed between the cages, and gave a very pleasing effect. Unfortunately the entry was not so good as it might have been. This was attributed to the very bad weather which was about just at the time entries closed, which is to be regretted, as a nice entry would have done this enthusiastic society good. Still, if numbers were not there, most certainly the quality was. Yorks. especially were a very choice lot, as also were the Mules, and the A.O.V. British classes, while the members' classes contained a very useful lot of birds. Although new to the post, Mr. J. Creasey, as hon. sec., did well, and worked hard for the success of the show. Judging was over in good time, and awards promptly placed on the cages as each class was judged. Very valuable assistance was rendered in the clerical work by Mr. R. Davis, chairman. The committee consisted of Messrs. Woolf, Groom, Oakes, Sheldon, Hughes, and Worrall—fanciers to the backbone, and gave the exhibits every attention. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Williams, unevenly mkd., grand size and shape, rare good head, fine col. and qual., in good trim; 2, hc, Thomas, very fine uneven, good shape and feather, clean cut head, full neck, shade smaller; 3, Edwards, wing mkd., fine type and qual., not so full in head and neck; No. 6 soft when judged. BUFF (3): 1, Muscott, uneven, mkd., medium size, beautiful shape, nice clean cut head, well carried wings and tail, nicely cleaned out behind, rare qual. and bloom; 2, Thomas, cl., grand size, rather loose in feather, massive head; 3, Hawkes, nice shapely cl., good qual., rather patchy in col. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Williams, yell., magnificent type and qual., very fine head, short wings and tail, heaps of subs., rare qual. and condition, easy win; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., nice size and qual., but not the type of leader, still a good one; 3, Muscott, wing mkd. yell., shade smaller, nicely cut away, good feather and cond., bit unsteady; hc, Worrall. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, Williams, leader well-known cl. yell., grand size and shape, splendid head, fine col. and qual., hard to beat, followed by cl. buff, again fine size and type, grand col. and feather, bit rough on head, or might have changed places with 2, hc, Muscott, cl. yell., good shape and feather, nice head, not the subs. of leader; vhc, Worrall; c, Groom; wrong class, No. 2. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Williams, leader cl., fine length and shape, long sided, neat waist, nice head, stands well on good legs, very tight in feather, followed by unevenly mkd., nice length, shape, col., and qual.; 3, Thomas, cinn. mkd., beautiful length and shape, well filled back, nicely drawn, bit stronger in build; vhc, Hawkes; absent, No. 2. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Williams, leader wing tkd., rattling length, sweet head, well filled back, fine type and feather, stands well on good pair of legs, 2nd well-known, head tkd., hardly so well drawn as leader, still a lovely bird, hard to put back; 3, Weedall, fine, lengthy cl., nice shape, well cut away, gets well up, beaten wing carr.; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Thomas. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Williams, unflig. cl. yell., sweet shape, beautiful col. and qual., well braced wings and tail, shown in lovely condition; 2, Weedall, cl. yell., grand length, well filled back, nicely cut away, shows herself well; 3, Thomas, cinn. mkd. yell., of splendid length, shape, and qual., hardly so tight in feather; hc, Elks, fine hen, badly washed; c, no name. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Thomas, wing mkd. yell., fine length and shape, delightful quality, nice head, very leggy, shows well, wins; 2, Weedall, cap mkd. yell., beautiful position and qual., hardly the length of winner, still good; 3, vhc, Williams, uneven buff, fine length and qual., splendid shape, not so stylish. NOV. NOR. (6): 1, 3, Kerr, leader, mkd. buff, nice size, grand head, good shape, col., and qual., wins, 3rd cl. yell., of good size and shape, bit loose in feather; 2, Worrall, wing mkd. buff, medium size, nice shape and qual., loses head to winner; vhc, Worrall; hc, Woolf; c, Cook. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Creasey, saddle mkd., fine length and shape, good back and carr., well up on legs, nice head and qual.; 2, Fascall, eye tkd., splendid length and shape, very neat at waist, bit patchy in col.; 3, Hilsby, cl., nice length and qual., rather weak in neck; hc, Taylor; c, Hughes. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Fascall, leader tkd. on head, nicely drawn, very shapely, and nice position, followed by cl., of rare qual. and col., good back and shape, shorter; 3, Hilsby, cl., very nice length and shape, stands well, hardly so good in feather; vhc, Creasey; hc, Griffiths; c, Taylor. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, Griffiths, Goldie, nice size and shape, good body col., well mooned, nice face; 2, Edwards, Bullie, fair size and shape, rich back and breast, well cut cap, very steady, bit loose at thigh, or might have won; 3, Poole, Goldie, hardly so rich in tan, nice size and shape, rich blaze, bit rough on top collar; vhc, Barlow; hc, Slea; c, Butler and Son. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 3, Edwards, leader very fine Greenie-Bullie, nice size, shape, and col., very rich on breast, very steady, in fine condition, 3rd good Can.-Bullie, light feathers in wings and tail, shows cross well, delightful bloom, hard to put back; 2, Muscott, very fine Gold.-Bull., nice size, rich in col., good face, shown in rattling order; vhc, Slea, very nice tkd. buff Gold.-Can.; hc, Butler, Greenie-Bull. hen, good one; c, Elks, Greenie-Can., nice one, very fine class. A.V. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Williams, noted team, leader Waxwing, charmer for size, col., markings, and condition, greatly admired, 2nd well-known Palace Chough, in great form, vhc equally well-known Magpie, never looked better; 3, Poole, very fine Hawfinch, grand size and shape, rich in col., carries a delightful sheen; hc, c, Hawkes, grand Blackbird and Yell. Bunting, respectively, another hot class for qual. MEMBERS': NOR. (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Groom, leader cl. yell., nice shape, col., and feather, followed by unflig. yell., fine col. and qual., loose at waist; 2, Worrall, cl. buff, nice shape, col., and mealing. YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, Creasey, thigh tkd., of fine length, col., qual., and condition; 2, vhc, Davies, nice lengthy cl., hardly so tight in feather; 3, Hughes, nicely drawn cl. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Creasey, leader thigh tkd., of nice length and shape, good quality, followed by a clear of equal length, shapely; 3, vhc, c, Davies, wing tkd., of good length and shape. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, 2, Groom, leader very nice Bullie, good shape and col., followed by very decent Goldie, very bright in colours; 3, Woolf, very nice Goldie, good body and face, unsteady; vhc, Davies; hc, Hughes; c, Worrall. A.O. BRIT. (6): 1, Groom, very good Chaffinch, nice size, shape, and col., very steady; 2, Hughes, Chaffinch, loses col. and feather to winner; 3, Davies, nice Lesser 'Poll; vhc, hc, Davies. FOR. (4): 1, Groom, very good Goldfinch, nice size, col., and condition; absent, Nos. 2, 3, 4.

LONDON FEDERATION.

The London Federation of C.B.S., held its second annual show on Jan. 17 and 18, in the fine hall of the Church Institute, Marylebone. The entry, unfortunately, was very poor, 264 birds in the 116 classes scheduled. Why the members of the Federation (which comprises seven powerful societies) should elect to hold a show and then support it in this wretched manner, to the detriment of their own funds, is another of those things "no fellah can understand." One certain thing, however, is that it is far from complimentary to those officials who gave so freely their time and labour in the interests of the venture. As show manager Mr. J. Dewhurst had the birds nicely staged, and their wants were excellently looked after. His son, Mr. J. Wright Dewhurst, very ably filled the position of show secretary, and left no stone unturned in the endeavour to achieve success. He is to be commiserated with upon the discouraging response made to his efforts. We noticed Messrs. H. W. Cook and F. Knight giving a helping hand, and Messrs. J. C. Birch (hon. sec. to the Federation) and J. Bray, jun. (assist. sec.) also lent valuable assistance. The Yorkshires made far and away the best section in the show, many of the birds being of very high merit. Some of the Norwich, too, were well above the average in quality. Mr. R. L. Crisp judged the Yorks and Crests, Mr. J. Robson the remainder.

The Awards.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Roberts; 2, Thomas; 3, Butterfield. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Butterfield; 3, Roberts; vhc, Thomas; hc Knight. HENS, YELL. (6): 1, Butterfield; 2, Lack; 3 Thomas; vhc, hc, Roberts. BUFF (2): 1, Butterfield; 2, Roberts. UNFLIGH. YELL. (2): 1, Knight; 2, Lack. BUFF (2): 1, Thomas; 2, Butterfield. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL (4): 1, Green; 2, Salter; 3, Dewhurst; vhc, Lloyd. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Dewhurst; 2, Green; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Salter. CL. or TKD. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Salter; 3, Dewhurst. MKD. BUFF (2): 1, Dewhurst; 2, Hawes Bros. HENS, YELL. (4): 1, Hawes Bros.; 2, Green; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Dewhurst. BUFF (2): 1, Green; 2, Dewhurst. UNFLIGH., YELL. (2): 1, Hawes Bros; 2, Dewhurst. BUFF (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Hawes Bros; 3, Salter; vhc, Dewhurst. BORD., YELL., CL. or TKD. (1): 1, Mrs. Salter. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Salter. YELL. MKD. (1): 1, Knight. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Mrs. Salter; 2, Knight. GREENS (2): 1, 2, Rev. Soames. AMAT., NOV., CL. or TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Dickinson; w.c., Thursby. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Warwick. BUFF (1): 1, Knight. HENS, YELL. (2): 1, 2, Warwick. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Warwick. UNFLIGH. YELL. (1): 1, Thursby. BUFF (3): 1, Dickinson; 2, Thursby; 3, Warwick. YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Neighbour; 2, Fairman. BUFF (3): 1, King; 2, Fairman; 3, Neighbour. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, King; 2, Fairman. BUFF (1): 1, Bamber. HENS, YELL. (6): 1, Birch; 2, hc, King; 3, Bamber; vhc, Neighbour. BUFF (6): 1, Bamber; 2, Knight; 3, King; vhc, sp, Fairman; hc, Neighbour. UNFLIGH. YELL. (3): 1, King; 2, Knight; 3, Neighbour. BUFF (5): 1, King; 2, 3, Bamber; vhc, Neighbour. CRESTS. (3): 1, 3, Mugford; 2, Dickinson. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Mugford; 3, Dickinson. UNFLIG. CREST (1): 1, Mugford. C.B. (1): 1, Mugford. NOV., NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Leach; 2, Botting. BUFF (1): 1, Cobb. MKD. BUFF (3): 1, Leach; 2, Hammond; 3, Trevallion. HENS, YELL. (3): 1, Annison; 2, Wakefield; 3, Leach. BUFF (6): 1, Wakefield; 2, Cobb; 3, Clarke; vhc, hc, sp, Leach; c, Trevallion. UNFLIGH. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Leach; 2, Cobb; vhc, Wakefield. BUFF (6): 1, Wakefield; 2, Botting; 3, Leach; vhc, Cobb; hc, Annison; c, Trevallion. YORKS, CL. or TKD. YELL. (6): 1, hc, Scudder; 2, c, Hannaford; 3, Sanders; vhc, Clarke. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Clarke; 2, Scudder; vhc, Conch. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Clarke; 2, Scudder; c, Deacon. BUFF (6): 1, 2, hc, Clarke; 3, vhc, Scudder; c, Hannaford. HENS, YELL. (7): 1, Clarke; 2, Deacon; 3, Castell; vhc, c, Sanders; hc, Scudder. BUFF (6): 1, c, Clarke; 2, Castell, 3, Scudder; vhc, hc, Bishop. UNFLIGH. YELL. (2): 1, Clarke; 2, Sanders. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Roll; 3, Scudder, vhc, Clarke. CRESTS, UNFLIGH. (2): 1, 2, Savage. HYB., CL., ETC. (1): 1, Lamb. DARK (10): 1, sp, Lamb; 2, sp, Sanders; 3, Thursby; vhc, Birch; hc, Dewhurst; c, Clarke. A.O. HYB. (4): 1, 3, Lamb; 2, vhc, Dewhurst. BRIT., HEN (1): 1, Lowe. GOLDF. (6): 1, Annison; 2, Lowe; 3, Woodcock; vhc, Offord; hc, Dewhurst; w.c., Rumble. GREENF. (4): 1, Clarke; 2, Lowe; 3, Botting; vhc, Lack. BULLF. (1): 1, Birch. LINNET (3): 1, Deacon; 3, Dewhurst; 3, Lowe. REDPOLL (3): 1, Botting; 2, Lowe; 3, Woodcock. CHAFF. (3): 1, Lack; 2, Hammond; 3, Deacon. BRAMBLE (1): 1, Dewhurst. BUNTING (1): 1, Lowe. BLACKCAP, ETC. (1): 1, Dewhurst. A.O. SMALL INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dewhurst. CHOUGH, ETC. (1): 1, Dewhurst. HENS (2): 1, 2, Dewhurst. CONTINENTAL (1): 1, Offord. FOR., SMALL (1): 1, Woodcock. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Dewhurst. FOR., HYB. (1): 1, Woodcock.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

A very successful table show at headquarters, the Duke of York Hotel, wound up the season, keen interest being displayed, it being the final cup show. Upwards of 130 birds faced the judge, members putting down teams of exceptional merit, Mr. Tonks bringing no less than 15 from Wednesbury. The society is to be congratulated on the enthusiasm of its members, for although only a few, one and all worked with that spirit which has helped to place it amongst the best and most respected in the kingdom. The Society Cup this year has found a resting place at Tettenhall, that keen Yorkshire fancier, Mr. E. Hall, being the winner with 63 points; Mr. F. Weaver, chairman, second, 59; Mr. F. Garfield, third, 58. Spl best Canary was won by Mr. J. Gibbon with a typical Yorks, and best British by Mr. J. A. Tonks with a grand Goldie. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL: 1, 3, Weaver, leader well-known cheek and wing mkd., in A1 condition; 3rd tkd. wing, good head, massive build; 2, Hampton, cl., lovely type, condition and qual.; 4, Garfield; vhc, Robinson; hc, Loach. BUFF: 1, Garfield, grand cl., lovely qual., very cobby, neat head; 2, 4, Hampton, mkd. neck, lovely type, A1 condition; 3, Weaver, wing tick, true Nor. of good substance; vhc, Harris; hc, c, Robinson. HEN: 1, Garfield, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., little fat; 2, Loach, typical, hardly so stout, but lovely cond.; 3, Hyde, cl. yell., neat head, full of qual., but carries wings badly at times; 4, Loach; vhc, Hyde; hc, Weaver; c, Hampton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Garfield, good head and neck, splendid carr.; 2, 3, Weaver, both mkd., neat heads, nice subs., hot col.; 4 Harrison. UNFLI. BUFF: 1, Garfield, massive, good head and carr., again a bit fat; 2, Hampton, mkd. wing and head, grand type, some preferred; 3, Rowley, another good one, presses very hard, lovely type, clean cut, short wings and tail; 4, Weaver. GR. OR VARIEG.: 1, 4, Weaver, leader red-hot col., grand type and cond.; 2, Rowley, lovely head and neck, neat wings and carr.; 3, Hampton, good subs. and qual., crouches a little; vhc, Garfield; hc, Hyde. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Garfield, very bold build, fine qual.; 2, 4, Weaver, typical; 3, Hampton; vhc, Robinson; hc, Gibbons; c, Harris. YORKS YELL.: 1, Millencamp, long, slim and racy, grand qual.; 2, Hall, lovely head and wings, grand carr.; 3, Gibbons, very typical, good wing carr.; 4, Harris. BUFF: 1, Millencamp, very neat and grand qual.; 2, vhc, Gibbons, lovely position and style, A1 cond.; 3, Harris, very similar, finely drawn; 4, Robinson, presses hard on winners. HEN: 1, spl, Gibbons, perfect little lady, shown for all it is worth, very sleek and trim; 2, Millencamp, long sided bird of beautiful col., A1 position; 3, Hall, grand head, neat, lovely carr.; vhc, Harris. UNFLIGH.: 1, Hall, grand length and carr.; 2, 4, Gibbons, good head and shoulders, nicely braced wings; 3, vhc, Millencamp; hc, Harris; c, Robinson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Harris, attractive Lizards, in grand condition. GOLDF.: 1, spl, 3, 4, Tonks, leader lovely expanse of blaze, very bright, nice bars and buttons; 3rd grand size and blaze, broken in cap; 4th, grand tannings and col., little pinched in face; 2, Price, similar to winner, little smaller, not so bright in blaze, lovely wings and tannings. BULLF.: 1, Tonks, grand size and type, little dull in breast col.; 2, Weaver, better col., but beaten in shape and size. GREENF.: 1, Rowley, lovely hot col., grand wings, A1 condition; 2, vhc, Tonks, good bold head and chest, beaten col.; 3, Gibbons, hardly subs. of leaders, A1 col.; 4, Weaver; hc, Harris. LINNET: 1, 3, Tonks, leader nice shape and col., good breast markings, very steady; 3rd bolder build, rather wild or might have won; 2, Millencamp, steady, fails in breast markings to others. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Price, bonny F.M. Lesser, lovely markings, should make a topper; 2, 4, vhc, Tonks, leader H.M. Lesser, presses hard, nice shaped bib, lovely col. and markings; 3, Hall, Siskin, very attractive, in nice cond. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Weaver, leader a nice Bramble and Chaffinch. DK. MULE: 1, 3, 4, Tonks, headed by a sweet little Linuet-Bullie; 3, Moster, Yellow Redpoll and Dark Greenie in order named; 2, Weaver, Buff Goldie, an old warrior. FOR.: 1, Price, lovely Siberian, Scottish National winner looking grand.—J. Gibbons, hon. sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly members' table show, held Jan. 20, at the White Hart Hotel. Mr. R. Greensmith judge. Class 1 (7): 1, Sykes; 2, vhc, c, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Moss; hc, Rhodes. Class 2 (11): 1, Rhodes; 2, Moss; 3, Cawtheray and Son; vhc, Townend; hc, Gledhill; c, Sykes. Class 3 (8): 1, hc, Cawtheray and Son; 2, Moss; 3, Clegg; vhc, Sykes; c, Rhodes. Class 4 (10): 1, Moss; 2, vhc, c, Cawtheray and Son; 3, hc, Sykes. Class 5 (4): 1, Morris; 2, Jackson; 3, vhc, Rhodes. Class 6 (3): 1, Morris; 2, Jackson; 3, Rhodes. Class 7 (4): 1, 3, Morris; 2, Jackson; vhc, Rhodes.—A. Lawford, sec.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Sixth annual show, held in the Curzon Hall, Jan. 20. The genial secretary, Mr. F. Cameron, had everything in A1 order, and this year the committee had special staging erected for the cage birds, and a specialist judge, but the cage bird fanciers did not support this well-managed fixture as they should have done. The Goldfinch class proved the best in show and was keenly contested. Norwich were a splendid collection. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique

NOR. BUFF (6): 1, Brotherhood, cl., splendid size, capital shape, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, lovely feather and qual.; 2, Hathaway, also cl., good shape, hardly so large, nice col. and qual., grand chest and head, close up; 3, Davies, good stamp of cl., very thick and shapely, nice head, lovely feather and condition; vhc, Freeman; hc, Leng. MKD. (9): 1, Leng, typical eye and wing mkd. yell., grand col. and qual., good broad head, nicely filled in neck, grand feather; 2, 3, Hathaway, leader head, eye and wing mkd. yell., splendid shape and size, lovely col. and qual., proper Norwich type all over; 3rd, head and wing mkd. buff, A1 shape, good col., nice head, grand wings and tail, close up; vhc, Sharman; hc, cage No. 9. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Hathaway, head ticked yell., lovely shape, size, col., and qual., massive head, well filled in neck, grand feather and condition; 2, Dean, cl. buff, nice shape, good size, lovely col. and qual., capital feather and condition; 3, Sharman, neck ticked buff, beautiful col., qual. and feather, rare shape, capital size, A1 condition; vhc, Wood, nice cl. yell, but not so good in feather; hc, Bartram; c, Cox. HEN (6): 1, Wood, wing ticked yell., grand col. and shape, nice size and qual., lovely feather and condition; 2, Hathaway, cl. buff, lovely feather and condition, rare head and neck, grand shape, very fit; 3, Draper, head and wing mkd. yell., lovely size, shape, col. and qual., in best of condition; vhc, Draper; hc, Dean; c, Slaymaker. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Shearing, capital cl. yell. of nice size and qual., grand head, very cobby shape, wins; 2, Hathaway, head and wing mkd., grand col. and shape, nice size, faultlessly staged; 3, Shearing, cl. yell., grand col., nice shapely, very typical all over, close up; vhc, Barratt; hc, Ford; c, Hewett. MATCHED PAIRS (7): 1, Wood, grand pair of good size and grand qual.; 2, Leng, very nice pair, close up; 3, Springall, grand pair, nice col.; vhc, no name. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (7): 1, Fish, Goldie-Bullie, lovely col., size and shape, perfect condition; 2, Davies, Goldie-Canary, eye and wing mkd., grand col. and size, nice bloom; 3, Wadsworth, Redpoll-Goldie, good size, nice colour and condition, close up; vhc, hc, Fish; c, Carter. GOLDF. (12): Grand class; 1, Checkfield, splendid size, nice square cut blaze, nice wings and buttons, grand col. and feather; 2, no name, good head, nice bars, good blaze, nicely tanned, grand colour and feather; 3, Heal, very good shape and size, steady as a rock, grand col., fine condition; vhc, Miss Dooley; hc, Carter, Turner; c, Brotherhood. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Heal, grand coloured Twite leading, good size and feather; 3rd, sweet little Redpoll, nice size, good col and condition; 2, Falding, Linnet, good size, shape and pencilling, nice col., lovely condition; vhc, Turner. A.O.V. (10): 1, Falding, Hawfinch, good head, nice bib, grand col., feather and condition; 2, no name, lovely Bramble, grand markings, splendid col., must have pressed hard; 3, Baseley, good Bullie, capital cap and bars, nice col., grand feather; vhc, Baseley; hc, Wood; c, Smith.

LARKHALL O.S.

Annual show held in the Public Hall, January 18. The entry was one of the best for some years, both in quality and variety, entries being nearly 200 in excess of last year's number. Secretary J. W. Clelland, we regret to say, was, through illness, unable to take up his usual duties, but his many friends will be pleased to learn that he is making a rapid recovery; in his absence Mr. Wm. Innes acted as secretary pro tem, and was well supported with a very active committee, a very enthusiastic combination of well-known fanciers, from the Hon. Pres. downwards, each and all of whom vied with each other in doing their part to maintain the reputation of their annual show as one of the best one-day shows in Scotland. There was a large attendance of fanciers and the public, the hall being crowded all the afternoon. The exhibits were splendidly staged, and every arrangement made to make the show a complete success, which it was. Mr. W. Crosbie judged, and his awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

GOLDF. or BULLF. (11): 1, vhc, McMinn Bros., Goldfinch, grand blaze and tannings, nice size, very steady, fine bloom; 2, Small, Bullfinch, nice cap and bib, fine breast col. and size, nice bloom; 3, c, Allenson, Goldfinch, good blaze and body markings, not one of the biggest; 4, Meek, another fair Goldie, nice square blaze and tannings, very steady; hc, Forrester. FINCH (9): 1, Gentlemen, well-known Hawfinch, in grand condition, well staged; 2, Bell, well-marked Bramble, in the pink of condition; 3, Morrison, another good Hawfinch, not the bloom of winner; 4, sp, c, Webster, nice Bramble, not quite so well marked as second; vhc Minn Bros.; hc, Brownlie and Sons. LINNET (10): 1, 4, sp, Forrester, 1st, nice head, full round body, well laced sides, stands well, rich nutty brown col.; 4th, fair; 2, Minn Bros., another nice Linnet, good head and colour, nice lacing and colour; 3, Nelson, nice level colour, good sized body, very steady; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Cummings. MEALY REDPOLL (11): 1, Gentlemen, nice Redpoll, good colour, rare cap and bib, nice tone all through, a real good one; 2, Campbell, good cap and bib, nice col. and size, very steady; 3, Quinn, nice size and markings, good cap and bib, very steady; 4, Cummings, nice size, scarcely the bloom of those in front; vhc, Webster; hc, Nimmo; c, Roslem. SISKIN or TWITE (8): 1, Graham, Twite, well pencilled, good depth of col.; 2, Cummings, colour-fed Siskin, in rare bloom, well laced; 3, 4, 6, Webster, 3rd, Twite, rare eye and col.; 4th, nicely finished Siskin, in rare condition; vhc, Allanson; c, Small. LESSER REDPOLL (19): 1, sp, Kerr and Son, grand size, nice cap, tip-top bib, fine size, in rare feather; 2, McGillivray Bros., another good one, nice red cap, good bib, presses winner hard; 3, Perrie, nice one, well marked, very steady; 4, Nelson, nice all-round 'Poll, well staged; vhc, Gentlemen; hc, Webster; c, Bell. BORD. CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, Findlay, 1st soft; 2nd, foul buff; 3rd, yellow; very typical Borders, nicely staged; 4, sp, Brown, mkd. buff, very jaunty; vhc, Johnston; hc, Shirley. HEN (4): 1, Findlay, grand type and bloom, wins; 2, Brown, mkd. buff, fine size and feather, very jaunty carr., neat head and wings; 3, Brown, foul yell., nice size and carr.; 4, Meek, three-pointed buff. COM. CAN. (16): 1, Kerr and Son; 2, 4, 5, 6, Kennedy; 3, Lee. BRIT. A.V.: 1, sp, Kerr and Sons, well-known Magpie, in grand condition, wins silver medal; 2, Henderson, Waxwing, lovely shape and col., nicely marked; 3, Taylor, Redstart, in lovely feather and condition; 4, Minn Bros., lovely Yellowhammer, nicely laced, shade faulty on head; vhc, Shields; hc, Webster. FOREIGN (10): 1, sp, 2, Lee, 1st, Red-fronted Lory, in grand feather and bloom; 2nd, Diamond Finch, lovely markings and feather; 3, Henderson, we could not find; 4, c, Webster, Green Parrot, well staged, in rare feather and condition, a nice exhibit; vhc, Miss Lee; hc, Shields. MULE or HYB. (14): 1, 2, 3, Bell, Goldie Bullie, fine build and shape, grand bloom, dark Linnet Mule in good condition, and light Goldie Mule, nice shape and colour; 4, Frame, Greenie Mule, grand size and feather; vhc, Whiteford; hc, c, Duncan. BRIT. HEN (16): 1, Gentlemen, Bullie hen, rare head, capital shape and col., in rare bloom; 2, hc, c, Thomson, Greenie, lovely shape and col., in fine condition; 3, Orr, nice typical Greenie hen, better in head quality than 2nd; 4, Taylor, Bramble, sound colour and condition; vhc, Brownlie and Son. GREENFINCH, NAT. COL. (17): 1, Mason, good shapely Greenie, grand size and col., very steady; 2, 3, McLean and Son, both nice birds, leader better for size and head, both extra fine feather and condition; 4, Black and Lumsden, rich col. and fair size, very shapely; vhc, McLean; hc, Allanson; c, Graham. Spl. for most points in any one class, given by Messrs. Kerr and Sons, is yet to be decided, there being a tie between two members.

CRAGHED C.B.S.

First table show held in the Punch Bowl Inn, Craghead, Jan. 18. The 7 classes for British birds totalled 46, a good start for the society. The Sec., Mr. A. Dawson, had everything in first-rate order. Mr. W. Knowles judged and gave every satisfaction.

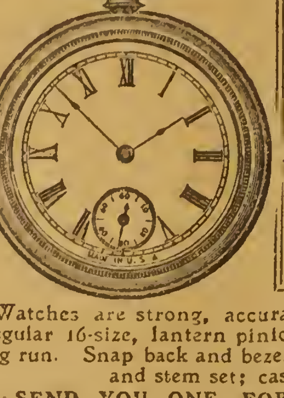
H.-M. LINNET (4): 1, Davidson; 2, Anderson; 3, 4, Beacroft; vhc, Emmerson. F.-M. (16): 1, vhc, hc, c, Dawson; 2, Anderson; 3, Soulsby; 4, Davidson. REDPOLL (5): 1, 4, Beacroft; 2, Smith; 3, Dawson; 5, Anderson. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Soulsby; 2, Beascroft; 3, Dawson; 4, Aspinall; vhc, Cameron; hc, Anderson, Davidson. CHAFFINCH (3): 1, Soulsby; 2, Davidson; 3, Beacroft. GOLDF. (5): 1, Dawson; 2, Beacroft; 3, Davidson; 4, Cameron; vhc, Soulsby. BULLF. (4): 1, Soulsby; 2, Aspinall; 3, Davidson; 4, Barren. A. Dawson winner of medal with 30 points. Wm. Soulsby 2nd medal, 29 points.

ARNISTON AND GOREBRIDGE.

Annual show held January 18, in Newtyres Hall, Gorebridge. The entry was very disappointing, considering that it was, we think, the only show in Scotland on the day—only 60 in the 20 classes provided. We would point out to the committee the advisability of extending their classification, especially in the British bird section, and get the patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C., and appoint a judge for these classes alone. We are sure they would be amply rewarded by a good entry at this time of the year. The hall was on the dark side, but very free from draughts. Some very nice Borders were staged, the winning buff hen belonging to Mr. Bennet being a gem all over, and grandly staged. Mr. Joseph Thomson, Newtongrange, made the awards, and his decisions gave every satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. John Lambie, is a very courteous and painstaking official, and he was ably assisted by a good committee.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (4): 1, Purvis, capital size and sub., rare head and neck, well rounded front, nice flights; 2, Leyton, cl. yell., lovely shape and col., grandly rounded head and chest, must have pressed; 3, 4, Robb, nice ones, capital heads, good bodies and feather. HEN (3): 1, Leyton, clinking yell., good body, grand frontal, just a shade weak in head, capital condition; 2, Duncan, fails in type to leader, good qual. and condition, well placed; 3, Todd, on the long side, nice wings and colour. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Bennet, rattling pair, leader grizzle head, looks like S.N. winner, lovely head and front, sweet shape, in rare bloom, 2nd cl., well rounded head and body, fine weight, well braced wings, neat taper; 3, Halliday, on the heavy side, finely rounded head and back, grand tone of colour. HEN (7): 1, 3, Bennet, gem of a cl. leading, well rounded body, rare wings and tail, grand texture of feather, wins, 3rd finely moulded body, neat head and neck, well filled back, close up; 2, Lambie, stronger type, capital head and front, fine level col., very jaunty; 4, Robertson, nice type and qual., in good order; 5, G. Bennet; 6, Kitchen. CL. TKD. BUFF CK. (5): 1, G. Bennet, grand type and qual., smooth as a bottle, clinker for col., wins: 2, 4, H. Bennet, cap. mkd., fine size and shape, nicely rounded front, fine wings and tail, rare qual. feather; 4th fails a bit in head, capital col. and condition; 3, Halliday, good head and neck, well filled back, capital wings, nice pipe tail; 5, Kitchen. HEN (3): 1, H. Bennet, sweet head, long front and col., well filled back, rare wing carr., staged to perfection; 2, G. Bennet, on the light side, well rounded head and front, nice qual. feather, well placed; 3, Halliday, flat on head, grand body, well laid-on wings, in rare bloom. EVEN, ETC., CK. (6): 1, G. Bennet, mkd. eyes, head and wings, gem for type and qual., grand head, nice qual. feather; 2, Harper, mkd. head and both wings, sweet size and shape, just a shade leggy; 3, Purvis, good buff mkd., both fine type and qual., grand wings and tail, well placed; 4, Kitchen, nearly even, shade flat in back, nice qual. feather; 5, White. HEN (3): 1, H. Bennet, nice yell., even mark, A1 type and col., rare bloom; 2, Purvis, mkd. eyes, head and wings, good head and neck; 3, White, sweet cinn. mark, well rounded head and back, capital wing and tail carr. YELL., GREEN OR CINN. CK. (5): 1, Lambie, grand tone of col., finely pencilled, nice type; 2, 4, Duncan, equal in type and body col., shows too much bronze on wings, good markings; 4th nice grassy-green, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Halliday, on the long side, grand dense colour, nicely laced on thighs; 5, Lambie. HEN (2): 1, Rowe, good one for type and col., nice quality feather; 2, Lambie, capital buff Cinn., good head, nice sub. BUFF (4): 1, Lambie, clinker for type and col., excels in pencilling; 2, Harper, on the heavy side, but all there for col. and markings, fine qual. of feather; 3, W. Lambie, nice tone of col., good type, well placed; 4, Rowe, lovely type and col., might have gone up a bit. HEN (2): 1, Harper, fine col., nice markings, nice type; 2, Lambie, good depth of col., finely pencilled on back, nice qual. feather. LINNET OR TWITE (2): 1, Stirling, nice coloured Linnet, shade open in front, and rather wild; 2, Lambie, grand nutty-brown col., fine breast markings, capital whites. SISKIN OR REDPOLL (2): 1, Young, Mealy, on the small side, bit rough in feather, might have given place to 2, Lambie, capital Siskin, grand col. and markings, fine wing bars, good cap. A.O. BRIT. (7): 1, Murray, very good Hawfinch, nice bib, grand col., very steady, wins; 2, Stirling, capital Goldie, grand tannings, good wing bars and buttons, not over good in blaze; 3, 5, Southern, clinking Bramble, fine breast col., grand spanglings, A1 condition; 4, Dick, nice little Goldie, very steady; 6, Morris.



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SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual members' show was held in the Forresters' Hall, Tripett-lane, Jan. 18. Mr. J. Robson judged. The exhibits were of exceptionally fine quality, and the majority of the winners have been at the head of affairs at the principal shows this season, Yorks were of exceptionally fine quality, Norwich were an exceptionally good lot, and came up well, Crests were almost a show in themselves, the four champion classes containing 44 birds, British and Foreign were grand sections. Novices also came up well. The entry (293) was 23 up on last year, and a record. All arrangements were well in hand, the majority of birds being staged on Friday night. The Sec., Mr. E. C. Job, handled the reins in a masterly manner, and was ably assisted by the Chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, vice-chair, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, Dr. W. Craig, treas., Messrs. Fletcher, Sharpe, Milne, Rydale, Memmott, and the assist. sec., Mr. R. Colton, who was always on the alert, studying the comfort of visitors and birds. The attendance was exceptionally good, and there is no doubt that the venture will be a financial success. The cup winners for four highest birds, bred by the exhibitor, were Yorks., cup, Dr. W. Craig; Nor., A. H. Waters; Brit., P. Walsh; Crest., A. M. Dian; special winners: Best old Yorks., Dr. W. Craig; Nor., Howe and Senior; Crest., Colton and Dawn; 1912 Yorks., F. Elliot; Nor., A. H. Waters; Crest., J. Memmott; Brit., G. Fletcher; Mule, Colton and Dawn; For., Colton and Dawn; Novice, Yorks., W. H. Welsh; Nor., A. Markhall; Crest, Dr. Deane; Best vhc Crest, Mr. J. Evans; Best hc Crest, Mr. J. Memmott; Most points, Yorks., B. Porter; Nor., A. H. Waters; Crest, J. Evans; Brit., P. Walsh; For., G. Fletcher; Best vhc, Yorks., F. Elliott; Nor., A. Hobson; Crest., J. Evans; Brit., J. Milne; For., G. Fletcher. Most entries, B. Porter, A. H. Waters, J. Memmott, P. Walsh, G. Fletcher; Best F.M. Linnet, A. Snape.

The Awards.

YORKS, CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Sampson; 3, Dale. BUFF: 1, Dr. Craig; 2, Rydale. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Dr. W. Craig; 3, c, Rydale. NOR., CL., or TKD. YELL.: 1, Woodall; 2, vhc, Hoyle; 3, Howe and Senior. BUFF: 1, hc, Simpson; 2, vhc, Hobson; 3, Waters. MKD., ETC.: 1, Hoyle; 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Howe and Senior; hc, Bagnall. YELL. HEN: 1, Waters; 2, Simpson; 3, Woodall; vhc, Lindley; hc, Hoyle. BUFF: 1, Waters; 2, vhc, Hoyle; 3, hc, Hobson. CREST.: 1, hc, Colton and Dawn; 2, c, Farrow; 3, vhc, Evans. C.B.: 1, hc, Memmott; 2, Evans; 3, Farrow; c, Colton and Dawn. CHAMP., UNFLIGH., YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Elliott; 2, hc, Dr. Craig; 3, c, Sampson. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Dr. Craig; 3, Elliott; hc, Sampson; c, Rydale. YELL. HEN: 1, Craig; 2, 3, Elliott; vhc, hc, Rydale. BUFF: 1, Sampson; 2, hc, Craig; 3, Sampson; vhc, Elliott. NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Bagnall. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, c, Waters; vhc, Hobson; hc, Bagnall. YELL. HEN: 1, Woodall; 2, 3, hc, Waters; vhc, Bagnall. BUFF: 1, 2, Hobson; 3, Waters. CREST.: 1, c, Memmott; 2, Farrow; 3, vhc, Evans. C.B.: 1, Evans; 2, vhc, c, Memmott; 3, Farrow; hc, Moor; c, Colton and Dawn. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, 3, Colton and Dawn; 2, Wright; vhc, Lindlay; hc, c, Fletcher. LINNET: 1, Howe and Senior; 2, Snape; 3, Walsh; vhc, Simpson; hc, Colton and Dawn; c, Woodall. GREENF.: 1, vhc, Walsh; 2, Howe and Senior; 3, Fletcher; hc, Woodall; c, Colton and Dawn. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Woodall; 2, Walsh; 3, Milne. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, c, Fletcher; vhc, Milne. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, vhc, c, Milne; hc, Walsh. LARGE: 1, 3, Walsh; 2, Fletcher; vhc, Simpson. MULE or HYB.: 1, hc, Colton and Dawn; 2, 3, vhc, Somerfield. WAXBILLS, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, and c, Fletcher; hc, Colton and Dawn. PARROTS and PARRAKEETS: 1, Colton and Dawn; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Fletcher. FRUITEATER, ETC.: 1, 2, Fletcher. A.O. FOR.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Fletcher; 2, Colton and Dawn. NOV., YORKS, CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Simpson; 2, Milne; 3, hc, c, Porter; vhc, Simonite. BUFF: 1, 3, Webster; 2, vhc, Porter. MKD. or VARIEG.: 1, vhc, hc, Porter; 2, Simonite; 3, Webster; c, Turner. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, c, Porter; 2, Webster; 3, Simonite. BUFF: 1, Webster; 2, 3, Porter. NOR. CL. or TKD. BUFF: 1, c, Markhall; 2, Tattersall; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Hoyle. MKD, or VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Markhall; vhc, Green; hc, Moor; c, Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hoyle; 3, Markhall. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Markhall; vhc, Fletcher. CREST.: 1, 2, 3, Dr. Deane; vhc, Richardson. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Dr. Deane; vhc, Richardson. GIFT CLASS: 1, Rydale; 2, Porter; 3, Craig; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Waters.

STRATFORD AND EAST LONDON F.S.

Annual show, held in Workmen's Hall, Jan. 8th., a splendid success for a members' show, about 100 birds being staged. Quality was excellent and competition very keen in all sections. Yorks. and Norwich were grandly represented, and there was also a good class of Cinnamons, a somewhat unusual experience now-a-days. In British birds competition was very keen. The best bird in the show was found in this section, in Mr. Hawkes' magnificent Blackbird, grand in depth of colour, close and compact in feather, very tame, yet vivacious, with capital colour of bill and cere, a topping exhibit. Cup also fell to Mr. Hawkes for a smart yell. Yorks. hen, after a keen fight. Mr. W. Maxey, the hon. sec., is a host in himself, an old stager at the game, consequently all went merrily. Messrs. Skinner and Hawkes, two veteran fanciers, did the stewarding, and the staging was excellent. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL., CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, res, Parker, nicely tapered, very quick on its legs, gets up well; 2, hc, Skinner, great length, but carrying slack feather, very fine action; 3, vhc, Hawkes, not quite the length, but very neat; c, Reed. TKD. or VAR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Hawkes, leader good pose and nice feather; 2, res, Parker, again nice style and feather; vhc, Skinner. YORKS., CL. or TKD. BUFF (7): 1, sp, hc, Skinner, winner grand style, nice whip; 2, 3, Hawkes, both smart Yorkies; res, vhc, Parker; c, Manning. MKD. or VAR. (5): 1, vhc, Parker, winner very stylish; 2, 3, Hawkes, not quite so smart; res, Skinner. HENS: 1, two f.ps., 2, res, Hawkes, the leader a very typical yellow, nice size; 3 c, Skinner, straight and nice action; vhc, hc, Parker. NOR. YELL., CL. or TK. (3): 1, sp, Cooper, good body, nice head, not overdone with col.; 2, 3, Hawkes, the former grand col. and feather, but a little soft. MKD. or VAR. (3): 1, Cooper, bonny type, grand head 2, 3, Hawkes. BUFF CL. or TKD. (5): 1, 2, 3, Cooper, grand team, winner like boxwood; res and vhc, Hawkes. HENS (6): 1, 3, res, vhc, hc, Hawkes, yell., good body, head and quality; 2, Cooper, buff, rare shape. CINN. (7): 1, sp, 2, vhc, hc, Manning, the leader fine bodied buff, grand col., well burnished head; 3, Hawkes, res, sp, c, Parker. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, Parker. MULES or HYB. (3): 1, Hawkes, Redpoll-Greenfinch; 2, Parker; 3, Cooper. GOLDF. (9): 1, sp, Parker, steady, good tanning and nice face; 2, Lafbury, very bright, close on heels of winner; 3, hc, Sherman, a neat Finch; res, Skinner; vhc, Hawkes. GREENF. (3): 1, Lafbury, good size and col.; 2, Cooper; 3, Hawkes. LINNET (9): 1, 3, vhc, Lafbury; 3rd smart Linnet; 2, c, Hawkes, leader well marked; res, Cooper; hc, Sherman. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 2, res, Lafbury, leader a very nice mealy, in grand feather; 3, res, Hawkes. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, 2, Lafbury, two beauties; 3, Sherman; res, vhc, Hawkes. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, 3, res, Hawkes, grand Yellowhammer leading; 2, vhc, Lafbury; hc, Sherman. SOFT. (3): 1, sp, best in show, Hawkes, magnificent Blackbird: 2, Hawkes, Junr., grand Missel Thrush. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, sp, Reed, Silky Cowbird; 2, Hawkes. SMALL (3): 1, 3, Hawkes; 2, Reed. GIFT (1): Hawkes.

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23rd annual show held Jan. 17 and 18. The venue was again the Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue, one of the finest halls in the north, and suitable in every way, with plenty of room, nice light, and comfortable to a degree for both exhibits and visitors, besides being situated on a main thoroughfare, and in close proximity to the railway stations. The previous show having proved such a brilliant success, and in view of the many complimentary letters received, the committee were naturally anxious that the high standard of excellence should he maintained, and in this they were not disappointed. Three extra classes were provided, bringing the total up to 40 open classes. These brought forward the grand entry of 543, which, with 131 in members' classes, made up the magnificent total of 674, and the committee are to be heartily congratulated on their splendid achievement. This huge success is mainly due to the great and untiring efforts of the sec., Mr. J. Jeffrey, who, we know, has worked tooth and nail since the last show in order to keep the finances of the society on the right side, and having been again successful, he surely deserves the thanks of the whole of the members for his great efforts. Mr. Jeffrey has absolutely nothing to learn in the matter of conducting a great cage bird show, and his splendid method of getting through his work, without any confusion or worry, and without the slightest hitch in his arrangements, marks him, with his courteous and gentlemanly manner, as one of the most efficient secretaries it has been our pleasure to meet with. We sincerely hope that the society may have the benefit of his services for many years to come. He was ably backed up by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the popular chairman, Mr. J. Farrer, who, in his capacity of show manager, worked like a hero during the whole of the show, being here, there, and everywhere, never tiring, and always willing to render his services to anyone who required them. The vice-chairman is Mr. W. F. Swan, and a grand committee is composed of Messrs. A. Elliott, G. Davidson, J. Machin, J. Riseborough, W. Reid, F. Riseborough, W. F. Swan, C. Waters, and A. Walker. The society possesses two grand workers in Mr. A. Walker (treas.) and Mr. F. Riseborough (assist. sec.), and these two gentlemen got through their work in a splendid manner. A special word of praise must be given to the stewards and those fanciers responsible for getting the birds away at the close of the show, and in this respect Messrs. A. Walker, J. M. Walker, R. Proctor, J. Peacock, G. Davidson, T. Davison, and C. Waters, all worked like Trojans, and exhibitors will no doubt remember the splendid manner in which their birds were packed for the return journey, and the good time in which they received them back. The exhibits were a grand lot, and beautifully arranged on new staging three tiers high.

Norwich were not very strong in numbers, but were excellent in quality; we hope to see two or three more classes given next year. Yorks. had eight classes, and they filled fairly well, while the quality was of a very high standard, many good birds standing cardless owing to the keen competition. Crests only had three classes, and two out of the three only secured half prize money; something must he done if these classes are to be kept on. Borders had seven classes, and these filled splendidly, the hen and novice classes each containing 31 entries, and qual. throughout the section was superb. Lizards, 2 classes, came up well with 12 and 13 entries respectively, and they made the finest display ever seen in the North, quality being really excellent. British, Mules and Foreign were simply splendid, both in numbers and quality, all the classes filling well, while the high standard of excellence was scarcely conceivable, and these sections were without a doubt quite the feature of the show. The class for Light Mules or Hybrids brought together 17 entries, all champions, the famous Greenie-Chaffie again taking premier honours, shown in the pink of condition. I must, however, confess that I am still of the same opinion as last year concerning the beauty of this bird. At the same time, I recognise that the rarity of this bird, together with the grand condition in which it is always staged, fully entitles it to the highest honours, and no one questions the judgment of any man in placing it right at the top of the list of Hybrids, at least, at present. Dark Mules were a splendid collection of 17, one of the finest classes seen for some time, the noted yellow Greenie Mule adding another first to its already long list. British were well represented, grand specimens being staged in every class, while the Foreign section was simply superb, and proved a great attraction to visitors.

The same difficulty in allocating the special for best bird in show arose as last year, Mr. Stanger bringing out the famous "Duchess," and Mr. Maddison the Greenie-Chaffie. Neither would give way, and on this occasion they objected to throwing a coin. It was eventually decided to leave it to an independent fancier to decide, and Mr. A. Brown was invited to do so, his decision being in favour of the "Duchess." The special and diploma winners were: Best bird in show, R. T. Bewick; Nor., J. Moore; Crest or C.B., R. T. Bewick; champ. Yorks., J. Thomas; Nov. Yorks., T. Farnish; Champ. Bord., J. Smart; Nov. Bord., J. G. Greason: Scotch, Thompson Bros.; Liz., J. Hyslop; Hybrid, Martin and Archer; Brit., J. Sykes; For., P. Arnott; most entries in open, R. D. Parlett: most points Nor., J. Thomas; Crests, R. T. Bewick; Yorks., J. Thomas: Bord., J. H. Elliot: Liz., W. P. Barnes; Hyb., Martin and Archer; Brit., R. D. Parlett; For., P. Arnott. Sales were just about as usual, and several birds changed hands. The show was grandly patronised, both on the Friday night and the Saturday, and the receipts should easily prove a record for the society. We might mention a splendid bit of work done by the secretary, Mr. J. Jeffrey, in the form of a large board, about 6ft. square, to which he pasted a number of the glorious coloured plates issued by "Cage Birds." This was hung up outside the main entrance, and proved a splendid advert. for the show, as being in a main thoroughfare, people could not help stopping to look at the plates, and then popped into the show. The judges were: Messrs. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell), and J. Maddison (Newcastle), the former taking Canaries, and the latter Mules, British, and Foreign.

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Mr. Stanger's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, W. A. Wilson, cl., fine shape and size, grand head and neck, nice col., neat wings and tail, looks a bit soiled, some thought a bit lucky to beat 2, Thomas, cl., grand size, red-hot col., rich and bright in tone, grandly rounded back, deep chest, lovely quality., beautifully cleaned under, a bit narrower in head than leader, yet our choice for 1st; 3, Armstrong, tkd. back of head, not quite the size of leaders, nice shape, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wing carriage, well cleaned out; 4, Smailes, slimmer build, nice col., neat wings, wee bit horny; vhc, hc, Riseborough. BUFF (10): 1, Parlett, grand size, lovely shape, grand back and chest, lovely close feather, beautifully carried wings and tail, short and compact, well cut away; 2, Thomas, magnificent shape, short and chubby, lovely back and chest, good col., nice head and neck, short, well carried wings and tail, loses to leader in size only; 3, W. A. Wilson, fine shape, grand size, lovely qual., good head and neck, full chest, beautifully cut away, bit faulty in wing carr.; 4, H. Wilson, nice shape and size, good col., neat head and chest, nice wing and tail, scarcely the same qual. as leaders; vhc, Bennett; hc, Wilcock; c, Riseborough. 1912 (7): 1, Parlett, "May Blossom," cl. yell., grand one all over, fine shape and size, good head, full neck and chest, nice col. and qual., grand wing and tail carriage; 2, W. A. Wilson, cl. buff, medium size, lovely shape, close boxy feather, of the finest quality, neat head, grand neck and chest, short wings and tail; 3, Bennett, yell., mkd. right wing, fine shape, nice size, grand head and neck, good chest and back, nice col. and qual., scarcely so compact in wings and tail; 4, Armstrong, lightly var. yell., lovely shape, grand qual., close tight feather, neat wings and tail, scarcely so full in head and neck as leaders; vhc, Bell; hc, Appleby; c, Pattinson. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Moore, cl. yell., topper for size, grand shape, deep full chest, grand head and neck, rich col. and qual., well carried wings and tail, takes sp. best Nor.; 2, H. Wilson, cl. yell., scarcely so massive as leader, lovely shape, short and thick set, grand back and chest, good head and neck, rich col. and qual., short, well carried wings and tail; 3, hc, Thomas, cl. buff, fine size, beautiful shape, grand chest and back, neat head, lovely col. and qual., close tight feather, not quite so good in wing carr.; 4, Appleby, yell., neck tkd., a big one, grand cobby body, short and thick set, neat head and neck, nice col., fails a bit in wings, and scarcely so well finished behind; c, Pattinson. CREST (5): 1, 3, Hutchinson, varieg., grand shaped crest, of good size, nice droop and radiation, neat centre, grand veiny feather, a good one, 3rd cl. body grizzle crest, grand shape, nice droop, dense, and well radiated, good feather, centre a wee bit to one side; 2, Swan, wing mkd. D.C., plenty of size, grand shape, very dense crest, neat centre, not the same grand veiny feather of leader; 4, Farrer, green crest, not the size or spread of leaders, fine shape, well radiated, neat centre, good feather; vhc, Tate. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Bewick, leader the well-known "Duchess," about the best C.B. hen on the show benches, needs no comment, takes sp. for best bird in show, 2nd var., grand massive body, good wide skull, nice entrance, appears to carry any amount of grand feather, grandly lashed; 3, Swan, yell. var., bit slim in body, nicely domed skull, good width, grand qual. feather; 4, Orton, foul tail, green, plenty of subs., nice wide skull, good rise and entrance, not the same amount of feather behind poll as leaders; vhc, hc, Tate. CREST OR C.B., 1912 (11): 1, 4, Bewick, leader, wing mkd. D.C., grand shaped crest, of good size, nice droop and radiation, good centre, very neat, 4th wing mkd. D.C., grand crest, fine size and shape, good droop, very dense, bit penny and open in centre; 2, J. Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., grand spread, scarcely so dense as leader, but fine shape and droop, neat centre; 3, Bewick, var. C.B., plenty of substance, grand skull, good width and entrance, appears to carry any amount of grand feather; vhc, Swan; hc, c, Hutchinson. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Stewart, grand length, lovely position, straight as a gun barrel, well rounded shoulders, grandly drawn, neat head, nice col., beautiful close feather, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Dykes, hotter col. and even longer than winner, grand position, beautifully drawn, neat shoulders and waist, nice head, not so well braced in wings; 3, Thomas, gem for length, beautiful qual., slim and grandly drawn, hardly so erect as leaders, yet a nice one, grandly braced wings and tail; 4, Casey, mkd. wings and eyes, extra length, grand position, neat shoulders and waist, fine wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, c, Lyall. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas, fine length, lovely position, well up on fine legs, lovely shoulders and waist, grandly drawn, slim and well rounded, nice col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Stewart, fine length, straight up, neat, well rounded shoulders, grand qual., neat head and neck, closely braced wings and tail, scarcely the same grand finish behind as leader; 3, hc, Dykes, bit thicker body, nice length, grandly rounded, well up on good legs, beautifully drawn at waist, exquisite feather; 4, Crawhall, grand length and position, scarcely so slimly built as leaders, grandly rounded, beautifully braced wings and tail; vhc, Towers; c, Cuthbertson. HEN (14): 1, Thomas, slim and beautifully drawn, nice length, lovely position, grand shoulders and waist, neat head and neck, lovely feather, grandly braced wings; 2, 3, Towers, leader, Cinn. mkd. yell., very slim and beautifully drawn, nice length, hardly so well up in position as leader, nice wings and tail, lovely qual. feather; 3, Cinn. mkd. buff, beautiful close boxy feather, nice length, grand position, neat shoulders and waist, grandly carried wings and tail, our choice for 2nd; 4, Pyman, thigh tkd. buff, fine length, good position, trifle flatter on back, very slim, and well drawn, nice col. and qual., closely braced wings and tail; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Casey; c, Cuthbertson. YELL, 1912 (14): 1, Casey, cl., good one, grand length, lovely position, slim and beautifully rounded, well drawn, nice col. and qual., neat head, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Stewart, wing mkd., red hot col., grand length, straight as a rush, lovely shoulders and waist, grand wings and tail, just a bit flat on head, and open in feather; 3, Thomas, cl., grand position, nice length, neat shoulders, grandly braced wings and tail, nice col. and qual., hardly so well drawn at waist as leaders; 4, Lyall, neck tkd., good one for length, neat, narrow shoulders, well braced wings and tail, scarcely so well up on leg as leaders; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Riseborough; c, Pyman. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Stewart, leader, grand length, straight up, grandly rounded body, well drawn, neat head, good col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 4, var., nice length, lovely position, neat head and neck, beautiful qual., tightly braced wing and tail, beaten a trifle in col.; 2, 3, Thomas, leader, head tkd., nicely rounded back, grand length, straight up on fine legs, beautifully drawn, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail, trifle thicker perhaps, yet a grand one; 3, var., fine length, well up on leg, grandly drawn, neat shoulders and waist, good wings and tail, shade open; vhc, Dix; hc, Pyman; c, Mather.

YELL., NOVICE (9): 1, Farnish, cl., grand one, fine length, lovely position, slim and beautifully drawn, neat, narrow shoulders, nice head, good col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Bostock, cl., bit shorter, beautifully rounded, neat head, good shoulders and waist, well braced wings and tail, beaten a bit in position, and scarcely so well finished; 3, Sayles, grizzle wing, red hot col., scarcely so well rounded on back, but a grand one for length and position, neat head, lovely wings and tail; 4, Petch, bit open in feather, nice length, good position, slim and well drawn, neat head, nicely braced wings and tail; vhc, Thurston; hc, Mirley; c, Smith. BUFF (10): 1, Farnish, fine length, lovely position, grandly rounded, slim and well drawn, neat head and neck, beautifully braced wings and tail, shade pale in col. perhaps, but lovely qual., takes special best novice Yorks; 2, Petch, longer and better col. than leader, but hardly so erect, neat head, finely drawn, neat head, good shoulders and waist, well carried wings and tail; 3, Bainbridge, lovely style, grand feather, fine length and position, neat head, good col., grandly braced wings and tail, beautiful finish, our choice for 2nd; 4, Mirley, grizzle wing, grand length, fine position, slim and well drawn, neat head, fails a bit in wing car.; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Bostock. 1912 (10): 1, Bainbridge, yell., gem all over, fine length, slim and beautifully drawn, neat, well rounded shoulders, nice head and neck, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Bostock, wing-mkd. buff, grand length and position, neat head and neck, neat shoulders and waist, grandly drawn, nice wing and tail car.; 3, Graham, yell., grand one for length and position, beautifully drawn, slim and well rounded, neat head, shade faulty in wings; 4, hc, Thurston, buff, grand style, lovely feather of the finest texture, good head, nice shoulders, wee shade heavier in body; vhc, Petch; c, Sayles. BORD., YELL. CK., CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, Smart, gem all over, lovely shape, beautifully rounded, sweet head and neck, lovely col. and quality, close tight feather, grandly carried wings and tail, grandly cut away, takes special for best Border; 2, Morland, extra shape, grandly moulded, good head, rich col. and qual., beautifully cut away, scarcely so well packed in wings and tail as leader; 3, J. H. Elliott, beautiful shape, grandly rounded, lovely back and breast, grandly braced wings and tail, lovely col. and qual., scarcely so neat in head; 4, Purves, grand body shape, well rounded, sweet head, a wee shade too thin in neck, nice col., lovely wings and tail; vhc, Smith; hc, Nicholson; c, Johnson. BUFF (19): 1, Smart, lovely shape, beautifully rounded back and breast, sweet head, clothed with most exquisite feather, lovely wings and tail, grandly cut away; 2, J. H. Elliott, another gem for shape, shade flatter on back than leader, perhaps, better col., lovely qual., sweet head, lovely wings and tail; 3, Purves, grand shape, well rounded, sweet head, good col. and qual., scarcely so tight in wing car. as leaders; 4, Briggs, lovely shape, rich col., grandly rounded, sweet head and neck, scarcely so well finished under; vhc, Peel; hc, Brown; c, Watson. MKD. (12): 1, Gilchrist, lovely even mkd. buff, beautifully moulded, clothed with most exquisite feather, tight as a drum, grandly balanced markings, a gem; 2, J. H. Elliott, uneven Cinn. mkd., lovely shape, grand feather of the finest quality, sweet head, grandly braced wings and tail, beautifully cleaned out; 3, Ross, yell., mkd. both eyes, lovely shape, sweet head, grand col. and qual., beautifully rounded, well braced wings and tail; 4, vhc, Nicholson, even mkd., scarcely so well rounded as leader, or so neat in eye mkd., lovely col. and qual., grand car.; hc, Smart; c, Briggs. HEN (31): A grand lot. 1, Gilchrist, yell., gem all over, lovely shape, grandly rounded back and breast, sweet head and neck, lovely col., close feather, beautifully cut away, grand wings and tail; 2, Rowell, buff, another sweet lady, grandly rounded, exquisitely feathered, lovely head and neck, grand col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 3, J. H. Elliott, yell., magnificent col., lovely feather, bit shorter in body, perhaps, yet lovely shape, sweet head, grandly braced wings and tail; 4, hc, Montgomery, yell. green, grand col., sound all through, good shape, lovely feather, nice head, closely packed wings and tail; vhc, Peel; c, Affleck. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (14): 1, Johnston, green, topper, lovely col., pure and level all through, sound wings, grand shape, sweet head, beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, Whittaker, Cinn., beauty for shape, grandly rounded, lovely sound col., pure and bright, level in tone, sweet head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail; 3, Affleck, green, lovely shape, well rounded, good level col., but a bit tighter in tone than leader, nice wings, grand qual.; 4, Kirkpatrick, Cinn., bit heavier build, grand tone of col., but scarcely so level throughout, fine shape, sweet head, grandly braced wings and tail; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Stephenson; c, Greenwell. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Montgomery, two beauties, Cinn. leading, beauty for shape, grandly rounded, lovely col., pure and level in tone, sweet head and neck, neat wings and tail, exquisitely feathered, 4th, green, fine shape, good head and neck, good body col., level in tone, but scarcely so sound in wings, clean cut; 2, 3, hc, Johnston, lovely team, leader green, magnificent shape, beautiful shade of col., very level throughout, sound in wings, sweet head, grandly braced wings and tail, grand quality, 3rd, green, hardly the grand shape of leaders, lovely col., bright and pure, nice head and neck, beautifully cut away; vhc, Affleck; c, Kirkpatrick. NOV. (31): 1, Greason, cl. yell., topper for shape, beautifully rounded, rich col., very level, exquisite feather, tight as a bottle, sweet head and neck, grandly packed wings and tail; 2, 4, Davison, leader Cinn. yell., magnificent shape, lovely col. and qual., grandly rounded back, sweet head, close tight feather, grandly cleaned out, grand wings and tail, 4th, yell. green, fine shape, well rounded back, lovely col., rich and pure, close, boxy feather, fine carriage; 3, hc, Bainbridge, cl. buff, grand shape, well rounded, sweet head and neck, rich col., good qual., grandly braced wing and tail, a good one; vhc, Howe; c, Salkeld. SCOTCH FANCY (3): 1, 2, Thompson Bros., two nice ones, leader grand substance, very thick through, grand drive and reach, good length, very nervy, and quick in action, takes special best Scotch, 2nd, even more quick in action than leader, but not so thick through, grand reach, most decided drive, good side, gets tail well under, loses only in subs.; 3, Rendle, smaller and slimmer, good drive and reach, quick and nervy. LIZ., CL. CAP (12): 1, sp., best in section; c, Hyslop, silver, nice size and shape, well rowed back, but not very distinct in spangle, and a bit light in ground col., some thought lucky; 2, Hamer, lovely gold, grand size, rich in ground col., lovely broad, clean cut cap, clear, distinct spangle, a bit faulty on one side, perhaps, yet a good one; 3, hc, Ollerenshaw, silver leading, larger than leader, fine shape, lovely back, work, spangling clear and distinct, fine shaped cap, lovely lacing, sound coloured feet and toes, we thought better bird than leader; 4, Reid, gold, not the size of leaders, but the best rowed back in class, clear, distinct spangling, nice shaped cap, good sound col.; vhc, Barnes. BROKEN (13): 1, 2, Barnes, two gems, leader gold, lovely ground col., grandly rowed back, beautifully spangled, nice size, good body work, 2, silver, fine size, nice ground col., nice back, spangling clear and distinct, and laid on in regular order; 3, Hamer, gold, lovely col., nice back work, but scarcely so regular as leaders, nice size and shape; 4, Hyslop, silver, lovely size and shape, plenty of back work well rowed, but a wee bit cloudy, nicely laced body; vhc, Ollerenshaw; hc, c, Riseborough, several grand Lizards standing cardless here.

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Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (17): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Martin and Archer, lovely team, noted Greenie-Chaffie leading, fine size and shape, and put down in absolutely perfect condition, takes special for best in section, 2nd, noted nearly cl. Greenie-Can., grand size, lovely shape, magnificent col., lovely feather and condition, 4th, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., magnificent size, wonderful col., lovely flushed face and wings, shown in the pink of condition; vhc, very fine Can.-Bullie, fine size and shape, good col. and condition; 3, Inman, lovely Goldie-Bullie, grand size, wonderful col., lovely face and breast, put down in the best possible condition; hc, Butler; c, Pickles. DARK (17): Wonderful class: 1, Parlett, noted yell. Greenie Mule, rare size and shape, wonderful col. and condition, adding another to his many firsts, now named "Sheffield Star," we think "Universal Star" would be more appropriate, as he is practically unbeatable; 2, Gilchrist, celebrated Goldie Mule, "Border King," gem for size and shape, wonderful col., magnificent face and wings, polished to perfection, and shown in tip-top condition; 3, Metcalfe, yell. Linnet-Can., one of the best, wonderful size, magnificent shape, lovely col. and polish, the pink of perfection, well named "Nut Brown"; 4, Johnston, with his celebrated Siskin-Can., "Kelly," about the best yell. Siskin Mule on the show benches, wonderful size and shape, grand col., and staged in the finest possible condition, four of the best Mules living, and worth going a long way to see; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Sykes; c, Bowerbank Bros. LINNET, H.M. (19): 1, vhc, Inman, medium size, nice shape, lovely pencilling, clear and distinct, we thought a bit flat in col.; 2, Glaister, topper for size, fine shape, beautifully pencilled, but scarcely so profuse on breast, lovely col., in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Parlett, leader "Pitsmoor Lad," magnificent size and shape, wonderful col., beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct all over, put down in perfect form, and very hard to find fault with, 4th, "Knockout," well named, a gem for size and shape, beautiful back and breast, not so well laced under as 2nd or 3rd, or so grandly polished, yet a gem; hc, Kaye and Cook; c, Irvine. F.M. (25): 1, Hughes, a topper, medium size, lovely shape, beautifully pencilled all over, clear and distinct, grand col., fine condition, and as steady as a rock; 2, 4, Bell and Nelson, scarcely the same, grand shape of leader, lovely pencilling, grand all over, lovely head and back, grand rich col., put down in grand condition and feather, another topper, 4th, another gem for work, fine size and shape, good col., grandly pencilled, but hardly so clear or distinct as leader, lovely condition; 3, vhc, Mrs. Handley, scarcely the grand rich col. of leaders, beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, nice size and shape, lovely condition and feather; hc, Parlett; c, Fletcher. GOLDFINCH, BULLFINCH (25): 1, Almond, medium size, lovely rich col. face, pure in tone, beautifully polished, lovely tanning, grand wings and tail, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Metcalfe, another grand Goldie, same size and shape as winner, lovely cl. cut blaze, pure and rich in colour, a shade lighter in tanning, yet a grand Goldie, and put down in perfect condition; 3, Wilcock, Bullie, grand size, true shape, short and cobby, wonderful body col., lovely clean cut, dense col. cap, nice back and wing bars; 4, Woods, scarcely so chubby as 3rd, yet a lovely Bullie, grand rich body col., splendid clear cut cap, dense in col., shown in the pink of condition, but meets a champion to-day; vhc, Brown; hc, Wilson; c, Lane. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, 2, Nicholson, leader Twite, not a big one, but a beauty for pencilling, clear and distinct all over, lovely col., grand polish and condition; 2, Siskin, fine size, lovely col., nice clear cut cap, beautifully laced, nice flank markings, lovely condition; 3, Bruce, lovely Lesser Redpoll, fine size and shape, grand rich col., well laced, beautiful condition and feather; 4, Sykes, Twite, bigger than leader, but not so good in ground col., or so profuse in pencilling, yet a grand one, fine polish and condition; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Pickles; c, Robson and March. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Parlett, stormer, wonderful shape, short and thick set, lovely head, grand rich level col., put down in perfect condition and feather; 2, Metcalfe, scarcely so bold and fearless as leader, yet a champion, grand col., rich and level in tone, nice size and shape, lovely feather and condition; 3, vhc, Pickles, short thick-set bird, lovely shape, grand rich col., but scarcely so level in tone as leaders, rare head, neck and chest, shown in the pink; 4, Irvine, lacks the subs. of leaders, but grand shape, lovely col. and qual., good head, neck and chest, and again shown in perfect condition; hc, Waters; c, Jepson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, 4, Sykes, leader lovely Bramble, we think a champion, grand size

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and shape, lovely body col., carried well down, grand head, beautifully spangled back, well laced flanks, lovely feather and condition, 4th, a grand Challie, not a big one, but a beauty for col., lovely cap, grand whites, extra feather and condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, Challie, a real topper, grand size and shape, wonderful body col., lovely rich col. cap, grand whites, in perfect condition and as steady as a rock; 3, Nicholson, Bramble, not the size of leader, yet a grand one for shape, lovely spangling, grand body col., carried well down, well laced, lovely feather and condition; vhc, Parlett; hc, Wilson; c, McGuire. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, vhc, Bruce, Cornbunting leading, grand size and shape, lovely col., beautifully pencilled, very profuse all over, and as steady as a rock; 2, Parlett, Hawfinch, topper, grand size and shape, wonderful body col., grand level col. head, nice bib, lovely wings, in perfect feather, 3, Lane, Yellowhammer, not a big one, but most beautiful col., grand and rich in tone, good head markings, very clear, lovely condition; 4, Sykes, Hawfinch, unfortunately died just a few minutes before we got to it, apparently it had a fit, but it seemed to be a very fine bird, and we sympathise with the owner in his loss; hc, Waters; c, Gardner. SOFTBILL (14): 1, Scott, well-known Chough, magnificent size, lovely col., lovely legs and beak, fine glossy plumage, shown in perfect condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, Grey Wagtail, we understand it to have been bred in an aviary, magnificent size and shape, lovely col., shown in absolutely faultless condition, a real treat; 3, Bruce, well-known Song Thrush, "Border Queen," lovely size and shape, grandly spotted, clear and distinct, lovely feather and condition; 4, Taylor, Dartford Warbler, in lovely plumage, grand col., lovely condition; vhc, Hattersley, Lesser Whitethroat; hc, Parnaby, Missel Thrush; c, Addison, Blackbird. FOR., SMALL (15): 1, 3, Arnott, leader lovely yellow-winged Sugar Bird, shown in absolutely perfect feather, a glorious exhibit, and takes special for best foreign; 3, Tricolour Tanager, marvellous col., bright and glossy, in delightful condition, and a source of admiration to visitors; 2, hc, Young, lovely pair of Diamond Finches, grand col., and in perfect feather; 4, Almond, Cordon Bleu, a treat to look upon, lovely colours, beautiful feather and condition; vhc, Minnitt, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird; c, Almond, Cuban Finches; No. 2, Nicholson and Son, another Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, a bit rare, we think, three Sugar Birds in one class. LARGE (5): 1, Hattersley, long tail Glossy Starling, lovely exhibit, in splendid plumage; 2, 4, Scott, King Parrot leading, in magnificent col., rare feather and condition, 4th, Yellow-naped Parrakeet, in colours of the brightest hue, put down in extra condition; 3, Christer, Red-naped Lorikeet, in fine col and condition, and tighter than when we saw him last; vhc, Butler, Ceram Lory. MEMBERS'; NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Riseborough. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Riseborough, absent, Reid. MKD. (6): 1, 3, Riseborough; 2, vhc, Reid; 4, hc, Smith. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Riseborough. DARK CREST (6): 1, 4, hc, Farrer; 2, 3, vhc, Swan. C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Swan. A.O.V. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Swan. PAIRS (2): 1, 2, Swan. BORD. YELL. (19): 1, 2, 4, A. Walker; 3, c, T. Davison; vhc, hc, J. M. Walker. BUFF (10): 1, 2, A. Walker; 3, 4, vhc, hc, J. M. Walker; c, Swan. MKD. (12): 1, 4, T. Davison; 2, vhc, c, A. Walker; 3, Copeland; hc, J. M. Walker. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, A. Walker; 3, 4, J. M. Walker. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Swan; 2, 4, hc, c, Riseborough. BUFF (13): I, 2, Riseborough; 3, Gray; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Swan; c, J. M. Walker. YORKS., A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Kennerson. PAIRS (9): 1, vhc, Riseborough; 2, 3, hc, Kennerson; 4, c, Swan. LIZ., GOLD CL. CAP (1): 1, Riseborough. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Riseborough. BROKEN CAP (5): I, 2, 3, Riseborough; 4, vhc, Peacock. LINNET (1): 1, Machin. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, Waters; 4, c, Riseborough; vhc, J. M. Walker; hc, Pitt. MULE (2): 1, Pitt; 2, Waters. PAIRS FOR BREEDING (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Riseborough; 3, 4, Swan. CAN., A.O.V. (3): 1, 2 Swan; absent, Davison.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Club show held January 11th, at the Textile Dining Hall, kindly placed at our disposal by the members of the Oldham C.B.S. There were six champion and two novice classes for Lancashires, which brought the enormous total of ten entries, belonging respectively to Messrs. Filton and Kay, the latter gentleman, though qualified to enter the novice classes, entered them in the champion section. It is hard to understand the reason for such a paltry entry right here in the heart of the breeders of the Lancashire Canary fancy, and this in spite of a specialist judge in Mr. John Garner. The Lizards however turned up to the number of 62, and must have found Mr. Garner some work in the eight champion and four novice classes provided. In this section friend Hampshire showed a team of ten, but owing to being too busy to wash them, he paid for his loyalty to the society by being pegged back in some cases through the want of a wash. The gate was very small, no doubt owing to the awful weather. Mr. Fitton won the Toronto medal for best Lancs., with his yell. P.H.; Mr. F. Hamer, Toronto medal with his cl. cap silver cock, and second best Lizard with his cl. cap gold cock; Mr. Rukin won Ramsden's spl. with his cl. gold "Ray of Gold." There were fifteen Lizards in the novice classes, Messrs. Bosworth and Lord getting all the honours. Mr. John Garner was judge, and we heard very little grumbling. Mr. John Ogden, the old-time Lizard statwart, came and looked us up. We also met Messrs. Robert Barrass and W. Hardy, and the only regret we had not a bigger muster for their inspection.

LANC., YELL. COPPY: 1, Fitton. BUFF: 1, 2, Fitton; 3, Kay. YELL. H.P.: 1 and Toronto medal, Fitton: 2, Kay. BUFF: 1, Kay; 2, Fitton. COPPY HEN: 1, Kay. P.H. HEN: 1, Fitton. LIZ., GOLD CL.: 1, spl., 2 best Liz., Hamer; 2, Barnes; 3, spl., Rukin; 4, Ollerenshaw: vhc, hc, Hampshire. SILVER: 1, Toronto medal, Hamer; 2, 3, Ollerenshaw: 4, Rukin: vhc, hc, Hampshire. GOLD B.C.: 1, 2, 4, Ollerenshaw; 3, Barnes; vhc, Hamer; hc, Rukin; c, Hampshire. SILVER: 1, W. P. Barnes; 2. Hamer: 3, 4 Ollerenshaw; vhc, Rukin; hc, Hampshire. GOLD HENS, C.C.: 1, 2, Rukin; 3, Ollerenshaw; 4 Barnes: vhc, Hamer; hc, Hampshire. SILVER: 1, Barnes; 2, Rukin; 3, Ollerenshaw; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Hamer. GOLD HEN, B.C.: I, Hamer; 2, 3, Ollerenshaw: 4, Rukin; vhc, Hampshire. SILVER: 1, 2, Rukin; 3, Hamer; 4, Ollerenshaw; vhc, Ollerenshaw; hc, Hampshire. NOV., LIZ., GOLD: 1, 4, Bosworth; 2, 3, Lord. SILVER: 1, 2, Lord; 3, 4, Bosworth. GOLD HEN: 1, 3, Lord; 2, Bosworth. SILVER, A.V.: 1, 2, Lord; 3, 4, Bosworth.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

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Annual open show of Canaries held Jan. 18, in the Whetley Lane Council Schools, Girlington, Bradford, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Yorks. C.C., and the Nat. Green Mkd. Y.C.C.. Mr. J. Bailey judged, his awards meeting with satisfaction throughout. This show was the last to be held under the auspices of the Yorkshire Union for this season, and closes what appears to have been the worst in regard to entries for some considerable time. A schedule of 25 classes had been issued, and these drew together an entry of 233 only; several classes were only awarded half prize-money, and even then it leaves the society with a big loss to face. The show is under splendid management and everything passed off satisfactorily. Messrs. Western and Kilburn, as joint secretaries worked hard, and they were well backed up by a responsible committee, including, amongst others, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Pres.), Messrs. Hammond, Whitley, Mountain, W. Crabtree, Vice-Pres.; Messrs. Butterfield, Nelson, Longbottom, Craven, Watson, Wallbank, Bennett, Cooper, etc., assisting in the general work.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YKS. (9): 1, Radley, nice length and very straight, good back and wings, rare qual. and col.; 2, Ogden Bros., rattling type, good shoulders, well up in position, lovely feather; 3, Grayshon, grand length and shape, straight, well filled back, nice qual.; 4, Clegg, lengthy and typical, rare wings, good head, nice qual.; vhc, c, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Elsegood. BUFF (10): 1, Clegg, grand shape, well cut away from the shoulders, fine position, rare qual., fails a little in wing carr.; 2, Radley, plenty of length, good shape, nice stock bird; 3, Dyson, rattling shape and style, nice head, lovely qual.; 4, Ogden Bros., fine type, neat narrow shoulders, lovely feather; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Dykes; c, Holden. TICK YELL. (13): 1, Binns, good length, and shape, leggy and fine position, good head and back, trifle raw in feather; 2, Crabtree, fine length and shape, straight, leggy, nice col. and qual.; 3, Towers, neat, narrow shoulders, well drawn out, nice qual., pale col.; 4, Dyson, extra shape and style, leggy, lovely qual., neat; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Dykes; c, Cruise. BUFF (6): 1, Binns, grand wedge shape, straight as a rush, good back and wings, lovely qual.; 2, Radley, grand type and position, good shoulders, well filled neck, lovely qual.; 3, Dyson, lovely position, full of nerve, fine qual. and col.: 4, Whitley, grand shape and position, lovely head, neck and back, fails a little under; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Morrison, grand shooty shape, lengthy, leggy, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Huddleston, extra style, typical, marvellous qual.; 3, Radley, rattling shape, leggy, lovely back and wings, grand qual.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, grand type, good head and back, full of qual. and col.; vhc, Lunn; hc, Peel; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas, fine length and shape, lovely head, leggy, extra qual.; 2, Ogden Bros., grand type, extra well up in position, marvellous qual. and col.; 3, Myers and Lumb, fine length and shape, good head and back, perfect feather; 4, Binns, extra shape and leg, good position, neat feather, smart; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Morrison. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Stables, good shape, nice head, well carried wings and tail, extra qual.; 4th, extra shape and length, nice position, fair qual.; 2, F. Crabtree, fine shape and position, grand head and back, lovely qual.; 3, Thomas, lengthy, grand shape, lovely head and back, gem for qual., bit soft; vhc, Cruise; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Clegg, leader very lengthy and good shape, well filled all through, nice position, rare qual.; 4th, good shape, lovely head, extra qual.; 2, Thornton and Bower, grand shape, straight as a rush, perfect qual.; 3, Tideswell, great length, grand back and wings, full of qual.; vhc, Peel.; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Dyson. GR. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, Morrison, mkd. wing, eyes, cheek, grand shape, beautifully drawn out, leggy, lovely position, rattling quality; 2, Wilkinson Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, cheek, nice length, narrow shoulders, tapering well away, lovely wings and tail, gem for qual., close up; 3, Hall, mkd. wings, cheeks, neat shape and good position, rare col. and qual.; 4, Ogden Bros., 4-pointed, good shape and stylish, natty, neatly clothed; vhc, Thomas; hc, Craven; c, Mason. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Dykes, winner noted bird, mkd. wings, cheeks, breast, marvellous shape and position, brimful qual. and col.; 4th, mkd. wing, eyes, head, good type and style, well cut away, well filled back, neat feather: 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, eye, grand length and shape, lovely qual.; 3, Morrison, mkd. wings, eyes, head, splendid length, good shape, well filled neck, nice qual.; vhc, Dyson; hc, Hall; c, Towers. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Stobart, mkd. wing, eyes, grand shape, fine posit., neat head, round as an apple, lovely feather, gem; 2, c, Thomas, mkd. wings, eyes, neat type and very stylish, good qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing, cheek, head, leggy and full of style, nice type, good quality; 4, Dyson, foul mkd., very showy, nice type, rare feather; vhc, Craven; hc, Towers. BUFF (5): 1, Mason, mkd. wings, marvellous qual., fine shape and position, well filled all through, beauty; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, similar, mkd. wings, grand shape and position, grand wing carr., lovely feather; 3, Morrison, mkd. wings, eyes, cheek, typical and well up in position, nice qual.; 4, Dykes, mkd. wings, eyes, head, nice length, good shape, rattling back, neat feather; vhc, Hall. NOV. members of Yorks. Union. CL. OR TICK. YELL. YORKS. (15): 1, Midgley, grand length, neat narrow shoulders, full of nerve, leggy, lovely qual.; 2, hc, Naylor, grand length and shape, lovely wings and tail, gem for feather; 3, Bennett, good size and shape, leggy and well up in position, nice qual.; 4, Marshall Bros., good shape, extra col., neat feather; vhc, Padgett; c, Hird. BUFF (17): 1, Marshall Bros., straight, fair shape, nice col. and qual.; 2, Hird, grand shape and style, good head, neat wings and tail, nice qual.; 3, Fisher: good shape, nice head and back, lovely qual.; 4, Naylor, nice type, very clean made, extra col. and qual.; vhc, Midgley; hc, Ward; c, Fisher and Dyson. GR. MKD. (14): 1, Wood, buff, mkd. wings, cheeks, good type and style, rare qual., neat; 2, 3, Binns, yell. leading, 4-pointed, grand shape, leggy and extra position, neatly feathered; 3rd, buff, mkd. wings, eyes, good shape and qual., nice position, very compact; 4. Grange, yell., very lengthy and slim, long wings, nice shape, good qual. and col.: vhc, Helliwell; hc, Naylor; c, Padgett. CINN. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Wood, buff, mkd. wings, eyes, grand shape and position, plenty of size, rare qual.; 2, 3, Binns, yell. leading, mkd. wings, eyes, great length, nice cut, good wings, neat qual.; 3rd, buff, mkd. wings, eyes, good type, marvellous qual., neat; 4, Helliwell, yell., excellent length, slim, nice qual. HEN (5): 1, Hodgson, yell., slim, lovely shape, stands like a soldier, good feather; 2, Ward, yell., mkd. wing, head, great length, good shape, splendid position, leggy, neat feather; 3, Woad, yell., wing and eye mkd., good shape, extra qual.; 4, Wood, yell., mkd. wing, eyes, well up and leggy, good type, grand quality; vhc, Woad. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Beaumont, grand length and shape, rattling position, leggy, marvellous qual. and col., very compact; 2, Hainsworth and Son, slim, nice shape, nicely cut away, good head and wings, lovely qual.; 3, Bennett, good shape, well cut away, straight, neat feather; 4, Marshall Bros., leggy and good type, rare qual.; vhc, c, Naylor; hc, Gledhill. BUFF (14). 1, Hodgson, splendid type and style, grand wing carriage, lovely feather; 2, Rhodes, very straight, good wedge shape, nice position, extra qual.; 3, Beaumont, bonny type, leggy, extra qual., clean made; 4, Gledhill, good shoulders and well drawn out, nice feather; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Midgley; c, Mountain. GR. MKD. HEN (7): 1, Bower, buff, mkd. wing, breast, bonny type and style, perfect feather; 2, Hird, buff, mkd. wing and head, extra qual. and col., nice shape, full of style; 3, Gledhill, yell., grand length and shape, well on legs, fair qual.; 4, Naylor, yell., mkd. wings and head, slim, extra well up in position, smart feather; vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, Hainsworth; c, Padgett. NOR. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Ingham, buff mkd., grand shape, marvellous sub., cobby head, rattling qual. and col.; 2, c, Birbeck, yell., grand unflig., nice shape, rare head, good sub., splendid qual.; 3, 4, Watson, buff and yell., buff good shape, rare top end, nice qual.; yell., nice size and type, full of qual. and col.: hc, Kaberry. HEN (5): 1, Birbeck, yell., grand shape and size, rare head, gem for qual. and col.; 2, Watson, buff mkd., short and cobby, nice head, good qual.; 3, 4, Ingham, buff and yell., both good type and sub.; vhc, Kaberry.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY SOCIETY.

Fifth annual contest in the Textile Hall, Bury, Jan. 17 and 18; this hall lends itself very favourably for the purpose, it being of an equable temperature, well lighted, and having a good ventilation without draught; as an extra precaution to avoid the latter a large heavy curtain was suspended across the entrance. The birds received every possible care and attention, in the hands of that courteous and indefatigable trio, the Percivals, who were assisted from time to time by a willing band of stewards. Amongst the visitors were Mr. Ives, of Grimsby, to whom we offer our congratulations as winner for the current year of the Provincial trophy, Mr. Barnett, Leeds, Mr. Wirth, Liverpool, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Evans, Wrexham. Several well-known faces were absent, and their owners missed a treat. The judges were Mr. Wm. Massey, classes I and 7, Mr. Geo. Wareing, classes 3 and 4, Mr. Jas. Lyons, class 5, and Mr. Jaquemin, classes 2 and 6. Their decisions appeared to give general satisfaction. The committee thank all who subscribed to the prize fund and gave specials with an ungrudging hand. In class 1 the prize-money was £1 6s. 6d., ten specials, and a silver cup, presented by Mr. Lester. Class 2, £1 2s., a silver cup, presented by Mr. Kremner, who did not compete for same, and five specials. Class 3, £1 2s., six specials, and a silver medal, from the B.R.C.C., for best rung bird. Class 4, £1 6s. 6d., and 11 specials. Class 5, £2 10s. Class 6, £1 6s. 6d. and seven specials. Class 7, £1 2s. and four specials. Diplomas were given by the P.R.C.C. for the best birds in Classes 1 to 6, inclusive. A further special was presented by Mr. A. Frith to the member gaining most points in Classes 1 and 4. Mr. Smalley also presented a Roller hen to each member owner of the best Water Glucke, in Classes 1, 3, and 4, Mr. Groves also presented a bass of fish for most entries in Class 1, and a bass for most points gained throughout the show. Quite a novel feature in the way of specials took the form of a highly finished sketch portrait, executed by Mr. Percival, jun., and presented by Mr. Andrew Percival. The writer considers himself fortunate in winning one of these unique specials. All the birds, excepting those which were taken away by their owners on Saturday evening, were held over until Monday, and we trust that they all reached their homes in good condition.—Joseph Tomlinson.

The Awards.

The following abbreviations are used:—hr Hollow Roll, k Knorre, hb Hollow Bell, s Schockel, g Glucke, wg Water Glucke, f Flute Notes, dbw Deep B.W. Tour, wr Water Roll, br Bell Roll, bt Bell Tour, ge General Effect.

Class 1, CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD: 1, Twigg, hr 4, k 5, hb 3, s 2, f 1, dbw 2, wr 3, br 1, bt 1, ge 4, total 26; 2, Neugebauer, hr 4, k4 hr 3, g 3, wg 3, f 2, dbw, 2, br 2, ge 4, less 1 for Aufzug, total 26; 3, Ives, hr 4, k 5, hb 3, wg 4, f 1, dbw 3, wr 2, bt I, ge 5, less 1 for sharp effect, and 1 for interjections, total 26; 4, Neugebauer, hr 5, k 4, hr 2, s 2, wg 3, f 2, dbw 3, br 1, ge, 4, less 1 aufzug, total 25; 5, Humphries, 23; 6, Ives, 23; 7, Turner, 22; vhc, Cole; hc, Turner; c, Ridings; c, Simpson. Class 2, OPEN CHAMPION: 1, Humphries, hr 6, k 4, s 4, g 4, wg 3, f 3, br 2, bt 1, ge 4, total 31: 2, Harrison, hr 6, k 3, s 4, g 4, wg 3, f 3, wr, 2, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 31; 3, Kremner, hr 6, k 4, hr 2, s 4, g 1, f 3, br 2, bt, 1, ge 4, total 30; 4, Humphries, hr 6, k 4, s 4, g 3, wg 3, f 2, wr 2, br 1, bt 1, ge 4, total 30; 5, Harrison, 29; 6, Kremner, 28; vhc, Humphries, 28; vhc, Twigg, Turner, Kilshaw; hc, Rhodes, Cole; c, Harper, Simpson. Class 3, AMATEUR: 1, Hepworth, hr 6, k 3, hb 3, s 3, g 2, wg 2, f 2, dbw 1, ge 5, total 27; 2, Lockwood, hr 6, k 5, hb 2, s 2, wg 2, f 3, br 2, ge 4, total 26; 3, Smethurst, hr 5, k 4, hb 3, s 3, wg 2, f 3, bt 1, ge 4, total 25; 4, Tomlinson, hr 5, k 4, hb 2, wg 3, f 3, dbw 2, bt 1, ge 4, total 24; vhc, Johnson, 23; Smethurst, 23; Hepworth, 23; hc, Stolle (2); Johnson; c, Stolle, Smalley, Class 4, NOVICE, YOUNG BIRDS: 1, Firth, hr 6, k 5, hb 2, f 2, dbw 2, br 2, ge 4, total 26; 2, Preston, hr 6, k 2, hb 2, s 3, wg 2, f 3, dbw 1, wr 2, ge 4, total 25: 3, Peel, hr 6, k 3, hb 2, s 3, f 3, wr 2, br 1, ge 4, total 24; 4, Mawhood, hr 5, k 3, s 3, f 2, dbw 1, wr 2, br 1, bt 2, ge 4, total, 23; 5, 6, Kehayoglou, 23 and 22; 7, Groves, 22; vhc, Evans, Best (2). Groves, Mason; hc, Peel, Smith, Mead, Rawcliffe; c, Rawcliffe, Smalley, Mason. Class 5, TEAM: 1, Turner, 86 pts.; 2, Percival, 85; 3, Neugebauer, 84; 4, Humphries, 84; 5, Smethurst, 83; 6, Harrison, 78. Class 6, OPEN NOVICE: I, Mason, hr 6, k 4, hb 2, s 3, ge 2, wg 2, f 4, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 29; 2, Heaton, hr 6, k 3, hb 2, s 4, g 2, wg 2, f 3, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 28; 3, Brown, hr 6, k 3, hb 2, s 3, g 2, wg 2, f 3, br 2, bt 1, ge 4, total 28; 4, Wilson, hr 6, k 4, s 4, g 3, wg 2, f 2, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 27; 5, Portlock, 27; 6, Grainger, 26; 7, Mason, 26; vhc, Aspinall, Peel, Crouch, Rothwell, Mawhood, Smalley; hc, Aspinall, Wilson (2); c, Foulds, Mawhood, Flitcroft, Brooks. Class 7, SELLING: 1, Kremner, 23; 2, Lester, 22; 3, Kremner, 20: 4, Ives, 19; vhc, Turner, Wareing; hc, Lester; c, Lester, Kremner, Wareing, Cole.

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The Critique.

BELGIAN OR SCOTCH FANCY: Cancelled. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Neville, grand length, good type and shape, even col., soon in position, well up on leg, good condition; 2, c, Devins, grand type and shape, good qual. of feather, plenty of length, nice col., fails in condition to winner; 3, Lee, grand condition, lovely qual. of feather, nice even col., good shape, well on leg, grand position; hc, Hawkins. HEN: 1, Buckley, lovely shape and type, grand length, neat head, well proportioned neck and body, good even colour, neat qual. of feather, straight as a rush; 2, 3, Hawkins, wonderfully tight, good qual., close and compact, good shape, grand body, plenty of leg, fails in head, 3rd, sweet moulded bird, grand shape and type, good even col., sound in position, but a little flat on head; vhc, Cottretll; hc, Lee; c, Neville. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Mills, grand length, best of shape, lovely head, neck and body, straight as a rush, extra col., grand qual. of feather, a gem; 2, Hawkins, good length and size, grand qual. of feather, little strong in head, good body and condition; 3, hc, Neville, lovely rich, sound, even col., nice length, neat head, neck and body, little course on breast, in faultless condition; vhc, c, O'Reilly. HEN: 1, Hawkins, grand shape, good head, neck and body, lovely qual. of feather, grand car. of wings and tail, well up on leg, faultless condition, 3rd, Hawkins, extra length, good shape, even col., grand qual. of feather, in the pink of condition, a little nervous; 2, Devins, one of the best for shape and type, lovely head, neck and body, graud shape, proportionate, nice quality, fails a bit in carriage of wings and tail; vhc, Forrest; hc, c, Neville. CINN. OR CINN. MKD. CK.: Cancelled. HEN: 1, c, Hawkins, yell.-mkd. wings, eyes and right side of neck, good length, lovely col., grand shape and size, very steady, soon in position, even car. of wings and tail wins; 2, Lynch, buff-mkd. wings, and right side of neck, extra shape and type, grand head, neck and body, grand qual. of feather, shown to perfection; 3, Neville, buff mkd. wings, eyes and crown of head, one of the best for good, even, sound col., and quality of feather, nice type, plenty of length, but fails in wing car.; vhc, hc, Buckley. A.O.C. CK.: 1, Hawkins, yell. tkd. on neck, extra type and even col., lovely quality of feather, grand length, nice type for head, neck and body, perfect condition; 2, 3, Buckley, varieg. buff mkd. wings and eyes, beautiful even, sound, level col., rich tone, grand qual. of feather, nice stand, beautiful type, runs winner very close, 3rd, yell. tkd., hot even col., good shape and type, nice qual. of feather, in good order; vhc, Neville; hc, Lee; c, Forrest. HEN: 1, c, Forrest, varieg. yell., good length and shape, nice col., well up on leg, neat qual. of feather, very typical; 2, Hawkins, heavily varieg. yell., lovely col. and qual. of feather, nice type and stand, little short in body; 3, O'Reilly, varieg. yell., good col. and qual., but unsteady, nice shape, in sound condition; vhc, Neville; hc, Lee. Confined to persons who have never won a money-prize open. COCK (11): 1, 2, c, Mills, varieg. yell., grand type and shape, steady as a rock, lovely col. and qual., even car. of wings and tail, in good form, 2nd, cl. yell., unflighted, good sound, even col., good type, not one of the largest, neat head, close car. of wing and tail, shown to perfection; 3, Morgan, buff mkd. head, nice type and shape, good col. and qual. of feather, very good condition; vhc, Dalton; hc, Lynch. HEN (10): 1, hc, c, Mills, cl. yell., lovely type and shape, neat head, neck and body, well up on perch, good col. and qual. of feather, in good form; 2, vhc, Morgan, cl. yell., equal in shape and size, good qual. of feather, straight as a rush, fails in evenness of col., in good form; 3, Dalton, cl. buff, plenty of length, good type and shape, nice qual. of feather, even col., in good order. CREST OR C.B.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Lee, Buff D.C., nice formation and droop, good radiation, well filled centre wins; 2, Mulcahy, varieg. buff C.B., good top piece, grand width of head feather, nice cushioned head, in good condition; 3, Thornhill, Buff D.C., grand body, nice qual. of feather, stout body, but crest wet when judged. CL. YELL. OR MKD. CK.: 1, sp., best Nor., Cottrell, varieg. yell., nice shape and size, good col. and qual. of feather, well over perch, neat head, shade too long behind, but wins well; 2, O'Reilly, mkd. head and wings, large bird, but soft when judged, nice type, good body, a little browed, in good condition; 3, hc, Travers, tkd. neck and rump, good head and body, nice qual. of feather and col., too long in flights and tail; vhc, Devins; c, Forrest. HEN: 1, 3, O'Reilly, varieg., nice type and shape, well over perch, plenty of size, good head and body, in good order, 3rd, cl. yell., nice col. and shape, nice head, and body, well over perch, little open in feather; 2, Devins, varieg., equal in shape, type and body, good col. and qual. of feather, nice position, little small in head; vhc, Forrest; hc, Mulcahy; c, Travers. CL. BUFF OR MKD. CK.: 1, Devins, cl. buff, very typical, good shape and type, on short legs, even col., nice qual. of feather; 2, 3, Forrest, rich in col., good type, excellent feather, but fails in substance to winner, 3rd, plenty of size, good shape and type, nice col., good condition, not so clean cut away; vhc, hc, c, O'Reilly. HEN: 1, O'Reilly, varieg., good type and shape, lovely col. and qual. of feather, nice head and body, on good short legs, in fine trim; 2, 3, vhc, Forrest, heavily mkd., good shape and subs., even col., nice qual. of feather, short flights and tail, runs winner close, 3rd, cl. buff, good type and shape, broad chest and back, well over perch, but fails in substance; hc, c, Travers. Artisan or labourers resident in City or County of Cork: 1, Dalton, cl. yell. Yorks., good length, shape and size, nice even col., shown in good form; 2, Sweeney, cl. yell., nat. col, rare length and col., well up on perch, little open in feather; 3, Buckley, yell. Yorks., nice length and shape, good even col. and qual. of feather, little wild when judged; vhc, Buckley; hc, Riordan. MULES, GOLDF., DK.: 1, Kennedy, Dark Jonque, nice size and shape, grand, rich, even colour, lovely blaze, wins easy; 2, Forrest, nice colour and size, lovely feather, well mkd., in good trim; 3, Dawson, Jonque, nice size and shape, good col. and qual. of feather, fails a bit in size to others; vhc, Barrett; hc, Croinin. GOLDFINCH: 1, Mulcahy, a gem, good size, lovely qual. of feather, grand rich scarlet blaze, good hood, well tanned breast, good bars, well mooned, faultless condition; 2, Kennedy, lovely Finch, larger blaze, good shape and size, grand hood, back and bars, fails in car. of wings and tail, still a good one; 3, Dawson, sweet, compact Finch, lovely blaze, well tanned breast, good back, bars and buttons, blacker in face; vhc, Armstein; hc, Good; c, Patterson. LINNET: 1, Mulcahy, gem for size and col., rich even, nutty brown, well laced, splendid whites, good size and shape, excellent condition; 2, Armstein, one of the largest for size, good col., head and body, well laced breast and sides, fails in compact, body feather; 3, Dawson, nice shape and size, nice head and body, well laced breast and sides, good feather, fails in size to the others; vhc, c, Patterson; hc, O'Reilly. BULLFINCH: 1, Devins, splendid size, grand shape, good head and body, lovely coloured breast, grand cap and bib, clear cut bars, steady as a Robin, in good order; 2, Morgan, nice size and shape, not so steady, good col. cap and breast, clean cut bars, in good feather; 3, Dawson, sweet Finch, not the size, but lovely coloured breast, grand rich cap and bars, in grand form; vhc, Armstein; hc, Dawson; c, Mulcahy. SISKIN: 1, 2, Dawson, nice type and shape, good coloured cap, rich coloured body, nice wings and tail, well laced thighs; 2, good type, shape, rich col. bars and body, well laced, in good form; 3, Armstein, good shape, size and col., not so dense in cap, faint bib, in lovely feather; vhc, Mulcahy; hc, c, Cottrell. TWITE or REDPOLL (10): 1, vhc, hc, Armstein, Twite, rich brown col., good whites, well laced, excellent condition; 2, 3, Dawson, Lesser Redpoll, lovely rich col. cap and breast, clean cut bib, lovely condition; 3, Lesser, good bird, of rich col., nice cap and bars, well laced, minus feather in tail; c, O. Reilly. LARK: 1, vhc, Dawson, grand specimen, very steady, grand col., clean cut away, in extra form; 2, 3, Mulcahy, good shape, size, and col., very racy, neat feather and condition; 3, nice shape and size, good col. and qual. of feather, well laced, good back, neat carr.; hc, Patterson; c, Armstein. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, hc, c, Dawson, Song Thrush, lovely col., rich spangling on breast, good brown head and hack, nice shape, feathered to perfection; 2, Mulcahy, Blackbird, a little wild, rich coloured cere and bill, silky black plumage, of nice shape and size; 3, O'Reilly, fails in size, but good col. and spangled breast, in good order; vhc, Armstein. A.O. BRIT., SMALL: 1. 2, hc, c, Armstein, Waxwing, lovely feather and col., clear cut bib, lovely condition; 2nd lovely Nightingale, in good feather and condition; 3, Morgan, Hawfinch, lovely col. and feather, clear cut bib, grand bars, rich hood, in faultless condition; vhc, Cottrell.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Result of the Season's Competitions

Bradford West C.B.A. annual show brought to a termination for another season all the competitions for the various prizes offered by the Yorkshire Union, at all affiliated societies' annual open shows. Eleven union shows have been held this season, and in addition to these the Council decided to grant their full patronage to the Bradford National Cage Bird show. The last four union shows have been very hard hit in respect to the number of entries, and no doubt this state of affairs will lead to many new propositions finding a place on the ballot-paper under the heading of suggested new rules for the union members to decide at the fortbcoming ballot. It behoves every member to study very conscientiously what can be done to remedy the above state of affairs, and if possible to try and inaugurate some new scheme whereby the financial responsibilities to those societies who do hold these shows may be materially lessened. The first competition to be dealt with is that for CAGE BIRDS prizes, the following is a list of points gained at all shows (excepting Huddersfield), but only eight shows will eventually count in the final placings for the prizes, this list will be submitted to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS Prizes Committee, who will duly publish a complete list of winners, the only reason for publishing the list now is to give the competitors named a chance of comparing points and of immediately notifying me if there is any mistake, so that same can be rectified before finally submitting it to the above mentioned committee. Four highest birds only to count. Professional section, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 255 points; J. Thomas, 216; L. Dykes, 206; J. Bailey, 183; C. Morrison, 141; F. Allen, 132; H. H. Towens, 123; Sutcliffe and Son, 114; A. Brown and Son, 98; P. Mason, 90; M. Peel, 73; E. Stobart, 72; L. Dyson, 52; W. Cruise, 45; Wilkinson Bros., 43; Thornton and Bower, 36; J. Helliwell, 35; and H. J. Chittenden, 31. Amateurs: Messrs. A. Radley, 114 points; E. Clegg, 104; A. M. Craven, 69; A. Whitley, 59; S. B. Grayshon, 54; Burdekin Bros., 50; W. Stables, 42; T. Elsegood, 38; C. E. Hall, 33; S. Denby, 29; J. Lunn, 22; H. Simonett, 21; Myers and Lumb, 21; L. Jebson, 16; F. Crabtree, 16; H. Pearson, 15; J. H. Ackroyd, 14; and S. Tyas, 13; these are all eligible for the prizes providing they have exhibited at not less than five union shows, Bradford National can, of course, be counted as one of the five. The following are winners of the four gold medals, given by the union to amateurs, who had not won more than three first prizes in open competition previous to current season, Messrs. A. Radley, 114 points; E. Clegg, 114; A. M. Craven, 69; and A. Whitley, 59. For "Ramsden's" colour food prizes in the champion section, Messrs. Ogden Bros. 1, 201 points; J. Thomas, 2, 185 points; "Ramsden's" novice prizes, Messrs. S. Binns, 1, 184 points; O. E. Naylor, 2, 151 points. "Errington's" colour food prizes have been won in the champion section by Messrs. T. Elsegood, 1, 38 points; T. Tidswell, 2, 33 points; and in the novice section Messrs. J. Ward, 1, 25 points; E. Butterfield, 2, 18 points. In the competition for the Yorkshire Union gold medals in novice classes, nine in the Yorks. section, and three in Norwich, the following have been the successful competitors; Yorks, Messrs. S. Binns, 214 points; O. E. Naylor, 183; J. C. Beaumont, 118; S. Midgley, 113; B. Wood, 64; E. Saville, 61; W. Helliwell, 59; S. Wilkinson, 45; and J. Rhodes, 44 points. Nor., Messrs. H. Birbeck, 159 points; J. W. Ingham, 90; and J. A. Watson, 64. The above points are taken from the respective catalogues and should any errors be discovered competitors should at once notify me to that effect in order that the necessary correction may be made. The union prizes will be presented by the president, Mr. F. Armstrong at the annual amalgamated prize distribution and dinner in March, particulars of which will be published in this paper in due course.—H. Hill, Sec.

LEADGATE (Co. Durham).

Fourth annual show held Jan. 18, in the Bottle Bank Schoolroom, a very nice place for a show nice size, plenty of light, and quite free from draughts. Entries numbered 110, and quality in all sections was really good, with the British about the pick, although several grand birds were staged in Norwich, Yorks, and Border classes. The society is composed of a grand body of fanciers, with the genial chairman, Mr. T. Reed, at the head of affairs, and he gets through a great amount of work on behalf of the society. He is ably backed up by the Vice Chairman, Mr. E. Westthorp; Treas., Mr. J. Rowell; and Messrs. T. Collins, J. Quigley, T. Rice, J. Owens, T. J. Colling, F. Carter, J. Turnbull, and J. W. Bainbridge, all keen fanciers, and willing to do their share towards making the show a success. The secretarial duties are now in the hands of Mr. R. Jones, and a more courteous and genial gentleman it would be hard to meet, and he got through his duties in grand style, and to the satisfaction of everybody, not the slightest hitch occurring in his arrangements for carrying out the show, and we think the society is to be congratulated upon having so capable a secretary in charge of its clerical affairs. He was ably supported by the assist. sec., Mr. J. Quigley, who rendered great help during the show, and his services will no doubt be highly appreciated by his brother fanciers. The show will no doubt prove a financial success, which it fully deserves to be. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged, and seemed to please everybody.

The Critique.

YORKS YELL. (7): 1, 2, Reed and Collins, two nice ones, leader fine length, lovely position, neat narrow shoulders, well drawn, grandly braced wings and tail, 2nd not quite so level in col., yet another good one for length and position, good shoulders, nice wings and tail; 3, Jones and Owens, trifle thicker body, well rounded, nice length, good position, neat head and neck; 4, hc, Rice, var., good col., nice length and position, bit rough in feather; vhc, Bentinck. BUFF (2): 1, Rice, var., rich col. and qual., fine length, well up, finely drawn; 2, Jones and Owens, cl., good length and position, neat back, nice carr., fails col. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, Reed and Collins, fine team, leader not a big one, but beautiful style, grand position, neat back and wings, grandly drawn, good col. and qual., 2nd bit longer, nice position, hardly so well rounded, and scarcely so good in col., neat wings and tail, 4th bit heavier build, nice length, good back and wings; 3, Carter, foul tail green, small but very typical, well drawn, nicely braced wings and tail; vhc, Jones and Owens. 1912 (4): 1, Bentinck, cl. buff, bit pale in col., but a beauty for length and position, well rounded, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, 3, Reed and Collins, var. yell leading, trifle thicker body, nice length, good position, good back, nice wing carr., 3rd tkd. head, scarcely so stylish as leaders, neat head, lovely qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Carter, nice col., slim and well drawn, loses in size and finish. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 3, Westthorp, leader cl., fine style, good length and position, neat back, well braced wings and tail, 3rd var., nice length and position, bit rough in feather and wide in tail; 2, Reed and Collins, nice length, good position, well rounded back, loses in wing carr. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Barkass, leader, fine size, short and cobby, neat head and neck, good chest, grand col. and qual., 3rd scarcely so chubby, nice head, good col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Williams, grand size, fine shape, good head and neck, bit open in feather and crosses wings; 4, Rice, slimmer build, nice col. and qual., neat wings. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Barkass, leader cl., good one all over, fine size and shape, good head and chest, nice col. and qual., grand wings and tail, 3rd var., plenty of sub., grand shape, good col., bit rough and open in feather; 2, Williams, not the size of leader, nice shape, neat head and neck, good col. and qual., neat wing carr.; 4, Reed and Collins, scarcely so thick-set or rich in col, neat head, nice wings and tail. HEN (3): 1, 3, Barkass, leader yell., good one for size and shape, rich col. and qual., neat head, good back and wings, 3rd not so big, but another good one for shape, nice head, good chest and back; 2, Reed and Collins, green wing, not so cobby as leader, yet nice shape, neat head, good carr. 1912 (3): 1, 3, Williams, good cl. yell. leading, nice size, fine shape, neat head, good col., good chest and back, well cut away, 3rd cl. yell., bit longer body, neat head, good wing and tail carr.; 2, Barkass, cl. buff, nice size, good shape, deep, full chest, nice col., good wings and tail. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 2, Barkass, two nice ones, leader cl. yell., medium size, grand shape, neat head, lovely col. and qual., short wings and tail, 2nd cl. buff, fine shape, good head, back, and chest, nice col., well carried wings and tail; 3, Reed and Collins, heavy var., big one, longer body and scarcely so good in head, nice col. and qual. BORD., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Rowell and Quigley, leader var., grand shape, sweet head, lovely col. and qual., grandly cut away, nice wings and tail, 3rd bright in col., scarcely so shapely as leader, nice qual., neat head and wings; 2, 4, Jones and Owens, var. leading, not the rich col. of winner, yet nice shape, well rounded, good wing and tail carr., clean cut, 4th very nice var., might be a bit steadier and staged in better condition. BUFF (2): 1, Rowell and Quigley, fine shape, grand col. and qual., neat head, nice back and wings; 2, Jones and Owens, nice shape, good col., neat head, bit faulty in wings. HEN (4): 1, 2, Rowell and Quigley, leader cl. yell., gem all over, lovely shape, grandly rounded, sweet head, grand wings and tail; 2nd cl. buff, fine shape, lovely col. and qual., neat head, grand back and wings; 3, Turnbull, shade heavy at waist, and not so rich in col., neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Jones and Owens, nice shape, neat head, bit frilly on breast and paler col. 1912 (5): 1, 4, Rowell and Quigley, buff mkd. leading, fine shape, neat head and neck, good col. and qual., lovely wings and tail, 4th lovely var. yell., beautiful shape, well rounded, neat head, grand col. and qual., bit damaged in left wing, which kept it down; 2, vhc, Jones and Owens, yell. green, fine shape, good col., level all through, neat head, good wings; 3, Turnbull, var., fine shape, well rounded back, neat head, gets wings over a bit. MULE (3): 1, Rowell and Quigley, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., fine size and shape, lovely col., nice face and wings, grand condition and feather; 2, Barkass, dark Goldie-Can., good one for size and shape, grand col. and polish, nicely finshed face and wings, extra condition; 3, Jones and Owens, dark Goldie Mule, nice size and shape, lacks the col. and polish of 2nd. GOLDF. (5): 1, Rowell and Quigley, gem, medium size, lovely blaze, rich and pure in col., grandly tanned, good wings and buttons, in grand feather; 2, Bentinck, larger than leader, nice shaped blaze of good col., shade lighter in tanning than leader, nice wings, good condition; 3, Reed and Collins, nice size, good blaze, but not so rich in col. as leaders, nicely tanned and shown in good condition; 4, Atkinson, smaller blaze, good col. and tans, nice wings and buttons; vhc, Barkass. BULLF. (5): 1, Rice, grand cobby shape, medium size, wonderful cap, dense in col., rich body col., good back and wings; 2, 3, Irwin, big and shapely, deep front, scarcely the width of cap of leader, nice level body, though not so deep in tone, 3rd equal shape and size, nice cap, good back and wings, bit paler in breast col.; 4, vhc, Barkass, fine shape, good breast col., nice cap, rather unsteady. GREENIE (6): 1, Bentinck, topper, good one all over, lovely shape, fine size, good head, deep full chest, grand level col., in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, Rowell and Quigley, not the size of leader, but a gem for shape, lovely col. and condition, good head, nice wings; 3, 4, Jones and Owens, scarcely the same rich col. of leaders, yet a nice one for shape, medium size, nice head and chest, nice condition: 4th nice shape and col., good wings, bit slacker behind: hc, Rice. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Rowell and Quigley, lovely Bramble, topper for size, rare shape, nicely spangled back, good breast col., carried well down, shown in grand feather and condition: 2, Bentinck, Chaffie, nice size, good shape, nice level body col., good cap and wing bars, fine condition; 3, vhc, Barkass, Bramble, not the sub. of leader, nice body col., well spangled back, good condition: 4, Rowell and Quigley, Chaffie, not a big one, but good col., nice cap and bars, bit unsteady. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Barkass, leader Siskin, nice size and shape, good col., nice cap, well laced, good flank lacing, nice condition; 4, Lesser Redpoll, nice size and shape, good col., not the same pencilling of those above it; 2, Robinson, Lesser Redpoll, fine size, lovely col., beautifully pencilled, in grand condition; 3, c, Irwin, Mealy, not a big one, nice col., well laced, good feather and condition; vhc, Rowell and Quigley; hc, Carter. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Rice, leader grand size and shape, good col., grandly pencilled, lovely head and back, nice whites, very steady, 2nd another good one, nice shape and size, grandly pencilled, clear and distinct, does not show his whites so well as leader; 3, Atkinson, fine size, good shape, nicely pencilled, very profuse, rather unsteady; 4, Bentinck, not the same good shape of leaders, good col., nicely pencilled; vhc, Rice; hc, Carter; c, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Jones and Owens, very nice yell. green Border, good shape and col. HEN FINCH (8): 1, hc, Barkass, lovely Bullie, grand size, fine shape, grand body col., lovely cap, good back, in the pink of condition, a good one 2, c, Rice, Chaffie, fine size and shape, grand col., nice head, wee shade thin in neck, good back and wings, steady as a rock; 3, vhc, Wilson, Linnet, plenty of size, fine shape, good col., well pencilled, in good condition and steady; 4, Rowell and Quigley, Bullie, not the same grand feather of leader, yet a nice one for size and shape, good col.; vhc, Wilson. GIFT (2): 1, Barkass; 2, Reed and Collins.

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HALIFAX O.S.

The last of a series of members' shows was held Jan. 18th, at headquarters, the Plummit Line Hotel. The show was for unflighted birds, and 63 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. Chittenden, Bradford, his awards giving every satisfaction. YORKS. CK.: 1, Ellis; 2, 3, vhc, and hc, Burdekin Bros. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Burdekin Bros.; 3, Ellis. NOV. YORKS. CK.: 1, Mann; 2, 3, Saville; vhc, Sunderland; hc, Holroyd; c, Lord. HEN: 1, Lord; 2, Sunderland; 3, c, Saville; vhc, Ogden; hc, Mann. YORKS. GREEN: 1, Mann. HEN: 1, Mann. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mottram; hc, Clegg. HEN: 1, 2, Mottram; 3, Clegg. NOV. NOR. CK.: 1, Saville; 2, 3, hc, c, Corney; vhc, Lord. HEN: 1, Watson; 2, hc, Lord; 3, Wild; vhc, c, Corney. BRIT.: 1, hc, c, Mottram; 2, 3, vhc, Macpherson. Special winner in champ. section, J. Mottram; novice, E. Saville.—H. Clegg, Sec.

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LARGE yellow proved muling Greenfinch, ditto Linnet, 5/- each; exchange Mule or Canary songsters: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (410)

TAME Bullfinches, been caged for three months; sell 1/6 cock, hen 1/-; or exchange good working Homers: Coles, Banks, Long Buckby. (389)

GRAND cock Goldfinch, smart hen Bullfinch, 6/-; smart yellow Greenfinch cocks, 1/- each; offers: Conie, Newtown Raunds, Wellingboro. (408)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, can Mule, show specimen, for large unflighted Nor. yell. hen, clear or var.: Welch, Milton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (400)

HAND-REARED hen Goldfinch, very steady; pair twelve-yard nets, complete; exchange Goldfinches, fowls: Sparkes, Tindall-lane, Beverley. (396)

COCK Greenfinch; hen Bullfinch, laid eggs last season, also good Bullfinches; exchange Norwich: Maunder, 30, Bridge-buildings, Tiverton. (405)

TAME female Kestrel Hawk, 3/-; monster cock Greenfinch, 1/6; fine steady cock Skylark, 1/6; or exchange: Vernum, 298, Lillie-rd., Fulham. (410)

CHAMPION Goldfinch, winner, house-moulted, steady; exchange model C. reproducer, Edison Gem: Thomas Roberts, 3, Owens-terrace, Llanrwst. (395)

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet Mule, breeder, 4/6; Linnet, singing hard, 1/- each, three for 2/6; exchange offer: Cutler, 4, Upper Rushall-st., Walsall. (406)

LARGE stamp cock Goldfinch, warranted Mule breeder, also three 1912 cocks, house-moulted; exchange Norwich.—Saunders, Paperbanger, Tiverton. (407)

PERFORMING Redpolls, and cage, 4/- each; drawing carriage up for seed, and thimble for water; or exchange for Roller Canaries: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (394)

GOLDFINCH, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, 2 Linnets, all selected cocks, sale, exchange good watch, Canaries; approval: Bert Rice, Raunds, Wellingborough. (411)

EXHIBITORS! A few good British for sale cheap, can win, or exchange Lancashire hens; approval: Lees and Smith, Ivanhoe House, Thompson-street, Langley Mill, Derbyshire. (402)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/-, for large cock Siskins, Twites, Linnets, Greenfinches, hen Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Hawfinch; yours first; approval: Bescoby, Pavilion-st., Doncaster. (394)

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch, with hen Bullfinch; also a pair of cock Bullfinches, and a pair of yellow Greenfinches; I will exchange the lot for a large Lancashire hen: H. Yendell, Cockpit Hill, Cullompton. (396)

FOR sale, one grand house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/-; good singing Goldfinch mule, 5/-; exchange for pair of good Roller Canaries: Edward Shore, 29, Church-row, Bates-cottages, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland. (392)

HAND-REARED cock Bullfinch, 3/6; hen, 3/0; cock Greenfinch, 3/-; two cock Chaffinches, 2/- each; grand birds for Hybridising: hens, Norwich Green 3/6, two yellows 4/- each; one Yorkshire buff, 3/6, or exchange small Foreigners; offers; "Perfection" oil-heater, 7/6, cost 16/6: Wright, Limnsfield. (402)

GOLDFINCH, Yellowbunt, Reedbunt, 2nd Sandy, house moulted, cocks; exchange Siskin, Cinnamon Norwich, Snowbunt, or sell best offer: Godman, Stotfold, Baldock, Herts. (392)

THREE cock Redpolls, hens 5, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Twite, aviary moulted; hens all had fertile eggs 1912; Canaries, Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrids, to clear; exchange Green Budgerigars, pairs: Scanes, 3, Royston-avenue, Chingford. (394)

VERY fine cock Goldfinch, extra for size and blaze, 7/6; good Linnet, proved muler, 4/6; large healthy Norwich, 7/6 pair; silver English lever watch, perfect, 25/-; cash or deposit: T. Sowtham, Honeybourne, S.O., Worcestershire. (393)

SPECIAL Notice.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds; approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (411)

SNOW Bunting, monster, take mealworms from finger, 8/6, worth 20/-; Greenfinch, 2nd, 3rd, 7/6; another F.-M. topper, 2/-; H.-M. Redpoll, highly commended, 3/6; exchange classical Norwich hens, cock Mules, H.-M. loud singing Skylark; yours first: 6, Belmont-rd., Luton. (398)

PICKLES, Showcroft Aviaries, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge, has a few Mules bred from Siberian Goldfinch, dark 6/-, and variegated 8/- each; one dark cock Twite Mule, 5/-; house-moulted English cock Goldfinch, 5/-; or exchange some of them for a good yellow Norwich cock. (397)

EXCHANGE H.M. hen Goldfinch and Greenfinch, H.M. cock Bramble and hen Chaffinch, Snow Bunting, Reed Bunting, H.M. Yellow Bunting; any for steady hen Bullies or hen Greenies; also twice H.M. cock Goldfinch for yellow Norwich or Sib cock; yours first: Worrell, Annfield Plain. (403)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought or exchanged: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

UNFLIGHTED variegated buff Norwich, P.H. hen, fed, 10/6; approval: W. Woof, Ludlow, Salop. (402)

FEW good Scotch Fancies for sale, or exchange Norwich surplus: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (400)

FIVE York hens, U.F., sell 7/-, or exchange York cock, good, yours first: W. Duck, 68, Alexandra-rd., Sheffield. (402)

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for three 1912 Roller hens, or sell 10/6: Oakley, 104, Cherrytree, Elsecar. (395)

EXCHANGE three good hens for 1912 Roller cock, cold-room; approval: Mr. Watson, 8, Bellevue-rd., Hendon. (404)

MASSIVE Crestbred cock, 1911 bred, 25/-, or exchange good Norwich to value: Jones, Alwin-street, Gloucester. (402)

EXCHANGE good pair typical yellow Yorkshires for two pair Borders; yours first: 62, Stead-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (391)

TWO Goldfinch Mules, cocks, grand colour; also 3 hens, Norwich Canaries: Sexby, 7, Gevotin-terrace, Enfield Town. (403)

EXCHANGE three fine Yorkshire hens, 1912, for pair 1912 Norwich, cold room; offer: J. Brewin, Heanor, Notts. (408)

SIX Norwich Canaries; exchange gramophone and records, must be good: Charles Barrie, 10, Smithy Croft, Arbroath. (400)

EXCHANGE 3 Norwich-Yorks. hens, 1912, for good lengthy Yorks. hen, or small foreign: A. W. Horne, Southover, Lewes. (395)

EXCHANGE buff Scotch Fancy cock for young Spaniel dog, broken to gun: Wm. Prentice, Millbank, Yoker, nr. Glasgow. (379)

THREE pairs Yorkshire Canaries, strong, healthy birds; exchange lot for good bull bitch: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard. (401)

WHAT offers Yorkshires for five large Norwich hens and three Border hens: Dodd, 11, Congreve-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (404)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (404)

NORWICH hens, 2/6; Green Border hens, 2/6, 3/- each; exchange singing cocks: Barber, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, nr. Tamworth. (397)

SEVEN inch buff cock, exchange yellow Yorkshire hen, two Sib. hens, white-legged Finch, for Crestbred hen: R. Pinnell, Warminster. (399)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for iron vice, bicycle tyres, drill, breast plate, anything useful: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Clapton. (392)

FEW good unflighted Cinnamons, buff and yellow, cocks or hens, pair of 1911, will sell cheap: A. Sheldon, Wetley Rocks, Stoke-on-Trent. (403)

EXCHANGE good songster Canary, value 10/-, for small dog, fox terrier preferred, give age, particulars: Bousfield, Frosterley, Durham. (406)

TWO Goldie Canary Mules, in full song, bred 1912, 10/- each, or exchange for three large Norwich hens: C. Fox, 69, Trafford-st., Scunthorpe. (399)

PAIR Yorkshire Canaries and breeding cage, exchange incubator or offers; yours first: Goodman, Cleveland Villa, Edgar-rd., Yiewsley. (401)

WOULD exchange pair of pure Norwich for ditto Crests or Yorkshires, or sell 10/-; yours first: Brooks, 43, Forest-rd., Hugglescote, Leicester. (406)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for old brass, copper, lead, zinc, block tin, etc: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (385)

SELL, 1912 Goldfinch-Canary cock Mule, 10/-, or exchange pair of good Borders to value; approval first: Rowlands, Lanrallt, Waenfawr. (396)

EXCHANGE yellow Norwich or Border hens for cocks, prize strain, or fretwork materials: W. Gamble, Clydesdale House, South Wigston. (407)

PAIR good Norwich 8/6; Linnet 1/9; three large breeding cages, four spare cages, five fronts, 8/-: Bishop, 1, Richardson-rd., West Ham. (398)

WHAT offers in Canaries for rough fox-terrier bitch pup, five months' old, good pedigree; approval: Watts, Grocer, Albert-st., Merthyr. (407)

FOUR buff 1912 Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; two buff cocks, 8/6, Shackleton's strain, lot £1 8s.: Haytock, 30, Florence-st., Rochdale. Exchange blankets. (396)

CRYSTAL Palace Aviary and four unflighted Yorkshire Canaries, 25/-, or exchange for large Norwich; yours first: P. Tyler, Flower Villa, Great Dunmow. (399)

NORWICH pair, 6/-; Linnet pair, 5/-; Greenfinch pair, 5/-, proved Mulers; two green hens, 4/-, ready for breeding: Tailor, 24, Newdorset-st., Brighton. (398)

SPLENDID prize-bred Canaries, muling Goldfinches, cages cheap; exchange evergreen shrubs, new disc records, stereoscope, carriage rug: Bennett, Quorn. (405)

YORKSHIRES, winners, and bred from winners of eighty prizes last two seasons; ten yellow cocks, ten buff cocks, sixteen yellow and buff hens, sell cheap or exchange boots, clothing, drapery, curtains, blankets, cycle, watch, match-boards or sewing machine: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (407)

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, splendid songster and breeder, for good cock Linnet Mule, Linnet song, sell 10/-: Wm. Stubbings, Ickleton, Cambs. (396)

NORWICH, buff cinnamon, cock and buff hen, fed, Dormer's strain, for two yellow cinn. hens, must be good: D. Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley. (376)

WHAT offers 6 Norwich cocks? New breeding cages wanted; sell 7/6 each; fine, healthy birds, grand songsters: A. Munday, Buckland House, Axminster. (407)

TWO typical variegated Norwich cocks, full song, day and lamplight, 7/6 each; 2 clinking hens, 2/6 each; exchange Goldfinches: Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford. (402)

LARGE Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, 6/-, hens 2/6, outdoor bred; exchange toy Pom. bitch, Buff Orpingtons: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (396)

EXCHANGE three Rollers, one cock, two hens, Chaffinch and Redpoll cocks, for large buff Norwich cock: Harman, 10, Evesham-rd., Headless Cross, Redditch. (384)

BIG buff Yorkshire cock, Ambler's strain, stock bird, 15/-, or exchange anything useful, pure Seifert cocks from 10/-, hens 4/-: 64, Maxwell-rd., Wolverhampton. (395)

EXCHANGE yellow and two marked Norwich cocks, pair crested dark Crests, 1912, for Yorkshires or Lancashires; yours first: Claridge, 43, Ernald-ave., East Ham. (392)

EXCHANGE three pair of Yorkshires and three Roller hens, all 1912 cold room, for good exhibition British Goldfinches, or Linnets: Palmer, George-st., Blackwood. (403)

EXCHANGE, large yellow Norwich unflighted cock, Hodder's strain, for four good lengthy, variegated, or clear buff Yorkshire hens: yours first: Ross, Argyle-st., Leicester. (408)

THIRTY pairs classical Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, household goods; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks. (400)

A FEW pairs of high-class colour-fed Yorkshires for sale, or exchange; hens from 4/-, cocks from 5/- upwards; approval: Miles, No. 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley. (403)

LARGE young Goldfinch-Canary cock Mule, 1st Bedford, 20/-; exchange large yellow Norwich stock cock, large head, silky feather: G. Notley, Kings-place, Bedford. (406)

THREE pairs good Yorkshires, yellow cocks, buff hens, 10/6 pair; three songsters, 12/-; exchange yellow Crested hens or Cinnamon hens: J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge. (401)

TWO B.R.C.C. rung hens, pure Randall strain, 2/6 each; 60 "Cage Birds" and "Bird Life," 3/-; exchange cages, anything: Croom, 12, Ash-street, Gateshead-on-Tyne. (392)

BORDER Fancy, variegated hen. F.M. Linnet, 2nd Greenock, H.M. Goldfinch, commended Greenock, also buff Border hen. What offers?: Stewart, 40, Union-st., Greenock. (393)

TWO buff Norwich hens, breeding cage complete, 12/6 each; also two Yorkshire hens, in breeding cage complete, 12/6; exchange household requisites: Taylor, 52, Preston-st., Manchester. (405)

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, same strain our winners, or exchange unflighted Norwich for Goldfinch; no rubbish: Lingard Bros., 35, Marlborough-st., or 4, Clair, Burnley. (399)

GRAND buff variegated Yorkshire cock, 15/-; yellow variegated hen, 10/-; clear yellow hen, 10/-; exchange good 1912 crestbred hen; mutual approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham. (398)

G. LANGLEY will exchange grand buff marked Yorkshire cock, winner 3 firsts, local competition, 2 seconds open, for two good unflighted yellow hens, or sell £3; yours first: 30, Cockburn-st., Cambridge. (394)

EIGHT Seifert Roller hens, 4/6 each, 36/- lot; Randall's and Rochl's strain; exchange 7in. Yorkshire buff hens, or large, thick-set yellow Norwich hens; no rubbish wanted or offered: Blythe, 1, Russell-st., Burnley-rd., Bacup. (394)

ROLLERS, wanted, good strain, rung, cold-room bred; three cocks, four hens, exchange green Crest cock, variegated Crestbred hen, variegated Crestbred cock, young, healthy birds, good strain, or sell, 37/6: Brown, 22, Wolff-st., Belfast. (408)

WILL exchange colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshire for exhibition or stock purposes to value for toy dog (Pom preferred), gramophone records, or anything useful for the house; see respective colours: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone. (409)

TWO lovely green Crestbreds, also variegated Crested cocks, heavily feathered, 15/- each; pair splendid Yorkshires, cock vhc, 15/-; another pair 12/6; exchange any or part; really good Crested hen, or Scotch Fancies: A. Marsh, Evesham. (411)

YORKS. Cocks and hens from my noted winners, including Cardiff, Bristol, Newport, Tredegar, Tonypandy, and Plymouth. Pairs from £1 to £5; single birds, cocks £1, hens 7/6 to 15/-; exchange yell. cock for tea or dinner service to value; yours first: Weeks, 45, Court-rd., Cardiff. (397)

Mainly Foreign.

ANYTHING bought or exchanged: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

ROSEBREASTED Cockatoo, also white Cockatoo, sell 30/- the two, or exchange to value for Black Minorca pullets: Fry, 94, Pyle-st., Newport, Wight. (398)

ROSEBREAST Cockatoo, thoroughly acclimatised with new indestructable cage, 25/-; exchange Canaries or British seedeaters: C. Shirley, Sutton, Keighley. (406)

COCK Adelaide Parrakeet, 60/-, big winner, perfect condition, magnificent colours; exchange exhibition Hybrids; offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (405)

PAIR Mannikins, 3/6; pair Redpolls, 2/6; been outdoors 2 years; exchange other acclimatised foreigners. One Saffron Finch, acclimatised, 3/6: Lashmar, Bank-st., Ashford, Kent. (394)

HAND pair Pekin Nightingales, in grand condition, 4/6; exchange songster; give two pairs Green Love Birds for Mule or Canary Songster; sell 7/-: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (410)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING alive bought or supplied: Pearson Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE 1 pair of cavies for 1 pair of Fancy pigeons: Pavy, Baker, Calne, Wilts. (404)

WHAT offers? Cocks, Blackbirds or Song Thrushes, for fawn Whippet dog, value 15/-: Lee, 2, Spencer's Court, Burnley. (401)

EXCHANGE one cock and two hens, 10 years inbred, also cock Linnet and Canary, proved mulers; cages, etc., for camping tent: 40, Albemarle-rd., York. (401)

½-PLATE hand or stand camera; sell 30/- or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (410)

WHAT offers in Roller cocks for gent's double curb rolled gold albert: J. Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn. (392)

WHAT offers in Rollers or Norwich cocks for treadle fretsaw with emery wheel: Baker, 17, Glebe-st., Penarth. (407)

FOR sale or exchange, two Scottish terrier bitches for pair of Yorkshires or Crests: Pearce, Ipsley-st., Redditch. (397)

EXCHANGE new cycle covers and tubes, all sizes, for Canaries; stamp: Derick, 283, Corfield-st., Bethnal Green, E. (394)

SALE or exchange Queck's Roller organ, six cages; offers in poultry or cash: J. Sawyars, 1, Ashton-rd., Blackpool. (378)

LARGE Palace aviary, sell 10/6, or exchange donkey harness or anything useful: Edgar, 128, Fonthill-rd., Finsbury Park. (394)

EXCHANGE fox terrier dog puppy for hen Canaries, or sell 12/6: Halton, 7, Ewe Hill-terrace, Fence Houses. (396)

EXCHANGE pair of red show Homers for common pigeons, or anything; offers: Wood, 19, Hope-street, Hanley, Staffs. (406)

EXCHANGE pair new Army and Navy glasses for good cock Canary or Mule: Evans, 9, Robinson-row, Rhymney, Mon. (408)

EXCHANGE 2 large wire, 1 box cages, spring net trap, for clear Yorkshire hen: Flux, Letchmore Heath, Watford. (394)

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for Gem air-gun, almost new: Bradbury, "Ellesmere," Victoria-rd., New Barnet. (394)

EXCHANGE 300 CAGE BIRDS and plates, for Goldfinch; offer anything: John Hughes, 5, New-rd., East Hamlet, Ludlow. (403)

CALL birds and brace birds, rabbit net, Lark net, pair clap-nets, good lurcher dog: Hatton, 10, Boss's Gardens, Brighton. (405)

WHIPPET bitch, 2 years, well broken, sale or exchange Airedale or Irish terrier: Dominey, 162, Wimbourne-rd., Winton. (406)

EDISON Gem phonograph, in case, horn, 35 records, oil painting; what offers old china? Davies, East-st., Llangollen. (408)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, as new; exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Goswell-rd., London. (408)

WHAT offers in Canaries for frock coat, vest, silk hat, and case, new condition, black: Mr. Hales, 37, Esmond-rd., Kilburn. (393)

EXCHANGE Whippet terrier, bitch, good house guard, for good Roller in full song: Richards, 94, Bower-st., Maidstone. (401)

EXCHANGE toy Yorkshire terrier dog puppy, pedigree, for Canaries or Parrot, value 35/-: Swann, 98, Prescot-st., Liverpool. (407)

EXCHANGE, Lachenal concertina, in case, for pair of good Yorkshires or Rollers: Manning, 16, Exeter-rd., Southville, Bristol. (404)

FIVE grand high-flying Tipplers, will sell 8/-, or exchange two singing cock Canaries: H. Dungworth, Greenhill, nr. Sheffield. (407)

EXCHANGE powerful 16/- air-gun, targets, slugs, for a pair of Canaries: Mr. Cleall, 9, Henrietta-st., Southsea, Portsmouth. (397)

EXCHANGE pair ball-bearing roller skates, cost 15/- (nearly new), for cock Canary: R. Duckett, Keinton Mandeville, Taunton. (406)

POWERFUL air gun, 10/6, No. 2 Brownie camera, outfit complete, 10/-; exchange Canaries: Royce, 223, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (403)

THREE £1 shares in Irish bacon factory for Scotch Fancy pairs, or Norwich; offers wanted: Spencer, Tubrid, Brosna, Roscrea. (398)

21-PIECE China Tea Set, handsomely decorated, exchange singing Norwich or Yorkshires: Dulieu, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (412)

EXCHANGE beautiful china 21-piece tea set, roses and gilt, for two cock Canaries: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., Mile End, London. (409)

RABBITS, pair, 6 month, large brown; muling pair, cock mule, hen Yorkshire: exchange fowls or offers: Hayward, Steep, Petersfield. (392)

DARK brindle Scotch terrier bitch, 9 months, good pedigree, sell 15/6; exchange Crests, anything: Taylor, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe. (394)

BLACK retriever setter, bitch, 13 months, beauty, grand guard; exchange pair Norwich: Richardson, 53, North Albert-st., Fleetwood. (403)

EXCHANGE Fox Terrier dog, 10/6, good ratter and guard, for Borders or Budgerigars: Wm. Watt, Milestone-cottage, East Calder. (399)

EXTRA large Brown Linnet, size, markings, perfect; accept 2/6; week's approval; Larks, 1/-; exchange: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE ½-plate camera and outfit, cost £5, also Ross lens, cost £2, for good Norwich: Tugwell, 138, Church-rd., Battersea. (396)

EXCHANGE for Rollers "Harmsworth History of World," with oak bookcase, cost 50/-: Lovett, 51, Granville-rd., Gillingham, Kent. (402)

17in. Leather Handbag, powerful chest expanders, good tourist glasses, sell cheap or exchange anything: See Knell's advert. below. (394)

ONE Bantam cockerel, 3 pullets, point laying, 7/6; approval. What offers Budgerigars?: Thomas Cleavley, 71, Hill-st., Wellingborough. (407)

YORKSHIRE dog, pedigree, 25/-; Spaniel bitch pup, 15/-; pedigree; offers, anything: Henry, 212, John Williamson-street, South Shields. (404)

NEW paintings, framed complete, splendid finish, 7/6 pair; offers cash, Canaries, etc.: Lancelot Haynes, 9, South Market, Leeds. (403)

EXCHANGE, unfinished 2½in. gauge steam locomotive, outside cylinders, for Borders, or offers, or sell 30/-: Ayers, 28, York-st., Jarrow. (400)

PHIPPS' 100-egg incubator for sale, or exchange Roller or Norwich Canaries: Russell, 1, Hereford Retreat, Bird-in-Bush-rd., Peckham. (406)

WILL exchange Old English cock, splendid plumage, for good singing Canary and cage, or sell 10/6: 20, Church-st., Quarry Bank. (396)

EXCHANGE black pug bitch, good mother, pedigree; anything useful to value 10/-: Tew, 19, Cubbington-rd., Sillington, Leamington. (411)

WILL exchange healthy straw hive of bees, for Roller schoolmaster, no chopper, or double breeder, or sell 15/-: Key, Brattleby, Lincoln. (403)

TANDEM cycle, lady front, £5, cost £20; rolled gold watch, 6/6; English lever, slight repairs, 8/-; Butler, Quarter, Staplehurst Kent. (398)

ABOUT 230 different kinds of birds' eggs for sale, British and foreign, £5; seen by appointment: Hird, 1, Ingleside Grove, Blackheath, S.E. (401)

FIELD glasses in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange Mules, Goldfinches, Canaries, etc.: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham, London. (396)

EXCHANGE 1 doz. tin seed hoppers, 4 inch, 1 doz. egg drawers, 1 doz. water glasses, for one cock Canary: West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale. (411)

ENLARGEMENTS, 20 x 16, copied from any photograph, framed complete, 12/6; exchange Canaries: City Photo Co., Hope-place, Liverpool. (372)

WHAT OFFERS in Canaries for frock coat and vest, nearly new, silk facings, and silk hat, 6/; good condition: H. Wright, Ashford, Middlesex. (392)

TWELVE Lancashire breeding cages, all complete, anything useful: Butterworth, see Lancashires: J. Butterworth, 70, Entwisle-rd., Rochdale. (399)

THREE pairs champion short flying pigeons, 5/ pair; exchange cocks, Goldfinches; what offers?: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (404)

WILL exchange mailcart for large H. M. Goldfinch or two Yorkshire hens, or sell 15/; can be seen any time: 45, Edward-ter., Abertridwr, Cardiff. (400)

RAINPROOF overcoat, good condition, 15/-; hand sewing machine, 6/-, exchange Canaries, breeding cages: Lea, 53, Waterloo-sq., Camberwell. (398)

EXCHANGE pair of clapnets, and 1 single net, new, hand made, 12ft. x 4ft., for Roller hens or offers, sell 7/: A. Hawkins, Rumer Hill, Cannock. (407)

TWELVE flying tipplers (Smith's and Pollard's), 10/6; exchange Canaries, Airedale dog pup: W. Woodland, 47, South-st., Bedminster, Bristol. (400)

GENT'S dark overcoat, new, double-breasted, 40in. chest, tall person, 16/-, or exchange; cost 35/-: Kneil, 19, Montreal-buildings, Cotton-st., London, E. (394)

EXCHANGE strong fox-terrier dog, good worker, for 1912 yellow marked Norwich cock, or sell 25/-: E. Hewitt, Pick-st., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (399)

SELL, 15/-, good pedigree wire bitch, 6 months; exchange Canaries or Bantams: John Caddy, Tregurtha House, Pantygraigwen, Pontypridd. (403)

PAIR good O.E.G. Bantams, 5/-; zither harp, 6/-; case carvers, ivorine handles, three pieces, 8/6; offers, birds, puppy: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (403)

WILL exchange seven breeding cages for any birds; or good useful things; or good Crest cock or two hens: W. Warr, 15, South-terrace, Bletchley. (387)

EXCHANGE new blue serge suit, fit man 5ft. 8in. and 37in. chest: for Common Canaries, offers to the value of 55/-: Bennett, Queens-terrace, Bacup. (395)

THIRTEEN Tumblers, sell 8/-; exchange boxing gloves, good condition, offers anything useful: Davison, Hagg Lane, Byers Green, Spennymoor. (400)

COCK Canary 6/-, Greybird and cage 7/6, Linnet mule 7/6, Blackbird 7/6; singing; exchange Budgies, anything: Breeze, 3, Eglesfield-rd., High Shields. (404)

BARGAIN, brown Cocker Spaniel bitch pup, two months, 15/-; fishing reel and bait can, 5/-, exchange Canaries: Haw, Cracoe, Skipton-in-Craven. (399)

PAIR hand-made clapnets, 10yds., sell 12/-, or exchange Canaries; cock Greenfinch, sure Muler, 3/-, exchange hen Canary: 93, High-st., S., Dunstable. (402)

I WILL buy for cash any kind of live stock, or exchange any kind of bird cages, ready made or to order: T. Tresise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (408)

EXCHANGE good Palmer tyre, 28½, good as new, beaded edge, cost 13/6, for good yellow Yorkshire cock: Morgan, 124, Buccleugh-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (399)

SALE splendid set heating apparatus, gas or oil, 25/-, suit greenhouse or birdroom; exchange typical Norwich hens: T. Stead, 97, Guildford-st., Grimsby. (395)

WHAT offers in good Rollers for six half-crown ten-inch double-side John Bull records, new, perfect condition: Smith, 54, Grafton-st., Warrington. (397)

1912 cock Golden Pheasant, 10/-; two cock Bullfinches, two cock Goldfinches, 8/6; exchange Canaries; offers: Howard, Station-rd., Burnham Market. (401)

SELL or exchange Silver-grey Buck, 10 months, doe 6 months; wanted hen Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire: Ingram, 72, Earlswood-rd., Earlswood, Surrey. (394)

TWO new sets goat harness, 8/6, 10/6, cost treble; strong cob harness, 15/6; exchange Canaries: anything useful: Royder, 37, Herbert-st., Kentish Town. (402)

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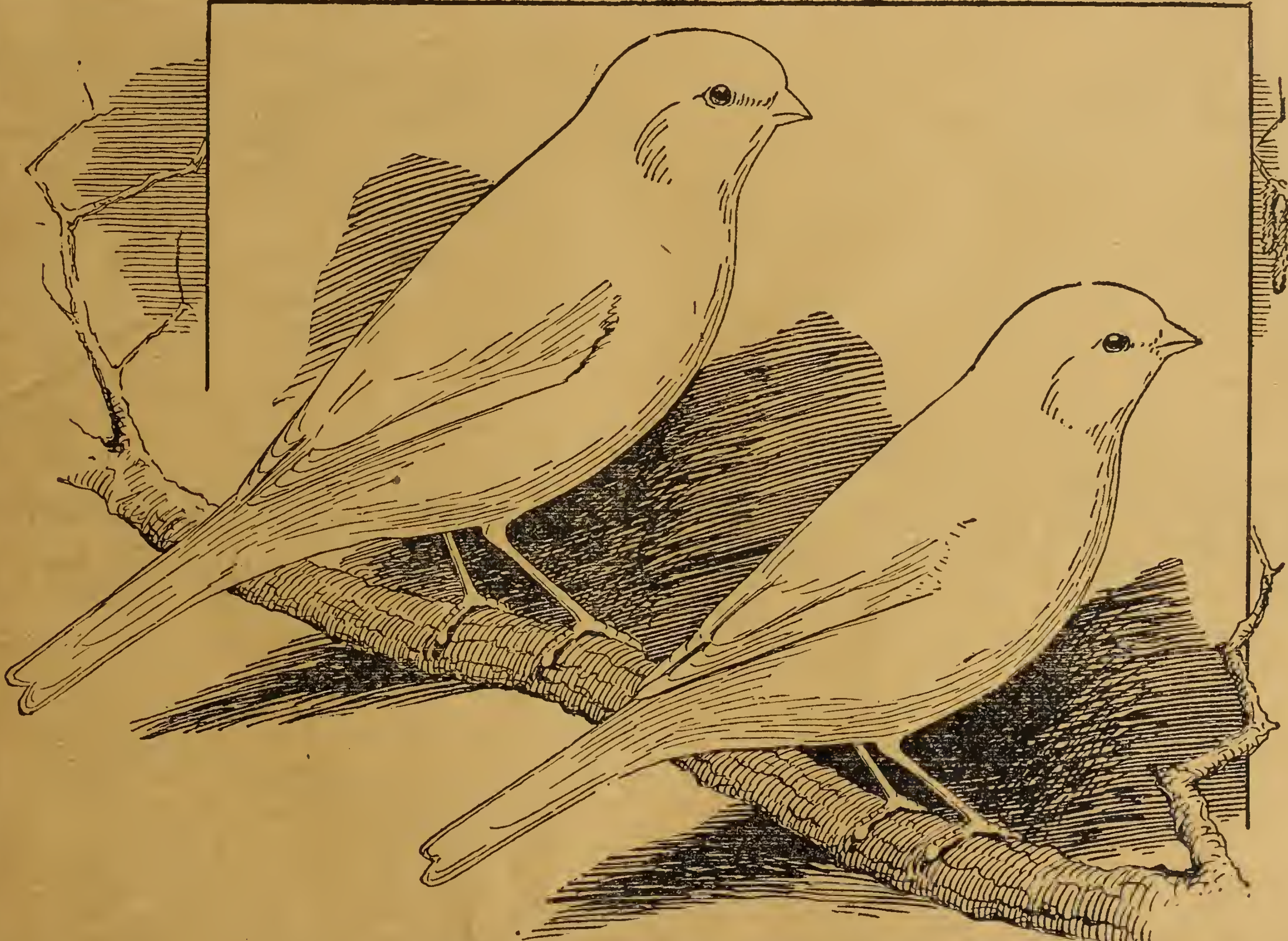

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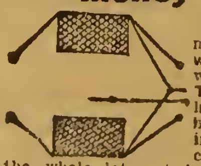

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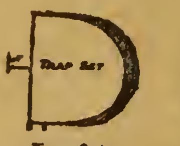

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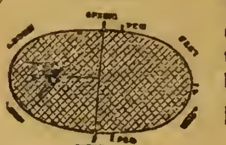

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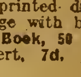

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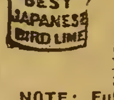

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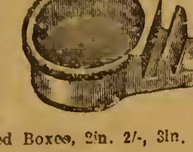

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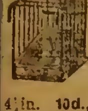

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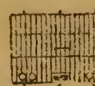

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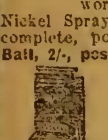

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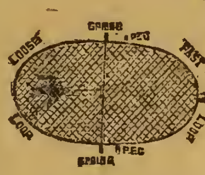

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich. A few pairs for sale from 15/- a pair: Green, 85, Sandefield-lane, Gainsborough. (418)

TWO clear yellow Norwich hens, good heads and type, 10/6; one ditto, 7/6; approval: Cannon, Hemel Hempstead. (415)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, Hodder's strain: cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6: Simmons, 11 T., Guest-st., St. Luke's, E.C. (422)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, related to my winners; 5 buff cocks, from 10/-: H. Henderson, 204, London-rd., Glasgow

STRONG, healthy Norwich cocks, on full song, 6/-; hens 2/6, 3/-; approval: Gater, 6, Jones Square, Treodyrhiw, Glam. (407)

ONE yellow var., 2 buff green, 3 buff var. cocks, good stock birds, cheap to clear: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath. (427)

NORWICH, 7/- pair, Plainheads or Crested, cocks 5/, good hens 2/6: Bolton, 59, Harold-pl., Cardigan-rd., Leeds. (430)

For Norwich see my catalogue: Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr. (429)

GRAND 1911 yellow green cock, extra colour and quality, rare stock bird, 12/6: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (423)

W. GILBERT, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry, Norwich cocks, from 6/6; hens from 3/- each; 30 years' breeding. (425)

PRIZE bred Norwich; a few pairs for sale, cheap: J. E. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester. (396)

HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn: Few Norwich, prize-bred, cold-room, pairs or single; state wants; approval. (430)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich colour-fed, in pair or singly; also breeding cages; giving up fancy: Spinner, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon. (425)

NORWICH and Yorkshire cocks, full song, 4/6, 5/0, 7/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Elliott, Ashby-rd., Loughborough. (427)

FEW splendid Norwich, cheap, good heads, size and colour, inspection invited: Thomas Mitford, 13, Castle-st., Morpeth. (415)

SALE. Buff Norwich cock and cock Goldie, 8/6 the two; first P.O. gets them: Thomas Lawson, East End, Frenchie. (416)

NORWICH. Seven hens, mostly clears, 2/6 each, or offers for lot: Binks, 180, Peabody Dwellings, Clerkenwell, London. (417)

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/- 3/-, 4/-, healthy birds; cash: Albert Harris, 100, Oxendon-st., Leicester. (381)

LARGE buff Norwich cocks, all good typical birds, Midgley's and Hodder's strains, 8/6 each: Oliffe, Church Green, Witney. (422)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, unflighted; cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (400)

NORWICH Canaries, 12/6 pair, worth double; don't miss this opportunity: J. T. Galey, 47, Mersey-rd., Walthamstow, London. (430)

WANTED couple of Norwich hens, with plenty of substance, cheap for cash: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (431)

LARGE Norwich hens 4/- and cocks 7/-; grand stock birds; on approval: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds. (425)

NORWICH cocks from 10/6; hens 5/-; good healthy birds for stock, coldroom bred: Wood, 55, Sunningwell-rd., Oxford. (420)

FEW splendid Norwich, cheap, good heads, size and colour; inspection invited: R. Richardson, 15, Stanley-terrace, Morpeth. (415)

NORWICH cocks, 6/6 each; hens 3/- each, yellow or variegated, large birds; approval: A. Bantoft, Newton, Orford, Suffolk. (426)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, own breeding, bred from winners, at low prices; approval, deposit: Silver, 72, Peel-st., Birmingham. (428)

NORWICH buff hen, good head and type, 12/6; yellow Sib. hen, pink-eyed, 10/6; approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath. (415)

TOMSETT, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley; grand typical birds, related positively to my winners; hens, 5/-; pairs, 12/6 upwards. (426)

WHAT offers in cash? 6 good unflighted yellow Norwich hens, C. F. prize breed: A. Wakefield, 3, Long-lane, East Finchley. (428)

NORWICH: 6 good buff hens, 5/- each, same strain as our winners; cash or deposit: Dallman and Son, Melbourne, Derby. (428)

LADY MURIEL DIGBY has good Norwich cocks from 5/-, splendid songsters; also few hens: Chalmington, Dorchester, Dorset. (424)

TWO unflighted Norwich buff cocks, in full song, 5/6 each, or 10/- the two; approval: Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk. (428)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich hens from 5/- each, or exchange, good British birds; yours first: Bousfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresbro. (426)

NORWICH, nice quality, prices right, amateurs honestly served: own cold-room bred; stamp: Halhead, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley. (427)

CHAMPION pair colour-fed Norwich, both bufts, strain, McNaughten, £1 pair; approval, deposit: Dewar 38, Abbey-rd., Stirling. (427)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks from 8/6, hens from 3/-, pairs from 10/6; must reduce stock: Jeffries, 31, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington. (431)

TWO high-class pairs, 15/- and 17/6, should breed winners; also exhibition Siberian Goldfinch, 10/-: Smith, 13, Gillian-st., Ladywell. (412)

NORWICH. High-class, three pairs properly mated, three single cocks, cheap to clear: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick. (429)

W. BURDETT has a few good Norwich for sale: cocks from 6/- upwards, hens 5/- each; on approval: 120, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham. (431)

CAN spare grand buff Norwich cock, big, chubby bird, 12/6; yellow hen, nice stamp, 7/6: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (434)

E. ROBINSON has some really good Norwich for disposal (Baker's strain), type and quality guaranteed: 5, Walter-st., Nottingham. (429)

MOVING, Norwich cocks 7/6, hens 3/-; Linnets, 2/-; Chaffinches, 2/-; cages cheap, all kinds: Winterman, 38, Strathleven-rd., Brixton. (425)

CHAMPION Norwich: Have some of the best in England for sale; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (426)

I REQUIRE good yellow Norwich hen; exchange 1912 Norwich cock, 3rd cup class Leyton: Henry Burbidge, 111, Hitcham-rd., Leyton. (421)

NORWICH; W. McMillan, Metropolitan Cup winner, retiring from Fancy, has a few good birds left from 10/-: 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham. (422)

TWO pairs prize-bred Norwich, varieg. cock, buff hen, 1911; ditto 1912; cash or deposit, 9/- pair: Montgomery, 17, Abington-st., Glasgow. (416)

CLEAR buff cock, winner several prizes, 50/-; another clear buff, winner, 30/-; bargains; approval: Muscott, Dderw Villa, Llandrindod Wells. (432)

BUFF cocks from 5/-. to 20/-; buff hens from 2/6 to 5/6 each: yellow hen, 6/6; nearly all unflighted: approval: Muir, Thomson-st., Kilmarnock. (423)

GOOD Norwich hens, own breeding, coldroom, 4/6, 5/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Long, Station Master, Hellesden Station, Norwich. (419)

MRS. ADCOCK, Weeting, Brandon, Norfolk, has twenty surplus Canaries for sale, bred in outdoor aviary; cocks 6/-, hens 2/-; enquiries invited. (418)

ONE unflighted yellow Norwich cock left, 8/6: also a few hens, 4/6, 5/6; above worth double; approval: R. Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (415)

NORWICH cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, clean and healthy; cash; approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (427)

NORWICH yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; fine yellow and buff hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (396)

NORWICH songsters, 1911, 10/-; 1912, 7/6; medium sized hens, 3/- each, 1912; from the best feeders living: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate. (397)

SEVEN Norwich cocks, three yellow, four buff, 7/6 each; three hens, buff, 5/- each, or lot £3; unflighted, colour-fed: E. Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd, Salisbury. (425)

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NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

PURE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, cold-room bred; if not fully satisfied, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

HARLAND'S champion Norwich; few pairs for disposal, cold-room bred, and all own breeding, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; approval; stamp: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull. (400)

FOR disposal, a few large pairs of typical Norwich pairs, from 15/- to 20/-, single birds from 7/6; approval stamp: W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield. (425)

GRAND big clear buff cock, large head, full neck, colour fed show bird, 10/6; few good hens from 5/6; bred from my winners: Watson, Shepshed, Leicestershire. (422)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich at reasonable prices, yellows and buffs, cocks 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; matched pairs, 15/-: Lawrence, 8, Gartmore-gdns., Goodmayes, Essex. (429)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (235)

LARGE stock of pure Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (422)

THIRTY Norwich hens, cold-room, ready for breeding; buff 3/-, clear yellow 3/6 each; cocks, full song, 8/6; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (426)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, winners of the season, have some of the right Norwich and Crests for sale; can be seen any time, or sent approval. (393)

NORWICH, from my prize winners, 1911, 1912, hens 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; cocks 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, or pairs; approval willingly; Di Williams, 12, Rosevean-rd., Penzance, Cornwall. (335)

TWO pairs prize bred Norwich, 15/- pair; few good hens from 7/6; kept cold room; 30 years breeder; approval: Sidgwick, Elwick-terr., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire. (398)

I HAVE a few buff Norwich hens left, good type and quality, 7/6 and 10/- each; also a 1911 buff cock, 10/-: Wm. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. (428)

VARIEGATED buff hen, 2nd Cowdenbeath, 3rd Dundee and Bowhill, 30/-; unflighted cocks and hens from 12/6 to 20/-; same strain as winners; inspection invited; stamp; approval: Dickson, Adam's-ter., Kelty. (427)

THREE grand, stout, typical buff hens, 10/6, 15/-, 19/6; large buff cock, 15/-; ditto variegated, 17/6; all young healthy winners, worth double; approval: D. Shearer, Thurso. (416)

TWO 1911 double yellow cocks, champion strain, 7/6 each; one 1911 clear yellow ditto, 8/6; a few large buff hens to spare from 4/- each: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton.. (423)

LARGE stock buff cock, good head and neck, 15/-; two unflighted buff cocks, 10/6 each: bargains: approval willingly: F. Gooding, Gardener's Cottage, Wouldham, Rochester. (423)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/3, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy: not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester. (422)

THREE large hen Norwich clear, 2/6 each; dozen nest-pans complete, 1/6; dozen seed boxes, 1/6: dozen assorted egg pans, 1/-; approval: F. Clark, Harold House, Waltham Cross. (421)

CHAMPION challenge cup winners, my yellow took special Guildford show over 1st buff I sold for £10; see report; prices to suit all; Charley still has 'em: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants. (430)

MONSTER unflighted buff cock, 30/-; ticked buff cock, 20/-; varieg. buff cock, 15/-; two very good varieg. yellow hens, 20/- each; approval: A. Stacey, 30, Hudson-st., Nottingham. (423)

BUFF cock, yellow hen, 1st pair class Xmas show, £1; buff cock, yellow hen, commended, £1; odd cock 10/-: cash or deposit; stamp reply: G. Ette, 49, Wycliff-rd., Northampton. (416)

A few cocks of this noted strain for sale, two unflighted buff, 15/- each; also two unflighted yellows, 15/- each; two buff, 10/- each; approval: Vardy, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (420)

FEW grandly shaped buff cocks and hens, fine quality, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; splendid value from my noted strain; approval: Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

BARGAIN to beginners. 25 wire fronts, 15in x 14½in., 24 Hyde's glass seed hoppers, baths, drinking fountains, nest boxes, the lot cheap: F. E. Moore, 96, Walnut-st., Leicester. (418)

BARGAINS; typical Norwich, unflighted yellow cocks, 10/6, 15/-; unflighted buff cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each: J. Woolhouse, Breeder and Exhibitor, 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield. (431)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has cap-marked yellow cock, winner, 25/-; clear buff cock, winner, 22/6; ticked yellow cock, 20/-; others from 7/6, and some grand hens from 5/-; approval. (424)

A. HERMESTON has some good yellow and buff Norwich cocks to part with, reasonable prices; approval: no better blood in the Fancy: 150, Biddlestone-rd., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (422)

VARIEGATED yellow cock, 3rd Carlisle, buff hen, 25/-; buff cock, 1st Carlisle, yellow hen, 30/-; see wins Paisley, Stoke, Haltwhistle; others cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (420)

GRAND Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs unflighted, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, fed cold room; cash; approval; deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (427)

S. T. JONES, Lynton, Devon, has large cobby buff cocks, grand stock birds, from 15/-; variegated yellow hen, 10/-; lightly marked yellow and buff hens, 15/-; genuine bargains; approval, deposit. (408)

NORWICH for sale. Yellow cocks, buff cocks, yellow hens, buff hens, yellow cinnamon cocks, buff cocks; coldroom bred; reasonable prices to clear: Apply 34, Wenlock-road, Simonside, Tyne Dock. (420)

THROUGH ill-health, am compelled to sell my stock of Norwich and Borders, also show cages, various; state wants; cheap; also auto-harp, 10/6; stamp reply: Wallace, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk. (421)

MONSTER Norwich. Two cocks 5/6; 5 hens, 3/6; Bullfinch type, coldroom bred, feathers like wax, not artificial heated, hard as sparrows; worth double; novice, offers: Brown, 93, Green-lane, Leicester. (414)

ROOM wanted: 4 cock Goldfinch Mules, dark, Finch notes, 7/6 each, take 28/- lot; 2 yellow marked cock Canaries, 1 buff do., 7/6 each, take 21/- lot; approval, cash or deposit: Hedges, 40, Greys-rd., Eastbourne. (429)

YELLOW and buff cocks, grand stock birds, perfect type and quality, fine heads, direct from winners, medium size, 7/6 to 10/6; extra large, 12/6 to 21/-; buff hens, only from 5/6: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (405)

THREE Green hens, 3/6 each; four variegated, two buff hens, 3/- each; four dark variegated cocks, one yellow, slightly marked, young, 7/- each; one green, one buff, older, 6/- each: E. Baldock, Kildare, Hawkhurst, Kent. (422)

FEW good bred Norwich for sale; some real good buff hens from 10/-; cold room; all my own breeding from high-class stock; satisfaction guaranteed: approval, stamp: H. E. Cracknell, 99, Croydon-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (431)

LARGE unflighted pedigree stock, Harland's noted winning strain, at giving-away prices; pairs 10/6 to 15/-; these are not dealers' stock; 4 days' approval; cash or deposit: Duckitt, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster. (418)

YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger-st., Keswick, clearance sale, owing to not having time to devote to my birds, I am disposing of them all, including all my winners; also cages, cases, etc.; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-. (375)

IRON'S strain direct: 5 unflighted cocks, clear yellow, 7/6; clear yellow, 10/-; clear buff, 7/6; ticked buff, 8/-; ticked buff, 9/-; approval, cash or deposit; approval, cash or deposit: Jonas, 78, Garfield-rd., Great Yarmouth. (429)

TWO large clear buff hens, 1911; grand stock birds 4/6 each; 1 yellow hen, 1911, lovely feather, good feeder, 7/6; 1 clear buff cock, 1911, 10/6, worth 20/-; all bred from winners; approval: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (413)

I have 40 good Norwich cocks and hens for sale, 1911, 1912 birds, good type and quality; cocks from 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, hens from 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, up to 20/-; birds worth double the money: A. Searle, 7, Wilkinson-avenue, Beeston, Notts. (424)

FOR sale, 50 good Norwich, prize breed, good stock birds, yellow and buff cocks, 8/-; yellow and buff hens, 5/-; also 4th prize bird, cock, in 30/- limit class, Scottish National, Edinburgh, 12/-: David Johnston, 38, Portland-square, Hamilton. (425)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, winner at all principal shows last year, has only following birds left; two 1911 buff cocks, two unflighted buff cocks, one unflighted yellow cock, one unflighted buff hen: grand birds; good chance for amateurs. (425)

JAMES BUNTING, Moss-lane, Macclesfield, has extra large unflighted ticked buff cock, prize winner, £1; several others, 12/6; also a few hens, 5/- each; approval; or would exchange for early-hatched Rhode Island Red or Black Minorca pullets; must be good breed. (428)

TYPE and quality: Clear buff cock, ticked yellow hen, 1911, both won 2nd, 25/-; variegated yellow cock, 3rd, 1912, buff hen, 1911, 2nd, 20/-; variegated buff cocks, 1912, 10/6 each; cold bred; genuine bargains: Allen, 86, Upperthrift-st., Northampton. (428)

UNFLIGHTED variegated yellow cock, winner Derwent Valley, Stanley, 40/-; unflighted clear buff cock, good one, 35/-; two unflighted buff hens, 15/-; unflighted variegated yellow hen, 7/6; own breeding; winner at leading Northern shows: Butler, Tyne-rd., Stanley, Durham. (421)

EIGHT Norwich cocks, good size, splendid type and quality, good head and neck, bred from open winners, which won silver cup two years in succession, cheap to clear; room wanted, 10/-, 12/- each; approval; stamp: Sharp, 121, Berridge-rd., Hyson Green, Nottingham. (418)

WANTED Norwich, large unflighted yellow cock for stock, good head and neck essential; also unflighted yellow hen and unflighted buff varieg. hen, good heads, type and quality essential; good price for suitable birds; particulars: Gibson, Seedsman, Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy. (423)

TO make room I am disposing of six pairs of large unflighted champion Norwich at 20/- a pair, which I first intended to keep for my own use; one bird alone worth more; a grand chance which will not occur again at the price; approval: Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (422)

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RICHARD ANDERTON, formerly of **Breeze Hill, Preston,** in consequence of removal must dispose of the remainder of his exhibition and stock birds. These had already been reduced to a very small stud for business pressure, and the birds now offered are such as could not be bought at other times except at fancy prices from the show bench. Only one favourite pair is being retained, and the rest constitute what was intended to form the coming season's breeding stock. These are all related to the best birds which have been bred at Breeze Hill, notably the unflighted yellow hen claimed for £6 at the 1912 Scottish National, and the buff cock which won the Stanley Cup at Preston for Mr. T. Barton. All enquiries must be addressed to **174, Albemarle Street, Ashton-under-Lyne,** near **Manchester,** and the birds will be sent on approval to well-known fanciers; others must deposit with CAGE BIRDS. The following birds are amongst the well-known winners which are on sale.

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(2) **"Grand Slam,"** natural colour yellow cock, winner of 2nd Blackburn, 1st Newcastle, 3rd Bolton, 4th Burnley, 1st Warrington, 1st Stockton Heath, 3rd Gateshead, has not been shown this year, but is in splendid form. Price £4 4s.

(3) **"Cadley Firelight,"** clear buff cock, winner of 3rd Manchester and 3rd Scottish National 1911, has bred some most valuable stock. Price £3.

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and Yorkshire cocks, 5/- and 6/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-.—**SANDIFORD, Canary Judge, Preston; also 83, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, London.**

RATHBONE'S champion Norwich; few odd cocks for disposal; yellows and buffs from 12/6; approval; bred from and related to my winners Longton, Hanley, Stoke, Ilkeston, Wolverhampton, Tideswell, Winsford, etc.; see reports: 183, Watlands-view, Porthill, Wolstanton, Staffs. (432)

RARE bargains to clear; unflighted buff, superb type and quality, with very typical yellow hen, £3; excellent 1911 buff cock, grandly bred, with variegated unflighted yellow hen, £2 5s.; fine, 1911, yellow cock and A1 buff hen, £2 10s.; two unflighted buffs, bred from champions, 30/- each: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (420)

EIGHT buff cocks at 10/- each, 2 yellow variegated cocks, 15/- each; 3 clear yellow cocks, 10/- and upwards; 5 buff hens, 5/- to 8/-; 2 yellow hens, clear and variegated, 8/- and 10/-; all cold-room bred, good type and feathering; all Chalmer's (Kirkintilloch) strain; on approval: Francis Stevenson, jun., Brown's Land, Academy-st., Hurlford, Ayrshire. (426)

THROUGH business pressure must sell all my birds, etc. Five pairs Norwich, very big birds, 2 Muling Linnets, 1 Goldfinch, large aviary, 7ft. 6in. long, 5ft. 8in. high, 1ft. 8in. deep, polished outside, enamelled inside, with slides, sand tray, cost £4, loose fronts, 2 double breeders and several other cages, and about 2 pecks of seeds, £7 the lot; can be seen any time: Walker, 240, Kingston-rd., Hampton Wick. (418)

MONSTER exhibition buff cock, immense size, grand colour, type, and quality, feathered like silk, grand depth of chest, sure winner in good company, only 45/-, honestly worth £5 for stock alone; also massive exhibition yellow cock, large head and full neck, grand substance of body, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 42/-, honestly worth double; also grand exhibition yellow hen, large head and neck, deep chest, lovely colour, type, and quality, certain winner, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also extra choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, perfect gem, win anywhere, only 25/-, simply given away; also several other monster exhibition yellow and buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £4 each; massive exhibition yellow and buff hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each, including many winners; many unsolicited testimonials received from the leading breeders and exhibitors, and for size, type, and quality I defy competition; state your requirements fully, and I will guarantee to give you the fullest satisfaction; all cold-room bred; approval: Leonard Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (431)

L. J. RICHARDSON

Having selected breeding pairs, have for disposal: Yellow hens, 10/6; buff hens, 8/6; yellow cocks, 12/6; buff cocks, 10/- upwards: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe. (420)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (422)

LOUGHRIDGE, 234, YORK-ST., BELFAST

Notice! 90 high-class Norwich Canaries, yellows and buffs, for sale; cocks from 6/- to 30/- each; hens from 5/- to 25/- each. (270)

TAYLOR'S CHAMPION NORWICH

Have about 30 cocks, yellows and buff, for disposal; no hens left; guaranteed own breeding; winners and bred from winners; state wants fully; approval, deposit; stamp reply: 35, Browning-road, Leytonstone. (417)

HANFORD'S NOTED NORWICH

Fanciers wanting reliable odd birds, correctly matched pairs, or songsters, give me a trial order, and allow me to send any of following on approval. Cash or deposit system. You will be surprised with the value I am offering you. Large cobby Norwich cocks, on full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; smart hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6. Special offer of correctly matched pairs, ready for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; cold-room bred, perfect condition. Remember, satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed here. Send for complete list, and state requirements. Travelling cages, 3d. Only and old address for 27 years—

R. HANFORD,

263, Osmaston Road, DERBY.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST

strain, most amazing results last breeding season by purchasers of my champion Norwich, in almost every case a winner was bred; everywhere fanciers are talking about the almost marvellous results, such as no other strain ever will or can achieve. Scores of well known winners sold direct from my rooms, which contain the finest stud of Norwich only ever got together; champion stock pairs from 20/- to 60/-; single cocks and hens, yellow and buff, from 8/6 to 40/-; all small surplus stock sold to a well known dealer. The cream only in Norwich, with blood which tells; the proof you can test at a moderate figure, for the very highest class. Don't waste another season by picking up a bird here and there, a great mistake, but send direct to me and have a pair or single bird, which you can rely on breeding something out of the ordinary; send at once; see show reports. Kindly note: That grand buff, 1st Frome, pronounced by all who saw it a living wonder, and afterwards sold for £10, was purchased direct from Judge Silk, Whitstable. (423)

ROBERT HALL

Rudyard, Staffordshire, is selling all his stock; state wants; prices, 10/6 to 30/-; also some winners; all cages, etc., are for sale cheap. (389)

MUST BE CLEARED

Removing shortly; all my winning strain of pure Norwich. 1911 yellow cock and nice typical buff hen, 10/6; good yellow cock and buff hen, 1911 bred, 15/- pair; buff cock and good yellow hen, 15/-; cocks alone in these three pairs are worth more. Two good buff 1911 cocks, have asked 20/- each for these, sell 10/- each, or, matched to good unflig. yell. hen, 20/- pair; grand unflig. tick buff hen, a valuable bird, 20/-; three real beauties, 15/- each, five at 7/6 each; two grand unflighted buff cocks, take 10/6 each, worth double; all accessories and forty breeding cages for sale very cheap; inspection invited; all on approval; cash or deposit: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton. (433)

CHAMPION NORWICH

F. Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham, winner Kent County Points Cup 1912, Chatham Cup 1911 and 1912, has few carefully matched pairs, 30/- per pair; approval. (420)

TO BREED WINNERS

Try my buff and yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; grand heads, type, quality, bred from my winners; Liverpool, Manchester, Whitehaven, show reports; approval, stamp.

Rev. B. NUME, HARRINGTON, Cumberland (426)

W. N. TURNER

WINNING NORWICH

I have bred and supplied winners for the last Crystal Palace show, and have some really typical show and stock birds for disposal, related to above winners, see show reports of leading shows; this strain has been winning for the last 16 years, and still wins; prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval. See front page.

3a Percival Street, Hightown, Manchester (412)

MUST BE CLEARED

No. 1.—Clear buff cock, clear yellow hen, 60/-.
No. 2.—Clear buff cock, clear yellow hen, 50/-.
No. 3.—Clear yellow cock, clear buff hen, 40/-.
No. 4.—Clear buff cock, varieg. yellow hen, 35/-.
No. 5.—Clear yellow cock, varieg. buff hen, 30/-.
No. 6.—Varieg. buff cock, clear yellow hen, 30/-.
No. 7.—Clear buff cock, varieg. yellow hen, 27/6.
No. 8.—Cap marked Buff cock, clear yellow hen, 25/-.
No. 9.—Clear yellow cock, varieg. buff hen, 25/-.
No. 10.—Tick buff cock, tick yellow hen, 25/-.
No. 11.—Cap-marked yellow cock, clear buff hen, 21/-
No. 12.—Cap marked buff cock, clear yellow hen, 21/-
No. 13.—Clear yellow cock, cap marked buff hen 20/-
No. 14.—Clear yellow cock, var. buff hen, 17/6.
No. 15.—Var. buff cock, clear yellow hen, 15/-.
No. 16.—Var. yellow cock, clear buff hen, 15/-.
No. 17.—Ticked yellow cock, tick buff hen, 15/-.
No. 18.—Clear buff hen, 15/-
No. 19.—Varieg. buff hen, 3/6.
No. 20.—2 buff cocks, 7/6 each.
No. 21.—3 buff cocks, 10/- each.

The above birds constitute my entire stock, and as I am retiring from the Fancy through increasing business, I am offering the above birds at a low price in comparison with the quality. Most of them are 1912 bred, colour-fed, and in good condition; no rough-feathered birds amongst them, and all clean on chest and thighs. I shall be pleased to send any on approval for three days on receipt of postal order or deposit note: Thomas Young, 39, Eldon-st., Oldham. (434)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale. THE finest strain in England.

H. DIMMOCK, Exhibitor and Breeder of high-class Rollers B.R.C.C. rung, same strain as cup-winners, 1912, a few good birds for sale, Glucke and Water Glucke strain; note the prices, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/- upwards; hens, 5/- each: 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (Q)

BE up-to-date and use a "Filup" Feeder. (344)

FOR Rollers send for catalogue: Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr. (429)

PURE Seifert Rollers, 8/6 a pair, all rung, 1912 birds: R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescot. (429)

PURE Rollers, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; grand hens, 2/6: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge. (357)

ROLLER hens, pure Seifert, club rung, 2/6 each; approval: Pinnn, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

THREE pure Seifert young hens, exchange young Roller cock: Dean, 27, Greenhow-st., Burley, Leeds. (416)

ROLLERS. 4 cocks 5/- each, 6 hens 10/-; 1912 birds: T. Bent, 97, Hamilton-st., Rochdale-rd., Manchester. (416)

FIVE 1912 Seifert Roller cocks, nice mellow songsters, own breeding, 7/0 each: H. Bowman, 9, Nuncargate, Notts. (406)

ROLLER cocks, singing, 6/- each; hens, 2/- each; strong, healthy birds: J. Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Canton, Cardiff. (426)

1912 SEIFERT Rollers, cocks, grand songsters, week's approval, 7/6, 8/6 each: Turner, 8, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (428)

SIX Roller hens, 3/- each; Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, 4/-, or 18/- the lot: Spiling, 21, Queen-st., Farnworth, Bolton. (418)

IF you cannot come and see my Rollers, and pick your own, send for a price list: E. Taims, Church-st., Longton, Staffs. (430)

ON seven days approval, my high-class Seifert Rollers, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/-: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (406)

PURE Seifert Roller hens, Fould's strain direct, B.R.C.C. rung, 1912, coldroom, 4/-, 5/- each: Hayward, Melksham, Wilts. (419)

300 BELGIUM waterbubble Canaries for sale, cocks 8/- each; hens 2/- each: Lady Verbecs, Grens 56, Mortsel, Antwerpen. (241)

ROLLERS, 1912, B.R.C.C. rung cocks, 7/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; approval, deposit: Broadbent, 80, Alverthorpe-rd. Wakefield. (378)

BARGAIN, four B.R.C.C. rung water Glucke cocks 12/6 each; hens to match, 4/- each; offers: Holgate, Cuckoo Hall, Bacup. (420)

FINEST quality St. Andreasburg Roller cocks, perfectly trained, none better, 7/6; hens 2/6: Tyson, 34a, Hotham-rd., S. Wimbledon. (432)

1912 YOUNG Seifert Rollers, cocks full song, 5/-; some good hens, 2/- each; 1910 cock, 6/6: Hoyle, 134, Sapling-rd., Daubhill, Bolton. (423)

HIGH class Roller cock, 1911, grand songster, 10/-; ditto, 1912, 7/6; 7 days' approval; deposit Editor: Cooper, 19, Collins-rd., Southsea. (425)

HIGH-CLASS 1912 Rollers, Walton's strain, cocks 7/6, hens 3/-; approval; cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (405)

ROLLERS. Healthy birds, good breeding strain; approval, deposit; cocks 10/6, 12/6; hens 4/-: Wright, 17, Recreation-terr., Leeds. (419)

WALTON'S champion Rollers, Glucke, Water-Glucke strain; see show reports; approval, deposit: Walton, 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds. (325)

1912 ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, highest quality, Fould's strain; cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/-; approval: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham. (373)

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes of notes, 8/6, 9/5, 10/6; hens, 3/-; approval: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop. Stamp reply. (350)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Rollers, cold room bred, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: J. Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (325)

SEIFERT Rollers, cocks, on full song, 7/6, 8/6; week's approval; hens, 2/6, travelling cages 3d.: E Wilson, 38, Warwick-gardens, Harringay, London (429)

CONTEST Rollers, at prices within the reach of everybody, from the best strains possible; cocks 10/6 upwards, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st. Leeds. (400)

SATISFACTION guaranteed. High-class Seifert Rollers. Cocks 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6 each; approval willingly: John Wyre, Colley-lane, Cradley, Staffs. (420)

ANDERTON, Coastguard, St. Albans Head, Wareham, Dorset, has three Randall's water Glucke hens, 1912, pedigree rung, lot 15/-; singly 5/6; approval willingly. (415)

NOTICE, several grand St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, day and gaslight songsters, 15/-; approval: easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

COCK, 5 hens, Rollers, 18/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; Linnet, cock, 1/6; cages, seed crusher, appliances, 25/- lot: 104, Nightingale-bldgs., Marylebone, N.W. (427)

CLEARING Out Rollers: 20 cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; 40 hens, 2/-, 2/6 each (cold-room bred), or nearest offer for the lot: John Pollard, 10 Aler-st., Great Lever, Bolton. (428)

WATER Glucke cocks, from 15/-; healthy hens, same strain, 5/-; not showing on account of many judging appointments: M. Jacquemin, 453, Dudley-rd. Wolverhampton. (406)

BUY straight from the breeder and trainer; finest strain of Rollers obtainable; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens, 2/6; cash or deposit: Holloway, 30, Hill-st., Lye, Stourbridge. (420)

HENS! Hens! Hens! Hartz Mountain Roller hens, 2/6, 1912, or two for 4/0; large Norwich hens, 3/6, 1911; cash, approval or deposit: R. Collins, Marsh-road, Burnham-on-Crouch. (394)

GENUINE Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, warranted full song, specially selected, 8/- each; grand Hartz cocks, full song, 6/- each; approval willingly: G. Coplin, Importer, Falmouth. (432)

SEIFERT Rollers, 1912, in full song, bred from prize winners, coldroom, mostly B.R.C.C. rung, 6/6 to 12/6; hens 2/6, 3/6; schoolmasters 15/-, 17/6: Newton, 69, Stafford-st., Wolverhampton. (419)

COLES' champion Glucke Rollers, same strain as my 1st Palace, two 1sts Manchester, 1st Leeds, 1st Wakefield; cocks, 12/6 to £2; hens, 7/6; or 12/- for two: G. Cole, Hillside, James-st., Llanelly. (428)

CANARIES, lovely songsters, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; pairs, ready for breeding, 10/6, 12/6; new joiner-made double-breeding cages, 5/6: H. Streater, 3, Katherine-rd., Twickenham, Middlesex. (417)

TEN Seifert English bred hens, pure deep water Glucke strain, bred from contest winners, 3/6 each, or 6/- a couple; coldroom bred, breeding condition, worth double: Taylor, Northam-rd., Bideford. (415)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, Randall's Glucke and water Glucke strain direct, bred from my cups and medals winners; two at 20/-, and two 25/-; hens, 7/6; approval: Rhodes, 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs. (421)

BARGAIN: Two winning water glucke cocks, won 1st and special, 2nd and special, this month at Rossendale and District Roller contest, £1 and 18/6 each; offers: 6, Brunswick-ter., Stacksteads, Manchester. (426)

WATER-GLUCKE Rollers; wins this season. Wolverhampton, vhc, c; Leeds, c; Bolton, 4th special and hc; Stacksteads, 1st special; cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/- each; approval, deposit: Roberts, 12, Madeira Hill, Wrexham. (398)

All Bargains

At the prices quoted below. Have on approval, and test the bona-fides of this statement. Never excelled at prices, if ever equalled, which I believe they have not. A good singing cock for 6/-. Don't be "gulled" by purchasing mongrels sold as Hartz Rollers at lower prices. They have never seen Germany, and to sell as such is an impertinent lie. Specially selected, with better notes, 7/6. Hens, 2/-; Genuine Seiferts, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, Pairs, 10/6, 15/6, 21/-, 25/- upwards. Hens, 3/6. Pairs, 7/6, 8/6. Cages, 3d. extra. **A few exceptional birds, 30/- and 40/- each.** An exceptional lot of good hens, and now is the time to purchase them. All kinds of cages for same.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room English bred, parents and young ones for sale; cocks from 7/6; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (385)

FOR sale, few pairs of high-class Rollers, have won this season third and spl. Wakefield, 6th and spl. Wolverhampton, hc Leeds; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; B.R.C.C. rung; approval, deposit: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. (402)

PURE water Glucke Rollers, prize winning strain, cold-room bred, all B.R.C.C. rung; perfectly trained cocks, in full song, 15/-, 21/-, 30/- each; hens, same strain, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (431)

T. TWIGG'S champion strain have scored this season 3 firsts, young bird classes, including 1st and silver cup, champion class, Bury; few stock birds of the same strain, 20/-, hens 7/6; one B1 rung, 50/-, used for tutor: 6, Stafford-st., Bilston. (425)

I CAN supply pure Randall's strain, young cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; one with a slight fault, 8/6, bred by prize-winners; hens, 4/-, 7/6 couple; better blood impossible to get; 7 days' approval, deposit: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston. (403)

GRAND 1912 cold room bred and kept Roller hens, in superb condition, 4/- each; also a few grand cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; approval. Adam Prescott, Bank Hey House, Little Neston, writes: I wouldn't take £20 for the 12 Roller cocks I got from you; you are an honest and ideal fancier; John Canning, Breeder and Trainer of Pure German Canaries, 26, Ellesmere-st., Astley, nr. Manchester. (425)

WATER Glucke contest Rollers, 1912, bred from my London cup, Manchester, Leeds, and Wolverhampton prize winners, 10/6 upwards; hens 4/6 and 6/-; 7 days' approval; member of the British and Midland Roller Clubs; or exchange: Arthur Turner, 9, Lower Lichfield-st., Willenhall. (418)

MR. HARRISON'S wins this season: Wolverhampton, 6th and special for water glucke, and c, Wimbledon, vhc, c, c, Wakefield, hc, hc Grimsby, 1st, 2nd, two specials, Bolton, 1st, two specials, Provincial, 2nd, 5th, two specials, 6th in team class. Cocks and hens, brothers and sisters to my winners, Mr. Randall's strain, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 5/-, 7/6; approval.—Church Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton. (434)

ROLLERS, Randall strain, handsome singers, with beautiful hollow roll, hollow bell, bass, deep, bubbling water tones, B.R.C.C. rung, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 6/6; several very fine German birds, with beautiful deep tones, 8/6, 10/6; all birds willingly on approval; many delighted testimonials; show cages, training cages, song boxes, cheap to clear: Paxton Slade, B.R.C.C., 33, St. Mary's-rd., Ilford, E. (430)

CHAMPION ROLLERS

Notice! I have some very fine St. Andreasberg Rollers, in full song, these are splendid day and gaslight songsters, with all the sweetest and most musical changes of song; all on six days' approval, deposit with Editor: Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. (407)

CHILLCOTT'S ROLLERS

Owing to ill-health, Mr. A. G. Pattison, late of Gravesend, has disposed of all his Rollers to Mr. A. Chillcott, of 151, South-avenue, Southend. Most of the 1912 birds are bred from two £5 cocks, bought direct from Mr. Randall; these are bred from the champion cock claimed at club show by Dr. Read at £10. A few of these grand birds for disposal at reasonable prices; enquiries solicited. Some good stock cocks for sale from 12/6. Some clinking hens from 6/6. (204)

ROLLERS! SONGSTERS!!

5/- 5/- is my Price for a Genuine Reliable Songster.

My Hartz Cocks have never been Beaten, and are seldom equalled. Save all middlemen's profits and purchase direct from the old and reliable importer. A fine selection of cocks, in full song by day and gaslight, real loud songsters, 5/- each; better quality selected songsters, 5/6, 6/- each; travelling cages, 3d. each extra. Matched pairs for breeding songsters, 7/6, 8/6 pair.

My **Genuine Trained St. Andreasburg Rollers,** with full change of song, by day and artificial light, stand alone. **Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each.** Extra good Hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each.

I have undoubtedly the finest collection of Yorkshires in England. I do not keep all the best for my own showing, but offer every bird for sale at reasonable prices. **Cocks, in full song, champion Yorkshires, 6/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each,** just the quality to breed your own winners. **Hens,** full of the quality that catches the eye of the judge, **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 6/6, 7/6 each. Matched breeding Pairs,** guaranteed Cock and Hen, matched, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 26/-.**

All birds on seven days' approval. Travelling Cages, 3d. each. Illustrated List of Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, post free.

E. L. STOREY, Roller Importer, CROWLE, DONCASTER.

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ORMSKIRK ROAD, PRESTON.
(416)

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W. GORE, The Importer, Gooch-st, BIRMINGHAM
(432)

REAL ROLLERS

Largest stock in England—at London and Preston, direct importer. Buy first hand. Also Hartz cocks; imported direct from Germany to my London address, some of the finest Rollers in Germany; St. Andreasburg, Seiferts, etc., trained under the finest schoolmasters, prices 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; real schoolmasters, 10/6, 12/- each; don't pay any more; try one from direct importer; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each, two 3/6; all guaranteed in every way. Beautiful box cages, enamelled, sand drawer, etc., 2/-; shutters 2/9. Mr. Davis, Stockport, winner firsts, championship diploma Crystal Palace, 1912, writes: Send me six of your wonderful Rollers; enclose cheque £3. Send for catalogue and testimonials. Established 1879. Patronised by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judges Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Robson, Dobson, Scothern, Barnes, etc., etc. Hartz Roller cocks, like music boxes, 5/6 and 6/- each, two 10/6; hens 1/9, two 3/-; shutter cage, 2/9: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs., also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

HIGH-CLASS ROLLERS

of the popular Glucke strain, Schoolmasters and contest singers, all young birds, 1912; magnificent birds, English cold room bred; B.R.C.C. rung, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-: K. Pericles, Akropolis, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (377)

SONGSTERS! SONGSTERS!!

Specially selected Norwich or Yorkshires (not just picked out indiscriminately), 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up. Cage 3d. Approval.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

Scotch Fancies.

FOR good Scotch Fancies see my list: Rudd.

SCOTCH Fancy; buff piebald hen, large, good bird, 60/-; approval: James McGregor, 34, Queen-st., Tayport. (423)

JAMES STRACHAN, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath, has few Scotch Fancy cocks and hens left; sold cheap to clear. (427)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, Buff and Buff Pied cocks, one Buff and one Yellow hen: Andrew Howden, 6, Cochrane-pl., Leith. (410)

SCOTCH Fancies; 1 yellow, 1 buff hens, sisters of my Glasgow winner, also others, young: Robert Neil, 1, Barnes-st., Barrhead. (404)

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BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held January 22, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Mr. Moon presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Mr. Button). The first quarterly report and balance sheet ending December, 1912, were presented and adopted Five new members were added to the books. Decided to hold members' pair show, at the next monthly meeting, February 26, and liberal classification is offered. Judge, Mr. H. Messenger. All members are requested to come along and bring good entries, and any fanciers wishing to join may do so up to date of show, and compete for members' prizes and specials. Specials were promised by Messrs. Messenger, Chambers and Butler. So, fanciers, hurry up and get yourselves a few.—R. Elliott, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Commercial Hotel, Jan. 22, Mr. J. C. Murray in the chair. There was a good turn-out of members. Moved and passed that we spend 25s. in advertising open show date in "Cage Birds." It was also passed that we have a smoker on Feb. 19 at Raith Arms Hotel, starting at 6 p.m.; further, that the secretary write private gentlemen to arrange ramble to take place on June 3. Passed that delegates attend West Fife League meeting and be instructed how to vote. Passed that we select judges for open show at the next meeting. A lengthy discussion took place re the date of open show, and it was decided to go back to our usual date, Nov 15, and avoid clashing with other Fife shows. Final arrangements were made for club show, and after some entries were taken it was agreed to have our next meeting in Foulford Arms on Feb. 15. New members: J. King, J. J. Grieve, W. Peel, and W. McKay.—J. W. Holms, sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

First monthly meeting, held headquarters, "Old Boars Head," Corporation Street, Manchester, Jan. 25th. At the request of our Hon. Sec., the writer has accepted the berth of Press correspondent. I am extremely sorry to report that the former contracted a severe cold, whilst in the performance of his duties at the Bury Show, which has necessitated him keeping indoors ever since. The sympathy of members and friends will go out to him, and we trust for a speedy and complete recovery. Our thanks are due to a "chip of the old block," Mr. Albert Percival, for the way he performed his father's duties at this meeting. In the course of a well-delivered speech, he intimated his father's desire that we elect a fresh hon. sec., in consequence of advancing age and business appointments. The attitude of those present showed that before he can relinquish his position he will be compelled to refuse duty. It was proposed and seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to him, and all retiring officers for their services during the past year. Further, that our appreciation of the members of Mr. Percival's family shall take the form of a presentation for the generous efforts they have made for our benefit. Balance sheet for 1912 shows £25 18s. 2d. to our credit. Officers for the current year are: Hon. sec. and treas., Mr. Andrew Percival; president, Mr. Geo. Wareing; vice-president, Messrs. A. Fould, Massey, Leach, Kilshaw, and J. H. Brooks; auditors, Messrs. Kilshaw and J. Tomlinson. Decided to have a dinner next club day, February 22nd. Members will be acquainted of this in due course, and it is hoped that each will make a special effort to attend. We extended a hearty welcome to two new members, Mr. F. Oldroyd (Wakefield) and Mr. Schofield (Middleton). Roller fanciers would be well advised to join us at our next meeting, and those desirous of attending the dinner will receive a hearty welcome. Particulars can be obtained from Mr. Andrew Percival, Smithy Bridge, Rochdale. This society is the most convenient one for Roller fanciers who reside in the Potteries and district, as trains leave Stoke at 1.15 p.m. and 2.5. p.m. for Manchester each Saturday; fare, 2s. 6d. for the double journey. The society is on a sound basis, and has a membership of approximately one hundred. Club meetings held last Saturday in each month. Further particulars can be had from me at 30, Thistleberry Ave., Newcastle, Staffs.—J. Tomlinson.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Annual general meeting, held at Park Chapel Schools on January 21st, before a good attendance. Mr. G. White, vice-president, occupied the chair. Mr. G. R. Rushworth gave the delegates' report of the last Council meeting, and this was adopted. Mr. J. Farrar, treasurer, gave his report; this shows the society to be in a very healthy position, the balance having been substantially increased, now standing at over £8. The auditors reported finding the society's books in perfect condition. The balance sheet was adopted amidst much enthusiasm. The balance sheet for the sixth annual tea and concert was presented by the secretary, showing a handsome balance, thus giving the society a magnificent start for the New Year. The past year has been the most successful year in the history of the society, for after starting with 68 full members, the membership gradually advanced to 86, and every social event, members' show, and the last annual open show had all paid their way. The novice members of the society had done very well in the Yorkshire Union Novice Competition, and no fewer than 5 out of the 9 gold medals given for the Yorkshire section had been captured by members of the society. Election of officials: Mr. E. Luddards, president (the members didn't forget to show their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the society), Messrs. G. R. Rushworth, W. Cruise, G. White, L. Briggs, J. Rhodes, S. Midgley, W. Laycock, and G. Riley; vice-presidents; treas., Mr. John Farrar; auditors, Mr. S. Midgley and Mr. J. Wroe; assist. sec., Mr. Wm. Cruise, and secretary, Mr. H. Hill. The President, Treasurer, and Secretary have thus been elected seven years in succession for their respective positions. A resolution to increase the subscription from 3s. to 4s. per annum was carried unanimously, the members feeling that this would help the society to still further cater for its members. The members afterwards dealt with suggestions for alterations or new rules for the Yorkshire Union ballot paper, and also nominated several gentlemen as candidates for various positions under the Union. Anyone desirous of joining this society would be well advised to attend the next meeting February 4th, when a lecture and debate will be initiated by Mr. Wm. Cruise. A hearty invitation is given to friends to hear this versatile lecturer. On February 18th the members will hold a pair show and judging competition, at which three money prizes will be given. Judge, Mr. L. Briggs. Entrance, free. A good turn up is desired for next meeting. H. Hill, Sec.

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THE 54th GREAT CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

The Entry Reviewed: A Black and White Canary.

Once again fanciers throughout the country are counting the days to the great annual reunion at Sydenham, where champions meet to fight the last of their season's battles, and where the owners of the champions meet to recount the story of the season, and to indulge in reminiscences of many a keenly fought battle of years gone by. The Crystal Palace is the one place for the renewal of old friendships, and the making of new ones, and there will doubtless be there gathered together the same old familiar faces seen year by year, the same old stories told as though they were new, the same old jokes cracked, and the same old good wishes expressed when the function at last comes to an end, and friends of many years' standing part for another year.

The gross total of entries stands this year at 2,468, a drop of 59 on last year. The extra stock class accounts for the greater portion of the drop, being itself 34 entries down, while the classes for cages and appliances which last year produced 22 entries are this year missing, so that the entry in the exhibition birds is only three less than last year 2,191, as against 2,194. Further, as the number of competition classes is 12 lower than previously, the average is a better one, 15 per class as against 14 of last year. The 12 classes dropped are those which were given by special request last year, and which were so poorly supported that they have been withdrawn.

The class for White Canaries, instituted last year, has this year received 10 entries, a rise of one, and will doubtless once again be the centre of attraction for Canary men in particular. In the A.O.V. Canary class a Black and White Canary has been entered, and much interest will attach to this unique exhibit. The foreign section once again is not up to the standard we have for so many years seen at the Palace, but there will be staged many birds of very exceptional interest, and great beauty, and there is no doubt that this section will be one of the most crowded by delighted spectators.

The Canary Classes.

The classes in this section number 92 against the 99 of last year, and have produced 1,358 entries, a drop of 58; the detailed entries being as follows :—

	Classes	Birds
Norwich Plainheads (open)	8	107
Norwich Plainheads (novice) ...	4	82
Norwich Greens	4	35
Crests, etc. (open)	9	94
Crests, etc. (novice)	2	13
Yorkshires (open)	8	138
Yorkshires (novice)	7	152
Yorkshires, Green marked	3	39
Yorkshires, Cinnamon marked ...	4	40
Yorkshires, Greens	4	64
Cinnamons (open)	4	33
Cinnamons (novice)	1	8
Lancashires	2	17
Lizards	2	13
Border Fancies (open)	7	153
Border Fancies (novice)	2	28
Green Borders	4	63
Scotch Fancies	2	17
Belgians	3	15
White Canaries	1	10
Rollers	3	39
Limit Classes	7	186
A.O.V. (open)	1	12

Open Norwich have two classes less than last year, and in number are 72 down. Open Yorks. are one class less, and 27 down in number, but Novice Yorks. have a substantial rise of 41, 152 against 111. Cinnamons drop nearly a half, to 33 from 63, and in Novice Cinnamons the same thing prevails, the entries being only 8 against 17 last year. Border Fancies (open) are nearly the same as last year, when they numbered 152, but the Novice Borders drop from 35 to 28. Lizards are poorly represented, only 13 in two classes (last year 19). The class for Frills has been dropped. Selling classes are 25 up, and the A.O.V. open, which last year was cancelled, this year contains 12 birds, including the Black and White Canary, as mentioned above.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

The nine open classes for Mules contain 128 entries, the two limit classes 36, and the three novice 30—194 in 14 classes, as against 200 in 16 classes last year. Among the birds will be found representatives of every known cross, including the Greenfinch-Chaffinch hybrid, which still remains the only one of the cross which has been seen on the bench, but nothing absolutely new occurs among the entries. The section will, as usual, provide an intensely interesting show to the hybrid breeding enthusiasts. In the British section (open) there are 409 entries, 17 less than last year. Mr. Weston's five classes—Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch—contain in all 136 birds. The remaining portion of the section, 13 classes, against 20 last year, is divided between Mr. Silver and Mr. Fulljames. Mr. Silver's classes contain 140 birds and Mr. Fulljames has 134 in his 9 classes. Throughout this section the class headings name the individual species included, thus doing away with any doubt as to the class in which any particular bird should be entered. The mixed classes in the section will prove, as usual, the most attractive part of the exhibition to the lovers of British birds. Nearly every species of British bird which may properly be kept in captivity will be represented. In the novice British section, judge Mr. Norman, the three classes contain 119 birds, an extraordinary advance on last year, when only 49 entries appeared.

The three classes for Parrots, judge Mr. Camps, have produced only 25 entries in all, and in the remaining portion of the section, judge Mr. Swaysland, only 58 birds appear in the seven classes provided. It is, however, only in number that the section suffers. The specimens that will be on view represent some of the most beautiful foreign birds, and the gangways will doubtless be crowded by visitors throughout the show.

The class for Continental Finches (judge, Mr. Dewar) has produced 17 entries.

The extra stock class contains 277 entries, a big drop on last year, as mentioned above, but each of the entries represents a bargain at the price, and doubtless most of the birds entered will find new owners among those who look yearly to the stock class at the Palace as a ready means of adding to their exhibition or breeding stock high class birds at reasonable prices.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, is once again responsible for the whole of the show arrangements, this being the thirteenth year of his management of the great exhibition. The experience which Mr. Ramsden has had in working out to a nicety the minutest detail which may tend to the smooth carrying out of such an undertaking stands him in good stead. From beginning to end everything under Mr. Ramsden's management works with the smoothness of perfect machinery, and when our representative called on Tuesday evening the catalogue sheets were absolutely ready for the printer, each entry throughout the whole 2,468 being numbered consecutively. In the enormous clerical work incidental to such a task Mr. Ramsden has the enthusiastic assistance of Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. Geo. Ramsden, and he is the first to admit that their whole-hearted co-operation is the secret of his success. We were glad to hear from Mr. Ramsden that the system he adopted some years ago of absolutely closing down the entries at the advertised time works with complete success. Exhibitors, when they know their entries will be refused if tendered after the proper time, take care to enter before closing, and this year only ten entries had to be returned through being after time.

Letters during the time of the show should be addressed to Mr. Ramsden at the Crystal Palace, not to his private address, and exhibits must be delivered at the Palace on Thursday, 6th, or they will not be able to compete.

The annual judges' lunch will take place on Feb. 7 in the Grill Room at the Palace at 1.45. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Mr. Ramsden. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are specially invited.

An Expert Opinion.

Several readers have written in the past to ask whether one or other of the specialists upon our staff would for a small fee give them a private opinion upon the merits, or mating, etc., of birds they are exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Show. We shall be pleased to arrange this. Exhibitors desirous of taking advantage of the offer must send to CAGE BIRDS offices a stamped addressed envelope, together with sixpence (postal order) for each bird (Canary, Hybrid, British, or Foreign) upon which they wish to receive an opinion, when a letter will be sent them in due course.

Results of the Judging.

TELEGRAMS or other communications asking for results of the judging cannot be answered by the show authorities. In these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result of any class upon compliance with the following rules :—

1. Fully stamped and addressed postcards or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than Thursday, Feb. 6.
2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for the awards. For instance :—"Jones, 100, Market Street, Leicester, 259 ——— 263 ———, 406 ———," etc.
3. All the applicants for results at the Palace must write "Result" on top left-hand corner of the envelope in which the postcard or telegraph form is sent to us.

NOTE.—We cannot undertake to deal with any results other than by postcard or telegram (no letters can be sent).

Club Meetings and Excursions.

The following Club meetings have already been arranged: Crest Club, Board Room, 3.30; N.B.B. and M.C., Board Room, 6.30

Excursion trains at cheap rates will run from every part of the country to the Palace; particulars of fares and times are obtainable at the various local stations.

"Cage Birds" Stall.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in the usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures and addresses therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge. If you do not happen to see what you want, ask our attendant for it.

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Owing to severe pressure on our space, notes by the Secretary are unavoidably held over.

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To-night (Friday, Jan. 31) is what one may term a bird-keepers' "gala night"—at least so far as the London Opera House is concerned. "The Poultry World" Farm Competition candidates are being entertained at the Opera House (after their examination during the day), and every poultry-keeper and bird lover residing in or near London should make sure of booking his or her seat for to-night's entertainment. The programme is a very extensive one, and if we may particularise any turns, we might mention the sensation of the London season—the American Rag-time octette; Charles T. Adrich—"The Man of Many Parts;" The Poldrens in their original lamp juggling act; Troupe of Arabs, the most artistic and perfect acrobats yet seen, and the world famous illusionist, Carl Hertz. There will be a complete change of cinematograph pictures, and it is hoped to show on the screen pictures of the "P.W." farm. The winner of the "P.W." farm will, it is expected, be announced at the end of the performance. So every reader in London and suburbs should direct his or her steps to the London Opera House, Kingsway, W.C., to-night. The entertainment starts at eight o'clock : you will have a good time; prices, 6d. to 5s.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

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Get your "Filup" Feeder in good time.—(Advt. 79).

Our annual show is fixed for Nov. 5 and 6, writes Mr. W. J. Abbott, of Dover.

Our show has been fixed for Oct. 23rd and 24th next, writes Mr. H. Wray, sec., Chatham and Dist. F.A.

R. A. Newley is "the" man for show cages. Order early. Address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.).

We regret to learn that Mr. Roll, the able secretary of the Norwich Alliance C.B.S., contemplates resigning his post.

The winning numbers of the C. W. Alty drawing were 1,718, 1,658, and 1,751, writes Mr. W. S. Smith (South Shields).

The 34th annual open show of the Sheffield C.B.S. has been fixed for Oct. 18; secretaries please note, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

The Wimbledon C.B.S. pair show is being held on Tuesday next, Feb. 4, at No. 6, The Broadway. Fanciers will be welcomed; open at 6 p.m.

Portable bird house, see Hollin's advt., under Accessories. The largest portable bird house builder in the country. Address, 9, George Street, Hull.—(Advt. 419.)

Walsh's large Illustrated Catalogue, 104 pages, contains the best of everything for bird fanciers; a post-card addressed Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn, will bring it you.—(Advt., 431.)

Mr. W. Duncan has taken over the duties of secretary and treasurer to Clackmannanshire and Dist. C.B.S. (note the club report in this issue). The radius has been extended to 15 miles from Alloa.

Mr. E. C. Job, secretary, Sheffield O.S., writes that he will take it as a favour if members will return all unsold tickets of their recent show at the monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday next.

Mr. R. A. Newley, the well-known bird-cage manufacturer, of 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W., will be at the Crystal Palace Bird Show on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, Feb. 7, 8, and 10.—(Advt.)

I have resigned the secretaryship of the City of Bradford O.S., writes Mr. F. Rhodes. All matter concerning the society should be addressed to the newly-elected secretary, Mr. W. Hellewell, 116, Mill Lane, Bradford.

Owing to business I am compelled to clear my birds and all cages, etc., writes Mr. W. R. Wright. I am a ten years' breeder of Yorkshires, and enclose advert. I have removed from Leeds, but the stock is with my brothers.

Prize-money and special prizes won at the pair show of Saturday last was paid to all members present last night (Monday) and the rest has been sent off this (Tuesday) afternoon, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. City and Suburban A.C.B.

An excellent syllabus of entertaining and instructive events arranged for 1913 season reaches us from Messrs. Treasure and Pounsett, the hon. secs. of Cheltenham C.B.S. ("Idahoe," Oakland Avenue, Cheltenham), who will be glad to hear from anyone in the district desirous of joining.

Sheffield O.S., we hear, have again be successful in booking the Cutlers' Hall for their all-England show, Nov. 7th and 8th. This is the premier hall of the City (an ideal room for birds). The society are to be congratulated on their pluck in taking over so expensive a hall to ensure the comfort of the exhibits.

On behalf of the L. and P.O.S., writes Mr. Ramsden, I beg to tender my thanks to the exhibitors throughout the country who have so liberally responded with their entries, and I would especially thank them for sending by the advertised date of closing. Only ten late entries were received, and these I was reluctantly compelled to return.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. will hold a Pair Show on February 15th, at the All Saints' Hall. The points at the show will count for silver cups and other specials. Mr. G. Denham, hon. sec., 112, Cowley Road, Mortlake, writes that he will be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join. A special meeting to elect new members, and also the general meeting will take place the same night.

Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) has been engaged to judge Leigh Show, July 19th, we are informed.

Harrogate annual open show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, hon. sec. Secretaries please note to avoid clashing. Mr. W. Mundell will judge.

I have been elected sec. of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., and all correspondence must be addressed to me at 2, Newill Place, of Heights Lane, Rochdale, writes Mr. Wm. Adams.

We hear from Mr. Cottingham, hon. sec., that the three shows of Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. have been fixed for June 14th, Oct. 11th, and Dec. 13th. Will local societies please note, to avoid clashing?

The Abertillery C.B.S. (Mon.) are having a social and dance on Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at the Market Hall, to raise funds for our forthcoming open show, writes Mr. G. Broome, the sec. I hope all members and friends in the district will do their best to make this a financial success.

Mr. Hamilton (Eskbank) has kindly consented to give us a washing exhibition at our meeting on Feb. 8, and Mr. Steel (Dankeith) to give us a lecture on "Britishers: Their Selection and Management," at our meeting on March 8th, writes Mr. J. Napier, sec., Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.

OBITUARY.

I feel sure, writes Mr. R. H. Folley, hon. sec. Exeter and Dist. C.B.S., 28, Roseberry Rd., Exeter, that you will kindly voice the deep sympathy of the members of our society with Mr. W. Evans (Evans Bros.) in the loss of his beloved wife. Keenly connected with the Crest Club, and intimately known to many fanciers of that variety, we feel sure that all those who have known them will tender their heartfelt sympathy. Mr. Evans has been a good member, a good fancier, and a genial all-round supporter of the Cage-bird Fancy.

Mr. G. Baldwin, fancier and dealer, writes that he has removed his business to 26, Bournville Lane, Stirchley, Birmingham (from Icknield Street), and is reopening this week.

Owing to the resignation of our sec. I am compelled to call the next meeting (Feb. 1st) myself, writes Mr. H. J. Mennard, Chairman, Leeds C.B.S. Will all members please attend?

The next annual show of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. has been fixed for Dec. 3rd and 4th, Mr. J. Robson to judge, writes Mr. J. H. Jones, the sec. Will secretaries of other societies note ?

The members of the Victoria Club and Institute, West Stanley, are having a cage bird show on Feb. 1st and 2nd. We wish them every success and a bumping entry in their first venture, writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec., West Stanley C.B.S.

Will kind friends accept my sincere thanks for their letters of sympathy during my great trouble, writes Mr. J. E. Jeffreys (Swansea); also I wish to thank the Swansea C.B.S. for their floral tributes, which I received within twenty-four hours after my dear wife's death. Through the great loss I have sustained (she had always taken a great interest in tending to the birds) I am compelled to sell all my British birds, which are advertised in this issue.

It was a pleasant surprise to me to find you had honoured my Siskin by portraying him on the front cover of your valuable paper, Cage Birds. I beg to thank you for thus honouring me and the bird. The likeness certainly reflects the greatest credit on your artist. The Siskin, in addition to winning at the Scottish National, also took first at the Liverpool National. Unfortunately he is at present on the sick list. He took a chill after a hand wash when I was getting him ready for Sunderland Show, and I had to keep him at home.—W. Fairhurst (Manchester).

British Roller C.C.

The first international exhibition of British and German bred Roller Canaries held by the British Roller Canary Club will take place at St. Marylebone Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., Feb. 7 and 8. There are nine classes, the first two being open to the world. Class 1 is for teams of four birds, entry 5s., prizes 20s., 15s., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., with six medals. Class 2, single birds, fee 1s. 6d., prizes 12s. 6d., 8s., 6s., 4s., 2s. 6d., with six medals. The other classes are: Novice team, fee and prizes as in class 1, champion young bird, Nov., ditto., champion any age, amateur any age, novice any age, prizes and fee as in class 2, and selling, prizes 10s., 8s., 4s., 2s., fee 1s. The two fifteen guinea cups of the B.R.C.C. are in competition at this show, and there is a promise that "there will be present two or more of the best Roller birds ever bred in Germany." There are ten cups, and 76 specials to be won outright.

Mr. J. Waters, hon. sec. Wannarlywdd show, writes that prize-money has been paid.

The winning numbers of the drawing in connection with Sunderland Show are 362, 116, 659, 1, 667, writes Mr. J. Jeffrey, hon. sec.

Kindly intimate, writes Mr. R. Trimble, hon. sec., Ulster O.A., that our open show will be held on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st. The names of judges will be sent later.

We have arranged shows as follows for this year, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, hon. sec., Reading and Dist. C.B.S.: Young Bird Show, July 16th; judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner. Annual Show, Nov. 26th; judge, Mr. J. Robson.

Mr. F. G. Etheridge, hon. sec., Woolston and Dist. F. and F.A., writes that a show held at Woolston in 1911, which was open to the counties of Hants, Wilts, and Dorset, had nothing to do with his association. Mr. Etheridge has received from fanciers who showed there several letters referring to prize money won by them (which was guaranteed), and they have not received same. I should, he writes, like this to be brought before your readers, as I think it did this association a great deal of harm at our annual show last year. Wishing your paper every success.

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My last advert. in CAGE BIRDS brought me more applications than I could deal with.—W. Colston (Willenhall).

Glad to let you know I sold the birds I advertised in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, a fortnight ago, and I thank you very much.—J. Wilson (Kendal).

Would you thank all those who answered my advert of Scots Fancy, as I had so many replies I could not answer them all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—R. Monteith (Clydebank).

Allow me to thank all those who made enquiries re Mules which I advertised in your paper. I received more orders than I had birds to sell, and the letters were far too numerous to answer individually, showing what remarkable results an advert. in "CAGE BIRDS" brings. I wish you every success in the future.—A. Lewton (Bristol).

A Long-lived Goldfinch.

A Goldfinch belonging to Miss Olive Masters, of The Common, Uxbridge, has died aged eighteen years, according to a weekly contemporary.

After 18 Years.

A Parrot, which has been domiciled with Mr. J. W. Simpson, of the Dropping Well Inn, Knaresborough, for the past eighteen years, laid its first egg on Sunday last, and a second one on Wednesday, it is reported.

The Y.C.C. of Scotland.

The Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland annual general meeting and presentation of prizes is to-night (Friday) at 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.45 p.m. prompt. All interested cordially invited, writes Mr. R. B. Gibb, the hon. sec.

Noted Linnet Succumbs.

We regret to hear from our Welsh representative that the well-known Linnet so successfully exhibited by Mr. F. Heal, of Swansea, has gone over to the great majority. This bird secured numerous firsts and other prizes, including the Crystal Palace, Scottish National, Horticultural Hall, Cardiff, etc.

N.B.B. and M.C. Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club will be held in the Board Room, at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., writes Mr. J. P. Carr, the hon. sec. I hope all members, both in London and country, will make a special effort to attend, so that we can hear their views on the various matters to be brought forward.

Death of a Champion Champion.

Readers will sympathise with Mr. W. Woods, of Sinnington, whose well-known Bullfinch died, we hear, on Jan. 21st. This Bullfinch was a noted winner, having taken first prize at last year's Crystal Palace Show, and also at the recent Scottish National Show, in addition to some fifty other first prizes at various exhibitions. Mr. Woods' other Bullie, which has stood second only to his late colleague, will now have a chance to come to the fore.

More Birthday Congratulations!

Congratulatory references to our recent Birthday Number continue to pour in upon us and we print a further selection below. We sincerely thank the kindly senders.

The Birthday Number is simply great.—R. Clegg (Gorton).

Congratulations on your recent Birthday Number.—J. Steel (Dalkeith).

What a spanking threepennyworth the Birthday Number was!—W. Pollinger (Brixton).

Am extremely delighted with Birthday issue. It is indeed superb.—R. Braginton (Plymouth).

I must congratulate you on your Birthday Number. The coloured plates are magnificent. A. Watson (Forres).

Your birthday number was extra special, and the British bird plate most beautiful.—James T. Leslie (Southport).

My congratulations to you on the excellence of your Birthday Number; the plates are superb.—W. Reid (Sunderland).

The Birthday Number is a stormer, well worth double the price. I wish you further success.—J. Mostyn-Lucas (Manley Park, Manchester).

What a grand Birthday Number you gave us. It had only one fault, as far as I was concerned, namely, it got me a "lecture" from the wife for sitting up so late that Friday night! But 'twas worth it.—W. D. Eley (Mumbles).

I was greatly surprised, and more than pleased, with your valuable Birthday issue. I must thank you very much for same. I showed it to all my friends. The beautiful coloured plates have gone to be framed. I wish you all success.—J. Kerschbaumer (Teignmouth).

I feel I must congratulate you and all concerned in the production of last week's number. The coloured plate of British birds I was very pleased with, and shall certainly have it framed. It will go splendidly with two other plates I have of poultry and pigeons of all varieties. Am getting a great number of replies from my small advt. in last week's number, far too many reply to each.—F. J Whibley (Maidstone).

Just another good word for your latest Birthday Number. You go one better every time. The plates are very fine, especially Mr. Norman's British birds. It fills a townsman's want indeed. We had hardly got it safe into its frame before our two schoolboy sons were busily engaged trying to copy Mr. Norman's Bullfinch, etc. Like their dad, they think a lot of Cage Birds and its coloured plates Many happy and prosperous returns of the day.—W. Downing (Manchester.) [Mr. Downing enclosed a clever little coloured drawing of the Wren done by one of his sons.—Editor.]

Must thank you for grand Birthday Number; it was champion.—F. G. Joiner (Portsmouth).

Your Birthday Number is the very best I have seen. Many happy returns.—Jno. Collins (Upper Holloway).

Accept my thanks for the fine Birthday Number, with its grand plates and supplement.—W. Beaumont (Retford).

We were delighted with Birthday Number of Cage Birds, and think it quite the best ever issued.—Messrs. Cooper (Southsea).

I thank you for your excellent Birthday Number, especially the plates, which were really wonderful works of art.—A. Lewton (Bristol).

Your Birthday Number was a "stunner," the plates of British birds being fine, and alone well worth the money.—George Broome (Abertillery).

I found your Birthday Number very interesting, and I think very highly of the plates. It is well worth the threepence charged.—R. Cook (Poplar).

I must congratulate you on your splendid Birthday Number. It was a real treat—enough to convert the most hardened opponent of bird-keeping.—A. Tomlin (Kippax).

Your Birthday Number is a topper, especially the "Gem Portrait Gallery." I wonder when we shall have a plate to match giving the eggs? I wish Cage Birds every success in the future.—J. H. Alfred (Treforest).

Having been a regular reader of Cage Birds for three years. Allow me to thank you for the pleasure and instruction it has given me, and for the Birthday Number. Your plates are the best I have seen, and I keep them for future reference.—G. F. Robinson (Blackburn).

Your Birthday Number was all that anyone could wish for, and is deserving of great praise. I gave my copy, together with coloured plates, to a friend, who was so delighted with it that he has promised to continue taking Cage Birds every week.—W. Forge (Manchester).

Allow me on behalf of our society to congratulate you on your recent great Birthday Number. Our British Bird fanciers say the "Gem Portrait Gallery" is a plate that should be in every fanciers' room. A word of praise must be given to Mr. Weston; also to your artist, Mr. Norman, for the way he has excelled himself. Mr. Goodchild's plate of foreign birds was also much admired. We heartily wish Cage Birds many more birthdays to come.—W. Elliott, hon. sec., West Stanley C.B.S.

THE CAT AND THE AVICULTURIST.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

The names in the following narrative have been altered, for obvious reasons, and some of the happenings have been exaggerated, but in the main and in almost all its details, it is a simple record of fact to which nothing has been added.

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A FEW nights later I saw Peter again; this time he decapitated a Bearded Tit, and the ease with which he did it was astonishing. When birds are disturbed at night they always fly upwards, either because they make towards the light, or else because hereditary experience tells them that their nocturnal enemies are mostly four-footed. I watched this Bearded Tit fly up and put its head through the netting right in front of its enemy, and Peter, without hurrying himself, bit its head off with the ease and dexterity of an expert. I came to the conclusion that Peter, being a London cat, was far too clever for us simple country folk and that he would have to go.

Peter's Good-bye to His First Life.

The following evening a friend and myself were playing billiards when we heard the usual disturbance in the aviary. An idea occurred to me. On the wall of the billiard-room are some antique weapons, from which I selected a curious old battle-axe with a long, inlaid handle. I asked my friend to go round to the side of the aviary, stand on the top of one of the bee-hives, and put his head over the top of the wall, whilst I hid myself on the other side of the aviary in the shadow of the stable. My hope was that Peter would come sliding down the stable roof at a nice steady pace, and give me an opportunity of using the battle-axe with effect. But, unfortunately, my friend overdid the thing (for which, as you will hear, there was a reason), and gave a series of yells which quite upset Peter's equanimity. The netting rocked and heaved as he raced across it, and he came whizzing down from the stable roof as though he had been propelled by a catapult.

Now every cricketer or tennis-player knows how difficult it is to hit an object falling perpendicularly, and, when that object is jet black against a dark background, and one's weapon is a primitive implement, the use of which has been neglected for several centuries, one's chances of hitting the object are slight indeed. Thus it was that Peter escaped, and, what is more, the impetus of the sweep of the heavy axe upset my balance, and landed me in a flourishing bed of nettles. I have a kind of recollection that it was not Peter who said a swear-word that time. What with the nettles, and my annoyance at missing Peter, I was distinctly cross when I rejoined my friend.

"You juggins," I said, "you have spoilt the whole show." I asked you to look over the top of the wall, not to yell like a maniac." But my friend was also apparently much ruffled. He hopped about like a Dancing Dervish, rubbing himself wrathfully.

"It was those confounded bees of yours," he said; "if I had had any idea that they would sting at night I would never have tackled the job." On the whole, we came to the conclusion that Peter had scored rather heavily, but that it had been a close run, and that Peter might be considered to have lost one of his nine lives.

Peter's Second and Third Lives.

My man of all work, at the time of which I write, had been one of His Majesty's "handy-men" in his younger days, but was then getting on in years. One morning he greeted me with a broad grin. "I met Tom Snowdon just now," he said, "and he told me he had an awful fright last night. He was passing the garden about twelve o'clock when he heard the awfullest groans and rattling of chains, and something came tearing out of the front gate which looked like a big black cat dragging a steel trap. He showed me a rabbit gin which he had picked up in the road this morning, and wanted to know if it was one of ours, but I said it wasn't the least like." "Strange thing," added my ancient servitor reflectively, "when I passed the old ladies' house just now one of them was nursing Peter in the front garden, and that cat had a hind leg on him swollen up as big as a turnip."

Meantime Peter's career went on unchecked, and night after night he kept the aviary in a state of panic; from long immunity he became so daring that he would actually come and stare me in the face when I went out the last thing at night to see to the stove which heats the winter aviary. This stove is situated on the ground floor of a two-storied outhouse which stands close to the house, and is on the same level; in the upper story is my carpentering workshop.

Peter Accepts Compliments Calmly!

Peter was always extremely careful not to show himself during the daytime, but at night when I went out with a candle to the stove-house, he would (after making sure that I was not armed), come down from the aviary, walk up the steps, and stand outside the workshop door, only a few feet above my head. You see, he was a London cat, and had probably forgotten more than the Salton cats ever knew. There we used to stand face to face, and the things I used to say to Peter could not possibly be printed, but all the notice Peter vouchsafed was merely to grin. (If you want to know what a cat looks like when it grins you have only to refer to Tenniel's clever drawing of the Cheshire cat in "Alice in Wonderland.") I was strongly tempted to use a revolver, but that would have frightened the birds to death, and I still have unpleasant recollections of the hornet's nest I stirred up when I once used a shot-gun (with a reduced charge), and the victim managed to crawl home to expire in the arms of its attached family.

Peter went at last a little too far. To show his contempt for me he would sometimes walk a little way into the workshop, if the door was left open, always taking care to reappear in good time in case I should be tempted to slip round by the garden path and the stairway and try to shut him in. But it is a fatal mistake to despise any adversary until you have thoroughly wiped the floor with him, and Peter never guessed that in the days of my youth I used to go in for the high jump. To reach the workshop without going round by the path it was necessary first to jump on to the 4ft. stone wall which banked up the garden, and then over the hand-rail of the stairway, a height of 5ft., but the latter jump could be accomplished with a vault. I tried it, and found that I could manage it nicely.

The next time Peter walked into the workshop, I set the candle I was carrying softly on the ground, kicked off my slippers, jumped on to the wall, vaulted over the hand-rail, and, at the precise moment that Peter returned to the door to keep an eye on my movements, I slammed and locked the door in his face—and, I tell you, Peter *did* look surprised.

A Momentous Interview!

Next morning I went to interview Peter. In a corner of the workshop is a pile of useless ideas—inventions that will not work and inventions that will work, but are of no possible use to anybody—and there Peter had taken refuge. I armed myself with the boom of a small sailing boat, and charged the useless ideas. With a tremendous leap out came Peter, hackles erect, tail like a flue-brush, and snarling like a tiger. He made straight for the door (which, however, I had carefully locked on the inside), and, throwing himself on his back, inserted his forepaws in the space between the floor and the door, and with a mighty heave endeavoured to prize the latter open. In this attitude he exposed that portion of his person wherein he had been in the habit of storing away the heads of my poor birds.

Up went the boom. In another instant Peter would have been suffering from a violent attack of appendicitis, but at that critical moment he looked up, leapt to his feet, darted across the room, sprang over the fireplace—and went up the chimney! It was an old-fashioned chimney, spacious, perfectly straight, and quite twenty feet high. You would not have supposed that even a monkey could have climbed it, but, when I looked up it, there was absolutely nothing to be seen. To add insult to injury, a large lump of soot promptly hit me in the eye! I went round to the vegetable garden to see if by any chance Peter had broken his neck, but there was nothing there except James, the handy-man, staring up at the sky with his mouth wide open.

"Most extraordinary thing, sir," said James, "but I am blessed if that old black cat didn't come down almost on top of me just now, just as if he had been dropped out of a balloon." "James," I replied sternly, "were you out at a supper party last night?" "It's true, sir; true as I am standing here; he came down with a smack, gave one yell, and went across the garden like a train."

(To be continued.)

Early Preparation for the Breeding Season.

By CLAUDE St. JOHN.

Just the advice the novice and amateur are looking for is dealt out in this article by "Cage Birds" popular expert upon the Canary

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BY the beginning of February, at latest, preparatory operations should be complete, and the birds nicely settled down once more for a period of undisturbed rest prior to being mated. This does not imply that the birds themselves have been in a constant state of chaos and excitement from the dawn of the year until this time. Far from it. The actual disturbance of the birds even in a large stock need not necessarily extend over more than a very few days, being just that portion of time when the room, staging, and cages are being dealt with. Even then, if the birds can be moved temporarily to another room, and kept in a few spare cages whilst those in regular use are being overhauled, the real disturbance may be limited to the actual removal to and fro.

Preparing the Birds.

During January and February it will be most advantageous to allow the hens the run of large flight cages. They may have to be kept in groups of, perhaps, six to twelve, the actual number of course depending upon the number of birds and cages at command. A sufficiency of perches should be used to prevent quarrels. Induce the birds to take plenty of exercise. If they chase each other about, so much the better, as long as they do each other no material injury. It all goes to bring about vigorous physical exercise, which is usually what the birds most need just now. Do not, however, place the perches too near each other, so that the birds can "walk" across them, so to speak, with closed wings. Try to make them spread their wings in taking exercise.

See that there are a sufficient number of seed-hoppers and drinkers to obviate the chance of a spiteful bird preventing a more timorous one getting sufficient to eat and drink. Offer a bath frequently in mild weather. Keep the cage floors well strewn with clean gritty sand, and occasionally during January throw in a little grass seeds, crushed oats, or mixed seeds, to find them an interesting subject for discussion. A few dried plantain stalks, though of very little use as a seed supply, or a truss of seedy heads of grass, thistle heads or similar wild seeds, will have the same effect.

Leading the Simple Life.

Let the staple diet consist of plain canary seed only, and beyond the little items given with the object just mentioned, be sparing with extras during the first month of the year. The "simple life" is by far the best at this time, and particularly so for the hens. A small quantity of egg food or crushed biscuit once a week, a scrap of sweet apple, banana, or carrot occasionally (when watercress or other green salad cannot be obtained in fit condition for use) and a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape (red and black) niger, millet, and teazle, between every three birds twice a week, will form an ample and sufficient dietary. Do not overdo the supply of banana, in particular, under the impression that it is only equivalent to green salad. It is to all intents and purposes a solid of good feeding value.

The Mere Male.

The cocks being already in vigorous song, or, at least, rapidly coming forward in January, will be much less likely to agree together in groups, and, of course, mating is not to be thought of yet awhile. It is, therefore, necessary to cage them separately until the proper time for mating arrives. Single breeding cages, or one in each compartment of larger breeding cages, with the wood slide between them answers very well, and allows them a larger space for exercise than small singing cages. They may be treated a little more generously in diet than the hens, but except in cases where they seem decidedly backward in coming in song a highly stimulating, or forcing, dietary should not be adopted. It is always best for the birds to come forward gradually and naturally as the spring approaches than to try to force them into breeding condition by stimulating food at any given time.

A staple diet of plain canary seed should be given them. In addition a pinch of summer rape—about half a teaspoonful per bird—may be given every second day, placing it either in the egg-drawer, or on top of the canary seed in the hopper. The latter method is not always advisable, as it tempts some birds to scatter the contents of the hopper in waste to search after more rape. A little egg or biscuit food may also be given twice a week, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape and teazle. Green food, fruit, and baths may be given, the same as to the hens.

Faring Better in February.

By the beginning of February the diet should be added to gradually all round. The hens may be given a little summer rape twice a week, in addition to the seed mixture which is being given on two other days, and towards the close of the month the summer rape in the mixture may be replaced by linseed, the egg or biscuit food be increased from once to twice a week, and occasionally a little hemp be thrown in as an "extra special."

The cocks may be kept on the same diet until the middle of February, when a sprinkling of mustard seed may be added to the seed mixture, and the egg food sprinkled each time with a pinch of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure.

Towards the end of February a greater variety of green foods will be obtainable, and it will be possible by searching about sheltered corners of fields and gardens, or on the banks of sunny ditches, to find good and well-grown dandelion leaves. The latter will be the best tonic possible for the cocks, especially those that are a trifle backward, and for backward hens.

A Hopeful Sign.

It must, however, be used very judiciously and sparingly with hens that display any tendency to be ready early. With this regimen the birds should have come forward naturally, and be in good trim at the end of February. The cocks should all be in vigorous, one might almost say violent song, calling shrilly to the hens as they flap to and fro across the perches, and bursting into song spontaneously, as it were, at the sound of the hen's voices.

The hens also will be bubbling over with high spirits, and calling lustily to the cocks. When this condition of things obtain at the beginning of March, it is a very hopeful sign of the owner getting a well-merited reward for curbing his desires to begin until the time and season are propitious.

The Final Step in Preparation.

The birds will now be practically certain to respond to any slight increase in the diet, or to the first bit of mild sunny weather, by showing a readiness to start nesting at once. Little, therefore, remains to be done now before the actual mating takes place. The hens should be caged up in their respective breeding quarters besides their prospective mates at the beginning of March, and then two or three weeks feeding up, until, say, about the third week, will doubtless suffice to bring them into the best possible breeding condition, ready for the tying of nuptial knots.

When Giving Dandelion.

The diet during this final stage should consist of the usual staple of plain canary, and in extras both sexes should be treated alike, with the single exception that dandelion should be given sparingly, or withheld, from hens which appear far in advance of their prospective mates. A pinch of summer rape and a little egg food sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure, should be given every second day, and on the alternate days offer a little of the mixed seed given to the cocks during February and a couple of leaves of crisp young dandelion. The latter may be increased to three leaves per bird daily for those that seem to lag behind, or may be reduced or withheld altogether in cases where the bird appears more forward than is desirable.

Towards the end of March the birds should be ready and eager to mate, and if the weather is also favourable, the owner may then allow them to settle down to their domestic duties, and trust confidently to have a first round of full eggs to inaugurate what I trust will prove a most successful season.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

HEN DYING (Miss A. Munday).—The hen undoubtedly died from dysentery, but the actual cause of this could only be definitely ascertained by a post-mortem. It is not infectious, so you need not worry about your other birds becoming affected. See that all seeds and foods are perfectly sweet and sound; give but very little hemp, and cut linseed entirely out of the bill of fare. See that birds are not exposed to damp or prolonged chills, and only supply the bath in quite mild weather, and not more than twice a week from now until spring. Also be careful not to give wet, sodden, or frosted green stuff. You did quite right to move the other birds to another cage, and it would be a wise precaution to thoroughly overhaul the one vacated; wash it out well with a solution of Jeyes'—1 in 100—as mentioned in my article in last week's issue, and finally redistemper it before keeping any more birds in it. Burn the perches and get a supply of new ones.

SWELLING ON HEAD (R.W.R.).—Bathe the place quite clean, and prick the "head" of it with a clean needle. Press out contents as thoroughly as you can without using force, then wash out wound with extract of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—until quite clean. Dry gently, and anoint the place with Lanocyllin. Repeat the anointing daily until place is healed. In addition to staple seed diet give every second day for a fortnight a morsel of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape, and teazle, and a morsel of banana or watercress. In the water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

RECURRING MOULT (A.M.T.).—It is quite unusual for moulting to recur under the treatment you have been giving, and the fact that it has recurred after once being checked points to some unusual influence at work. Make yourself quite certain that such exciting causes as rapid fluctuations of temperature and cold draughts do not exist. It is important that these causes be eliminated for treatment to be successful. If the birds did not moult properly last autumn you should now keep them fairly warm; stop the cod liver oil and the quinine mixture, and slightly dust the soft food with flowers of sulphur three times a week for a fortnight instead, in order to encourage and expedite this moult. Continue the same feeding as previously advised, but add two finely chopped mealworms to the soft food each time, and try six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel in the water every second day for a fortnight. If this does not have the desired effect, write again and repeat full particulars.

ROLLER MATTERS (One in Doubt).—(1) This question is by no means clear. Water Glucke is the name of a valued tour in the song of Rollers, but when taken and applied to a strain of birds, it is, like most other fanciful terms, practically worthless. I do not suppose there ever was, or ever will be a strain of Rollers that sing nothing but water glucke tours. The tour is certainly a good one, when pure, and is very popular nowadays, but whether it is the best is a matter of individual taste. (2) If you have any number of young birds to train, and wish to train them well, a Roller organ is most useful, though not qu[illegible] indispensable if you have a sufficient number of good, pure singing cocks as schoolmasters to depend upon. The risk in relying upon one or two good schoolmasters is that they may go out of song when their services are most required, and when also breeding with them there is the additional risk of the song deteriorating. A really well trained cock, and an expert performer would probably cost not less than 40s., though the price may go up to £5, or even more. Ordinary trained singers as low as 8s. 6d., hens from 2s. to 5s. (4) As you say, you wish to breed contest singers, do not keep the Norwich hens in the same room. It will be best to limit yourself to Rollers.

SWELLING AT TAIL (E. Wilson).—The substance is doubtless a tumorous growth, and I should say from your description that it might be easily removed by operation by a qualified veterinary surgeon, but I would not advise any amateurish attempts to remove it. Therefore, if the bird is worth it, the best advice I can give you is to ask a veterinary surgeon to remove it. Otherwise the kindest course would be to chloroform the bird. You might try painting the swelling with tincture of iodine about every fourth day for a fortnight, but this will probably give the bird much more discomfort than it is likely to do permanent good.

SITS THICK AT TIMES (A. Novice, Leicester).—Limit the bird to a diet of plain canary seed only, with a fairly liberal supply of green food daily for one week, and during the time give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day. Then treat the bird for two or three weeks the same as advised to "W.L.D.P." in this issue, except the initial doses of aperient, which you must omit. Keep the bird in a fairly comfortable place for the present, and free from cold draughts or heated impure air. Of course, I am assuming you have already removed it from the damp outhouse.

BORDER HEN MOPY (Anxious).—Does the bird really eat very much, or does she merely shell the seed and drop it on the cage floor? Your treatment is certainly at fault. See that the bird is kept in a comfortable place, not very warm, nor yet cold. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and twice a month on the intervening days give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "F. Clark." Give a leaf or two of dandelion or other green food four times a week. In the drinking water give the rhubarb and soda aperient mentioned in same reply every second day for a week, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand. If not well in a month write again, and repeat particulars.

FEEDERS (Dragoon).—You ought to have given some details about your feeding and management during the breeding season, as your numerous losses from non-feeding may possibly be due to something wrong in your management of the birds. Get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and read up the parts dealing with general management, and particularly the treatment of stock birds during the winter, and pay special attention to getting the hens into good, hard condition during the next few weeks. You are, of course, quite right in wishing to provide yourself with feeders in case a similar trouble occurs in the coming season. You cannot do better than get common Rollers, Borders, or Norwich for this purpose, but take care to assure yourself they come of a good feeding strain.

MAKES SUCKING NOISE (W.L.D.P.).—Keep the bird in a fairly comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, nor yet quite cold. Feed as advised to "F. Clark" for a fortnight, and also give the same aperient in the water for three days. After this get your chemist to dispense you a small quantity of a mixture of equal parts syrup of squills, glycerine, sweet spirit of nitre and liquid ammon. acet., and give six drops of this mixture in each tablespoonful of water two days in every three for a fortnight. If the bird quickly recovers and keeps right you might breed with her, but if the trouble recurs or is at all obstinate I would advise you to reject her for breeding.

DOES NOT STAND WELL (Nosnar).—As you are certain that red mites are not the cause of the trouble, have you also satisfied yourself there are no grey lice? If not, catch the bird and examine it for this pest. If there are no lice the irritation is doubtless of digestive origin. Give a diet of plain canary as staple. Every third day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with maw. On the alternating days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw one day, and a leaf of dandelion, if obtainable, or otherwise some green salad each day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week, and after this six drops each of dandelion juice and tincture of gentian, and three of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week. Allow it to bathe on nice mild days. It should quickly resume its song when this irritation has passed off. I am not clear what you mean by saying it does not stand well. If the feet appear sore bathe them in a boracic solution.

FALLING OFF PERCH (J.N.O.).—I'm afraid the bird's case is about hopeless, as it will probably go from bad to worse until an attack proves fatal. If still alive, you may try what the following treatment will do. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and on two other days a pinch of maw and a morsel of banana. Four or five times a week give a fair-sized spray of green food. If there is any constipation add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water until it is removed. Then add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, and the same quantity of bromide of potassium, to the water for three days, and afterwards every second day for a week. Then miss a week, and repeat the same treatment in the following week. Any time that a fit occurs give the medicine at once for two or three consecutive days. Shall be glad to hear result two or three weeks hence.

STILL OUT OF SONG (F. E.).—Thanks for further particulars. There can be little doubt that the bird moulted properly before you got it, and the fact that it remains quite silent while the supposed hen "sings quite a lot" seems rather significant. Is it not possible that you have mentally reversed the sexes all the time—the supposed cock being in reality the hen, and vice versa. Continue same feeding for a week or two, but stop adding sherry to sponge cake, and give two leaves of dandelion daily, if obtainable. Also make a paste by well mixing on a hot saucer a tablespoonful of honey and a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of grain of paradise, with sufficient finely powdered biscuit to make a fairly stiff paste. When cold it will cut into solid cubes. Stick a cube in wires at end of perch and renew when necessary. Treat both birds alike, and you should soon see "which is what."

A TRIFLE HOARSE (Fancier).—If the bird has quite thrown off the cold it had, this hoarseness will soon disappear as the bird gets more stout in song. It is quite usual for the voice to sound a little hoarse for a short time after a bird resumes singing after a period of silence. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of whisky, five of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water. Your seed mixture is not very good. Use that advised to "F. Clark."

ROLLER BREEDING (R. S. H.).—Yes, the Rollers bred in 1912 will go to nest and rear young themselves in the coming season if allowed to do so, and there is no reason why they should not produce quite healthy and robust young. I would not advise you to attempt to breed with them both together in one cage. It will be far better to keep each hen in a single breeding cage by herself, and when the proper season arrives mate the cock with each one separately. See reply to "Jack" in last issue for details. If both your hens were equally forward in condition and seemed in urgent need of mating, you could use the cock with each hen on alternate days with success, and the hens would then both be nesting at same time. But the method advised to "Jack" is preferable.

WATERY EYE (Puzzled).—See that the bird is not injuring the eye by rubbing it on a rough perch, or being exposed to cold draughts. Keep in a comfortable temperature, and keep cage and perches perfectly clean. Give a morsel of bread and milk, same as advised to "Fancier" in this issue, every second day for a week or so, and keep bowels regular by an extra supply of green salads. Get a few chamomile flowers from a chemist, and infuse half-a-dozen for a couple of hours or so in a teacupful of boiling water. Allow to cool, strain, and add 30 drops of tincture of opium to the liquor. Bathe eye for few minutes night and morning for a few days with this liquor, using a small quantity of the liquor fresh each time, and burning both this and the wad of wool used for bathing, after being once used.

NOT MOULTING TAIL (Bob Tail).—I cannot gather from your letter whether your pseudonym is indicative of the condition of the bird. But if the bird has a full tail in tolerably good condition, seeing that she is otherwise in good health and vigour, you certainly need not worry yourself about the matter. I do not suppose it will make the slightest difference to her breeding. If the tail is absent, its failure to grow is doubtless due to the stumps being retained in the sockets. In this case (also if the feathers are present, but badly frayed and broken), catch the bird and greatly draw out the stumps, removing every fourth stump the first day. Three or four days later remove four more alternately, and, again, after a similar interval remove the remaining four. A new tail will then quickly appear.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); *Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries"* (1/1½); *House's "Norwich Canaries"* (1/1); *Weston's "Stock Book"* (7d.); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping* (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's "Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each):* No. 5 *"The Pet Canary,"* No. 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure them,"* No. 9 *"The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.,"* No. 10 *"The Roller,"* No. 23 *"The Border Fancy,"* No. 24 *"Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

MATES FOR YORKSHIRES (Mac).—How can a bird be "afflicted with too much good health and vigour?" Probably the real trouble is that the bird in question is too wild and unsteady to show itself owing to lack of proper training to the show cage. 8½ins. of head room is just about moderate for Yorkshires, but an extra inch or two is not thrown away in this breed. For the buff variegated, No. 1, get a nice, slim, and typical clear yellow hen, about 6¾ins. in length, rather fine in neck, and with a neat, well-rounded head and short beak. A bold, upstanding carriage, good legs, compact tail, and well carried wings, but not crossed at tips, are also desirable. For the yellow, No. 2, choose a 7in. bird, if you can get it, or even one a trifle over 7in. Let it be a bold, upstanding bird, on good legs, showing just a little thigh, a ticked buff with plenty of feather, long, compact, and well carried tail, and flights, will be an advantage. If the yellow is pink-eyed, this bird should be cinnamon ticked.

EARLY BREEDING (M. U. M.).—Your project is, to say the least, very injudicious. As you are confessedly going in for producing quantity before quality, you must not be blind to the fact that you are running a great risk of "killing the goose," etc., in doing so. As regards the earliest you can begin, given a warm room, I can only say, just as soon as the birds are ready; that, in a fairly warm room, with a very little feeding-up, would mean almost at once. Your idea of heating by means of a wall lamp to just keep the frost out I cannot recommend. Such a method must be very local in effect. To heat the place for breeding only, you should either have a well-made slow combustion stove, a gas or oil stove, fitted with a cover and flue to carry off unhealthy fumes; or a portable hot-water coil, and instead of just keeping frost out, you should keep up an even temperature as near 55 degrees as you can, or between 55 degrees and 60 degrees. Of course, a few weeks hence, when the day temperature outside will often reach this point, you will not need to keep the heating appliance at work, but will still require it for night use, and for occasional cold, chilly days. If you want information on any particular point that crops up, do not hesitate to write and ask for it.

DISAPPOINTING PRIZE BIRDS (A. J.).—Do not blame the birds until you are satisfied your treatment is not more or less the cause of the trouble. If kept in a cold room it is not unlikely that your trouble arises principally from the birds having previously been accustomed to a warmer temperature. Amateur post-mortems are of no practical use, but if the liver of the bird that died was considerably enlarged, as you say, it might indicate congestion, due perhaps to overfeeding on stimulating foods, but that would not necessarily mean that the other birds were similarly affected. The chief symptoms of such a condition would be susceptibility to cold, loose fluffy plumage, dull mopy condition, and perhaps, intermittent diarrhœa and constipation. Try what the following treatment for a month will do. Keep birds in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet cold; give a staple diet of plain canary only. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk—not more than size of hazel nut—and on two other days a pinch of maw seed. Give two leaves of dandelion if obtainable to each bird daily, and failing this, give a spray of watercress daily instead. Limit the diet to this. To the water add six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Then repeat these for two weeks in the same order.

SEA SAND FOR CAGES (Seasick).—By the way, deal and fir sawdust are very much the same thing as pine sawdust, for all practical purposes of this kind. If you can get sea sand from a nice clean beach, it will form an excellent covering for the floor of the cages, and if of a suitable size and with a sprinkling of minute shelly or calcareous matter, it will form a very good complete substitute for the grit you purchase. There might have been some other cause for your friend's losses last year, but, anyway, you need have no fear whatever of nice clean sea sand from an unpolluted beach. If you have any doubt, well wash it before use in plenty of clean fresh water. In most cases, however, the saline properties of the sea water would be beneficial rather than otherwise.

A TICKING NOISE (F. Clark).—You are probably keeping the bird in a cold draughty place, or exposed to the fumes of burning lights. See these causes of bronchial trouble are removed. Then give every second day for a fortnight, in addition to staple diet, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a spray of green food and a pinch of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga and black rape, one part each of millet and teazle, and a slight sprinkling only of linseed and mustard. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence in the water for two days. Afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water, every second day for a fortnight.

WON'T SING INDOORS (Novice).—(1) As the bird appears to sing well outdoors, and, I presume, is apparently in good health, it is palpably useless treating it as an ailing bird. Its refusal to sing indoors, or when hens are about, is merely an idiosyncrasy. The best way to overcome his shyness is to hang his cage for a time in a nice bright place, such as near a sunny window, being careful to avoid putting it too near, where it would be subject to extreme fluctuations of temperature, and, perhaps, cold draughts, and letting it hear, but not see, another free singer. (2) You should have said how you are feeding the birds. Th ravenous attack on the sugar may perhaps indicate a natural craving which is due to lack of something in your dietary. To correct the constipation, cut off distinctly constipating foods, such as hemp, some biscuit foods, etc., and give a spray of watercress, or tender young flower-shoots of groundsel daily, and also split open a grape, and fix on the end of a perch. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for one, two, or three days, as may seem necessary.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT WEAVER? (E. L. H. S.).—Your bird is apparently one of two species, but without a detailed description I cannot make a definite pronouncement—it is either the Black-headed (*Hyphantornis melanocephalus*), or the Rufous-necked (*H. cucullatus*)—with both species I have come across many individuals which were most unsafe with the small ornamental Finches, and I have had others which were amiable, but, I fear, the former demeanour predominates.

AVIARY FLOOR (A. W. L.).—Peat is excellent bedding for the shelter. The floor of the open flight should be partly soil and partly gravel, the soil portion being planted with a few evergreens—euonymus, Portugal laurel, aucubas, box, fir, etc.—with grass and cereals around them. Rambler roses, hops, and wild clematis make excellent cover for the birds, and can be planted at the foot of any of the flight standards.

SHED FOR AVIARY (H. G. B.).—You must see that the shed is well lighted or the birds will not thrive, and before painting, all cracks must be well stopped and all joints examined to see that they are draught-proof, and if not they must be made so. (1) A coating of tar every other year would meet the case, but it does not look well, and in hot weather is not hard; it stains hands or clothes if they come in contact with it with any pressure. I advise giving the exterior a coat of brown "Solignum" every third year; it looks well, is an excellent preservative, and is as easily put on as ordinary distemper. (2) For the interior I advice pale sea-green "Solignum." Most oil and colour-men would procure it for you, but if you have any difficulty you can get it direct from Magors Bros., of Hull.

WHAT BIRD? (D. P. H.).—It belongs to the *Cuculidae*, or Cuckoos, and is, I think, some species of *Centropus*, but I hope to look through the skins of this family during the week and give you the species in our next issue. Their natural food consists of insects and their larvæ, molluscs, reptiles, small mammals and nestling birds. I should add to its dietary insectile mixture and any large insects you can get for it. Keep a couple of "Demon" beetle traps going in your kitchen and let him empty them daily in rotation. Also, according to the season, capture as much of the natural diet given above as possible, and give as little fish and meat as possible, but you must make no sudden change and only decrease the fish and meat as you find it eating heartily of other things.

TO BREED IN CAGES (H. C. B.).—Zebra, Ribbon (Cutthroat), Bib, Long-tail Grass, Bichenos, Crimson, and Parson Finches have all nested and reared young in cages; as also have Silverbills, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Bronze Manikins, Budgerigars, and Blue-wing Lovebirds. For most of the Finches a Hartz travelling cage makes the best nest receptacle, hung up in the most retired corner near top of cage, after all fittings and perches have been removed. The larger you make the cages the more probable your success; also use twiggy branches as the sole perching accommodation. The cages should be kept where there is plenty of fresh air without draught, and also where the temperature is fairly regular and not liable to sudden extremes. Thus a kitchen is a bad place for them.

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATIELS (F. W. C.).—It will be better for the birds themselves if they make no attempt to nest till spring. The period which individual pairs take to settle down is very variable, but once nesting is started it usually goes on continuously, with only a short pause for the moult. I take it your birds are flying loose in the room, and that you have at least 4 cokernut husks hanging up for them, and either a small barrel or box with concave bottom for the Cockatiels; if so, you need do nothing further, save possess yourself with patience, and if the birds are fed and treated according to our booklets, in due course young will be successfully reared.

ARE THEY BARNARDS? (Barnard).—No, they certainly are not Barnards, but two male Grey-headed (Madagascar) Lovebirds. Barnard's Parrakeet (*Barnardius barnardi*) has an arrangement of varied greens for its general body colouring; forehead crimson, cheeks bluish, an olive-brown band crosses the crown, extending from eye to eye, and across the nape is a crescentic band of bright yellow, black, bluish grey lesser wing coverts, deep blue primaries, and bastard-wing black, with broad blue margins externally; tail feathers, outer ones blue with bluish white tips, central feathers dark green with deep blue tips; beak light horn colour, legs brown. The Barnard is some fourteen inches long, of which the tail measures six.

POPULAR NAMES OF BIRDS (Wrekin).—There is much confusion owing to the duplication of names, and the same name being often applied to the species—a compiled list would be of great use, but the task would be colossal. Bishops are really Weavers and are better designated as such. Your Scarlet Bishop appears to be the Crimson-crowned Weaver (*Pyromelana flammiceps*), though the Madagascar Weaver (P. madagascariensis) is often advertised as a Scarlet Bishop or Weaver. Your Yellow Bishop is the Napoleon Weaver (P. afra). The Orange Weaver (P. franciscana) and Grenadier Weaver (P. oryx) are also often offered as Bishops. Among a lot of Weavers (mixed species) out of colour, if the largest and brightest specimens, with the plumatic variations most distinctly brought out, such usually turn out to be cocks. Combassous are sold as Steel and Indigo Finches, and Avadavats (*Sporoeginthus amandava*) are very often offered as Tiger Finches. Re books, repeat query to the Editor.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet St., London, E.C.*

WILL THEY AGREE? (L. A. D.).—Yes, one pair each of Zebra Finches and Cutthroats should agree and breed in a four foot cage. Well furnish it with twiggy branches as the sole perching accommodation, and hang up a Hartz travelling cage at each end near top of cage, after removing all perches and fittings, and cutting away two of the bars for an entrance hole. In a similar cage you could keep two pairs of Budgerigars, hanging up four husks as far apart from each other as dimensions of cage will permit, and removing the young birds as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. The back of the cage should be well covered with twiggy branches.

IN BAD PLUMAGE (J. F.).—Repeat your query next week, giving me full details as to how it has been fed and treated in the past, and how you are now feeding it. In the meantime put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (usual quantity) on receipt of this reply, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. On the intervening days put five drops of Friar's Balsam into one ounce (two tablespoonsful) of water, and give this as the drinking water for the day. It should have such fruit and green food as it will eat; as regards the latter, lettuce is about the best at this season. A weekly spraying with a tepid solution of quassia chips, choosing a warmish day for the purpose and keeping out of draught till dry.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

WILD SEED SAMPLE (H.S.).—I think the seed is of good quality; it certainly is very clean, and free from rubbish. It is only suitable for occasional use, however; say, half-a-teaspoonful per bird twice a week. It would be better if other "wild seeds" were added to it; for instance, gold of pleasure, thistle, dandelion, sesame, and maw.

LINNET MULES WANTED (Brag).—You can certainly hope to breed Mules from Linnets that have not been house-moulted. I have often done so. It all depends upon whether you get them into the necessary "rank" condition, and there is no difficulty about this. I presume that they are reasonably steady (used to cage life). If so, then you can confidently look forward to your hopes being realised.

A QUARTETTE (Grateful Novice).—1. I am afraid the days of your Siberian Goldfinch are numbered; he is evidently very sick. Give an aperient at once to clear out its bowels; twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonfuls of water, with half a teaspoonful of brandy stirred in as well. Leave this in the cage for 24 hours. Before offering it, leave the bird without water for an hour or two, to get him thirsty, and give it warm (i.e., use warm water when mixing). The seed mixture you send I don't care about at all for a Goldfinch. It is full of black rape and summer rape, two seeds no Goldie cares for at all. Increase the teazle, and offer him some cracked sunflower daily, also a teaspoonful of thistle, sesame, niger, and cornflower seeds, mixed in equal parts, every day. Try to get him to eat soaked teazle seed; it is very valuable for ailing Goldfinches, etc. Put some in a cup, pour on hot water, and let it stand all night; in the morning drain, shake as dry as possible in a cloth, and then give to the bird. The water can be given him to drink for a few days. Afterwards substitute a small half-teaspoonful of compound syrup of hypophosphites (any good chemist will supply it) in the water. Give it fresh daily for four successive days, then on alternate days over a period of about a fortnight. 2. Yes; take a nest of Canaries. 3. See reply given E. G. S. Everard last week. 4. Give this bird an aperient as advised for Goldfinch, then diet her mainly on milk, sop well sprinkled with maw seed. She should soon pull round.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

FEEDING A JAY (Peter the Cat).—A Jay wants a long box cage, with the perches placed to afford him a good, long jump. As regards the food, use a good quality dog meal (such as "Melox" or Spratt's), thoroughly softened with hot water, and mixed with such table scraps (meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc.) as are from time to time available. This is the staple, and should be varied with dead mice, Sparrows, acorns, cracked nuts, berries, fruit, eggs, etc., according to season and circumstance. A Jay has a very accommodating appetite; some flesh food is essential.

PAIRING MULING COUPLES (R. T.).—The proper time to pair up is, of course, when both the cock and the hen are ready to breed. But birds can be paired (i.e., run together), whenever the owner chooses—all through the winter if he likes. I always think it policy, for instance, to give untried cock Goldfinches a run for a time amongst hen Canaries, so that they may become familiarised with them. But a proved breeder need not be put in with his mate until she is showing signs of readiness to nest. Again, you can't get fertile eggs from any Goldfinch, or other Finch, unless he is stout in song, has a clear, or practically clear beak, and is properly "sprung" (which examination of the vent will show). There is no hard and fast "proper time"; one needs to deal with each couple on their merits, so to speak. It does not matter whether the hen is Yorkshire or Norwich in type; Mules can be bred from either, but those from Norwich hens are generally the best in substance and colour.

A SIBERIAN GOLDIE FOR MULING (Mule Breeder).—(1) It is not absolutely necessary for any Goldfinch to be house-moulted before being used for Mule-breeding. As a matter of fact, I remember one experienced breeder writing in CAGE BIRDS that he preferred black-legged birds for this purpose. I have myself bred with a large number of black-legged Finches of all kinds. (2) I cannot answer this, never having tested the matter. I should say that it is very hot during the summer in the district where the Siberian Goldie breeds in a state of nature. I prefer an unheated room to keep them in; but, of course, no bird breeders use artificial heat in the height of summer, when this bird is at its best (from the breeding point of view). (3) It makes no real difference; the important point is to remove the first (Canary) husband out of sight and hearing.

IN AN AVIARY (Lincolnshire Lad).—(1) I do not think there is much chance of a Hybrid resulting from the cock Bullfinch and hen Greenfinch mating, though I do not by any means say it is impossible. The more certain method by far, however, is cock Greenfinch to hen Bullfinch. I have neither seen, nor heard of one, bred the other way round. Both Goldfinch-Greenfinch and Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrids are very nice crosses, and you could try either if the first-mentioned does not appeal to you. In the Birthday issue (January 18th), in reply to "Midlothian," I gave a very long answer describing nesting utensils and arrangements. Kindly refer to this.

A BLACKBIRD'S LOST VOICE (H. Steer).—The trouble, judging by your letter, is not by any means serious. You should keep the bird in a room where the temperature does not fall too low (not necessarily a heated living room), and where it is out of all draughts. Well mix a tablespoonful of unrefined honey with a tablespoonful of best glycerine; stir a teaspoonful of this mixture into the bird's drinking water (three tablespoonfuls) every day, and in a week's time great improvement should be noticed in the song. Use boiled water, and let it be fairly warm when stirring in the above mixture.

A MIXTURE (Tram-man).—(1) Have you examined the bird to see whether the stumps of the tail feathers still remain? I expect that this is the case, and, of course, until they have been removed, new feathers cannot grow. It frequently happens that the tail feathers get broken off so short as to be hidden by the tail coverts, and so are not to be seen unless the bird is handled and examined. Food all right except that teazle seed should be added to the stock mixture. (2) The end of April or beginning of May is, as a rule, the earliest period at which one can begin to think of Linnet Mules. A Yorkshire hen can be used, but is not really so suitable as a Norwich, as the young come slimmer in build and are apt to be weak (narrow) in head. (3) The hon. sec. of the National British Bird M.C. is Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, London, W.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this any any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. Barlow-Massicks.—Both birds died of pneumonia. The Pennant was a cock bird.

R. W. S.—Pneumonia, following exposure due to delay in transit.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. F. Robinson.—The record of the Nightingale's song can be obtained of the Gramophone Company, Ltd., its number being 9,439. It is not the song of the English Nightingale, but of the Sprosser (or "Thrush Nightingale"), a Continental species.

Ena Stuart.—Evidently a dear little girl, with unusual powers of observation. Are there any more at home like you? If so, we shall be tempted to flit over Streatham way when the balmy spring breezes blow.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, 7.30. Fix dates for first feather and open shows. Anyone wishing to join should attend this meeting. Hope to see all members present.—G. Broome.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Onward Hall, 8. Arranging syllabus for 1913. New members enrolled.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Table show of Nor. pairs. Entry fee, 4d. the pair. Staged 7.30 p.m. prompt. Judge, Mr. F. Barroclough (Hyde).—J. R. Colville.

Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.—Feb. 5, Academy Hall, 7.30. Pair show. Classification: 3 Cans., 1 Muling, 1 Hybridsing, 3 Brit. Judge, Mr. John Kelly. Entry fee, 6d. Other important business.—J. Sloan.

Bolton C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Star and Garter, 8. Auditor's report and pair show at New Rooms.—J. Gerrard.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 5, Silver Grill, 8.15 p.m.—J. C. Bell.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 5, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Election of officers for the year, also bird-washing exhibition by Mr. A. A. Pool.—B. L. Pool.

Burton-on-Trent.—Feb. 4, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Table show: Unflighted Yell. and Unflig. Buffs.—A. Wood.

Bradford Nat. Show Committee.—Feb. 5, Market Tavern, 8. Selection of judges, staging, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture and debate by Mr. Wm. Cruise, Bradford. New members, subscription cards. A hearty invitation to all fanciers, friends, and intending new members.—H. Hill.

Bootle C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Wood's Cafe, Stanley Road, 8. General meeting. Balance-sheet and election of officers.—L. S. Hamilton.

Boldon Colliery F. & F.S.—Feb. 8, Co-operative Store, 7.30. Books to audit. New members to propose, and rules to be formed.—A. Widdowfield.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 3, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Pair and Finch schedule.—A. R. Coe.

City and County of Perth O.A.—Feb. 3, Laidlaw's Rooms, Lenorel Street, 8. Fixing date for open show and entries for pairs show, etc.—J. L. Smith.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 4, Brotherhood Institute, 8.—E. Jaycott.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Feb. 1, 7.30. Election of officers and programme for ensuing year.—Jas. Hedley

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Lamb Hotel, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. White, Curator Cheltenham College Museum, illustrated by beautifully mounted skins.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30.—J. H. Jones.

Cockermouth F.S.—Feb. 6, Wordsworth Institute, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers and committee, balance-sheet, etc.—John Jackson.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Feb. 8, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 6. Monthly meeting. Business, general, enrol. new members, and washing exhibition by Mr. Hamilton (Eskbank).—Jas. Napier.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 6, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. p.m. Annual meeting; presentation of balance-sheet, election of officers. Friends invited.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 5, George Hotel, 8. Arrange pair show and other business.—A. Walker.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Half Moon Inn, 7.30. Agenda for the year, and other business.—H. Todd.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 1, headquarters, 7. —E. Jameson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. General business.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Black Bull, 7.30. Final arrangement of stock pair show, tea, etc.—G. Hunt.

Edinburgh Northern C. & M.B.S.—Feb. 6, Hall's, High Street, 8. Business urgent.—John Welsh.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Feb. 3, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Very important business. New members invited.—R. S. Spence.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 6, Riego Street Hall, 8. Full turnout of members expected.—Charles Grant.

Felling F. and F.A.—Feb. 1, Bluebell Hotel, 7. Election of officers; subs. due. Anyone wishing to become a member please attend.—G. Garbutt.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes R.C.C.—Feb. 1, Brunson's, 7. Balance-sheet and election of officers.—H. Mason.

Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 3, headquarters, Brewer's Arms, 8. Monthly meeting; also table show British Hardbills; birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. E. Bond. All local fanciers invited.—H. Lowther.

Gainsboro' C.B.S.—Feb. 1, No. 1 Mess Room, 7. Business for lectures, etc., and ordinary business; subscriptions now due.—J. E. Conway.

Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 5, headquarters, 8. —C. J. Robinson.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Feb. 5, "Johnson's," 353, High Road, Wood Green (opposite Town Hall), 8.30 p.m. Open meeting; also to arrange for pair show.—P. Brooks.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Mr. Nicholson's, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers; nomination of judges, etc.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 1, Plummet Line Hotel, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Chittenden, of Bradford, on Pairing and Rearing. Also nomination of officers, and any alteration of new rules to be handed in at this meeting. All friends are invited.—C. Clegg.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 5, St. George's Hall, Park Road, 8 p.m. Annual pair show, etc.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Feb. 6, White Horse, 8. Arranging syllabus for 1913.—A. Pickles.

Holytown, New Stevenston O.S.—Feb. 6, Masonic Hall, 7.30. Enrolling new members.—Jas. Lamb.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Feb. 1, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 3, White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Lecture on cinnamon-marked breeding by Mr. T. Moss.—A. Lawford.

Hyde G.B.S.—Feb. 3, St. George's Schools, 8. Table show for matched pairs; judge, Mr. F. Barraclough, who will also give some useful hints on pairing and breeding.—T. Allsop.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Arrange for table show, etc.—Wm. Cottingham.

Idle and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 5, White Bear Inn, 8.30. Drawing up of rules. All fanciers cordially invited. —C. E. Hylton.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 1, headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Members earnestly requested to attend; business very important.—H. J. Mennard.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 4, White Swan, 8.30. Cl. or Tkd. Yell., Var. Yell., and Greenfinch.—A. Freestone.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show, four classes Canaries. Judging competition. Election of committee, left over from last meeting.—J. Cook.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Masons' Arms, 7. Enrolment of new members.—W. B. Smart.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Pair show business.—R. Charleson.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 8, Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate, 3.30. Table show and judging competition.—Geo. Brown.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Y.M. Hall, 6.30. Table show of Bullie hens and Goldfinches, F.-M.; also partnership question.—James Pollock.

Middlesex O.S.—Feb. 6, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Important business.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 1, headquarters, 8. Arrangement for dinner and Yorks. Union business.—H. Grange.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Feb. 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorkshires and Norwich. Classes: Yorks. Cocks A.V., Hens A.V., Breeding Pairs; same for Norwich. Draw for bird and cage, and other business. Judges: T. Atkinson (Yorks.), J. Steel (Norwich).—H. Boothman.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 6, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Annual meeting. Agenda: Balance-sheet, election of officers, election of judges.—J. W. Reed.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Feb. 3, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Table show pairs, 3 classes each section: Cl. or Mkd., Green, Cinn.—M. C. Potts.

Nelson C. & C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Mr. Fulton's, 68, Railway Street, 7.30. Election of a sec.—J. Speak.

New Cross and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 6, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Hazel. Birds to be staged at 7 o'clock. Fanciers invited. Now, members, a record entry, please.—Burton Bros.

Newport (Mon.) and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Hand Post Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Last meeting in financial year; all contributions due.—J. Hammett.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Church House, 8 p.m. "Tubbing" demonstration, nomination of judges, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Feb. 1, White's, 2, St. James Street, 7.30. Business of importance.—John Stewart.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business and final arrangements for presentation of prizes. All subscriptions due.—Hugh Raistrick.

Partick C.B.C.—Feb. 7, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8. Monthly meeting and breeding pairs show. Six classes. Judges, R. Heggie and Wm. Hutchison —Wm. Priest.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Mr. Enock Waugh's, Election of officers, etc., and balance-sheet read.—Wm. Forster.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 13, Emmanuel Hall, 7.30 and 8.30. Committee meeting 7.30, arrange meetings and lectures. General meeting 8.30. Matched pair show, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 to 9.—W. J. Lethbridge.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Wareing Dining Rooms, 8. —G. Lord.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Palmer Hall, 7 p.m. Pair show and lecture by Geo. Gardner. Admission free, and all fanciers invited.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Temperance Club, 8 p.m. General meeting; members please attend. See report of annual meeting in this week's Club Reports.—Wm. Adams.

Redhill C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. To arrange for pair show and select judge.—A. W. Bacon.

Runcorn C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Cocoa Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Pair show.—E. Rone.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8 p.m. Table show: 1 Brit., A.V. 2, Muling Pairs 3, Hybrid Pairs. Payment of members' prize money.—A. Hobson.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 4, Prince of Wales, 8 p.m. Arrangements for members' specials.—A. Tillotson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Liberal Club, 8. General.—James Hird.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 3, headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Garside Street, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Pair show, etc. Members' attendance earnestly solicited. —J. T. Cheetham.

South Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Cyprus, 7.30.—W. S. Smith.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 3, headquarters, 8 p.m. Business important.—J. Bamford.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 1, headquarters, 8. Pair show; adoption of balance-sheet, payment of special prize, etc.—G. L. Sampson.

Sutton-in-Ashfield C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Masons' Arms, 6. Members' table show of stock pairs, 11 classes; birds staged 5.30; and other important business.—R. Nuttall.

Sale C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Hunter's, 8. General business. —Royle and Wood.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. W. Lowes.

Stockport B.F.A.—Feb. 4, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—General business.—W. Stafford.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 4, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Table show matched pairs. A.V. CAN.: Class 1, champion; Class 2, Novice, no entry fee; other important business.—E. C. Job.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Feb. 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Bagshaw; receive essay papers, fix date for open show.—J. Pitchford.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Feb. 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Prize money will be paid out; unsold tickets to be brought in.—H. Cuttler.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Feb. 6, Village Schoolroom, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting and matched pair (Canaries) show.—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Fairhaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard. Pair show. Birds staged 5.30. Usual monthly meeting will be held while birds are being judged.—Thomas Edward.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Feb. 4, 6, The Broadway, 6. Pair show. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Note to members: No meeting on Feb. 3rd.—H. Smith.

West of Scotland O.S.—Feb. 1, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, 7.30. Monthly meeting and show of matched pairs, Canaries, Muling, and Hybrid pairs. Intending members cordially invited.—W. Hutchison.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Business important.—H. C. Crossley.

Wakefield R.C.C.—Feb. 3, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8 p.m. New fanciers invited.—H. Roebuck.

Walkley C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8 p.m. Table show; matched pairs Yorks. and Nor., novices' same.—A. Lawton.

Watford C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Essex Arms Hotel, 8 p.m. sharp. General meeting; members requested to attend and bring a friend.—W. Rackley.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 8 p.m. Final arrangement for pair show.—Ed. Ball.

Windsor C.B.A.—Feb. 5, headquarters, 7.30. Show of pairs for breeding at 7 p.m. Mr. H. Burfoot, judge. Annual dinner at 7.30.—E. A. Strickland.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Feb. 8, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7 p.m. Election of officers, etc.—T. [illegible]

Correspondence.

Breeding the Napoleon Weaver in Captivity.

Sir,—I notice in an article in last week's issue of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, that Mr. Wesley T. Page states that the "Napoleon Weaver" (Pyromelana afra) has not been bred in captivity in Great Britain. It may interest readers to know that last autumn Lady Poltimore was awarded a medal by the Foreign Bird Club for breeding this charming bird last summer, and I am glad to say the young are all alive and well.

G. H. Anderson.

The Norwich Plainhead Club's Special Prize Winners.

Sir,—At the prize-giving and dinner of this club held the other Saturday, one of the speakers drew attention to the fact that several winners had not turned up to receive their prizes. I have now had an opportunity of learning who these absentees were, and it is only fair to them to let the members know that all except one wrote to say they could not attend, some through business an done through illness. In the cases of the two cup winners mentioned, they stated how much they regretted being unable to attend the dinner, but that they were neither of them able to leave their businesses on a Saturday.

Geo. W. F. Lythgoe.

The Capture of Birds Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. H. Dyer's report of the capture of a Gull bearing one of my rings, No. 30162, this is particularly interesting, as the bird was rung so long ago as 1910, on June 11th, as a nestling at Ravenglass, Cumberland. It was a Black-headed Gull. I should be much obliged if your correspondent, Mr. P. Pointon, who reported in your issue of December 7th the capture of a Gull bearing one of my rings, No. 27670, would let me know the exact place at which the bird was found. I venture to ask for this information, as without all the essential details these records, as your readers will understand are not of much scientific value.

H. F. Witherby.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—From your issue of January 11th, I notice the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. are holding their show on the same date as Lurgan, although Lurgan had their date advertised. I think the shows that have their dates advertised first in the "Dates Fixed" column of Cage Birds are entitled to keep to them, and should receive the support of exhibitors. The Holywood fanciers seem to be asleep, as last year, and leave the fixing of their date until some society advertises the date that they have only thought about. Then they cry out about clashing. I think if Holywood fanciers wish to get the support of exhibitors in future, they will have to support more than their own show. I may mention they sent four entries to Ulster O.A., six to Larne, and a few to Bangor, although some of them put as many as twenty in their own show. It would be sportsmanlike if the exhibitors who won the members' Yorkshire and Norwich cups supported a few of the surrounding shows, and did not keep these wonderful cup winners at home. Surely they could trust their treasures the length of Belfast, Larne and Newtownards. Then at their show they have as many members' classes as open (even members' selling classes). You can bet your life you won't find a Holywood bird in "open" or even "novice" competition. I see that the new society, "The Leinster O.S.," intend taking the date of the "late" Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland for their open show, October 28th and 29th. They would do well to have it inserted in the "Dates Fixed" column of Cage Birds, and so avoid clashing.

Wide Awake.

Rough on the Judges.

Sir,—Mr. James Devins, writing on above last week, gives week-end dates as the cause of short entries at shows. I cannot agree with him here, at least, so far as the North of Ireland shows are concerned. Saturday is the popular day with working class people, and if it were not that many of the exhibitors could get to the show on Saturday, they would not send any entries. Then, again, the gate would suffer by a mid-week show, and most of the shows would come to grief but for the gate receipts. In my opinion it is the judges that are the cause of short entries. At some shows we have Englishmen, at others Scotsmen, and from my own experience, the Englishman and Scotsman go for two different types of bird, whether Norwich, Yorkshire, or British, and some of them, particularly the Scotsmen, can judge nothing. Show committees should see that they select an all-round judge when they are only having one, and I cannot see why the small shows in Ireland should not be able to find a judge in Ireland that would give better satisfaction all round than any Scotch judge they can bring over. If you observe it, the Irishmen never get an engagement in England or Scotland. This is worth a thought. With regard to Mr. Morgan's letter re return of birds from Holywood Show, the officials of the show are evidently to blame, or they would have replied to his letter; likewise the officials of Newtownards by not complying with Mr. Devins' request. But it is waste of time writing to some secretaries, as many fanciers proved by writing the secretary of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland's last show for award catalogues, which were paid for at time of entry, and not received until a fortnight after the show. Have Dundalk paid out all their prize-money yet? I think that at least one Norwich exhibitor who did not get all his birds wrong classed, has some prize-money yet to come. The secretary of Bangor, too, perhaps could find a couple of specials due to a Norwich exhibitor. Perhaps these affect entries.

Looker-on.

Prize Money at Liverpool (Anfield, Everton), Show.

Sir,—I see Mr. R. B. Wright has given out that all prize money in open classes at above show has been paid. As yet I have not received mine, nor has Mr. J. F. Jones, of Liverpool.

W. Davenport.

The Secretaryship of Kippax Linnet Club.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. A. Tomlin's letter I did not state that I was re-elected secretary at what should have been annual meeting on Nov. 16, 1912. What I objected to was the unsportsmanlike business when Mr. Tomlin was elected secretary. He could have let me know, as when he came away from that meeting he had practically to pass our doors. I should then have been only too pleased to have given him the Club's property that was in my possession. Mr. Tomlin states that I never advertised the opening sing on January 4th, 1913, but I can say with confidence that he tells an untruth, and if he would look his back number of Cage Birds up he would find that he has falsely accused me. I would point out to Mr. Tomlin that unless a certain resolution is rescinded, no general meeting is legal.

R. Plows.

The Recent Stocksbridge Show.

Sir,—Reading our interesting journal week after week, one is compelled to wonder how one got to know the news and kept in touch with the doings of the various societies before we had our popular Cage Birds. We are now enlightened of another disappointment Sheffield way. This time the "faithful promise," is the cause of cancelling of classes. Well, Mr. Sampson, seeing that you don't live in Sheffield, we can forgive you for depending on word of mouth. You will perhaps be surprised to know the Stocksbridge Society is not the only society that has suffered through the voice of the Sheffield Foreign Bird Expert (vide reports). This gentleman made an appearance at a recent meeting of the Sheffield C.B.S. and got us, at practically the eleventh hour to alter both the classification and prize money. With what result? Disappointment and loss. I should think before long the committees of the various societies will awaken from their slumbers and not allow mushroom fanciers to rule their meetings, and so safeguard both their finances and their hard-working respected officials.

Short, Thick One.

Sir,—I notice Sheffield has been very much to the front these last few weeks. First there was the Sheffield O.S. affair that caused such a stir in the nest, and now some Sheffield fanciers have been making promises similar to pie-crusts, to be broken. I am sorry these things have occurred. It must make outsiders think that we in Sheffield are a bad lot. I write to say that we have some of the best fanciers in England amongst us; the few undesirables we do not count. Will correspondents kindly remember that we have several societies in Sheffield. If they fail to make any distinction when writing about the same, some may get the blame that are not entitled to it. Give everyone his due, and then I shall be satisfied.

Vulcan.

This Correspondence is now closed.—Editor.

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The Keeping and Feeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—No doubt there are other fanciers besides myself who find it a difficult thing to keep their Goldfinches healthy. I have lost several promising birds lately. Perhaps some of our expert Finch fanciers will kindly give me a little advice on the matter. I think it was about two years ago that I saw in your columns a fancier recommending plain canary seed for Goldfinches. Perhaps these few lines will catch his eye. I know there have been several letters appearing in your paper about Goldfinches, and I have tried to act up to them, but I find I lose them just the same. I feed on hemp, canary, and teazle, with a little linseed, inga, and maw seed occasionally. But after having them direct from the catcher, they seem to be all right for about two months, and then seem to go "soft," and get like skeletons before they die. I have tried all sorts of remedies, but very rarely do they succeed. I wonder if some of it is caused by using zinc drinkers, as I have always used this kind, or whether it is the sort of cages I use. I should be greatly obliged if some good fancier would help me in my trouble.

A Goldfinch Fancier.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows.

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—In opening let me say that I believe that all who know Mr. Logan would look upon him as one who loved justice (although not the "Lover" who wrote first on this subject). Since reading Mr. Logan's epistle my mind has changed sufficiently to agree with him on this point at least, i.e., that he is not "Lover of Justice," and he is perfectly justified in putting forth every effort to satisfy your many readers that he is not. But he claims to be a real P.H. fancier, who endorses all that "Lover of Justice" says. Well, does Mr. Logan believe that there are clique judges whose motto is, "Help me this week and I will help you next?" Does he believe that Scotch judges (even the Fifer) are not as honest as judges of other climes? Does he believe that Scotch judges are cowards, who cannot face the exhibitors, and give satisfactory reasons for their awards? If he believes these things, well I am pleased I cannot agree with him, as after a longer experience than he has had, I hold a higher opinion of our judges. "Lover of Justice" said that if honest judges were provided, the shows would get plenty of entries. Mr. Logan endorses this. Now, judges are chosen by the fanciers themselves, generally because they can either purchase by their ability or breed birds to win year after year. I think that the Fife judges have given a good account of themselves for their experience, while admitting they have the same failing as our English brethren, i.e., they cannot please everybody, and I hope will not try to. If the judges referred to by your correspondents could breed birds to win for many years before being chosen as judges, and are still breeding such, should they not be able to do so after being selected as a judge; or does Mr. Logan think no judge should show under another judge? Now, James, when I have birds I think should win, I send out to any judge and give them the chance of winning, and keep up the entries at shows. There are very few fanciers in Scotland who have showed more than me, or longer than me, or even under more different judges than me. But the birds cannot win if they are not sent out. Many "Lovers of Justice" also, I fear, Mr. Logan, put more confidence in the wonderful "Fortune Teller" that guessed the medal winners at two shows, than they put in our Scottish judges, hence the reason of short entries. So far as they are concerned I am not at all surprised at short entries if there are men with the power of telling beforehand the winners at our Scottish shows. But I will be prepared to pay this particular prophet, if he likes, 1s. 6d. for every bird he guesses right, if he will pay me 1s. 6d. every time he is wrong, and I will do as I have done for considerably over 20 years, send out every week to our Scottish shows. While I don't agree at all times with the awards, I believe we have as honest judges in Scotland (even Fife) as in any other climes. I must frankly admit that I don't clearly understand Mr. Logan when he talks of Cage Birds reporter "giving the show away" a few times. I have been a regular reader of Cage Birds since it commenced, and I have never seen a report containing exposure of so disgraceful a character as Mr. Logan insinuates. He says he will not name the shows where the prophet foretold the medal winners, but will tell me any time I care. Now this will surely be to my advantage as a large exhibitor, for if the prophet was correct on two occasions last show season, he might be able to direct me on three occasions next season. And that is all the rules of the B.F.C.C. allow a member to win. He should have the same ability in the Norwich and British, and if so it would pay me to have the name of this prophet for next show season, as I show all varieties, while I also claim to be a real P.H. fancier—I show and win, and sometimes lose, as you know, Mr. Editor. But leave my identity to these guessers. I know Mr. Logan had the experience of being a secretary, and he should know that it is not by any means a large show whereat there is £8 deducted for model cards at a 1s. each. Now £8 would be better spent in making entries for another show. I deny that nine out of every ten fanciers will go for model cards for the love of the card, but admit that show committees, with mistaken ideas, go in for models for the profit derived from them. He is not by any means a very large exhibitor who sends out six entries in a week. Suppose he has three in the prizes; he is charged 3s. for models, which sum would enter two birds the next week. Then, again, railway rates are hurting our shows, but we have not the same control over this as we have over the model card evil. Mr. Logan says I talk nonsense when I talk of a fancier losing a train at places where it takes 15 or 20 minutes to go to the station. While the Dysart Committee cannot, to my knowledge, be blamed, there are many other committees who can be. I have had to go home without my birds, and got them late on Monday night, and was afraid to enter the same birds for the next week. At a Fife Show one year I had to go from one hall to another to see the secretary, who sent me back to the steward, who was in another hall. I had a very hard run for the train, and had it not been late I would certainly have been left. To that show I have made no entries since. Some "Lovers of Justice" imitate the principal winners at our shows. But the imitation is all on the cage and perches; some deserve credit for their art, but would deserve better credit if half of the attention was given to the birds. Some of the birds have to sit on a different perch every time out at a show. Then their owner thinks they should show themselves well on a perch that in many cases doesn't suit the bird's feet. He forgets that his bird is up against birds that are always used to the same perches. Mr. Logan puts it to me; can I blame the young fancier? I don't blame the young fancier, as I know that imagination is a strong force, and the young hear wild expressions and jealous insinuations from the would-be old fanciers at our shows, etc. As for the men that have been years in the Fancy before I took it up, they are very few (Mr. Logan is not one of them), and I am certain they don't hold the same ideas as he does about our Scottish judges; therefore I have no good reason to blame them. But I know some of the so-called "Lovers of Justice" who have asked the judge to come and stay with them the night before the show. One Scottish judge wisely excused himself for not accepting the invitation, and yet this same judge was called everything but a straight judge. This same "Lover" has bought many birds from the judge, and from other judges, and declares openly he cannot get in with the clique, but still maintains it is done. Now, Mr. Editor, let me also thank you for taking up this subject. I hope that since the shows are about finished you will grant space to have this grievance thrashed out on fair lines.

Plainhead.

Several letters have had to be held over; correspondents must please condense their remarks.

Special Notice to Exhibitors at the Palace Show.

Sir,—Exhibitors are respectfully requested to dispatch their birds by the night trains on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, or by early trains on Thursday, Feb. 6th, arriving at the London termini not later than 2 o'clock, so that they reach the Palace in good time. Their birds will then have time to recover from the fatigue of their journey before being judged. On account of the show having to open at 3 o'clock on the 7th, all birds arriving after Thursday, 6th, will have to be marked "Too late for competition." Fill up but do not detach address labels. Use as sent. Stewards will remove top label for return journey. Attendants will be at the Palace to receive birds on Thursday morning, Feb. 6th, at 10 o'clock. Consign packages as follows: By Midland, Great Northern, and Great Central Lines to High-Level Station (South-Eastern and Chatham Railway); by South Western Railway, Great Western Railway, and London and North Western Railway to Low-Level Station (London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway); by Great Eastern Railway (at booking clerk's discretion). Exhibitors are requested to follow above instructions. It is to their interest to do so. Arrangements have been made for the quick handling and delivery of all packages dispatched and routed as above. Freshly-caught British Birds ("Recently taken" within the meaning of the Act) must not be sent to this show.

J. W. Ramsden,
Show Manager.

String for Net Making.

Sir,—I should like to thank Mr. Alderslade for his kindness in answering my question of last week, but I should like him to tell me how to arm nets. Hoping I am not troubling you too much. With best wishes for future success.

G. Gibson.

Canaries' Claws Dropping Off After Hand Washing.

Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. Claude St. John, Mr. E. J. Davies, and Mr. G. Notley for their kindness in replying. I think they must be right, and will take their advice. Mr. Notley described how his birds lost their toes, and this was in just the same manner as mine did. I wish Cage Birds every success.

E. G.

The Early Birds.

Sir,—In this week's issue Mr. R. Evens informs us that he has a nest of Yorkshire Canaries hatched January 21st. He asks, is he the first this season? I answer by saying no. My brother-in-law, Mr. G. E. Boswell, had a nest of three Norwich hatched January 6th. All are doing splendidly. I saw them myself last evening. I have no doubt, however, even this early date has been beaten.

Percy John Jamieson.

The Recent Sunderland Show.

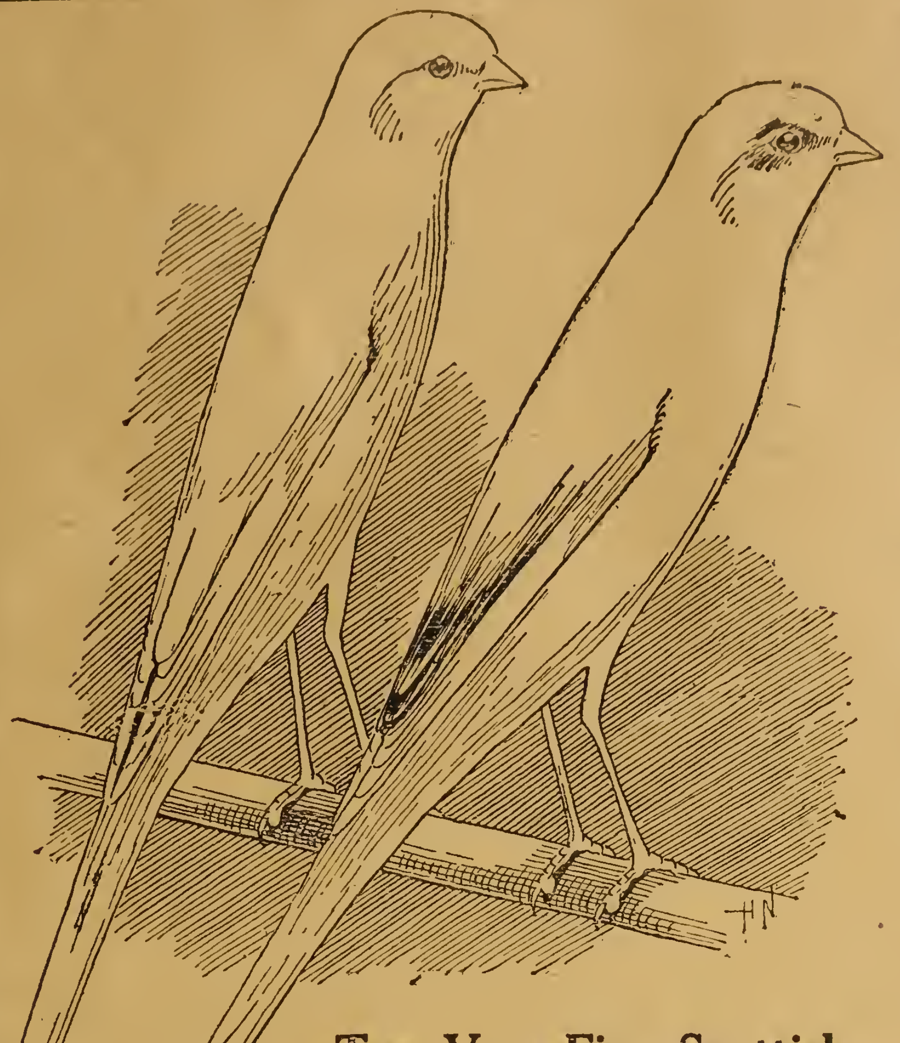
Sir,—I beg to thank you most heartily for the excellent report of our recent show, and for the complimentary remarks concerning myself. I am also much obliged to Mr. W. H. Pickles for his kind letter, and to the great number of exhibitors who have sent me letters of congratulation on the way our show was managed. I tender my best thanks to all of them, I appreciate the help and kindness of our chairman and show manager, Mr. J. Farrer, and Mr. F. Riseborough, assistant sec., Mr. A. Walker, treas., and the stewards, as without their valuable aid it would have been impossible for me to have made the show such a brilliant success. We are in the happy position of having a balance on the right side, which gives me great satisfaction, as it is probably the last occasion on which I will officiate.

J. Jeffrey.

Can Bronchial Affections be Cured?

Sir,—Asthma or bronchial affections cannot be cured by the drug or alcoholic treatment. You might relieve the bird a little, but the disease will again make itself manifest under such treatment. I once dropped into a barber's shop to be shaved, and the barber, an old man, had bronchitis as bad as ever I have seen it. I asked him what he did for it, and he said, I take only now and again a dose of glycerine, and that relieves me a little. I said, can the doctors do nothing? He replied no, and then gave me the history of his family. He had lost four brothers by this dread disease, and these brothers had spent a fortune in seeking a cure by drugs and alcohol. The old man told me that the disease would eventually kill him, but he would have the satisfaction of knowing that he had lived a good few years longer than his brothers, who had hastened their deaths through trying to find a cure in spirits and drugs. Whiskey is absolutely no good as a cure for asthma, and I am surprised at bird experts recommending it so often. Mr. Jack Thomas, of Station Street, Tyldesley, once brought a valuable schoolmaster German Canary to me that was as bad with asthma as ever I saw one, but I cured it and got it in full song in 9 weeks. I cured it in the following manner. I put the bird in a well-made box cage in the warmest place in the house, and fed it on plain Spanish canary seed alone. Every four days I placed in the drinking water a few drops of glycerine; every morning I gave it a piece of bread well soaked in Scott's Emulsion, and every afternoon (this I think is a great factor, as in the night the disease is more manifest) I gave a piece of milk sop well sweetened with English honey. I gradually removed the bird from the fire until I got it into my bird-room, and the bird never looked behind. It was in April when I got it, and the weather being very mild, gave the bird a good chance. The warmth of the sun is a great factor in the cure of this dread disease. I have never seen a bird in its natural elements suffering from this disease, and I am certain there is no need for it if bird-keepers will only use common sense. The heated bird-room is the greatest cause, as the fluctuations between the heat and cold play havoc with the tender throats of these frail creatures. I have now been a breeder of the German Canary for eight years, and hundreds of imported and home-bred birds of this breed are lost every year, yet I have never had one single bird with the disease, and my birds are all kept in a cold room, facing North, without any heat whatever. I have had wheezing birds, but the milk sop and honey soon puts a stop to that. There are a good few fanciers in Leigh and district, and I challenge them to say they have ever seen an asthmatical bird in my bird-room when they have visited me. Do away with the all-wire hanging cage and aviaries, and substitute joiner-made box cages; feed on good plain seed (canary and rape); a little niger, maw, lettuce, dandelion, and the various wild seeds; "tit-bits" of milk sop, egg food, a little raw turnip, carrit, parsley, lettuce, potato (boiled), watercress, shepherd's purse, plantain stalks, chicker-weed, red nieze (this is a valuable wild seed), and groats. Get some good sea shingle, not sand, but grit and shells. Keep in a cold room; never mind frozen glasses. The birds have an abundance of feathers, which they have not in warm rooms. Nature again, you see. Breed from healthy stock, and asthma will never trouble you again.

John Canning.



Two Very Fine Scottish Yorkshire Canaries.

The property of Mr. R. Heggie (Glasgow). They are noted winners, and in very strong competition at the last Scottish National Show the clear yellow secured 3rd prize, and the marked buff 6th prize.

Canary Classes at Bathgate Show.

Sir,—Would you kindly convey through the columns of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, to the many inquirers re Canary classes at our coming show that we did not intend holding our annual show this year, but, on second thoughts, we agreed to hold an open show for British, Mules, Hybrids, and foreign birds, and, the date being so late, we considered it advisable to discard all the Canary classes except Norwich selling, and it is hoped that British fanciers will give us their hearty support.

Alexr. Nicol, Sec.

Alleged Borrowed Birds at Darlington Show.

Sir,—As no notice has been taken of my previous letter, I am writing to ask if readers consider it gentlemanly, and in a true fancier-like spirit, for a contributor to make allegations against exhibitors in a show under a nom de plume and refuse to take any notice of the chairman's request that information and evidence be given him? I think that it certainly is not, and again ask your contributor to produce some proof of his accusation. If he cannot do so, he should not have written; that is the firm opinion of

H. C. Carter.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Birds Lost or Stolen in Transit.

Leaden Seals Suggested.

Sir,—I have been interested in the correspondence which has of late appeared in your columns with regard to birds getting stolen en route to or from the various shows. It appears to me that it ought not to be a difficult matter to devise some means of so securing the cages and travelling cases that it would be possible to find out on which portion of the journey the tampering took place, and thus facilitate investigation by the interested persons. To this end fanciers should direct their inventive genius and give to the Fancy the benefit of their ideas on the subject; I give below my own views for what they may be worth and hope that others will do the same. It must be borne in mind that locks are out of the question, as show officials cannot be expected to deal with a multitude of keys, especially as a certain proportion would invariably "turn up missing"; furthermore, exhibits must be accessible for handling, if necessary, for judicial examination. Now, locks being vetoed, security may very well be found in some method of sealing, and, although sealing wax is much too "messy" and difficult in operation, there is no reason why the lead seals now in common use on flour and cement bags should not be adopted for the purpose, especially if used in conjunction with special string or tying material, or even, perhaps, the narrow tape, about ½-in. wide (used by stationers instead of string) which might be printed with exhibiting society's name, sufficient for use being sent to exhibitor along with show labels, etc. The exhibitor would then be able to seal each cage and travelling case with his lead seals, using the special tying material supplied by the show secretary. On arrival at destination, the official receiving same should see that the seal on the packing-case is intact, failing which the carrier's attention should be called to the fact, and investigation should be made forthwith. At the showroom the seal on the packing case is of necessity broken, but the cages could remain sealed. unless the exhibit is required to be handled by the judge, in which case the show officials could re-seal immediately after examination, they would also re-seal packing case before despatch. This method would necessitate every individual exhibitor, and each society, possessing their own sealing appliance and seals, but the prevention of the theft of one bird only would repay the cost many times over, and any exhibit gone astray would be more easily traced, as enquiry would show whether on inward or outward journey, and if (I repeat "if") railway companies would only co-operate, the field of investigation would be narrowed still further, and a distinct advantage would accrue to the Fancy if some combination could be formed to follow up these cases and prosecute where possible. I hope this letter will stir up some ideas, and that an effective remedy may soon be adopted.

E. Ousman.

Cornwall to the Palace Show.

Sir,—I should be glad to hear from any Cornish fanciers who intend going to the Crystal Palace Show in February, with the idea of forming a party to travel together.

Percy Hunt.

4, River Street, Truro.

The National British Bird and Mule Club's Bird-keepers' Protection Association.

Sir,—Over two years ago the National British Bird and Mule Club commenced to formulate a scheme for the protection of bird-keepers, when the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Wild Bird Protection Society were making themselves most offensive amongst those who kept British birds. That scheme has now been completed, and in future will be known as the "National British Bird and Mule Club Birdkeepers' Protection Association." We are convinced it will prove one of the greatest boons ever framed for birdkeepers. The subscription entitling any birdkeeper to membership is very nominal, sixpence per annum, and this entitles the members to the best advice in connection with all laws relating to the catching, sale, and keeping of birds. Certificates of membership can be obtained from any of the officials or members of the N.B.B. and M. Club. Will members either in London or the country desiring books of certificates to dispose of kindly communicate with me at once. The committee specially ask that every member of our club will do his best to assist in getting members and making the scheme widely known. All communications will receive immediate attention.

45, Overdale Road, J. P. Carr.
South Ealing, W.

The Proposed New Specialist Club for Ireland.

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Subscriber," re the Norwich Plainhead Specialist Club of Ireland, says, some time ago, it was rumoured that the Plainhead and the Yorkshire fanciers had amalgamated to form a club, the cups to be given one to the Yorkshire and the other to the Norwich Plainheads. I think he is making a mistake, as I may say I have only missed one meeting of two societies for the past nine years, and it is the first I have heard of the above. The rule book contains no rule to turn the cups over to any society, but I believe there was a resolution passed to do so. Though there has been promise after promise to place the cups for some society for competition, after years of waiting it has not been done. The cups were given for most points, one for Crests and the other for Plainheads. The first year the Crest Cup was won by Mr. Tate, but as the competition was so poor he, as a gentleman, refused to hold the cup, but turned it over to the society to be dealt with as members thought fit. One was then placed to P.H. hens, and the other to P.H. cocks, but the competition was very poor the first year; the second year practically nil, only by the two holders. As Mr. James Stewart was secretary, I may say several meetings were held, but failed to raise any competition on the then conditions. As I subscribed over one-tenth of the cups, I may be allowed to ask a few questions for the information of the other subscribers, and the Fancy at large, but as I was speaking to Mr. Stewart a few days ago on the above subject he then promised to give an explanation through Cage Birds. So I will say very little more till I see what Mr. Stewart has to say, but as the show season will soon run round I think something should be done, as it is no honour to hold cups under such conditions. I am sorry "Subscriber" could not see his way clear to sign his name, so that fanciers could judge what interest he has in the above. I will make no further remarks pending Mr. Stewart's reply.

Walter Connell.

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Club Reports.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 25, Mr. Butler in the chair. Only a very few members turned up at this important meeting for the final selection of two judges. Members please attend better in future. We enrolled five new members, and I hear of several more wishful to become members. We selected two judges by ballot, and after a very tight run, Mr. J. Stanger, of Pelton Fell, was elected for the Canary section, and Mr. J. Maddison, of Newcastle, for the British, Mule, Foreign, and Selling Classes. They are both very popular judges, so exhibitors please give both of them plenty of work on Nov. 7 and 8, as this society keeps its own date. W. Elliott, Sec. (Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper used. Editor.)

BUGLE AND DISTRICT F.A.

General meeting held January 22nd, in the Institute Hall, Col. Sir William Serjeant, C.B., our president, in the chair, supported by Mr. John Truscott. Business: Passing rules of association, etc., after which it was unanimously decided that the show should be open to the county of Cornwall. Sectional committees were appointed to draw up schedules to be passed at next monthly meeting, which will be held on Feb. 10. A good lot of specials will be offered, confined to members of the association. All fanciers are cordially invited to join to compete for same; subscription 2s. 6d. Show date, July 23. Our silver band is engaged for the day, so a treat is in store for all attending.—A. L. Pearce, Hon. Sec.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

I have been appointed secretary and treasurer to the Clackmannanshire and Dis. C.B.S. in place of Mr. Peter Arnot, resigned. The radius (formerly six miles from Alloa) has been extended to 15 miles, and we hope that fanciers in the new district will give us their support. The membership fee is 3s. per year, 1s. being paid on nomination, and the balance on or before August 31st, 1913. A new feature this year will be competitions for those members who have never competed at any previous exhibition. If any young fancier in the district wants to know what classes we give, he can have a last year's schedule (post free) by sending a request on a postcard to me at 68, Mar Street, Alloa. —Wm. W. Duncan, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Spencer Hall. Balance sheet read and passed unanimously, the Chairman remarking that considering the position of affairs in September, it was very satisfactory, also that the financial barometer and the society were rising again. The latter bids fair to regain its former position or even surpass it, in the ensuing year. Officers for 1913:—Chairman, Mr. Geo. Gardner; vice-chair, Mr. R. T. Dann; hon. treas., Mr. F. Sparks; hon. assist. sec., Mr. George Street; committee, Messrs. W. Armstrong, E. Bush, Cowie, Trigger, C. W. Law, W. Knight, Wills, Walmsley, Mitchell, Johnston, Neal, and Rolls; auditors, Mr. W. Shearer and Mr. J. Kent; hon. sec., Mr. J. Hyde (1, Raydon Street, South Highgate), to whom all enquiries should be made. A new member in Mr. W. Large was elected. A successful meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to those officers who had worked so untiringly and so successfully guided the society through the most trying period of its existence, special reference being made to the untiring efforts of the late sec., Mr. C. W. Law.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

A very successful smoking concert was held Jan. 25th, in the Union Hotel, Lothian Road, when over 70 members and friends turned out to pay homage to our national poet, "Robbie Burns." Mr. Easter, the worthy chairman, made a few remarks anent the prosperity of the society. The first item on the programme was a violin solo, given by Mr. J. L. Charlton, who held the audience spell bound, being recalled he rendered a Burns' selection, which made things look a bit lively. He received a rousing ovation. The following gentlemen also contributed songs: Messrs. Starmer, Wightman, Gore, Harkness, Easter, Marshall, Crow, Hardie, Birnie, and the Secretary, and last, but not least, Mr. Stoddart, who by himself gave the company value for their money. Truly a first-class singer, and the company did not forget to let him know it. Towards the close of the evening the special prizes were distributed to the successful exhibitors at our recent annual show. The President, Mr. A. W. Watson, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the very efficient way he had performed his duties. A vote of thanks was then given to the artists who contributed to the evening's enjoyment: also to Mr. Cooper, who officiated at the piano. The company then rose and sang "Auld Lang Syne," which concluded a very pleasant night's enjoyment. Prior to "smoker" a committee meeting was held in the room, and it was decided to have a table show for British birds (confined to novices) at our next meeting night, February 18th. Full details later.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Temperance Club, Jan. 8—a fair attendance of members. In the unavoidable absence of our president, Mr. W. T. Banks was voted in the chair. The sec., Mr. Holt, gave an interesting report of the society's work during the year, showing a balance in hand, which was passed as very good. A vote of thanks was given to all retiring officials for their willing services. Officers for 1913: Mr. T. H. Collinge, president; Messrs. G. Adams, W. T. Banks, J. Lees, and W. Leach, vice-presidents; Messrs. Pleasance, T. Butterworth, J. R. Hollows, J. Coupe, and Jas. France, committee; Messrs. Pleasance and Hollows, auditors; Mr. T. Holt, treasurer; Mr. Wm. Adams, 2, Newill Place, off Heights Lane, Rochdale, sec. The election over, the society's welfare was discussed, as to members' attendance, and some plain speaking took place. It seems to exist in a lot of people's minds that keeping straight with their subs. is all that is required—the officials will do the rest—which is not "playing the game." Officials are expected to attend some times two or three meetings a month, and, surely, members ought to back them by attending and pushing their society forward. It is a well-known fact in more clubs than one, that when new members have attended a few times, and just seen the officials, with perhaps a member or two, they start missing. No use turning up, they say; we want something more than business at every meeting. They want ideas and information, the majority of them being novices. Every member should attend and bring a new one with him at the Temperance Club, Toad Lane, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m.—Wm. Adams, Hon. Sec.

LUTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held January 21st, at No. 4, Pool Street. Balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £5 15s. 4½d., a loss on the year of 14s. 9d. The open show date was fixed for December 10. Officers and committee were elected as follow:—Chairman, E. Litchfield; vice-chairman, K. Cherry; treasurer, T. C. W. Meadows; committee Messrs. F. J. Webb, G. Litchfield, H. Meakins, T. Nevill, H. Rhodes, W. Smith, K. Anstee, and F. Webb. I was again persuaded to take the office of secretary. The meeting was adjourned till next Tuesday.—E. Bloomfield, Sec.

BURY C.B.S.

General meeting held Jan. 14th, at headquarters, the Textile Hall. Balance sheet for 1912 was issued. After a rather heavy year in connection with the Lancashire Amalgamation, it shows a balance in hand of well over £5; this was passed as satisfactory. Decided to hold meetings the second Tuesday in the month; having for the last twelve months tried the first Tuesday, it was thought advisable to alter it back again. New members can be enrolled at any of the meetings. Officials for 1913: President, Rev. R. S. Hudson; chairman, Mr. Brough; Committee, Messrs. Gorton, Armistead, Brooks, Howarth, Wilson, Crosby, Crossley, and Hamer; auditor, J. Crossley.—H. Jameson.

ULSTER O.A.

Annual meeting held in Clarence-place Hall Jan. 22, the president (Mr. Jas. Stewart) presiding. Balance-sheet after discussion was adopted as read. This shows a loss on the year, which, it is hoped, will be more than pulled up this season. The next show was fixed to be held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 (secretaries please note). Officials for 1913 were elected as follows:—Pres., Mr. Jas. Stewart; secretary and treas., R. Trimble; committee, Messrs. W. Trimble, J. Ronaldson, J. Neill, T. H. Smyth, W. Connell, J. Thompson, W. Teasy, S. Scott, A. E. Winkup, C. McPeake, C. Tansey, J. Montgomery, J. Carson, J. Barclay, A. Creighton, and W. Magill. Judges were also elected, and names will be sent on later when they are engaged.—Robert Trimble, Sec.

BANKFOOT C.B.S.

The above society held a very successful social and dance on Saturday, January 18th. Over 140 persons attended. The social part of the programme was very successfully carried out by Messrs. T. Mitchell and G. Degson. A burlesque, entitled "Bill the Porter," was given by Mr. G. Degson, his "make up" and gag caused roars of laughter. Everything passed off in first-class style, under the guidance of Mr. J. Lawson, who kindly acted as M.C. throughout the evening. The success of this venture was due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Lawson, North, Hardaker, Mitchell, Smith, Wilman, and Hudson in disposing of a good number of tickets. Owing to the success and popularity of these gatherings arrangements have already been made for another gathering of this kind, but on the next occasion the social part of the programme will be dispensed with, allowing the whole of the evening to be spent "on the toe."—F. Gelder, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 21, at Ablett's Cafe, Mr. Burns in the chair. There was a large turnout of enthusiastic members and friends. Balance sheet for 1912 was read, showing a balance on the right side of £3 6/-, which was considered satisfactory. F. Haines, Esq., was elected Pres., and Messrs. T. Edwards, J. Shaw, J. Darlington and F. Handley vice-pres. Mr. Burns was re-elected chairman amidst great applause. He has filled this office for many years, and his interest in the welfare of the society becomes keener each season. All last year's officers were re-elected, with Messrs. N. Jones, E. R. Gaylard, and W. Mealor added to the committee. Nine new members joined. Messrs. Benson, Barker, Roberts, Hill, Hall, Wilson, Browse, Morris, Pilkington. Messrs. E. R. Gaylard and N. Jones promised a valuable special for our annual show. A vote of thanks to Mr. G. Benson for judging our night show was carried by acclamation. This closed one of the jolliest annual general meetings we have ever experienced, and through the medium of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, which I know will reach all our members, I thank them for the grand help they have given during 1912, especially during annual show time, when over 95 per cent. of the members exhibited birds, and so helped to make the show a financial success, also giving the 700 people who paid for admission something to look at and admire. I trust that the same enthusiasm will prevail during 1913.—G. Morton, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting held headquarters, Jan. 20, Mr. Brown presiding over a good muster of members. The delegates gave their report of the amalgamated show meeting, which was accepted. A discussion, re social, took place. Decided to postpone date until March 1st (Saturday), the place for holding same to be left to the social committee. Decided to ask the following gentlemen to give us lectures:—Messrs. Catmore, Broughton, Atkinson, Harrison, J. Beswick, Lythgoe, and Raynes. Decided to hold two table shows, one for Norwich and Yorks., the other for British. First takes place at the next meeting, Feb. 3rd, when Mr. J. Steel will judge the Norwich, and Mr. Atkinson the Yorks. Three classes for each variety, viz., cocks, hens, and breeding pairs. It is to be hoped that members will each bring a few birds, so that the two gentlemen will have something to do. Table show, British, March 3rd, when Mr. W. Fairhurst will judge, and then give us his reasons for placing the birds in the positions they held. Classes announced later. Washing competition, Feb. 17th, with Messrs. S. Cook and A. G. Davis as judges. M. Oldham will give a gold medal for the best handled and washed bird, and Mr. Jones will give a special for the best washed bird by a novice. Decided to hold our annual open show at Belle Vue on Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25. Officers for 1913: President, Mr. N. A. Bladon; vice-pres., Messrs. T. Atkinson, R. Burrass, W. Booth, S. Cook, A. G. Davis, Geo. N. F. Lythgoe, T. Pease, J. Raynes, F. Richards, and A. G. Smith; auditors, Messrs. Cook, Richards, and Moorley; committee, Messrs. J. Ashcroft, J. Beswick, D. Buckly, E. Doaley, W. Fairhurst, F. Hayward, R. J. Metcalfe, W. Moorley, S. T. Oldham, W. H. Tansey, W. W. Turner, and J. A. Vint; hon. treas. and assist. sec., Mr. E. H. Fulcher; hon. sec., H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme.

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PAISLEY O.A.

Judging competition held in Drill Hall. Mr. P. Wylie judged two classes, Linnet and Goldfinch, and after he had finished the amateurs had their turn, and some were very keen on it. The following were the first three: J. Gardiner, A. Robertson, and F. Paling. Mr. J. Paton won first for all over the show. The winning number drawn in the prize-drawing was: 1st, gold watch, 884 seconds after 8.—Wm. Lambie, Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

Annual general meeting held Pope's Temperance Hotel on January 20th, Mr. A. N. Innes presiding. The balance-sheet was passed as read, and considered most satisfactory, and the secretary was warmly complimented on bringing about such splendid results, the society now having a balance of £6 4s. 6d. at the bank, as shown by the treasurer's report. Mr. H. Whitley was elected president, Mr. S. O. Manlove vice-pres., Mr. J. B. Eastley hon. solicitor, Mr. F. W. Puddicombe hon. auctioneer, Mr. A. N. Innes hon. treas., Mr. W. Drew hon. auditor. Chairman, Mr. A. N. Innes; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Daw; secretary, Mr. J. N. Jeffery; assist. hon. sec., J. Jeffery, junr.; committee, Messrs. F. Badcott, J. Bastard, W. L. Dodd, H. W. Fletcher, G. Heathman, W. Hodge, W. Jeffery, F. Lamble, G. Mudge, P. W. Mugford, A. Nicks and W. Wyatt. Mr. J. Webber resigned owing to continued ill-health. This was much regretted, as Mr. Webber was one of the society's hardest workers from the commencement. The fixtures for the year include Pair Show March 5th, Ramble June 4th, First Feather Show June 24th, Open Show October 29th.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

General meeting, held Jan. 25, in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, Mr. David Knox presiding over a good turn-out of members. The Treas. gave his financial statement for the year, which proved a very successful one, leaving a substantial balance to be carried forward. Office-bearers elected as follows: Pres., Mr. J. M. Edwards; vice-pres., Mr. J. Young; treas., Mr. A. McFarlane; sec., Mr. W. Connelly, 123, Henderson Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow; Committee, A. Roulstone, J. McGowan, D. Jones, W. Cathcart, P. Campbell, J. Liles, P. Pettigrew, W. Munro, J. Campbell, P. Halbert, R. Jeffrey; auditors, G. Bannerman and D. Knox. Decided to alter date of monthly meetings from the last Saturday of each month to the third, usual time and place; also agreed to charge 3d. per cage to all birds shown at monthly shows during the coming year. It was arranged to hold pair show on Feb. 22: Cl. Norwich pairs, do., variegated, Bord. the same, sell. Nor. pairs, limit £1, and A.O.V. Can pairs. The following were elected members: W. Telfer and W. Hamilton. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officials.—W. Connelly, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 20, at headquarters. The sec. submitted statement of accounts for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £5 0s. 3d. This was considered very satisfactory, and unanimously adopted. On the proposition of Mr. Bagshaw, seconded by Mr. Bowers, a vote of thanks was accorded to all retiring officers. The election of officers for 1913 was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. T. Hawley; vice-chairman, Mr. F. W. Alcock; treasurer, Mr. W. Roberts; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Pitchford; auditors, Messrs. J. Bagshaw and J. Peake. On considering rules of the society, it was decided to reduce the members' annual subscriptions from 6s. to 5s. per annum; entrance fee of 1s. The following new members were elected: Mr. J. Miller (Hanley), Mr. T. Draper (Shelton), Mr. H. Fox (Penkhall). A discussion then arose as to purchasing some three-tier staging for use at future shows, and sec. was instructed to obtain estimates for same. I hope all members, and others who wish to join, will make an effort to attend the next meeting on February 3rd, when Mr. J. Bagshaw has promised to give a washing exhibition.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 21 at the Onward Hall, Ardwick. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a fair attendance of members. The hon. sec. gave his fourth annual report. The auditor's report and balance-sheet were presented, showing a heavy expenditure, although leaving a balance in hand of £2 4s. 2d. This was considered very satisfactory, and duly passed as read. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers and committee for the able manner in which they had carried out their duties, also their loyalty to the society. The election of officers for 1913 took place, and results were: Pres., Dr. Twigg; chair, Mr. W. Robinson; vice-pres., Rev. C. E. Gaul, Rev. J. W. Wragg, Dr. Kindon, Mr. H. Boothman, Mr. W. Downing, Mr. R. Booth, Mr. A. E. Long, Mr. J. A. Vint, Mr. E. H. Fulcher; committee, Messrs. D. Buckley, G. Belton, G. Chilton, A. Blinston, H. W. Schofield, J. H. Parish, S. Greaves; auditors, Messrs. E. H. Fulcher, D. Buckley, J. Holland; hon. treas., Mr. T. Hunt; hon. sec., Mr. J. Spencer; Press correspondent, Mr. R. Booth. At the next meeting we shall arrange syllabus for 1913. A good attendance is requested; many new members have promised to join us, still there is room for plenty more. Anyone desirous of becoming a member, please write, and I will only be too pleased to give them full particulars.—J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston-street, Beswick, Manchester.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Annual general meeting held Jan. 16, Mr. Newnham in the chair. The balance sheet was presented and passed, the Sec. stating that the year had been a very successful one. Although starting with an adverse balance, this had been wiped off, and there was now a balance on the right side of over £2. Officers for the ensuing year were then elected, Mr. Newnham being re-elected chairman, Mr. J. Crutcher vice-chair, Mr. Meades re-elected as Hon Organizing Sec., Mr. D. Lyons Financial Sec., and Mr. J. Hazell Treas. Committee Messrs. H. Lane, J. Smith, W. S. Wood, F. Fulcher, F. Botell, C. Rawlstone, H. Newnham, junr., W. Moore, C. Gomm. Rev. Bayley again elected President, Mr. Robinson and Mr. J. Parker, vice-presidents. Rules were revised, and in the Juvenile Section the age was raised from 16 to 18 (would the Junior Section please note this?). It was also decided to admit new members at our pair show free of entrance fee; now is your chance to join at our next meeting.—Six new members applied and were accepted at our last meeting. Mr. Robson has been engaged to judge pair show, Feb 20th, Y.S. show, June 28th, and annual show, Nov. 8. Mr. J. Hazell to judge the second Y.S. show, Aug. 17. The fixture list for the year has been compiled, and it will be the best list drawn up in the history of the Society. All the committee hope is that the members will do their share towards making it the success it should be by introducing as many new members as possible.—E. Meades, Hon. Sec. Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., 56, Conway Road, Plumstead.

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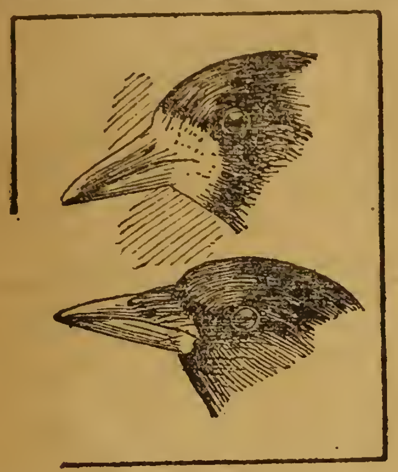
Wild-Bird Life.

Wild Birds' Winter Habits.

The favourite roosting place of the majority of wild birds in the writer's district is the wooded land around Banstead. About an hour before sunset birds of all kinds may be seen wending their way towards this common lodging place. They pass in straggling flocks, and so regular are they in the roads they take that night after night they pass directly over the end of the writer's garden, and the same course is taken in the early morning, when proceeding to their feeding ground. One can hardly understand why these flocks should so regularly proceed eastward in the morning. Feeding grounds, one would think, would be found further removed from the haunts of men, whereas this road leads almost directly to it. Possibly the birds may have a branching off place at some mid-way landmark. It is a mistake to dogmatise too much upon the doings of wild birds; many of their habits and ways are quite opposed to the common-sense views taken by ourselves; we look at it from a human point whereas wild birds may have traditions and methods, handed down from past ages, that still govern some of their doings, and the more one studies certain birds, the more one is convinced of this. Take the common Rook as an example; his whole life is made up of such regular habits, which he is not absolutely obliged to keep to exist, and one cannot doubt that these methods are handed down from one generation to another. Certain fields are visited by them day after day, while others are as regularly neglected. In their homeward journeys during the winter months, a flock going in a certain direction, regularly settles upon some rising ground upon the Downs, there they sit in a close group, noiseless, and making no attempt to feed, after a time they rise and continue their journey homeward.


OLD AND YOUNG ROOKS.

It is interesting to watch the doings of the young Rooks during the summer; they are easily distinguished from their elders by their slow uncertain flight. They fly as if they hardly knew which way to go, and when settling in trees they go at it anyhow, crash among the branches, and fall on a perch, rather than choose one. An old bird enters a tree carefully, and deliberately chooses his bough to settle on. Upon closer inspection, it will be seen that the young birds are feathered over the nostrils, while the parents are quite bare.

The Noisy Blackbird.

Thrushes may be heard singing nearly everywhere now, the weather is so open, but not a song note have we heard from the Blackbird, although he is quite as noisy, particularly at night, when retiring to roost.

A Tuneful Robin.

A Robin roosts regularly in the evergreens in a suburban garden, and as is usual with this species, is the last of the bird world to retire to rest. If during the evening the blinds of a lighted room are pulled up, so that the light shines upon his roosting site, he at once commences to sing. The writer once had a Reed Bunting, in an aviary that would do the same, or even if one walked into the garden and disturbed him.

A Strain of Light Blackbirds.

The writer of these notes recently saw a pied Blackbird that the owner had trapped on his father's land, in the autumn. The bird is nearly all white, with black wings and tail, somewhat after the manner of the old London fancy Canary. The owner's father, who has lived at the farm house all his life, says that from time to time he can remember pied birds being seen, and when he was a lad there was one pure white. Evidently there is a strain of light blood in the Blackbirds of this particular locality.

RESULTS OF OUR XMAS COMPETITIONS.

THE COLOURED FRONTISPIECE

Each of the three competitions put before readers in our Xmas Double Number proved exceedingly popular, the entries being considerably in excess of former years, a great many bird-lovers evidently finding in them a pleasant means of whiling away a few holiday hours.

The efforts sent in to compete for the guinea offered for the best coloured frontispiece were, on the whole, pleasing and artistic, quite a number, in fact, attaining a high standard of artistic merit, and the selecting of the winner was by no means easy. The prize was eventually awarded to

Mr. F. Clarke,
5, Melbourne Place,
Topcliffe Road,
Thirsk, Yorks.

This gentleman's effort is a very nice study in oils, restrained yet effective in colouring, possessing "atmosphere," and the birds (a Wren and a Robin) are practically correctly painted. Mr. Clarke was very closely pressed by Mr. W. Collins, of Southampton, whose water-colour study is distinctly pleasing, and very little behind the winning effort in any particular. Admirable pictures, too, were submitted by Mrs. K. Hamilton-Jones (Plymouth), Mrs. Smyth Richards (South Molton), Messrs. H. Tate (Tipton), W. Cooke (Sparkhill), Bert Lewis (Halifax), C. Dunn (Partick), H. Pickles (Bradford), T. Cooper (Carrington, Notts), F. G. Martin (Balham), and M. Cobley (Chorlton-cum-Hardy).

Other competitions whose paintings deserve mention as possessing more than average merit were as follows: Mrs. Goddard (Sutton), Miss A. M. Watkins (Merthyr Tydfil), Miss M. Pauling (Hexthorpe), Miss M. Onslow (Bournemouth), Miss L. E. Perry (Cowes), Miss F. A. Drummond (Megginch Castle, Errol), Miss Palmer (Herne Bay), Messrs. L. Ogier (Sutton), J. Snowdon (Leeds), W. Wallis (Dartmouth), J. Hall (Morpeth), H. Simms (Windsor), P. Black (Armadale), W. H. Fermor (Barnsbury), A. Wade (Pallion), G. Mockett (Brighton), R. Bowgett (Llanelly), R. McMillan (Inverness), S. W. Matthews (Carmarthen), H. E. Stockley (Ludgate Hill), J. Proudlock (Seaton Delaval), H. J. Byngham (Brockley), C. E. Isaac (Heavitree), A. Miller (Scunthorpe), E. Gregory (Ecclesfield), W. Loughton (Louth), W. T. Goord (Brighton), W. Bunting (London, E.), W. Ridley (Newcastle), R. A. Blackman (Fulwood), T. H. Waring (Leamington Spa), G. H. Sutton (Hull), R. H. Gardner (Taunton), L. Child (Lower Edmonton), J. P. Gunn (Cardiff), N. Jones (Birkenhead), R. Waterer (Lytham), and C. J. Langford (Wigan).

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Douglas Doggett (age 13),
The Hopbine,
Waterbeach,
Cambs.

Those who ran Master Doggett closely were Miss M. G. Brown (14), Malvern Link and Masters R. H. Atess (15) Bishop Auckland, H. Hooley, Hazel Grove, and S. Neave, East Finchley. Commendation must also be given to the Misses D. Wager, age 12 (Cains-cross), F. Dukes, 13 (Filey), D. Heather, 13 (Teddington), E. Birch, 10 (Ripley, Derby), D. Coffey, 15 (Ilford), A. Stobart, 10 (Sowerby Bridge), A. Girlin, 11 (Hull), A. Hunter, 9 (Coppull), C. Morris, 10 (Bromley), and Masters R. E. Bendell, age 12 (Aldershot), H. Watson, 11 (Leeds), W. F. Wenlock, 13 (Wisbech), R. Bourne, 9 (Oxford), A. Elderkin, 10 (Stanground), E. Lamb (Northiam), P. Godfrey, 11 (Kingston), B. Vigor, 13 (Fulham), E. Dyehouse (Wolverhampton), R. Waters, 10 (Wombwell), A. Lloyd, 15 (Chingford), G. Reid, 11 (Edinburgh), A. Wheeler, 12 (Hay, Brecon), W. H. Leach, 11 (Rochdale), B. Burdon (Lower Edmonton), H. F. Garner, 16 (King's Cross), D. Wilkes, 12 (North Wingfield), T. Barker (Twizell), D. Gunn, 11 (West Carnforth), T. Waterworth, 12 (Culvert), S. Collett, 11 (Coventry), H. Wright, 9 (Oxenhope), W. J. Goddard, 14 (Attercliffe), A. Robinson, 14 (Walsall), and J. Barker, 8 (Willesden).

A HIDDEN BIRDS PUZZLE.

Fun Among the Solutions.

Our "Hidden Birds" puzzle once again proved a very great attraction, a tremendous number of solutions being sent in. Out of these twelve were found to be correct, while no few than sixty-eight were wrong in one name only. In accordance with Rule 5, the names of the senders of the correct solutions were written on slips of paper, and these put into a hat, when one was drawn. The winner proved to be

Mr. T. Hoey,
West Street,
Somerton,
Somerset.

The other readers skilful enough to discover all the hidden names were: Mrs. Gilbart (Elsenham), Miss A. Pauling (Doncaster), G. O. Stride (St. Albans), F. Cole (East Dulwich), A. W. Mantach (Dalkeith), L. Henderson (Buckfastleigh), C. A. Fryer (Leeds), O. T. Miller (Fakenham), G. Scott (Lower Edmonton), H. Kidner (Acocks Green), and D. C. Thornton (Grimsby). The correct names are: (1) Lizard Canary; (2) Tree Creeper; (3) Bee-eater; (4) Diamond Sparrows; (5) Robin; (6) Woodcock. Of those who came so near discovering the whole of them, two stumbled over No. 5, four over No. 4, twelve over No. 3, twenty-two over No. 6, and twenty-eight over No. 1.

Picture No. 1, Lizard Canary, we thought easy of solution, the words "Kynance Cove" and "Hell Mouth," and the shape of the promontory between them, distinctly identifying the cape shown as being The Lizard (Cornwall), while the Canary completes the solution. Quite a surprising number of solvers, however, tripped up over this picture. Some of the attempts seemed to be made quite at random, for instance many sent in "German Roller," "Hartz Mountain Roller," "Norwich Canary," and such like guesses. Some of the incorrect attempts, on the other hand, displayed considerable ingenuity. Several readers sent in "Colour-fed Canary," seeing, presumably, some connection between hot pepper and the name on the eastern side of the Lizard. "Border Canary" was sent in by many, and this also is not so bad, although incorrect.

Picture 2, "Bee-eater," illustrating the trait attributed to the Great Tit of eating bees, proved an easy proposition to the great majority of solvers, although several came to grief over it. What the readers who sent in Corn Bunting as a solution to this, had in their mind it is difficult to surmise; others had it Garden Warbler, Blue-cap, Sun-bird, and similarly impossible names, while Honey-sucker, sent in by quite a few, was ingenious, although incorrect.

Picture No. 3, Robin, was easy to most, and here again many incorrect solutions had their touch of humour. Steel Finch, Night Hawk, Nightjar, Lancashire Coppy, Silver Bill, all suggest ingenuity on the part of the solvers, but "Budgerigar" is too horrible a twist of "Burglar" to deserve other than horrible mention. Many competitors sent in Nightingale as a solution; others Owl, Cuckoo, and some others equally wide of the mark.

Picture No. 4 would seem to have proved the easiest of all, for nearly every solver guessed it correctly as Tree-creeper. "Woodlark" was one of the favourites among the incorrect solutions to this picture. The "Lark" would seem to be all on the side of the dog in the picture; the position would be not much of a lark to the boy scooting up the tree out of reach of the dog.

Picture 5 seemed not to present much difficulty, for a very large number of solvers guessed it correctly—Diamond Finches or Diamond Sparrows. Some of the guesses, however, would appear to be simply random shots. Cut-throats, Black-throated Tanagers, Ring Ousel, Two Wee Gems, Gold-capped Lizards, and such like are all very wide of the mark. "Stonechat," sent by several readers, keeps up the sequence of ingeniously incorrect attempts.

Picture 6, "Woodcock," was another of the easy ones, but even here many readers sent in solutions hopelessly incorrect. Lark, Black Bishop, Cross-bred Crested Cock, and Cookatoo, were some of the wild guesses sent in. The nearest of the incorrect guesses was Crow, which was sent in by a great number of readers, while a few thought Wood Warbler would meet the case.

THE "JUMBLED" BIRDS.

Our Jumbled Birds (or "jig-saw") puzzle also proved very popular, a large number competing, and the majority arranging the pieces correctly. On the score of neatness (by which the prize effort had to be selected) the ladies scored heavily. The winner proved to be

Mrs. E. Farrell,
Copperhouse,
Hayle,
Cornwall.

Miss E. Newton (Finsbury Park) came a very close second indeed, and this lady, in turn, had very little advantage over Mrs. W. Holton (Edinburgh), Miss D. Thompson (Nottingham), and Messrs. A. E. Carter (Kidderminster), J. B. Skinner (Redland), E. Farrell (Copperhouse), and W. W. Chubb (Alton). Others worthy of mention as sending in very neat attempts were Mrs. Locke (Harrogate), Mrs. Gardner (Taunton), and Messrs. R. Twigg (Hetton-le-Hole), J. F. Barrow (Camberwell), T. W. Robinson (Croxton), W. Presland (Bromley), S. Nield (Stalybridge), R. S. Clarke (Ross), W. Brinkman, junr. (Leeds), J. Tweedie (Castle Douglas), W. Gamble (South Wigston), F. Cole (East Dulwich), and C. Pye (Burgh Heath).

Seagull 43 Years Old.

The Paris Correspondent of the London "Daily Mail" writes that M. Blondeau, of Quimperle, Brittany, was out shooting a few days ago when he brought down a seagull. Attached to one of its legs was a ring with the inscription, in English, "1869. Return Zoological Station, Heligoland." In 1869 Heligoland was, of course, a British possession. M. Blondeau has preserved the bird in the hope of ascertaining whether it is as old as the date on the ring would indicate.

In a later issue of "The Daily Mail," Major Cordraux, of Harbledown, Coventry, writes as follows:—"Sir,—The bird marked '1869. Return Zoological Station, Heligoland,' would be one of the birds marked by the late Herr Gatke, secretary to the Governor. He was a well-known ornithologist, and the pioneer of observations in migration. Afterwards, in conjunction with my father and Professor Newton, he carried out till his death extended observations."

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CLUB REPORTS: Continued from page 85.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Winners of specials:—Dewar challenge shield, J. E. Davies, Cheshire; most entries throughout show, Mr. P. McQuiston, Ayr; Aitken and Silk cups in Norwich section, J. E. Davies, Cheshire; rosebowl most points in Crest section, J. Noble, Kilmarnock; Bennet cup in Border Fancy section, G. W. Brown, Leith; most points Border Fancy section confined to Midlothian, A. W. Thomson, Newtongrange; Gibson challenge cup most points in Yorks. section, T. Rowlands, Liverpool; challenge trophy most points Foreign section, Miss Peddie Waddell, Edinburgh.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

WOOLSTON F. AND F.A.

Annual general meeting held at Alexandra Coffee Rooms, Jan. 22. Mr. J. Levy chair, and a good number of members were present. Balance-sheet showing a balance in hand of £9 5s. 2d. accepted. Officers elected 1913: Chairman, Mr. J. Levy; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Norman; hon. sec., Mr. F. O. Etheridge; assist. sec., Mr. D. Callaway; treas., Mr. D. Stevens; committee, Messrs. G. E. King. F. Herham, F. Hunnnett, E. Etheridge, C. Fones W. Green, A. Roberts, O. Fenwick, W. Billham, H. Stockley, T. Davis, J. Welch, W. J. White; hon. auditors, Mr. F. Harding, and Mr. A. E. King. Next meeting Feb. 19, at 8 p.m.—F. G. Etheridge, Hon. Sec

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the College Inn, Jan. 25th, Mr. W. Brotherton in the chair. We made three new members in B. Wall, J. Mann, J. Ridler. The following officers were elected: Mr. W. Brotherton, chairman; Mr. J. E. Taylor, vice-chairman; Mr. W. Bagnall, treasurer; B. Bailey and W. J. Turner, secretaries; committee, G. Stringer, A. Hunt, G. Stafford, B. Wall. Decided to have a two-days' show this year, Oct. 25-27; Mr. H. W. Battye judge. A silver cup is promised by W. Ricketts, Esq. (Rotherham) for most points won by a member throughout the year; to be won three years in succession. Decided to have closed rings this year for the cups.—Bailey and Turner, Secs.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

First of a series of monthly table shows held at new Headquarters, Jan. 22. Border Fancies and Bullfinches were the two varieties staged. The members present are to be congratulated upon their enthusiasm in turning out on such a wretched night and bringing their birds. Mr. Madagan judged Borders, and Mr. Pounsett the Bullfinches, of which there were quite a large number staged. After the judges had made their awards, a judging competition was held, none of the competitors getting all the birds placed in the same order, but nearly all found the leaders in both classes. The judges then explained why they had placed the birds as they did, and pointed out where the losers failed. The evening proved very instructive and interesting, and it is regrettable that it was such a fearfully wet night, which kept a good many away. Five new members were elected.—R. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

Annual general meeting held January 22nd. The chairman, C. Sorrell, Esq., presided over a well-attended and successful meeting. S. H. Platten, Esq., J.P., a vice-president, kindly presented 22 cups and trophies and other specials to the successful exhibitors. It was made the occasion of presenting the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Jackson, with a silver tea-set and oak tray in appreciation of his services during the past three years. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, S. H. Platten, Esq., J.P.; vice-pres., Messrs. W. W. Broomhead, N. V. Bowater, G. Gardner, A. Burgess, and W. J. Harris; chairman, Mr. C. Sorrell; treasurer, Mr. J. S. Jackson; secretary, W. H. Jackson, 60, Willoughby-lane, Tottenham; and a very strong committee of twenty enthusiastic fanciers. The cage bird challenge cup and the unflighted cup were won by J. W. Medley, and the Yorkshire cup by W. Barber.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The adjourned annual general meeting was held Jan. 27 at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd in the chair: Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., and 30 members present. Letters were read from Miss G. Knott, Mrs. Page, and Mr. P. H. Harris. Three nominations were received for membership, and Mr. T. Ponsford was elected a member. The scrutineers announced result of voting papers for judges for young bird, annual, and pair shows. The hon. sec. paid out prize money for recent pair show, and announced the points gained for the various cups. It was proposed and carried unanimously that a very hearty vote of thanks be conveyed to Mr. J. Frostick for so generously presenting four special prizes to the British and foreign bird classes. Votes of thanks were accorded to the stewards for their services and also to the hon. sec. for the excellent arrangements he had made, which materially helped in making such a successful show. Mr. W. A. Curtis gave a few useful hints to novices, and then brought forward a novel suggestion for pair table shows, details of which were left to himself and the hon. sec. to arrange. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting. —Fred Thynne, assist. hon. sec.

AMALGAMATED YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES' DINNER AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Arrangements for the Great Annual Event.

The representatives appointed by the various specialist clubs in Yorkshire met on Jan. 22nd, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Mr. R. Halliday was elected to the chair. Mr. H. Hill was elected secretary to the committee for the dinner and prize distribution. The statement of accounts for the last prize distribution was adopted as read. Decided to hold the event on Saturday, March 8th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, when a splendid dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. per head, to all who notify the secretary on or before Thursday, March 6th. Unless this is done, no dinner will be provided, as full arrangements will have to be made on the date mentioned above, so I would urge upon those desirous of attending the necessity of complying with the above instructions, to avoid disappointment, as in previous years a good many have turned up who have not notified the secretary. The dinner will be served punctually at 5 o'clock, and the prize distribution and social evening will commence at 6.30; for the latter there is no charge whatever. The committee decided to invite as guests for the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. F. Carl, of CAGE BIRDS, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewer. The election of chairman for the event was left over until the next meeting. Some first-class artistes were named for the secretary to write to, and there is every likelihood of the musical portion of the evening's entertainment easily surpassing anything achieved in former years. The ballot for the order of presenting prizes resulted as follows: 1, Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.; 2, CAGE BIRDS prizes; 3, National Green Marked Y.C.C.; 4, Yorkshire Canary Club; 5, Yorkshire County British Bird and M.C.; 6, Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.; 7, open Norwich Plainhead Club. The President of each specialist club will present the prizes to the successful members, and should an exhibitor be fortunate enough to have won two or more prizes in one special club, he will receive these simultaneously, in order to save valuable time. Secretaries of specialist clubs will please bear this in mind, and arrange their prizes accordingly. The prizes will be arranged in same order as balloted for on the tables, excepting CAGE BIRDS prizes, which will occupy the centre table. The secretaries of the various specialist clubs will meet on March 8th, at 3 o'clock, to arrange all prizes in proper order before the dinner. All those intending to be present at the dinner kindly communicate before March 6, with H. Hill, Sec., 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

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The Shows.

TARBRAX.

Show held Jan. 18 in the Institute Hall. There was a very good entry and a capital attendance of spectators, the show being the first cage bird show held in the district. Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh) judged. A dance was also held on behalf of the show after everything was cleared, the hall being packed to its utmost, music being supplied by Messrs. MacDonald and McConnachie; M.C., Mr. William Ramsay. Anyone desirous of joining the club may hand in their names to Mr. Isaac Gilmour, chairman; Mr. James McIntyre, secretary; or Mr. Andrew Hamilton, treasurer.

CL. OR TKD. YELLOW BORD.: 1, Agnew; 2, McLean; 3, Powley. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Agnew; 2, Gilmour; 3, Brown. HEN: 1, Agnew; 2, Powley; 3, Hamilton. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Gilmour; 3, Taylor. GR. OR CINN.: 1, Agnew; 2, McLean. CL. OR TKD. NOR. CK.: 1, McLean; 2, Ashcroft. HEN: 1, 2, Agnew; 3, Brown. A.O.C.: 1, Agnew; 2, McLean; 3, Brown. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Dickson; 2, Powley; 3, Brown. GREENF.: 1, 2, Dickson; 3, Agnew. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Dickson. A.O. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Dickson. SOFTBILL: 1, McKinven. A.O. CAGE BIRD: 1, Agnew; 2, Ashcroft; 3, McLean. SINGING BIRDS: 1, Hamilton; 2, Savage; 3, Brown. Specials: Best bird in show, Mr. D. Agnew; runner-up, ditto; also best Norwich hen; best Brit., N. McKinven; best songster, A. Hamilton; most entries, A. McLean.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.S.

Annual club show held in the Masonic Hall on Jan. 18. There being a good entry of birds of a very superior quality staged, competition was very strong. Mr. Adam Dickson, the secretary, had everything in the best of order, and the show was well patronised. A few pairs of birds matched for breeding and some singing birds were given away as gifts from some of the members of the society, each visitor being given a numbered coupon for the draw. Kelty and Blairadam have for the second year in succession won the cup for most points over the shows in the West Fife League, and the cup was on view.

SCOTCH, YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Stenhouse; 3, Cowan. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Stenhouse; BUFF CK.: 1, Cowan; 2, Stenhouse; 3, Hutt. HEN: 1, Cowan; 2, Hutt; 3, Stenhouse. NOVICE: 1, 3, Ross; 2, Hutt. NORWICH, YELL. CK.: 1, Cordery; 2, Barclay; 3, McConville. HEN: 1, 3, Kirk; 2, Dickson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Kirk; 3, McConville. HEN: 1, 2, Dickson; 3, Barclay. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, McConville; 2, 3, Dickson. HEN: 1, 2, Dickson; 3, Kirk. NOVICE: 1, Moffat; 2, Malcolm; 3, Arnott, jun. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Veitch. CREST-BREDS: 1, 2, 3, Veitch. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, J. Anderson. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, 3, J. Anderson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, 3, J. Anderson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, J. Anderson. NOVICE: 1, 3, Arnott, sen.; 2, Arnott, jun. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Cargill; 2, J. Reid (Cowdenbeath). BUFF: 1, 3, Reid; 2, Cargill. NOVICE: 1, Rankine. HYBRID: 1, Stenhouse (Goldie-Greenie); 2, Brown (Goldie-Can.). FINCH: 1, 2, 3, A. Anderson. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, 3, A. Anderson; 2, Inglis. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, A. Anderson; 3, 4, Cordery. NOVICE MULE, ETC.: 1, Rankine; 2, 3, Hynd. COMMON CAN.: 1, Brown; 2, Moffat; 3, Hutt.

BOSCOMBE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Members' show held at Assembly Rooms, a very nice room for a cage bird show, being of good light and lofty. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Martin Cook, and committee had every thing in order, and the birds were staged in the centre of room, where everyone could see them to perfection. 111 birds were entered. In NOR. YELL. CKS., Mr. Martin Cook was 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with a trio of very good birds. BUFFS: Mr. Calvert, 1st, nice stout bodied-bird, well-placed wings.; Mr. M. Cook 2, 3, close on the heels of the winner. NOR., HENS: 1, 2, M. Cook, a nice yellow secured 1, and a buff 2, nice shape, and well shown; 3, Evans, a very taking hen. The novice class for YELL. CKS. contained some very nice birds: 1, Stainer, a clear stout body, in grand form; 2, another of the right sort; 3, Evans, not quite stout enough, but in good condition. NOR. NOV., BUFF, contained some good birds: 1, Stainer, wing mkd., nice feather and type; 2, Stainer, close up to winner; 3, Loveless, another good one, fails just a little to winner in neck, otherwise a good bird. NOV., HENS: 1, Basten, a buff, good shape and wing carr.; 2, 3, Stainer, close up. YORKS., HENS: 1, Corbin, buff, a very nice straight hen, tight feather; 2, Corbin, similar, but a bit pinched in neck; 3, M. Cook, same applies. YORKS., NOV.: 1, Airs, nice youngster, straight, and stands up well; 2, Stapleton, fails to winner in neck; 3, Airs, a nice standing bird, but fails to winner, being a frilled on chest. HENS: 1, 2, Stapleton, two nice exhibits. NON. FED: 1, Basten, Yorks.; 2, Calvert, Nor.; 3, Meager, only fair. CREST or C.B.: 1, Miss Thomas, crest, small drooping crest, neat. GOLDF. or BULLF., H.M.: 1, Hinves, a capital Bully, nice cap, colour, and shape, wins; 2, Hinves, a very good Goldie; 3, Miss Thomas, Goldie, fails to 2nd in colour and moonings. GOLDF. or BULLF., F.M.: 1, Butler, nice blaze and buttons; 2, M. Cook, close up; 3, M. Cook, not much to choose, but a bit smaller in blaze. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hinves, Siskin, good cap and bib, nicely pencilled; 2, Butler, Lesser Redpoll, bonny little chap; 3, Mealy Redpoll, in good condition. FINCH or BUNTING: 1, Butler, Brambling, nice and steady; 2, Yellow Bunting, in good form; 3, Greenfinch, very steady, and nice condition. SOFTBILL: 1, Miss Thomas, Redstart, shown faultless, and very steady; 2, Butler, Skylark, in good feather, and steady; 3, another Skylark, a bit wild. BRIT., NOV.: 1, Fisher, Greenfinch, good size and feather, tight; 2, Goldfinch, a bit loose; 3, East, Linnet, on the small side, but nice colour. MULES or HYB.: 1, Butler, Goldie-Canary, nice size, and good blaze; 2, Butler, another Goldie-Canary, on the small side; 3, Dark Linnet Canary, good size and shape. NOV., MULE or HYB.: 1, Hutchins, Goldie Mule; 2, Fisher, Linnet Mule, both dark, but in good condition. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, Hutchins, Madagascar Love Bird and Siberian Goldfinch. Mr. W. Haysden, of Southampton, made the awards, and gave every satisfaction.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Second annual Club Show held January 25th, in the Masonic Hall. The show proved a great advance on the previous year. Entries totalled 175. Scotch Fancies were small in number, but quality was all there; Borders and Norwich were the feature of the show, many of the season's winners meeting to battle for honours again. Special mention must be made of the winning yell. Yorks. cock, shown by Mr. Joseph R. Reid; the first yell. Bord cock shown by Mr. Thos. Yule; the winners in yellow and buff cocks in Norwich shown by Mr. J. C. Murray and Mr. J. Grieve respectively. British birds were very fair all over. We were pleased to see the new Secretary, Mr. J. Holmes, taking kindly to his duties, he also took winning brackets with his buff Yorks hen. Mr. Wm. McAdam, Lasswade, judged throughout, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction. The show was well attended by the public and we trust will prove a financial success. The winning numbers in the draw for gift birds are as follows: 420, 665, 47, 704, 114, 842, 622, 266, 688, 232, 66, 645, 300, 637.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (2): 1, Fotheringham, cl. yell. fine position and reach, a nice exhibit; 2, Murray, foul buff, hardly so long in side, nice action. HEN (3): 1, 3, Murray, foul buff, rare worker, takes position quickly; 2, Fotheringham, not far behind, good reach. YELL. BORD. CK. (8): 1, Yule, typical wee gem, tight as wax, good condition, a popular win; 2, Cunningham, hardly so well filled in, still a nice exhibit; 3, hc, Sneddon, close up, another nice one; vhc, Stewart; c, Muir. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Cowan, wins, rare body and wing carriage, fine bloom; 2, Muir, fine position and shape, well shown; 3, Cunningham, sweet body, fails only in finish. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Muir, grand feather, nice weight and style, wins; 2, Sneddon, good head and wing carriage, nicely shown; 3, Fotheringham, close up, good stamp, hardly the polish; vhc, Findlay; hc, Cowan; c, Bryson. HEN (9): 1, 3, Yule, leader taking exhibit, nicely staged in fine bloom, 3 hardly the same position, still a good one; 2, Cowan, shade stronger, fails only in finish; vhc, King; hc, Peel; c, Fotheringham. GR. OR CINN. (3): 1, 3, Stewart, leader rare exhibit, nice grass green, might have been better shown, 3rd not so good col., still a nice type; 2, Peel, must have pressed, rare type and col. YORKS., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Reid, nice Yorkie, often described, all there for type and qual., wins; 2, Holms, cl., another good one, fine position, well filled in, crosses slightly at times; 3, MacKiven, var. yell., nice col. and pos., slightly open in front; hc, Beveridge. HEN: 1, Reid, nice shape and position, fine carried wings, could win in good company. BUFF CK. (3): 1, 2, Reid, leader great length, fine position, good wing carr., taking exhibit, 2nd wing mkd., hardly the same style, fine action; 3, Beveridge, another good one, nicely filled, good wing carriage and style. HEN (4): 1, Holms, our choice for best in section, rare qual. of feather, tight as a bottle, well shown; 2, vhc, Reid, 2nd var., nice Yorkie, well shown; 3, MacKiven, good cl., all there for style and qual. CREST (3): 1, 2, Sneddon, leader good size, well centred crest, 2nd another good one, we think might have won; 3, Stewart, not so well feathered, well shown. C.B. (3): 1, Sneddon, good size again, well browed, nice exhibit; 2, Stewart, smaller, good feather and type. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Murray, well-known winner, looking better than ever, a model for type and quality; 2, Langan, var., nice bird, good type, fails only in head; 3, 4, Paterson, leader rare type and polish, might have gone up one; hc, Sinclair; c, Robertson. HEN (4): 1, Dickson, var., a rare Norwich, sweet head, well rounded body, all there for qual.; 2, Mitchell, nice shape, good wing carr. and col.; 3, Grieve, fine type, good col. and condition; vhc, Cowan. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Grieve, nice cl., good size, nice head and well filled in neck, good wing carr., fine col. wins; 2, Dickson, hardly the size, good col. and condition, well shown; 3, Murray, another good one, close up. HENS (5): 1, 3, Dickson, first nice type and qual., fine frosting, splendid wing carr., 3rd not so good in type, hot col., well shown; 2, Mitchell, close up, rare position and feather, nicely balanced; vhc, Cowan; hc, Beveridge. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, vhc, Langan, var., nicely shown, good col., very nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Mitchell, must have pressed, all there for type and qual., a good one; 3, Murray; hc, Beveridge. UNFLIG. HENS (6): 1, Langan, varieg., hot col., fine body and feather; 2, Mitchell, close up, rare head and neck, well filled in, good condition; 3, vhc, Dickson, all there for qual., fails slightly in head; hc, c, Murray. COMMON CAN.: 1, Findlay; 2, Langan; 3, Murray. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Murray, rare var. Goldie Mule, well shown; 2, Peel, another Goldie Mule, close up. GOLDF. or BULLF. (4): 1, 2, Anderson, leader tip-top Goldie, grand expanse of blaze, good moons and bars; 2, Bullfinch, rare col., fine dense cap, well shown; 3, Beveridge, close up, fine breast col., good size, better head colour than 2nd; vhc, Stewart LINNET (2): 1, Robertson, fine pencilling, bold type, good col.; 2, Anderson, markings not so well defined, good col. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Anderson, well known, often described, looking well; 2, Beattie, another good one, fine col. and condition; 3, Stewart, nice Greenie; vhc, Robertson. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Anderson, leader nice twite, well mkd., fair size; 2, Mitchell, nice Siskin, fine col.; 3, Stewart, Mealy Redpoll, fails a bit in size; hc, Robertson. BUNTING, ETC. (4): 1, Fotheringham, Yellow Bunting, rare head markings, good col.; 2, 3, vhc, Yellow Bunting, Reed Bunting and Chaffinch respectively. A.O.S. (3): 1, 2, Anderson, well-known Waxwing and Missel Thrush, often described; 3, Holms, nice Hawfinch, trifle unsteady, will improve. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Stewart, Bullfinch cock, grand size and col., rare can., 2nd Bullfinch hen, fine col. and condition. NOV., SCOTCH FANCY (5): 1, 3, hc, Murray; 2, vhc, Fotheringham. BORD. (19) the strongest class in the show: 1, 2, Yule; 3, vhc, Cowan; hc, Fotheringham; c, King. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, MacKiven; 3, vhc, Beveridge. NOR. (11) another strong class: 1, 3, Grieve; 2, Paterson; vhc, Robertson; hc, Cowan; c, Beveridge. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Beveridge; 2, vhc, Simpson; hc, Beattie; c, Robertson.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The annual show of matched pairs and British and Foreign birds, was held Jan. 25, and proved a huge success. The entry (227) broke the society's record; indeed, in the whole of our experience we cannot recall anything to beat it. Pair classes with over 20 entries must surely be exceptional, and the quality of the birds, too, reached a very high standard. The display, on the whole, was of a distinctly pleasing and instructive nature, and much enjoyed by the many bird-lovers who visited the fine hall at headquarters, the Church Institute, Marylebone. Mr. V. Wynn, who happily has once again taken up the secretarial reins, was the recipient of many congratulations and deserved compliments—evidently the members desired him to have a warm and worthy welcome. The management, needless to say, was beyond criticism. The staging stewards, Messrs. C. G. Rolls and W. Sanders, did their work perfectly, and Messrs. A. W. Curtis and J. Pooley very ably attended upon the judges. Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Mr. F. Knight, and Mr. Curtis, jun., also worked hard and well, together with the genial chairman, Mr. W. A. Shepherd.

The chief special prizes were secured by Mrs. Thynne (the Sayer Cup), 14 points; Mr. C. J. Roberts (the Thynne Cup), 9 points; Mr. W. Shepherd (Wynn Cup), 6 points; Mr. B. Thrower (Harris Cup), 19 points; for the Weston Cup, Messrs. Offord, Parrington, Brumbridge, and Shepherd each scored 6 points. Best champion pair and best lady's pair Canaries, Mrs. Thynne; best amateur pair, Mr. T. Hart; best novice pair, Mr. G. H. Thurley; best Brit., Mr. W. Francis; best For., the Hon. Mrs. Bourke. Mr. Thurley put up a great performance in the novice Norwich Plainhead class; there were no less than 22 pairs therein, and he secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and extra 3rd prizes with four entries! The judges were Messrs. J. Robson (Cans.), and J. Frostick (Hyb. Brit. and For.).

The Awards.

CHAMP. NORWICH (13): 1, 3, Mrs. Thynne; 2, vhc, c, Roberts; hc, F. Knight. AMAT. (14): 1, spl, 3, c, Hart; 2, ex, vhc, Warwick; vhc and spl, W. Knight; hc, Wakefield. NOVICE (22): 1, spl, 2, 3, ex. 3, Thurley; vhc and spl, Kelly; ex. vhc, hc, Cobb; c, Brumbridge. CHAMP. CRESTS (8): 1, two spls, 3, Mrs. Thynne; 2, vhc, hc, c, Shepherd. AMAT. (1): 1, Dickinson. CHAMP. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Hawes Bros.; 3, vhc, Lloyd. AMAT. (21): 1, ex. 3, W. Knight; 2, 3, Monger; vhc and spl, King; ex. vhc, Bamber; hc, c, Herring. NOVICE (20): 1, 2, 3, Sanders; ex 3, hc Clements; vhc and spl, Armstrong; ex. vhc, Monk; c, Rumble. CHAMP. BORDERS (6): 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne; 2, hc, c, F. Knight. NOVICE (2): 1, Trigger; 2, Durrant. HYB. PAIRS, GOLDF. AND CAN. (6): 1, Brumbridge; 2, Clark; 3, Offord; vhc, Parington; hc, Thrower; c, Bradley. LIN. AND CAN. (1): 1, Thrower. GREENF. AND CAN. (3): 1, Offord; 2, Thrower; 3, Clark. A.O.S. AND HEN BULLF. (1): 1, spl, 2, Offord. TWO BRIT. (3): 1, Parrington; 2, 3, Offord. NOVICE, FINCH AND CAN. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Lowe; 2, Styles; 3, Thrower; hc, Dickinson; c, Sanders. NOV., TWO BRIT. (5): 1, 3, Tatton; 2, Styles; vhc, Lowe; hc, Dickinson. BRIT. GOLDF., C.M. (6): 1, Thrower; 2, Offord; 3, Large; vhc, Lowe. DO., FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, Rumble; 2, Francis; 3, Thrower; vhc, Offord; hc, Lowe. BULLF. (4): 1, Francis; 2, Styles. LINNET, C.M. (2): 1, Parrington. DO., F.M. (5): 1, Lowe! 2, Mrs. Maher; 3, Thrower; vhc, Offord. GREENF., C.M. (5): 1, Tatton; 2, Francis; 3, Lowe; vhc, Parrington. DO., F.M. (3): 1, Lowe; 2, Thrower. SISK. (6): 1, Francis; 2, hc, Tatton; 3, Styles; vhc, Thrower. REDP. (5): 1, Offord; 2, Lowe; 3, Francis; vhc, Parrington; hc, Miss Shepherd. TWITE (3): 1, Francis; 2, Lowe. CHAF. (1): 1, spl, Francis. A.O.S. FINCH (3): 1, Mrs. Maher. YEL. BUNTING (3): 1, Francis; 2, Lowe. BULLF., HEN (4): 1, Offord; 2, Parrington; 3, Lowe. A.O.S. HEN (3): 1, Francis; 2, Parrington. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, Styles; 2, 3, Shepherd. FOR. WAXBILL, ETC. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrs. Tatton; vhc, hc, c, Brumbridge. BULBUL, ETC. (1): 1, Mrs. Tatton. A.O.S. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Hon. Mrs. Bourke; 2, spl, Mrs. Thynne; 3, vhc, hc, c, Shepherd.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual old show held Jan. 18th at the Caledonian Schools, Liverpool. Yorkshires were judged by Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, and Mr. A. E. Davis, Manchester, took the remainder. The awards were well received. Unfortunately entries did not come up to expectations, only 154 birds being staged; there were, however, some grand specimens, and this made up somewhat for the shortage. As usual, the bulk of the spoils fell to Mr. Rowlands, who, in addition to carrying off the special for most points, won the President's prize with his yellow green Yorks. cock, and there was no question about the popularity of his win. The champion specials were won by Messrs. Rowlands, Metcalfe, Handley, and McNulty, and the novice by Messrs. W. Jones, Mockridge, and Malone.

YORKS. GRNS., SELF YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Rowlands; 2, 3, Benson; hc, McDermott; c, Robinson. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Rowlands; 2, McDermott; 3, Robinson; hc, Benson; c, Handley. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, McNulty 2, c, Robinson; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Handley; hc, Morcement. BUFF (9): 1, McDermott; 2, Rowlands; 3, c, Benson; vhc, Robinson; hc, McNulty. NOR. GRS., SELF YELL. (4): 1, Harding; 2, Handley; 3, Lawson; vhc, Metcalfe. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Walker; 2, c, Lawson; 3, Handley; vhc, Metcalfe. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Handley; 2, Walker; 3, Harding; vhc, Lawson; hc, Metcalfe; c, Malone. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Handley; 2, Walker; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, c, Harding. BORDER GRS., SELF OR FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Johnston; 2, Bratherton; 3, Greenwell; vhc, Little; hc, Parker; c, Rowlands. BUFF (7): 1, Little; 2, 3, Parker; vhc, Bratherton; hc, Johnston; c, Walker. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (4): 1, Greenwell; 2, Johnston; 3, Little; vhc, Parker. BUFF (8): 1, Johnston; 2, Walker; 3, hc, Parker; vhc, Little; c, Greenwell. The foregoing are Cup Competition classes. YORKS. GRS., SELF OR FOUL (4): 1, 2, Rowlands; 3, McNulty; vhc, Rawsthorne. SELF OR FOUL YELL. (1912) (5): 1, Rowlands; 2, McDermott; 3, Mockridge; vhc, hc, Jones. BUFF (3): 1, Rowlands; 2, Jones; 3, McDermott. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (9): 1, Metcalfe; 2, c, Rowland; 3, McDermott; vhc, Rawsthorne; hc, McNulty. BUFF (5): 1, Rowlands; 2, 3, Mockridge; vhc, hc, McDermott. NOR., GREENS: Cancelled. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Lawson; 3, Malone. BUFF (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Lawson; 3, Malone. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Rowlands; 2, McNulty; 3, Jones. BUFF (4): 1, Rowlands; 2, 3, vhc, McNulty. CL., ETC., YELL. (1912) (2), 1, Jones; 2, Rawsthorne. BUFF (4): 1, Rowlands; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Jones; vhc, Rawsthorne. CL., ETC., BORDERS, NOR., AND A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Jones; 3, Rowlands. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. HENS (3): 1, Rowlands; 2, 3, McNulty. BUFF (3): 1, 3, McNulty; 2, Rowlands. Members are requested to send ticket money in at once.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD CANARY F.A.

Opening show for 1913, held January 21, at Abletts' Cafe, and in every way proved a success. The quality of the birds was grand, the Norwich section perhaps being better represented than the Yorkshires. All the birds had been in the money during this show season, and made the task of Mr. Benson, the judge, a difficult one, but he managed to find the right ones to the general satisfaction of all present, Mr. Cooper winning special for most points.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, Bird; 2, Shaw; 3, Cooper; vhc, c, Morton; hc, Stott. BUFF: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Stott; vhc, Greatrex. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Shaw; vhc, Cooper; hc, Stott. HEN: 1, vhc, Morton; 2, 3, Cooper; hc, Greatrex. SELF OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Moss; 2, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Bird; 2, Cooper; 3, Moss; vhc, Shaw. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Moss; vhc, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Moss. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Howlett; 2, 3, Burns; vhc, Stott; hc, Rixon. BUFF: 1, Stott; 2, Burns. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mealor; 2, Burns; 3, Mealor. BUFF: 1, Mealor; 2, Stott. YELL. HEN: 1, Mealor; 2, Burns; 3, Howlett. BUFF: 1, Rixon; 2, Stott; 3, hc, Burns; vhc, Rixon. A.O.V.: 1, Stott; 2, 3, Coper.—G. Morton, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

First of this season's members' show held Jan. 25 at the Butchers' Arms, Great Horton; 98 birds were staged in 12 classes. Mr. John Greaves placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Chew (Leeds) was show steward.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, G. Midgley; 3, 4, S. Midgley; vhc, c, Shackleton; hc, Gaunt. BUFF: 1, Snead; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 3, Gaunt; 4, Self; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Shackleton; c, Hodgson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Snead; 3, F. Self; 4, S. Midgley; vhc, Gaunt; hc, Sharp; c, Ormonroyd. BUFF: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Shackleton; 4, Morley; vhc, E. Self; hc, F. Self; c, Lister. GR. OR CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, G. Midgley; 3, Hodgson; 4, Shackleton; vhc, J. W. Hainsworth; hc, Ormonroyd. BUFF: 1, E. Self; 2, J. W. Hainsworth; 3, vhc, Myers and Lumb; 4, hc, Ormouroyd. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Lister; 2, Peace; 3, J. W. Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 3, c, Lister; 4, Gaunt; vhc, hc, Ormonroyd. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Snead; 3, S. Midgley; 4, F. Self; vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, Lister; c, Myers and Lumb. HEN: 1, S. Midgley; 2, Snead; 3, Morley; 4, A. Lister. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Fieldhouse; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 4, F. Self; vhc, Shackleton; hc, S. Midgley. BUFF: 1, c, Fieldhouse; 2, G. Midgley; 3, E. Self; 4, F. Self; vhc, Gaunt; hc, S. Midgley.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

PONTARDULAIS F.S.

Fourth open show held at Public Hall, January 23. Entries in our section totalled 120, and were the feature of the show. They far exceeded the total for any mixed show in Wales this season, and another year it would pay this society to extend their classification. This was very gratifying to the judge, Mr. J. B. Evans, who has not officiated for a couple of years. Special for best Canary was won by Mr. E. M. Evans' yell. Border cock, a little gem, and for best British by Mr. W. J. Harry's Chough. The Secretary, Mr. L. J. Morris, is a very hard-working official, and is well supported by the Chairman, Mr. R. H. Sampson, who is a keen cage bird enthusiast, vice-chairman, Mr. E. Hall, and a hard-working committee.

The Critique.

YORKS. (11): 1, c, J. Owen, yell., good length, very nervy, well up on leg; 2, 3, hc, T. J. Owen, leader buff, neat head and neck, well braced wings; 3rd, yell., good col. and qual., nice position, well on leg; vhc, Messer; abs., Steer (3). NOR. (9): 1, Edwards, well-known tkd. yell., often described; 2, Davies, cl. buff, nice type and qual., neat wings and tail, good cond.; 3, Muscott, cl. buff, good size and shape, nice short flights and tail; 4, Lucas; vhc, Morgan; abs., Fowler, Steer. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, Evans, a little gem, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Sampson, well-known cl., grand col. and qual., nice type; 3, Jenkins, yell. green, nice even tone of col., grand qual. and style; 4, Williams; vhc, Morris; hc, Sampson. BUFF (8): 1, Beard, nice type and qual., in A1 fettle; 2, 4, Sampson, close up, very jaunty carr., in grand order; 3, Evans, another good one, correct type, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Morris; hc, Jenkins; c, Harris. HEN (8): 1, Beard, cl. yell., neat type, lovely col. and qual.; 2, 3, Evans, a pair of toppers, leader yell., grand col. and qual.; latter buff, grand feather, nice style; 4, vhc, Sampson; hc, Creber; c, Eley. DK. GOLDIE MULE (13): 1, E. J. Davies, good blaze, nice col. and quality, in grand order; 2, 3, hc, Gwilym Gate, good col. and qual., nice shape, hardly col. of leader; 4, Lucas Bros.; vhc, Jeffreys; c, W. D. Gate. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Edwards, Canary-Bullie leading, good size, nice col. and quality; 2nd, Goldie-Bullie, in lovely order; 3, H. S. Davies, well-known 6-pointed Goldie-Can., nice size, col., qual. and cond.; 4, E. J. Davies, Linnet-Bullie; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Morgan; c, Williams. GOLDF. (10): 1, S. Jones, good square blaze, neat tans, nice bars and buttons; 2, Jeffreys, close up, grand blaze, col. and qual.; 3, Evans, nice tans, bars and buttons, hardly blaze of leaders; 4, Heal, good blaze, neat tans, rich wing bars; vhc, Ray; hc, Lucas Bros.; c, Davies and Thomas; abs., Brown. BULLF. (9): 1, 3, S. Jones, well known, neat cap and bars, lovely breast col., A1 quality; 2, Holborow, another good one, nice type, good col. and qual.; 4, Ford; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Evans, Edwards. LINNET (13): 1, Nicholas, good col. and qual., nice type, a wealth of lacing; 2, Heal, grand col. and qual., nice shape, hardly as well laced as leader; 3, Holborow, good col. and qual., neatly laced, loses size to leaders; 4, Jeffreys, nice col. and qual., well pencilled; vhc, hc, S. Jones; c, Lewis. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Jeffreys, Lesser 'Poll, good col. and qual.; 2, Heal, grand Twite, good size and shape, well laced, nice whites; 3, Sampson, non fed Siskin, lovely type and qual., neat eye markings; 4, S. Jones, Siskin; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Ford. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, Harry, Cornish Chough, in nice order; 2, Ray, Hawfinch, nice size and shape, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Jeffreys, Chaffinch, grand col. and qual., nice shape, good whites; 4, No. 315; vhc, 316; hc, 318a; c, 318. FOR. (4): 1, Mrs. Longden, Red-naped Lorikeet, a real gem, in perfect feather; 2, Morgan, Adelaide Parrot, charming exhibit; 3, Ford, Tricolor Tanager, in faultless condition; 4, Muscott, Red-headed Gouldian, nice feather.

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MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Last of a series of shows for club prizes; 70 birds entered. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley, and his awards were well received. Winner of cup and gold medal, Mr. F. Gale, 93 points—a smart performance for a junior novice; Mr. J. Powell and Mr. F. Grange tied for second with 80. Mr. Powell gets novice gold medal, being first novice after actual winner. Mr. A. Huddleston and Mr. J. Chapman tied for 3rd with 59. Mr. A. Huddleston won on re-judge. Specials best bird, J. Ward; hen, A. Huddleston. Mr. F. Gale also won coffee pot presented by Mr. H. Graham for junior novice.—H. Grange, Sec. (From the catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were J. Powell, F. Gale, E. Hersey, J. Ward, A. Huddleston, H. Grange, F. Grange, A. Metcalfe, J. Lunn.—Ed.)

INTER-CLUB SHOW.

The last of the inter-shows of the Todmorden, Hebden Bridge, and Sowerby Bridge, Ornithological Society was held at the National School, Burnley Road, Todmorden, on Saturday. The entries numbered 62, and were of excellent merit. Mr. R. E. Helliwell, of Halifax, adjudicated, and gave entire satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Coupe; 2, Stansfield Bros.; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Cockcroft; hc, Livsey; c, Spencer and Maiden. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, King; 3, vhc, Stansfield Bros. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Barber. YELL. HEN: 1, Townsend and Collinge; 2, Stansfield Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cockcroft; hc, Coupe. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, King; 2, Livsey; hc, Cockcroft; vhc, Spencer and Maiden; c, Stansfield Bros. BUFF: 1, Coupe. HEN: 1, Livsey; 2, Townsend and Collinge; 3, Coupe; vhc, Spencer and Maiden; hc, King; c, Cockcroft. CINN. MKD.: 1, Spencer and Maiden. YELL. NOR.: 1, Pickles. BUFF: 1, Coad; 2, Spencer and Maiden; 3, Pickles. CLASS 17: A. Pickles. CLASS 18: A. Pickles. A.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Bentley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Harrison; 2, Spencer and Maiden. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Harrison. NOV.: 1, vhc, Barker; 2, 3, Howarth. CLASS 24: 1, vhc, Howarth; 2, 3, Barker.

HADDINGTON AND DIS. C.C.

A very successful table show was held at the Hall on January 25th, keen interest being displayed. Upwards of 100 birds faced the judge, Mr. James Johnston, Tranent, many members putting down teams of exceptional merit. Special for best bird was won by Mr. C. Barrie, with a nice Norwich hen. Special for best Border went to Mr. A. Grant; best British, Mr. A. Grant; most points, Mr. J. Barrie; medal most points over season's shows, Mr. C. Barrie.

The Critique.

BORD. CK. (10): 1, 2, Grant, leader buff, grand type and quality, rare bloom, 2, yell., capital col. and condition; 3, Cochrane, another buff, in rare trim; 4, Steele; 5, Fairgrieve; 6, 7, Goodall. HEN (8): 1, 6, Fairgrieve, sweet head, grand col., staged to perfection; 2, Barrie, another gem for type and col.; 3, Grant, lovely feather, sits rather close to perch; 4, Steele; 5, Arnott; 6, Wood. EVEN, ETC. (6): 1, sp., Grant, uneven Cinn., lovely shape, grand feather; 2, Barrie, yell. uneven, nice head and wings; 3, Cochrane, three-pointed buff, good type and quality; 4, Fairgrieve, saddle mkd., grand condition; 5, Saunders; 6, Titlah. GREEN OR CINN. (12): 1, 4, Grant, leader nice grassy green, good type and quality, 4th, yell Cinn., lovely type and col., might have taken 2nd place; 2, Cochrane, yell. Cinn., grand tone of col., finely pencilled; 3, Ramage, capital buff Cinn. good head and quality; 5, Fairgrieve; 6, Steele; 7, Wilson. NOR. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, Barrie, trio of good birds. HEN (3): 1, sp., 2, 3, Barrie, leader real good buff, grand Bullie type; 2, 3, lovely feather and condition. BRIT., LARGE (29): 1, Grant, grand Yellowhammer leading; 2, 3, 4, J. Barrie, Bramble, splendid markings, must have pressed, 3rd, good Hawfinch, nice bib, steady, 4, lovely coloured Chaffie; 5, Fairgrieve; 6, Steele; 7, no name. SMALL (17): 1, sp., Grant, Goldie, wonderful colour and lustre, steady as a rock, greatly admired; 2, J. Barrie, another fine Goldie, good body and face, unsteady; 3, Wood, Siskin, very attractive, nice condition; 4, c, Barrie, Bullie, grand size, nice breast col.; 5, Steele; 6, Fairgrieve; 7, Johnstone. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Steele, pair Budgies, lovely plumage, but badly staged; 2, Grant, nice dark Goldie Mule; 4, Wood; 5, c, Barrie; 6, Arnott.

WELSH C.B.A.

Sixth annual club show, held at Bush Hotel, Swansea, Jan. 25. Unfortunately entries did not come up to expectations. Cup winners, most points during season: Canaries, D. Jenkins; Nor., S. George; Brit., etc., Messrs. E. Jeffries and D. A. S. Longden made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Jones, grand size and col., neat head, neck, wings and tail; 2, 3, vhc, George, grizzle mkd. leading; good qual., size and shape, might be better in wing carr.; latter, var. yell., nice type and qual., good col.; 4, c, Capt. Collier, neat exhibit, good col and qual., nice type, trifle on small side. BUFF (13): 1, Lewis, cl., grand type and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Jenkins, grizzle mkd., grand size, neat head and neck, loses condition; 3, hc, George, var., good size and shape, well shown; 4, Jones, good head and neck, nice type and qual.; vhc, Richards; c, Capt. Collier. HEN (9): 1, sp, Jenkins, cl. yell., neat type and feather, good body, wings and tail; 2, hc, Jones, very cobby cl. buff, not quite feather of leader; 3, vhc, Capt. Collier, cl. yell., neat head and neck, good qual. and col.; 4, George; c, Tedstone. UNFLIG. (8): 1, sp, hc, George, grizzle mkd. buff hen, very short, nicely rounded body, good qual. and cond.; 2, vhc, Jones, cl. yell., red hot col., lovely type and qual., trifle browy, must have pressed; 3, Muscott, yell., good type and qual., had been bathing when judged; 4, Richards, yell., grand col and qual., neat wings and tail, good type; c, Capt. Collier. YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Mock, grand length, lovely qual. BUFF (1): 1, sp, Mock, well known, good length, nice leg, grand col. and qual. HEN (3): 1, Mock, well up on leg, good head and neck, nice straight back; 2, 3, Richards, neat exhibits, good length, very nervy, nice col. and qual. NOV. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Watkins, var. buff and cl. yell., neat exhibits, good type and qual., well up on leg, well braced wings. NOR., NON FED (2): 1, George, cl. yell., lovely qual., nicely rounded body, neat head and neck; 2, Tedstone, cl. yell., nice col. and type, loses trifle qual. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, sp, 2, Jenkins, gems in perfect order, grand col. and type. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Jenkins, clears, leader a little beauty, feathered like wax, greatly admired. A.O.V. (3): 1, Muscott, Nor., well-known, in fine fettle; 2, George, Cinn. Yorks., nice col. and qual. MULE (2): 1, Jeffries, grizzle mkd. Goldie-Can., a new face, neat exhibit; 2, Muscott, Goldie-Bullie, lovely col. and qual. DARK (1): 1, Jeffries, Goldie-Can., nice col., neat blaze, in good order. GOLDF. (3): 1, 3, Jeffries, two well-known, grand blazes, neat tans, bars and buttons; 2, Heal, another good one, good col. and qual., beaten trifle blaze. BULLF. (1): 1, Jeffries, good cap and bars, nice size and shape. LINNET: 1, Heal, good type, nice col. and qual., well laced. TWITE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Heal, leader grand Twite, nice size and shape, grandly laced, latter Mealy 'Poll, good col. and qual., neat lacing. BRAMBLE, ETC. (2): 1, Jeffries, Chaffinch, well-known winner in fine bloom; 2, Heal, Greenie, lovely col. and qual., nice wing bars. A.V. HEN (2): 1, Heal, Bullie, lovely col. and qual., grand cap and bars, nice type; 2, Jeffries, bonny Siskin, laced to perfection. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Heal, Nuthatch, in fine form. FOR. (3): 1, Muscott, R.H. Gouldian, lovely qual. and cond.

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First table show for 1913 was held at the Horse and Groom Hotel, January 25th. The members turned up in good numbers, and a record table show was the result. Norwich stock pairs were a show in themselves. The Yorks. Canary is coming to the front in the district, and some good pairs were put down. Mr. Allsopp's first pair of Yorks. were grand, and the Cuckoo gang should be busy in the coming season trotting out with winners. Mr. G. Marshall judged. A meeting was held after the show, and it was decided that points count for specials, and all members gaining any points shall have a special. Twelve new members enrolled.

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First members' show for 1913, held 25th Jan., in St. John's School, where 104 birds were staged to receive the consideration of Mr. T. Ogden, of Dudley Hill. OPEN, CLR. OR TKD. YELL CK.: 1, Padgell; 2, 4, hc, Gledhill; 3, Casey; vhc, Bleazard; c, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Bleazard; 2, vhc, Padgell; 3, Robinson; 4, Helliwell; hc, Gledhill; c, Atkinson and Firth. YELL. HEN: 1, Bleazard; 2, Robinson; 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Robinson; vhc, Padgell; hc, Cheshire. UNFLIGHTED: 1, Helliwell; 2, Casey. FOUL MK. CK.: 1, 2, Padgell; 3, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Robinson. HEN: 1, Casey; 2, Helliwell; 3, 4, Gledhill; vhc, Padgell. CINN. CK.: 1, Helliwell. HEN: 1, Robinson. NOVICE: CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Hall; 2, Hodgson; 3, c, Sharp; 4, Hudson; vhc, Pacey; hc, Hodgson and Holdsworth. BUFF: 1, Pacey; 2, Gee; 3, Rawes; 4, Nichol; vhc, Booth; hc, Hudson; c, Wilkinson; hc, Nichol. YELL. HEN: 1, Rawes; 2, Pacey; 3, Gee; 4, Booth; vhc, Hodgson and Holdsworth; c, Hudson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Hall; 4, Rawes; vhc, Nichol; hc, Pacey; c, Hodgson and Holdsworth. UNFLIGHTED: 1, 3, Sharp; 2, Hudson. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Hall; 2, 4, Rawes; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Wilkinson and Son. HEN: 1, Pacey; 2, 3, 4, Hodgson and Holdsworth; vhc, Hudson. CINN. CK.: 1, 2, Hudson. HEN: 1, Hudson.—L. Booth, Sec.

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Open sing held headquarters, Jan. 25, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes, and some good singing was heard. Result: A. Tomlin 1st, J. Liversidge 2nd, J. Wallis 3rd. Members please note—meeting to be held after next week's (members') sing, when I hope to see everyone who can possibly get (including late sec.). Some very important business needs attention.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held at the old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, on January 25th, when 19 birds sang for three good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, A. Butler; 3, T. Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor. Also January 26th, when 30 of the best birds in Yorkshire sang for four good prizes, before a crowded house. 1, A. Butler; 2, A. Richardson; 3, H. Wigfield; 4, T. Stead. Judges, J. Smith, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality held at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, Jan. 25th, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick, when some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1st, J. Sellers; 2nd, G. Towers; 3, H. Playforth. Judges, C. Clayton and C. Lorrimer. Also Jan. 26th, when 16 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes. Some extra good singing was heard before a house packed to its utmost with spectators from all parts of Yorkshire. 1st and 2nd, C. Ward; 3rd, J. Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and G. Connor. Also at night, when a German Canary contest was held, and 20 birds sang in heats for three good prizes. Some lovely singing was heard before a crowded house, several of the Leeds Roller Clubs being represented. The judges gave every satisfaction. 1st, Roberts; 2nd, Morriss; 3rd, T. Johnson. Judges, C. Lorrimer and J. Sellers.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Jan. 26th, when 28 birds sang for three good prizes before a large attendance of friends to hear these quality birds. We hope it will be the same next week. 1st, J. Chippendale; 2nd, A. Lorriman; 3rd shared between H. Bangfield and A. Binns. Judges, A. Turner, C. Lorriman, and N. Soloman.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, January 25. 31 birds entered for three good prizes. We had some singing, which quality Linnet singers might envy. 1, E. Smith, 73; W. Nelson, 71; W. Ratcliffe, 59; also January 26, 19 birds sung for three good prizes, given by Mrs. Parker. The birds did very well, the old bird of Mr. Nelson being first with 70, E. Smith 51, S. Morley 50.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street, January 25, for time. Twenty-eight birds were entered, and some very good singing was heard. 1, E. Wynn, 108 secs.; 2, 3, J. Fairhurst, 93 and 83 secs.; timekeeper, J. Jackson and T. Harrison; tappers, A. Marshall and J. Smalley; minutes, T. Hindley; birdman, T. Jolley. Six new members were enrolled. Open to all England contest for time and quality, February 15, when prizes will be given according to entries; first pair up at 2 o'clock. As this is our first contest of this kind, we hope to see as many as possible of the old faces, as we want to make it a success.—E. Hickman, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn Linnet Club weekly sing, held Jan. 18 and 19, when we had a very good lot of birds to sing for three good prizes. Winners January 18, for League points: 1, B. Nelson, 47; 2, T. Piper, 30; 3, T. Jones, 25. On January 19 we had a lot better singing. Winners: 1, T. Piper, 105; 2, B. Nelson, 53; 3, J. Caddy, 49. Also January 24, birds were not in as good condition as the week before. Results: Club singing: 1, 2, B. Nelson, 46, 45; 3, T. Jones, 29. On January 25, contest, open to all. We had a record entry, and very good singing was gone through. 1, 2, B. Nelson, 102 and 97; 3, T. Jones, 76. The club is making new members every week. We have the very best window in the district. Open sing every Sunday at 1.—Wm. Beard, Sec.

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A. DANHAM, Aviaries, East Lexham, Swaffham, Norfolk. Crests from 7/6; Siskins, 3/6 pair; Redpoll, 1/6 pair; Siskin Mule, 4th prize at Norwich Alliance show. (351)

PAIR Borders, 5/6; two Yorkshire hens, 4/6; cock Lark, nice songster, 2/6; cock Chaffinch, 1/-; cock Linnet, 2/-; house-moulted cock Linnet, 3/-; cock Goldfinch, 5/-; offers lot: Pearce, 64, Coleman-rd., Camberwell, London. (431)

NIGHTINGALES. Four lovely birds, kings of songsters, beautiful beyond description, 8/6 each, including cage; Nightingale food, 1/- quart; Roller Canary, Nightingale notes, delightful songsters, 10/6: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford. (433)

WANTED.

WANTED, Green Yorkshire hen, good: Godward, Monson-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (418)

WANTED, Norwich, Borders, and Crests: W. Powick, Eastfield-cottage, Dewsbury. (422)

WANTED Plover and Lark drag nets cheap for cash: A. Swithenby, 96, Oxford-st., Leigh, Lancs. (428)

WANTED, house-moulted, perfect-feathered Skylark, pet, tame: Law, 35, Jeffreys-rd., Clapham. (430)

WANTED, two unflighted buff Norwich hens, cheap for cash; deposit: Brown, Thornton-rd., Potters Bar. (426)

WANTED 2 good young Crested hens, no cheap rubbish: Geo. Bennett, 168, High Town-rd., Luton, Beds. (424)

WANTED, six or seven Roller hens and two cocks, clear, state price: H. Machin, 133, Westbrook-st., Bolton. (418)

WANTED, Roller or Yorks. cock for 2 Yorks. hens, yours first, sell 8/6: Annis, 42, Squires-lane, Finchley, N. (418)

WANTED, any quantity of all kinds of Canaries for export; best prices given: Barnes' Aviaries, Merthyr Tydvil. (422)

WANTED Canaries and Mules, colour-fed preferred, either sex: H. Cole, 71, Montpelier-rd., Peckham, London. (430)

WANTED, Canary hens, must be large, 1/6 each; state kind: P. McAleenan, 8, John-st., Blantyre, Glasgow. (425)

CANARIES wanted, any quantity, cocks, also pairs, and cock Mules: G. Chapman, 25-26, High-st., Birmingham. (433)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries, Rollers, all kinds of British birds; best prices given: Manager, Bird Stores, Ossett. (433)

WANTED show Goldie, exchange large hc. Norwich hen, Midgley's, good head, chest: Cook, East st., Pembridge. (426)

WANTED offers in Yorkshire Canaries for treadle fretsaw, quite new, or sell 20/-: Leslie, 105, Bispham-rd., Southport. (428)

TWO Yorkshire or Norwich cock Canaries, in song: exchange piccolo, in good condition: Jones, Holly Bush, Welshpool. (432)

WANTED, cash offer for 4 Greenfinches, 3 hens, 1 cock, hand reared, in breeding condition: E. Baddrell, S. Godstone. (421)

WANTED joiner's cramp or vice, will give champion Borders in exchange: Young, 177, Warton-ter., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (429)

BLACKCAP and Cardinal hen; approval; will give outdoor-bred Budgerigar hen and money: O. Stone, Cumnor, Sydenham. (417)

WANTED from catchers, large Goldfinches and Bullfinches, state prices per dozen: Bird Stores, 442, High-st., East Ham. (422)

HEN Canaries, exchange pair large size Marine glasses, blue Dutch buck: Bootmaker, 303, St. Ann's Well-rd., Nottingham. (418)

GIVE 20/- for two typical unflighted marked yellow hens, must have good heads: 34, Heysham-rd., Shirley, Southampton. (426)

WANTED, singing Canaries or Rollers; will do any class printing in exchange: Printer, 74, Summerhill-rd., Tottenham, N. (426)

WANTED, good pair Norwich, exchange to value in high-class Yorkshires: Jeffery Jefferis, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middx. (424)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for high-class pair of show homers: Melhuish, 14, Lummaton-place, St. Marychurch, Torquay.

WANTED pair Norwich Canaries; exchange B-flat clarionet, value 20/-; must be good: Davies, 4, Widemarsh-st., Hereford. (416)

WANTED, Canaries, hens, cocks, or camera and accessories, for violin, value £1, bow and case: A. Miller, Station-rd., Manca. (417)

WANTED, 500 Canaries, 100 Mules, foreign and British birds; litters of small dogs: 58a, Cheetham Hill-rd., Manchester. (434)

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange real Ayrshire blankets or tweed suit lengths, sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow. (400)

WANTED, pair green Budgerigars in exchange for two yellow hens, 1911, 1912 birds: Pearce, Post Office-rd., Cobham, Surrey. (423)

GOLDFINCHES and sporting gun; will give Edison phonograph, 40 records; bargain; offers: Laing, 17, Lismore-rd., London, N.W. (431)

WANTED, good large yellow or pied Scotch Fancy cock; exchange two young buff pied hens, approval: Dix, Yeo Vale, Barnstaple. (419)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for pair of police trousers or electric torch; what offers: Andrews, 106, Friern-rd, East Dulwich. (424)

WANTED, good Softbills, any variety, exchange to value in high-class Yorkshires: Jeffery Jefferis, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middx. (424)

WANTED, two hen Canaries, exchange two singing cock Skylarks, been caged since nestlings, worth 10/-: Dutton, Dunstable. (420)

WANTED, all varieties of Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids, toy dogs, etc., state price and particulars to: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

WANTED, surplus Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, etc.; only good birds taken; state lowest prices: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (421)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large, young, healthy birds; also talking Parrots: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (356)

WANTED monster yellow unflighted cock, cheap, no fancy price, or exchange typical buffs: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., Tottenham. (428)

WANTED, hand-sewing machine, lock stitch, exchange Canaries, British, part cash: Write particulars, F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset. (426)

OLIVER, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. Wanted colour-fed Yorkshires, cash deposited; particulars, price, stamp reply; any quantity taken. (433)

WANTED all eleven years' bound volumes of "Cage Birds"; will give cash, or goods from my list: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton. (430)

WANTED, Crests and Crest-breds, also good Norwich Plainheads; send lowest prices to: B. Hughes, 162, London-rd., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (406)

HEN Canary, exchange perfectly new lady's blouse, medium size, good serviceable (letters): Mrs. E. Dyke, Bolstead Nurseries, Streatham. (420)

WANTED, Yorkshires or Norwich, exchange two pedigree Airedale dogs, seven months, sell £2 each: Martin, 11, Marlborough-rd., Shipley. (421)

WANTED good Blue-fronted Talking Amazon; no old or faulty birds considered; approval: Blaker, Victoria House, Birchett-rd., Aldershot. (416)

WANTED bar-bell, 130lbs., exchange Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, or British, or sell: Robert Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. (425)

WANTED, two unflighted yellow Norwich hens, exchange green Borders, Lambie's strain: Wm. Livingstone, 7, Hunter's-lane, Whitburn, N.B.

NORWICH, unflighted, exchange joiner-made case and four Norwich show cages, or 43 x 17 x 11in. flight: Daniell, 45, Ennerdale-rd., Lewisham. (425)

WANTED, steady cock Goldfinch, cock Siskin, hen Bullfinch; exchange Kodak camera; birds first, or sell 12/-: Sheppard, 30, New Buildings, Frome. (422)

WANTED yellow or buff Norwich hen, must be good; will exchange guitar-zither, with tutor, in good condition: Allen, Benson-green, Kendal. (415)

WANTED, 10in., 12in. records (gramophone); miniature Pom., or useful offers; exchange high-class Yorkshires: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven. (432)

WANTED for export 100 hen Canaries weekly; cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED, birds, Parrots, Pigeons, poultry, dogs, monkeys, rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (433)

NOTICE: Wanted weekly supply Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Yorkshire hen Canaries; approval, deposit: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London. (430)

WANTED, Crests and Crestbreds, also good Norwich Plainheads; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (386)

WANTED, Bullfinch and Goldfinch cocks, or good singing cock Roller, for two 3-compartment breeding cages: Guy, 108, Heathend-rd., Coton, Nuneaton. (429)

WANTED, three singing Norwich or Yorkshires in exchange for complete china teaset, 40 pieces, handsomely decorated: Cooke, 117, Antill-rd., Bow, London. (434)

WANTED large or small quantities of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hen Canaries, etc.; state lowest price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (429)

WANTED young spaniel male, well broken to gun; approval; exchange Song Thrush and cage, other cages, and cash: Hawkes, 16, Smith-st., Trafford-rd., Salford. (411)

CATCHERS; will deposit 10/- with Editor for three large cock Goldfinches, square blazes preferred; no dealers: Telfer, Lancethill, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. (423)

WANTED any quantity cock and hen Canaries, for spot cash; state breed and lowest price; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (362)

WANTED, yellow Norwich hen, must be short, thick-set, cobby specimen; good price given for one with plenty of substance: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (431)

WANTED two or three hen Canaries and one cock, from cold-room; breed not particular; also bird seed; give good exchange in cuttlebone: Petitt, 34, East-st., Seaford, Sussex. (415)

WANTED all kinds cage birds, cash, or exchange pullets, Bantams, puppies, Pigeons, foreign birds, state offers, wants: Simmonds, Aviaries, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London. (426)

WANTED, any quantity cock and hen Bullfinches from catchers; highest price paid and prompt cash; strictly honourable dealing guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (432)

WANTED, cash offers for 12 cocks, 4 hens, Norwich, colour fed, yellows and buffs, clears and variegated; giving up; deposit with Editor: Watson, 517, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield. (421)

WANTED, few good buff or marked Yorkshire, 1912 hens, exchange trousers to measure value 18/6; patterns sent; offers; approval: Danford George, Tailor, Pentre, Rhondda. (420)

WHAT offers for 30 Canaries, 15 cocks, singing, 15 hens; clean, healthy, cold-room; lot or separate: Apply, F. Witchell, 9, Rochester-ter., Long-lane, East Finchley, London, N. (424)

WANTED two cock Canaries or four hens: exchange six horn bean handle knives, with nickel silver forks; exchange silver plate; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield. (432)

WANTED, Fieldfare or Jay, or hand-reared cock Thrush, Jay preferred, for 9 Starlings, pick of season catching, perfect in spangling, or offers: Gavin, Fancier, Fraserburgh. (425)

WANTED for prompt cash Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, etc., either sex, colour-fed preferred; state lowest price, etc: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, S.E. (429)

TWO good unflighted yellow Norwich hens wanted in exchange for banjo and tutor, or sell for 15/-; mutual approval; no rubbish offered or wanted: Daniel, 52, Oulton-rd., Stone, Staffs. (416)

WANTED, good clear yellow Norwich cock and hens; exchange No. 12 Alglin phonograph and 12 records, in perfect working order, 30s.: J. Rawlings, 284, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (418)

WANTED, Borders or Norwich, exchange exhibition yellow cock Siskin, Mule, 7/6; buff Siskin, 5/-; new double breeder, sand trays, hoppers, etc., 4/6; accordeon, cost 12/6, 6/-; yours first: Watson, Academy-pl., Forres. (422)

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires; 10/- per pair for Crests; also wanted Scotch Fancies, cock Mules; reasonable: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (334)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, and good long Yorkshires, Norwich and common hen Canaries; state lowest prices; I buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (422)

WANTED to exchange, four exhibition cock Bullfinches, one 2nd prize winner, others can win, not been shown, for a good Norwich yellow cock or hen; also four Thrushes and hen Blackbird, one house-moulted cock Greenfinch, one pair house-moulted Yellowhammers, cock, prize-winners, for Norwich or Yorkshires, or cash offer for lot: Horne, 27, High-st., Aylesbury. (426)

WANTED offers in exchange for a good as new solid mahogany box and horn gramophone, silver plated arm and speaker, plays two sorts of disc records, and black patent leather record case and 8 double and 5 single disc records: exchange for Lizards, Norwich, Yorkshires, Norwich Greens or Yorkshire Greens; no rubbish offered or wanted: Ashcroft, George-st., Withington, Manchester. (424)

WANTED FOR EXPORT.

300 Canaries, Plainhead, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crest; good prices given for good birds: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. (418)

RUTHERFORDS, BIRD DEALERS
LEYTONSTONE, LONDON

Want 500 Canaries, Yorkshire and Norwich hens; will give 18/- doz.: 333, High-rd., Leytonstone, Essex. (425)

CANARIES FOR GERMANY

Wanted by that well-known largest dealer and exhibitor in Norwich, 2,000 pairs Norwich Plainheads, 100 Crests, 100 pair cinnamons, natural colour and colour-fed: James Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. (430)

WANTED FOR EXPORT

any quantity large Norwich Plainheads, also a few Scotch Fancies. Will give good price for good birds. Will deposit cash with Editor. Send full particulars and stamp for reply. Every letter will be answered. —H. Gledhill, Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

ANYTHING bought or exchanged: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

COCK Goldie and show cage, sell £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, 132, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (434)

LINNET, twice house-moulted, proved Muler, exchange hen Goldfinch: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend. (426)

EXCHANGE Grey Owl, very tame, fine plumage, for two Norwich hens: W. Flanaghan, 95, Dalrymple-st., Stranraer. (425)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch or cock Greenfinch for a 1912 cockerel; yours first: J. Scrivener, Southcourt, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. (426)

THREE large Brown Linnets, singing, 2/- each; exhibition muling specimens, 3/-; cash or deposit Editor: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (432)

TWO cock Linnets, caged September, suit muler, 2/6; exchange hen Canary; cock Blackbird, 1/-: Rives, 80, Gloucester, Newbury. (419)

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets, for four hen mules or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 4, Southampton Cottages, Hackney-rd., London. (434)

TWO cock Chaffinches, 2 cock Linnets, picked for exhibition; caged month; exchange large Norwich hen: Hearn, Bottisham, Cambs. (430)

EXCHANGE two Larks and cages, singing, one by gaslight, for two 3-compartment breeders: Barnes, Lichfield-rd., Edmonton, London. (419)

GRAND exhibition cock Bullfinch, singing cock Canary; exchange 7in. buff Yorkshire hen; offers; sell 8/6: Gregg, Bottesford, Notts. (429)

TWO cock Goldies, one bred Mules, 1912; exchange both for Roller or Yorks. cock; approval, yours first: R. Gardner, Priors Wood, Taunton. (429)

LARK, twice cage-moulted; Linnet, cage-moulted; Bullie, Siberian Greenie, all cocks, lot 5/-; exchange cock Mule: Weedon, 19, Dorset-st., Luton. (424)

EXHIBITION cock Bramble, 5/-, 1st Bedford; exchange for large hen Canary; Goldfinch, 3rd, bred Mules, 8/-; W. Brewer, Sandhurst-pl., Bedford. (427)

TWO Linnets, 5/-; h.m. Goldfinch, 2/-; 2 Canaries, 9/-; 2 Redpolls, 1/6; all cocks; exchange for watch, or offers: Hicking, Whitegates, Coduor, Derbyshire. (429)

EXCHANGE new Blackbird and Thrush show cages, also Russian cock Goldie, for Bullfinch or Norwich hens: Wm. Livingstone, 7, Hunter's-lane, Whitburn, N.B. (427)

COCK Goldfinch Mules, full song, 6/6 each; two cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; exchange unflighted Yorkshire cock: George Potter, 29, Broseley Wood, Shropshire. (419)

GOLDFINCH, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Robin, large selected cocks, lot 5/6; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch, or anything: Hinder, Crosshayes, Malmesbury, Wilts. (429)

COCK Goldie Mule, nearly six-pointed, Finch song, 17/6; genuine hybrid pairs from 4/-; exchange carpenter's tools: Morris and Adams, 219, Henley-rd., Ilford. (431)

GUARANTEED two cock Goldfinches, bred Mules, in the best of condition, 6/6 each; exchange good Roller cock; yours first: D. Jones, 7, Cambrian-st., Rhymney. (433)

EXCHANGE two twice-house-moulted Goldfinches and two cinnamon marked hens for a good long buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 15/-: Randall, 44, Claremont-rd., Portsmouth. (416)

HAND reared cock Bullfinch, winner, 5/6; house moulted cock brown Linnet, 5/6; three pairs Bullfinches, 3/- pair; exchange: Stubbs, 23B, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (418)

EXCHANGE grand singing cock Skylark and Muling cock Linnet, splendid birds, worth 10/-, for good singing cock Canary or two good hens: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable. (431)

TWO good singing Skylarks and cages, in heavy song, 5/- each; nice Thrush, in song, 3/-; exchange Yorkshires, yours first: Mrs. Hayes, 14, Bk. Boyne-st., Rise Carr, Darlington. (419)

HAND reared Thrush, 3/6; handsome Blackbird, 2/-; fine Bullfinch, 2/-; Redpoll, 12 months aviary, 2/-; all cocks; cock Canaries wanted: Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (423)

FOLLOWING selected cocks, caught October, grand Goldfinch, ditto Bullfinch, yellow Greenfinch, also fine Redpoll and Linnet, 10/- lot; approval: Haynes, Primrose Hill, Raunds, Northamptonshire. (427)

WINNERS, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, both 2nd Lingfield (see last week's report) 10/- each; Crestbred, 3rd Tunbridge Wells, L.P.O.S., 35/-, exchange Yorkshire, Norwich: Newman, Station Parade, Eastbourne. (426)

TWO hand reared hen Linnets, one laid in cage, 2/6 and 1/-; F.M. cock, 1/6; pair H.M. Bullfinches and odd hen, 4/6; pair Greenfinches, 1/6; two cocks, 1 hen, Goldfinches, 6/; Mule, 1/-; offers: Bamber, Horley, Surrey. (418)

TWICE moulted Linnet and variegated hen Canary, bred Mules last year; odd var. hen Canary; show cock Bramblefinch, pair buttoned leather leggings; exchange Yorks.; offers, yours first: Gray, 263, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (418)

HAND-REARED, house-moulted cock Bullfinch, 12/6; grass-green cock Greenfinch Mule, 10/6; variegated cock Greenfinch-Goldfinch Hybrid, 7/6; all in good health and plumage; or offers in exchange, Crestbred hens: Dickinson, 86, Station-rd., Harrow. (417)

LINNETS, Twites, Greenfinches, Chaffinches. Birds for exhibition or muling, giant yellow and buff cock Greenfinches, extra large, well pencilled cock Linnets and Twites, full song, 1/6, 2/- each; exchange Canaries, Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (431)

LINNETS, rose-breasted cocks, 4/- doz., some in full free song, 5/- doz.; pay the price, no rubbish; Twites, Linnets, Redpolls, Reed Buntings, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, mixed cocks and hens, 3/- doz.; exchange anything: West, Lamprell-st., Old Ford, Bow. (431)

SPECIAL Notice.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds; approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (423)

SALE or exchange, exhibition British, and specimens and winners in first-class competition. Cock Goldfinch, big winner, 15/-; cock Bullfinch, won several honours, 10/6; cock Chaffinch, Stratford and Windsor winner, 10/-; cock Bramble, grand specimen, winner, 10/6; cock Linnet, Stratford winner, 15/-; the above are all twice house-moulted and very steady birds: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (433)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought or exchanged: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for jewellery: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford. (423)

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich for Crest; no rubbish; yours first: Aerod, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham. (429)

GOOD pair stock Yorkshires, 15/-, or exchange pair green Borders, or offers: B., 126, Lee-rd., Blackheath, S.E. (417)

FEW Scotch Fancies cheap, or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire; surplus stock: T. McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (429)

SIX typical Border hens, 2/6 each; exchange green cocks, or British to value: Burgess, 60, Taybridge-rd., Battersea. (417)

EXCHANGE large buff Cinnamon hen, white tail, for yellow marked Norwich hen: Holmes, 18, Clement-st., York. (420)

FOUR handsome singing Yorkshires, in breeding condition, sell 25/-: Simpson, China Shop, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (434)

TWO dark Goldfinch Mules, cocks, 7/6, or exchange yellow Yorkshires; or offers: Bennett, 6, Vicarage-rd., Ware, Herts. (426)

WILL exchange good Crest cock for four songsters, or sell 20/-; yours first: Sutherland, 17, Kirkgate, Cupar, Fife. (429)

EXCHANGE Buff variegated Yorkshire hen or Lizard hen, Gold or Silver: Ballard, 797, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (422)

EXCHANGE Norwich buff cocks for typical unflighted buff hens to value: Harrison, 108, Harlesden-rd., Willesden Green. (426)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (404)

EXCHANGE buff or yellow Norwich cocks to value for three really good buff hens: B., 8, Breams Buildings, London, E.C. (417)

WILL exchange Scotch Fancy cock for two good large yellow Norwich hens; yours first: Boss, 38, Radnor-st., Clydebank. (434)

HIGH class Borders, cold room bred, a few pairs, 15/-; exchange Goldies or good Goldie Mule: Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles. (429)

NORWICH hens, 2/6; Green Border hens, 2/6, 3/- each; exchange singing cocks: Barber, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, nr. Tamworth. (397)

WILL give good exchange in Yorkshires, Borders, or feeding hens for good buff Scotch Fancy hen: Smith, Dempster-st., Wick. (432)

PRIZE bred Norwich; 6 buff cocks (unflighted), 7/6 each, or exchange yellows to value: Buckett, 51, Kings-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (420)

EXCHANGE yellow Cinnamon Yorkshire hen for two marked or clear yellows; offers: Georgeson, 6, Highfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (420)

EXCHANGE nice pair Yorkshires for clarionette or brass musical instrument; yours first: Midgley, 93, Redcliffe-st., Keighley, Yorks. (428)

GOOD Norwich cock, two hens, also good cock Bullies; offers; stamp reply: J. Turfrey, Gardener, Vicarage-cottage, Llandovery. (429)

EXCHANGE large house moulted cock Linnet and yellow Yorkshire hen for pair Yorkshires: J. R., 62, Stead-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (419)

EXCHANGE good unflighted Norwich for good house moulted Goldfinch, on approval, no rubbish: T. Lingard, 4, Blair-st., Burnley. (422)

THREE pairs Yorkshires, 10/- pair; two Norwich hens, 3/- each; Winchester rifle, 15/-, wanted breech-loader: Bamber, Horley, Surrey. (418)

BUFF Norwich cock, winner, 30/-; or exchange hybrids or Foreign; mutual approval: Mucott, Dderw Villas, Llandrindod Wells. (432)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock for two cock Goldfinches; not fresh caught; approval: Dewhurst, 52, North End-rd., West Kensington. (431)

EXCHANGE, a pair of Yorkshire Canaries, for a pair of hand-sewn boots, value £1 1/-: T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven. (433)

EXCHANGE young dark-crested hen for two large yellow feeders, yellow cinnamon hen, Goldfinches, or good songster: Beddall, Dunstable. (424)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for old brass, copper, lead, zinc, black tin, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (427)

FEW good Yorkshires, exchange Greens, Yellow Norwich cocks, or any useful household goods: Foster, 117, Park-rd., Loughborough. (424)

TWO Siberian cock Goldfinches, 12/-; 12 cock Linnets, singing, 1/6 each; exchange Roller Canaries: Hutton, 118, Stambermill, Stourbridge. (420)

EXCHANGE a massive green Norwich hen, 1911, for a yellow Border cock; approval both ways: Henderson, 37, Grant-st., Pulteneytown, Wick (415)

EXCHANGE good clear yellow, colour fed Norwich cock, for rabbits, or sell 12/6: John Bailes, South View, Colliery-row, Fence Houses, Durham. (419)

EIGHT young buff Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each, eight hens 2/6 each, or exchange anything useful; stamp reply: Coad, Royd Square, Hebden Bridge. (423)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock for two cocks and one hen Siskins; not fresh caught; approval: Dewhurst, 52, North End-rd., West Kensington. (431)

EXCHANGE Norwich yellow green cock, 1912, bred, for two yellow or two yellow-marked Yorkshire hens: Lumley, Boundary House, Fencehouses, Durham. (426)

BIG buff Norwich cock, 15/-; big variegated buff hen, 12/6; exchange both for a good Crested hen; on approval: Johnson, 11, Heysham-rd., Southport. (427)

NORWICH, 3 clear buff cocks, sell 12/6 each, or exchange for H.M. British or Siberian Goldfinches, proved mulers: Francis, 98, Augusta-st., Poplar, E. (423)

EXCHANGE three 1912 Border hens, one green, one variegated yellow, one buff, for two cocks, any variety: Holland, 36, High-st., Homerton, London. (424)

PAIR exhibition Yorkshires, 25/-; also splendid 1912 bred cocks, from 6/-; or exchange for ferrets: V. Lomer, Ashdene, Regent's Park, Southampton. (426)

PAIR champion Rollers, worth 30/-, will exchange for two good yellow Yorkshire hens, or long yellow cock; must be good: 61, St. Dunstan's-rd., Worthing. (429)

EXCHANGE splendid pair Yorkshire Canaries, ready to nest, for 6 Bantams or 14 pigeons; mutual approval: Arthur Beaumont, 289, Beet-st., Sheffield. (432)

YORKSHIRE-Norwich cross, ten pairs, 7s. pair; exchange offers; want two cock Goldfinches, two cock Linnets; approval: Foley, Cuddington, Aylesbury. (425)

EXHIBITION Norwich, 1911 birds, 12/6 pairs, cock Goldfinch, winner and muler, 12/6; exchange 28x1½ cycle tyres: F. Shrimpton, 140, Mt. Pleasant, Redditch. (421)

EXCHANGE Norwich cock for Goldfinches, sell Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; Norwich cocks and hens for sale or exchange: George Grant, Manor Terrace, Dartmouth, Devon. (423)

ONE Lancashire ticked Coppy hen, 6/-; one ditto, 4/-; one Plainhead cock, 8/-, or exchange 2 pairs Yorkshires or Norwich: Eade, 37, Hartington-rd., Brighton. (421)

THIRTY pairs classical Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, household goods; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks. (431)

LARGE young Greenfinch-Canary cock Mule, 1st Bedford, 20/-; exchange large yellow Norwich stock cock, large head, silky feather: G. Notley, Kings-place, Bedford. (406)

CHAMPION light Goldie Mule, big winner, 19 months, exchange for a really good pair of Norwich or Yorkshire, Cinnamons preferred, £2: Jones, Vaynol House, Harlech. (418)

EXCHANGE 1911 yellow Norwich cock for 1912 buff Norwich hen, must be good thick bird, or sell 10/-; yours first: H. Allen, Treviscoe, nr. Grampound-rd., Cornwall. (396)

GRAND Yorkshire cock Canaries, sale or exchange; also wanted, ½-dozen each, cock Bullfinches and Greenfinches, must be in good feather: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (423)

BARGAINS! Muling pairs, twice H.M. Linnet, 5/6; pair matched Borders, 6/- pair; pair Norwich, 7/6; wanted coppy hen or Lancashire Plainhead: Pearce, 10, Willow-avenue, Barnes. (Q)

PRIZE-WINNING Norwich marked hen, two 1st and special, 15/-; clear buff hen, 2nd, 8/6; ticked buff hen, vhc. 6/6; cards sent; bargains: F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable. (430)

WILL exchange new carving knife and fork, best steel, for 1912 clear yellow Crest-bred or Lancashire hen: E. Ridley, Hawthorne Villa, Cresswell-grove, West Didsbury, Manchester. (415)

EXCHANGE Borders, 2 buff, 2 yell. var. hens; 1 buff, 1 yell. cocks, for good pair 1912 Norwich yell. cock and buff hen preferred, or sell £1: James Napier, Juniper Green, Midlothian. (423)

THREE 1912 B.R.C.C. rung Rollers, bred from my winners of five cups, 12 medals, and etc., 15/-, 20/-; one fit for contest, 25/-; exchange anything: A. Harper, 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs. (429)

EXCHANGE six Seifert Roller hens, Johnson's silver medal strain, for cocks; also 3 grand muling cock Linnets, mad in song, for cock Goldies or Mules; offers: Adams, 25, West-st., Southsea. (432)

EXCHANGE, good pair 1911 Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, bred winner, cock in full song, for two really good Roller cocks, in full song; approval both ways: Winter, Brickworks, Wanborough, Surrey. (433)

EXCHANGE one yellow Yorks cock, two buff hens, for five Houdan pullets and Plymouth Rock cockerel; also two young birds off above birds for brass hanging cage: A. Howard, Warrington-rd., Cronton, Prescot. (421)

VARIEGATED Crested cock, variegated Crestbred cock, yellow cock Budgerigar, good, healthy, cold room bred, price 30/- or exchange clear buff Crest or Crestbred hens to value: Armstrong, 11, Mytholmes-ter., Haworth, nr. Keighley, Yorks. (426)

MAGNIFICENT drying cage for disposal, solid mahogany throughout, massive copper tank, scientifically constructed by an expert, perfection throughout, 35/- cash, or would exchange first class pair of Yorkshires or Norwich; photo sent, or seen by appointment: Walker, Holborn-rd. Schools, Victoria Docks. (422)

HERE are bargains! A real good clear body, even marked wings, and dark Crest cock, 8/6; one Gold Lizard cock, clear cap, large bird, beautifully rowed, 8/-; both above have won; some yellow and buff colour-fed Norwich cocks, 7/6; one golden yellow Sib. cock, 10/6; all healthy, cold-room bred: Taylor, Sunningdale-terrace, Bideford. (415)

MUST sell the following cold room Norwich, yellow cock, 1911, good breeder, 6/-; hens, 2 variegated 3 yellow, 10/-; double breeding cage, 3ft. long by 23 inches, nest pans, complete, 3/-; single breeder, 1/9; 50 clean coloured plates, mixed, 3/6, or take £1 for lot; approval, deposit, or money returned if not satisfied: Pearce, Reynolds-yard, Chesham, Bucks. (419)

Mainly Foreign.

ANYTHING bought or exchanged: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE pair of good Cockatiels for pair of Norwich, or sell 10/6: F. Couzens, 59, Burns-rd., Willesden. (420)

EXCHANGE Amazon Parrot, 16 months in England, perfect health, for two pairs pure Canaries, no Borders, cold room, Canaries first: W. Marsh, Sunnyside, Wareham. (421)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING alive bought or supplied: Pearson Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE violin and fountain pen for good Yorkshire hens: Francis, Barracks, Bodmin. (413)

EDISON phonograph, 8 records, new, 6/-; exchange: Thompson, 80, Greyfriars-walk, Bedford. (429)

EXCHANGE light dust coat, ¾ length, value 8/- (birds): 8, Adams Square, Selby, Yorkshire. (420)

EXCHANGE 12 best nickel-silver teaspoons for 2 hen Canaries: Parkin, 36, Victoria-st., Sheffield. (431)

BULL Terrier dog, brown patch on eye; sale, or nearest offer: Fish, 32, Aston-terrace, Swallownest. (416)

EXCHANGE 3 hens, 1 cock Bantams, soon lay, for Norwich Canaries: H. Cook, Barstable, Wickford. (418)

FOR sale or exchange, a grand guitar, valued 30/-, and an accordeon, valued 10/-: Dolphin Hotel, Chard. (433)

EXCHANGE air gun, worth 10/-, for matched pairs of Norwich Canaries: Emil Krohn, 15, Keith-hall-rd., Inverurie. (424)

EXCHANGE new cycle covers and tubes, all sizes, for Canaries; stamp: Derick, 283, Corfield-st., Bethnal Green, E. (430)

FOUR pairs men's new Holdfast boots, strong; offer old china, black coat, vest: Davies, East-st., Llangollen. (433)

GOOD black Cocker bitch, 20/-; exchange Canaries to value, Rollers preferred: Colston, 52, Walsall-st., Willenhall. (417)

WHAT offers in Canaries for King Charles Spaniel bitch, twelve months, or other offers: Brain, Cadoxton, Barry. (427)

VIOLIN, bow, case, good, 35/-; boy's violin, 15/-, would part exchange birds, sell cheap: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (420)

WHAT offers in birds for 6 pairs long-distance Homers, some flown 300 miles: Miller, Empire Aviaries, Sunderland. (425)

GRAND new piccolo for Siberian or two big house-moulted British Goldfinches, sell 9/6: Savage, Square, Abingdon, Berks. (415)

PAIR Canaries, double breeding cage, 10/6; green Parrakeet, 9/-; what offers: Breeze, 3, Eglesfield-rd., High Shields. (430)

WHAT offers in Yorkshire Canaries for 3 show homers and 6 flying homers, good birds: Johns, Green, Llanstephan. (422)

EXCHANGE large reading lamp, plated cruet (4 bottles), for young Norwich hen Canary: S., 20, Talma-rd., Brixton. (419)

SELL brindle whippet bitch, £1, also two pups from bitch, 5s. each, or exchange offers: Aldworth, High Flatts, Crook. (422)

GOOD Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; approval willingly; exchange anything useful: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham. (427)

WHAT offers for crossbred Fox Terrier, five months, good yard dog, sound condition: Alfred, 9, King-st., Treforest. (419)

GENTLEMAN'S Rover cycle, 28in., good condition, 37/-, or exchange good Roller and cash: Rigg, Newmarket-rd., Cambridge. (431)

GENT.'S writing desk, pair ram's horns, exchange Goldies or Bullies: Apply, John Edward, 10, Market-sq., Bervie, Kincardine. (427)

GENT'S cycle, free wheel, good order; exchange Norwich Plainheads, good birds, value 40/-: J. Kirkland, Gartlea-rd., Airdrie. (417)

BIRD room warmer, fit gas bracket, great heat, low consumption gas, 5/9; offers birds, puppies: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (421)

WANTED, offers for white Pom., five months, 4lbs. weight; sell 15/-; exchange anything: Pomfret, 35, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton. (425)

EXCHANGE two splendid hollow-ground razors, in case; approval; for 4 healthy hen Canaries: Parkin, 36, Victoria-st., Sheffield. (431)

FOR sale, Blue Pom. bitch, 18 months, good pedigree, or exchange for Canaries: G. Adams, 80, Cumberland-st. East, Glasgow. (434)

BAGATELLE table, full size, good condition, sell £2, or exchange birds or gun: Burgess, Water End Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (419)

WHAT offers for 18 new punched bar, wire fronts, sizes given; exchange anything: Cleave, 5, Polyblanks-rd., Newton Abbot. (423)

WILL exchange two cock Goldfinch Mules for 8 yards blue serge, good quality wanted: Moore, 2, Alfred-st., Wells, Somerset. (429)

COLUMBIA Graphophone, new condition, with 84 records, offers Parrot, cage birds: Clarke, 303, St. Ann's Well-rd., Nottingham. (418)

HARMSWORTH'S History of the World, 51 7d. parts, new; exchange cock Goldfinches, or offers: Rose, 35, Allan-st., Aberdeen. (424)

DUTCH rabbit, H.M. Redpoll, and cage, draws seed, exchange H.M. Chaffinch and cage; offers: Brown, Alderham-rd., Radlett. (426)

GOOD pike rod, sell or exchange large Norwich hens, for Muling birds: first offers: J. Welch, 14, Cavendish-st., Chorley, Lancs. (423)

EXCHANGE one volume Cassell's "Cyclopaedia of Mechanics," new, cost 5/-, Canaries or British: Graham, 7, Reid-st., Morpeth. (430)

MUST sell, cock Canaries, house moulted Britishers, 14 cages; exchange new harness, boots, clothing, camera: Cypher, Bedwas, Mon. (420)

EXCHANGE for Roller pair, Harmsworth Encyclopædia, new, or good stamps in album; yours first: Drew, 32, Alma Terrace, York. (421)

EXCHANGE Irish Terrier bitch, four months' old, for Yorkshires or anything useful: Wright, 42, Durley-st., Beswick, Manchester. (426)

PEDIGREE Yorkshire Terrier bitch, small, good coat, 14 months, price £3; exchange; stamp reply: Ette, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (416)

USEFUL set pony harness, complete, fit 13 hands, no further use, 15/-; exchange exhibition birds: Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford. (427)

OMEGA Patent Gas Stove, good as new, sell 25/-, cost 3 guineas; reason of parting, no gas: Weedall, 241, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (431)

EXCHANGE small brown leather bag, good condition, for cock Goldfinch, Siskin, or hen Canary; bird first: Taylor, Lindon-st., Haworth. (416)

EDISON Gem, 12 records, gent's. overcoat, pair leggings, few good breeding cages; exchange Canaries: Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley. (427)

WILL exchange antique night commode, for strong square Parrot cage, or sell, 12/6: McHughes, 73, Fourth Avenue, Pasture-rd., Goole. (421)

EXCHANGE 27 records and phonograph for Canaries or anything, phonograph slightly damaged: G. Barratt, No. 8, Broad Eye, Stafford. (418)

EXCHANGE new tyres, "Pericles," by Dunlop, 28½ and 26½, beaded and wire, anything useful; no rubbish: Teacher, 15, Manor-st., Cardiff. (429)

HANGING lamp, massive, all brass, 25/-; or exchange: 163, Berners-st., Aston, Birmingham. (417)

EVENLY marked light Goldfinch Mule, 3rd Eastbourne, 1st Tunbridge Wells, 25/-, exchange: Godward, Mohson-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (418)

WHAT offers in Canaries for a splendid new silver Lever watch, good timekeeper, sell 30/-; approval: Miller, Empire Aviaries, Sunderland. (425)

TWO black carrier cocks, 10/- each, or exchange for Lancashire coppy Canaries or Crested: T. Seabridge, 178, Bridge-st., Northampton. (423)

SELL or exchange pedigree Silver Yorkshire bitch for Crested Canaries, or talking Parrot; offers: Hooker, Gladstone-rd., Willesborough. (421)

150 PLATES birds, flowers, and other pictures, very valuable; what offers in Canaries; or sell; approval: Glover, Beauworth Manor, Alresford. (417)

HANDSOME china teaset, 21 pieces, nicely decorated; exchange singing Norwich or Yorkshires: Dulleu, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (434)

EXCHANGE splendid wire haired bitch, 2 years (maiden), for Rollers, lady's bicycle, or rain-proof overcoat: 3, Carteret-st., Westminster. (418)

WILL exchange pair best leather leggings (black or tan) value 11/6, for two singing Canaries: T. McGougan, 30, Duke-st., Kilmarnock. (426)

SELL or exchange, Airedale bitch pup, 3 months, 10/-; pair of Canaries and double breeding cage, 10/-: Jones, Queens, Ystalyfera, Glam. (422)

REAL marble clock, good timekeeper, 30/-, approval; exchange Norwich or British, yours first: Gillett, Rilshaw-lane, Winsford, Cheshire. (419)

EXCHANGE pair Wellington boots, as new, size 8, for pair good Norwich, yours first: Goward, Chevington Drift, Acklington, Northumberland. (419)

CINEMATOGRAPH, 700ft. of films, in working order, almost new, 22/-, cheap: William Eastham, Smith-st., Skelmersdale, near Ormskirk. (419)

MEDICAL coil, value 30/-, guaranteed perfect, cabinet case with drawer for handles; Canaries preferred: Mountford, Wath, nr. Rotherham. (423)

EXCHANGE Fox Terrier puppy bitch, rough parents, champion workers, for pair Rollers or Yorkshires; approval: Thomas, Drefach, Llandilo. (416)

I WILL buy for cash any kind of live stock, or exchange any kind of bird cages, ready made or to order: T. Tresise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (408)

BEAUTIFUL collie bitch puppy, 4 months old; black, white and tan, 15/-, or exchange good Norwich: Abson, 138, Broad-st., Parkgate, Rotherham. (421)

BLACK English Whippet dog, 15 months, exchange cock Canary, Roller or Norwich, or anything useful, or sell 10/-: W. Green, Toddington, Littlehampton. (419)

OIL paintings, pair large, pair small, framed, handsome drawing-room style, 27/-; Canaries, phonograph; offers: Sheppard, 52, Hunslet-lane, Leeds. (423)

WHAT offers in exchange for Coquet phonograph, 36in. brass horn, and 40 records, value 35/-; Canaries preferred: Geo. Turner, 9, Derbyshire-yard, Ormskirk. (429)

SPLENDID silver lever (nearly new), cost 50/-, accept 25/-; exchange gold-filled lever, or pair of good trained Rollers: Calvert, 125, Standishgate, Wigan. (418)

YOUTH'S dark suit, size 9; boy's knicker suit, size 6; boy's warm overcoat, size 0; all new; sell 30/-, or exchange Canaries, etc.: Stow, 2, Peel-st., Ipswich. (428)

EXCHANGE six Crayford ivory-handled knives and six nickel-silver forks to match; approval; for 5 healthy hen Canaries: Parkin, 36, Victoria-street, Sheffield. (431)

ORANGE and white Pomeranian bitch, 9 months, 3¼lbs., good pedigree; exchange gramophone, records, Rollers, anything; yours first: Wild, 13, Wood-st., Grimsby. (422)

CLAPNETS, 10 yards by 5ft., pull-line, staves, complete, used one season; will exchange for six good hens; yours first: William Kiff, 9, Scrubhill-sq., Radlett. (418)

WILL exchange album containing 360 foreign stamps for pair good Yorkshires (buff cock, yellow hen) and double breeder: Lowe, Sutton Bridge Station, Lincs. (418)

WIRE-HAIRED Fox Terrier bitch, 9 months, trained to ferrets, 12/6; or exchange hen Canaries, house-moulted, British, or anything: W. J. Cook, Binbrook, Lincoln. (428)

VERY fine concert banjo and case, 5-strings, perfect condition, electro-plated drum, cost £4 10s., exchange cock Canaries; approval: Hollins, 9, George-st., Hull. (429)

TWO variegated Norwich cock Canaries and cages, prize strain Tumbler pigeons; sale or useful exchange; offers: F. Mackriell, c/o Pickfords, Carriers, Fulham, London. (412)

PHONOGRAPH (Edison Gem), large brass horn, stand, 27 records, nearly new; exchange breeding pairs Norwich Canaries: Leath, Bootmaker, Ludham, Great Yarmouth. (420)

HANDSOME black and white Collie dog, good pedigree, for sale, 30/-; or exchange for Goldfinches or hen Canaries or Schoolmaster: John Hill, 74, Henry-st., Leigh, Lancs. (412)

EXCHANGE set carvers and six table knives, hand forged, shear steel blades, ivorine handles, for two cocks or five hen Canaries: Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield. (426)

EXCHANGE, 2 pair pedigree working homers, Gits and Bradbury, value £2, for good pair Yorkshire Canaries: John E. Griffiths, 29, Oxford-st., Mardy, Glam., S. Wales. (421)

NOTICE: Double breeding cages, fitted loose fronts, sliding divisions, complete, 4/6; single, 2/-; exchange birds any description: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd., South, Liverpool. (419)

HANDSOME grey and red Parrot, 15/-, make intelligent talker; Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canary, 10/6; splendid songster; exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviary, Greenwich. (433)

PAIR 1912 Yorkshires and double breeder; eight Bantams (seven hens and cockerel), exchange hen pure-bred fowls; or what offers: C. W., 3, Denzil-rd., Neasden, N.W. (Q)

EXCHANGE grand sable Collie dog, 8 months, vhc. Penrhiwceiber Show, for talking Parrot and cage, or anything useful; particulars: S. Dale, 43, Talygarn-st., Cathays, Cardiff. (427)

THREE Chaffinches, 1 Greenie, cocks, hen Goldfinch, 1/- each; 2 hen Canaries, 5/-; pair ice skates, 8's, 2/6; exchange 7 inch cock Yorkshire, offers: H. Grandfield, Portishead. (419)

EXCHANGE black and tan Toy Terrier dog, 5 lbs., 18 months, for four couple cage and pair Canaries, or sell 35/-; what offers: Charles Dixon, Richardson's buildings, Choppington. (412)

CASSELL'S Dictionary of Practical Gardening, 2 vols., as new, cost 29/-; exchange quality pair Norwich or Rollers: mutual approval: Johnson, 7, Freckleton-st., Lytham. (421)

NINE 2/- parts Fruit-Growers' Guide: two 2/- parts Vegetable Kingdom, as new: book on Canaries; three British bird books; what offers in Canaries: Glover, Beauworth Manor, Alresford. (417)

WILL give splendid pair large, warm, heavy blankets for 3 pairs Canaries; blue serge jacket and vest, unused, 36in. breast, 34 waist, for 3 pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (433)

TWO young York cocks 5/- each; two Norwich hens, 2/- each; also pen O.E. Spangled Bantams, 15/-; exchange muling cock Goldfinches or Linnets: Ernest Barker, Bongate, Helmsley. (421)

WILL exchange Coppy cock, big Greenfinch cock, a real beauty, Goldfinch Mule hen; also toy Fox Terrier bitch, for Yorkshires or British: Parker, Co-operative Stores, Carcroft, Doncaster. (419)

WHAT offers for a good Whippet bitch pup, both parents winners on bench; also several birds, cages; wanted, cob harness; approval, yours first: W. Foote, Chapel-st., Yetminster, Sherborne. (424)

GRAND two-compartment drawing-room aviary, 3ft. high, 2ft. 6in. wide, 1ft. 9in. deep, movable partition, sand trays, seed hoppers, cost £3, sell £1; exchange: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford. (424)

CHAMPION pair of Jacobins, black, and pair of bald-headed Tumblers, black, sell 12/6, or exchange for buff Yorkshire cock, or pair of Norwich Canaries: Kiff, Crestalta, Champion Hill, London, S.E. (421)

LARGE new wicker Thrush cage, 2/6; pair new clapnets, 12ft. by 4ft., 5/-; egg and bread mill, 1/-; or would exchange large Yorkshire cock Canary: Fielder, Ronlyn-cottage, Dormansland, Surrey. (417)

GRAND smooth-haired Fox Terrier bitch (due to pup Feb. 10th), good rat and rabbiter, broken to ferrets, sell 12/6; exchange Canaries; offers, anything: Clough, Stanley Pit, nr. Crook, Durham. (427)

EXCHANGE lady's cycle, cost £7 10s., not been ridden much, for good Norwich to value of £4 10s., or part cash; no rubbish; on approval; yours first: Scargill, 34, Hough-lane, Wombwell, nr. Barnsley. (423)

WHAT offers? 12 winners, 8 John Bull, 6 Rena, double-sided records, new; also 8 Zonophone single records; also gent.'s Raglan rainproof, worn three times: F. Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (423)

CAGE BIRDS watch, new, 4/6; large wire flight cage, 4/6; good breeding cage, 2/-; Yorkshire hen, 2/-; Greenfinch cock, 2/-; exchange, wanted Yorkshire cock, good songster: Howland, South Ockendon, Essex. (422)

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives, 6 nickel-silver forks, also three nickel-silver table spoons, for 2 cocks or 6 hen Canaries, or 6 Norwich or Yorkshire show cages: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (432)

WILL exchange 10 10in. double-sided Whiteley records, in good condition, for pair of Norwich hens, unflighted, or muling cock Goldfinch, and ditto Siskin; approval; yours first: W. Collins, Rake, East Liss. (430)

LARGE brass amplifying horn and stand, with basket, cost £4 18s. when new, length 4ft., bell 22in.; sell 15/-, or exchange pair Canaries and breeder, or Pathe disc records; yours first: Griffiths, Cowie, Bannockburn. (432)

FAST short fliers, beat map time, all roads then barred, blue cock, win anywhere, 4/6, pair 7/6; blue frill cock, winner, 10/-; youngsters ready, 7/6; exchange watch-guard, Linnet Mule, Linnet song: Ellerington, Tindall-lane, Beverley. (424)

YELLOW, Blue and Red Pouter cocks and hens, and Black Bar Silver cocks, Silver Cheq. and Yellow Cheq. show Homer hens, also Black and Yellow Magpie cocks; what offers in British and Norwich: J. Curphey, Plumber, Douglas, Man. (424)

WILL exchange for yellow green or yellow hen Canaries, for muling (cold room), for my fly rod and roach pole; see my advt. January 14th; will divide, or cash offers; yours first: Taylor, "Kew Cottage," High-rd., North Weald, Essex. (420)

WANTED pigeons, poultry, dogs, goats, cavies, rats, mice, in exchange for gentleman's rolled gold albert, 12/6; oxydised watch, 8/6; lady's rolled gold neckchain, 13/6; do pendant, 7/6; silver enamel bracelet, 6/6: Ivy Cottage, Wivelsfield Green. (422)

BARGAINS; 32/6 Im. black marble 7-day timepiece, 20/-; 12/6 opera glasses in sling case, 7/6; 5/6 fretsaw and 30 designs, 2/9; 7/9 gold-filled albert, 4/6: 7/6 self-filler fountain pen, 4/6; or offers Borders or Rollers; no rubbish offered or wanted: Helm, Denton House, Padiham, Lancashire. (412)

GRAND yellow and buff Norwich hens, also a few crossed with Lancashires, for Mule breeding; joiner-made breeding cages, show cages and cases, fancy wire cages, aviaries, etc.; wanted clap nets, Linnet Mules, flying pigeons, or offers: Jackson, King's Head, Seamer, Yarm, Yorks. (431)

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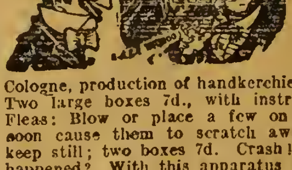

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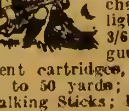

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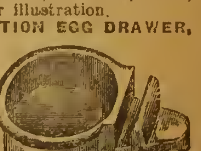

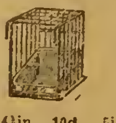

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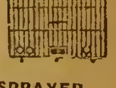

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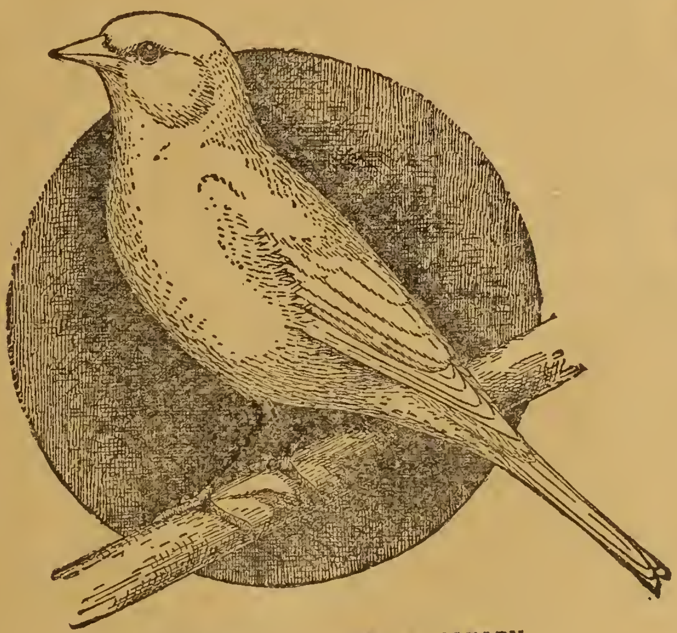

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HAVING to reduce my stock of Crests, Crest-bred, I offer some good birds from 7/6, my own breeding cold room; approval; deposit: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex. (339)

VARIEGATED Crest cock, 1912 bred, winner first and special, 30/-, send tickets; clear body Dark Crest cock, 1912, winner £1; approval, deposit: Thos. Forsyth, 39, North Castle-st., Duns. (443)

LARGE, perfectly clear Crest-bred cock, 12/6; dark Crested, even-winged marked cock, 12/6; clear grizzled Crested cock, 14/-; hens, 12/6, 14/-; approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead. (452)

HAVING to reduce stock of birds, can offer variegated green, and cinnamon Crests, and Crestbreds, few Borders, good hens, own breeding, from 7/6: Cross, 20, Empress Avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford. (454)

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CAN spare two matched pairs, Crests; also several young Crest-bred cocks and hens, plenty of body and head feather, thoroughly healthy, cold-room, splendid stock birds, cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dunblane. (452)

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YORKSHIRE greens; few good birds for sale, cocks and hens, reasonable: approval: Tabberner, 22, Greta-st., Dingle, Liverpool. (444)

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CLEAR buff Plainhead cock, 10/-; ticked buff hen, two ticked yellow coppy hens, 8/- each; cheap to clear; approval: Haworth, Tenby, Rochdale. (443)

YELLOW Plainhead, 15/-; buff Plainhead, 10/-; yellow, coppy, clear, 12/-; yellow coppy hen, 10/-; approval: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield. (448)

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CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, unflighted; cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (460)

YELLOW Norwich cock, 6/-; three unflighted buff hens, 3/- each; good songsters, 5/- each: Davies, Town Hall, Carmarthen. (445)

NORWICH cocks, 5/- each, Vardy and Cleminson's; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred; full song: Marwood, Brompton, Northallerton. (449)

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, buff, 10/6; yellow, 12/6, 15/-; prize winners, cold-room bred: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton. (439)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, own breeding, bred from winners, at low prices; approval, deposit: Silver, 72, Peel-st., Birmingham. (428)

LARGE Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; clear Border hens, 2/6 each; 1912 bred: S. Ham, Treviscoe, Grampound Road, Cornwall. (450)

NORWICH yellow and buff cocks, also yellow and buff hens 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (454)

GOOD Norwich for sale, to make room for breeding, 7/- pair, or useful exchanges: Buswell, Rendell-st., Loughborough, Leicestershire. (440)

GRAND unflighted yellow hens and buff cocks, in pairs, reducing stock: James Mathieson, Whamond-st., Motherwell. Stamp reply. (446)

HENS: five variegated yellow and buff Norwich, one variegated Crest-bred hen, 4/- each; lot 20/-: approval: Buck, Bondgate, Ripon. (443)

LARGE typical clear buff Norwich cock, from winners, 12/6; clear yellow Border hen, a bargain, 3/6: Mitchell, Station, Bridge of Allan. (446)

CHAMPION Norwich: Have some of the best in England for sale; reasonable: approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (426)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, pairs from 12/6 to 50/-: single birds reasonable: approval, deposit: Burkitt, 83, Waterway-st., Nottingham. (443)

NORWICH: 1912 cock Canaries, 1 buff, 1 yellow, 6/6 each; 1 extra large ticked yellow, 15/-: Gibbons, Boddington Manor, Cheltenham. (450)

UNFLIGHTED big buff cock, ticked, good head, neck, typical, 10/6, from winners; approval: Sleen, 10, Oakfield-terrace, Plymouth. (447)

E. ROBINSON has some really good Norwich for disposal (Baker's strain), type and quality guaranteed: 5, Walter-st., Nottingham. (429)

LARGE handsome Norwich yellow cock Canaries, with hen, good breeding cage, etc., 12/6; exchange: Letall, Highcauseway, Whittlesea. (450)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks from 8/6, hens from 3/-, pairs from 10/6: must reduce stock: Jeffries, 31, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington. (431)

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ONE unflighted yellow Norwich cock left, 8/6; also a few hens, 4/6, 5/6; above worth double; approval: R. Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (440)

W. BURDETT has a few good Norwich for sale: cocks from 6/- upwards, hens 5/- each; on approval: 120, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham. (431)

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NORWICH; W. McMillan, Metropolitan Cup winner, retiring from Fancy, has a few good birds left from 10/-: 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham. (422)

TWO large variegated Norwich buff hens, 5/6 the two; also green Crest-bred cock, 6/-; approval: Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk. (448)

CLEAR Norwich cocks, in breeding condition, 10/6; two variegated hens, ditto, 3/6; approval, deposit: Blower, 202, Victoria-rd., Old Charlton. (440)

NORWICH; really good colour-fed, clear yellows; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; seen by appointment: Hooker, 91, Effingham-rd., Hornsey, N. (442)

CLEAR buff cock, winner several prizes, 50/-; another clear buff, winner, 30/-; bargains; approval: Muscott, Dderw Villa, Llandrindod Wells. (456)

W. MILES' Aviaries, Chichester, has 10 pairs unflighted winning Norwich, 15/- pair; also single cocks, from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval. (453)

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LARGE Norwich Sib. Canaries, pairs 8/-; large Crestbred hens, 6/-; pairs Crest 15/-; good feeders; stamp reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (440)

PURE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, cold-room bred; if not fully satisfied, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

TWENTY good buff Norwich hens, clear and variegated, 1912 birds, cold-room, ready for breeding, 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (445)

SEVEN Norwich cocks, three yellow, four buff, 7/6 each; three hens, buff, 5/- each, or lot £3; unflighted, colour-fed: E. Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd, Salisbury. (425)

CAN spare some grand Norwich from my noted winners; state wants; approval; can be seen any time: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, Lond. (417)

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich; 8 buff hens, 4/- each; yellow cocks, 10/- and 7/6; buff cocks, 8/6 and 6/6, fed; approval, deposit: Timbrell Bros., Bootmakers, Chipping, Lancs. (452)

STURDY 1912 yellow Norwich cock, 8/-; buff hen, 2/-; also four Roller-Norwich hens, 2/- each; seven days' approval, deposit: Cooper, Belmont, 19, Collins-rd., Southsea. (452)

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VARIEGATED yellow Norwich cock, 3rd Carlisle, 27/6; yellow cock, 2nd Annan, 27/6; buff cock, 1st Carlisle, 17/6; others cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (445)

SIX yellow hens 10/- each, or offer lot; bred from winners, over 550 prizes; exchange good yellow or buff Yorkshires, hens: Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (453)

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/3, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester. (422)

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CAN spare grand buff Norwich cock, good type, 12/6; yellow marked cock, not over big, 8/6; clear yellow hen, not large, but good one, 6/6: T. Weedall, 32, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (455)

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NORWICH; large clear yellows, 8/6; hens, 3/6; matched pairs, 10/6; all 1912; satisfaction guaranteed: inspection invited; cold-room: C. Harbour, Grocer, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (440)

GRAND Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs unflighted, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, fed cold room; cash; approval; deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (449)

YELLOW Norwich cock, with two green hens, in Rudd's double breeder, 13/6; grand h.m. cock Goldfinch, with yellow Norwich hen, nesting, in single breeder, 11/6: Edna, 39, Freetown, Glossop. (456)

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NORWICH; yellow marked cock, buff marked hen, 15/-; yellow variegated cock, buff hen, 15/-; buff cock, yellow variegated hen, 12/6; all young birds: Laird and Matthew, 1, Ramsay-place, Portobello. (439)

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FEW good bred Norwich for sale; some real good buff hens from 10/-; cold room; all my own breeding from high-class stock; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, stamp: H. E. Cracknell, 99, Croydon-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (431)

NORWICH, yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 15/- each, short flights and tails, silky feather, same strain as my winners, Selkirk, Galashiels, Biggar, etc.; stamp, approval: Wilson, Montgomery-st., Walkerburn, Scotland. (454)

TWO good unflighted buff hens, 3/6 each; one unflighted yellow, 3/6; splendid 1911 buff hen, 4/6; two unflighted buff cocks, 5/6 each; all guaranteed to give satisfaction: J. Makin, 24, Acresfield-rd., Pendleton, Manchester. (445)

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FOR sale, 50 good Norwich, prize breed, good stock birds, yellow and buff cocks, 8/-; yellow and buff hens, 5/-; also 4th prize bird, cock, in 30/- limit class, Scottish National, Edinburgh, 12/-: David Johnston, 38, Portland-square, Hamilton. (425)

CHAMPION buff Norwich stock cock, good head, extra large size, 15/-; 1911 bred, another son of the above, can win, 12/6; ticked yellow cock, good size, 10/6; another green-marked, 8/-; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (451)

MONSTER buff Norwich cock, unflighted, 12/6; variegated cock, buff hen Norwich, 10/6; pair of cinnamon Norwich, 15/-; buff cock, variegated hen Yorks., 12/6; two common hens, 2/6 each; all feathered like silk; genuine bargains: Whitehead, 36, Clifton-rd., Southport. (450)

WANTED Norwich, large unflighted yellow cock for stock, good head and neck essential; also unflighted yellow hen and unflighted buff varieg. hen, good heads, type and quality essential; good price for suitable birds; particulars: Gibson, Seedsman, Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy. (423)

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare few really good hens, yellow and buff, 10/- to 20/- each: 2 tip-top non-flighted yellow cocks, will make good show birds, 20/- each; several grand buffs, 10/- and 20/- each; from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in Fancy; approval. (443)

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FOUR grand stout typical Norwich Plainheads: large buff cock, 15/-; large yellow cock, 12/6; buff hen, splendid bird, 10/6; large buff ticked hen, deep chest, good head and neck, 15/-; all perfect in wing carriage, and fit to win, colour fed; approval willingly, deposit: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs. (444)

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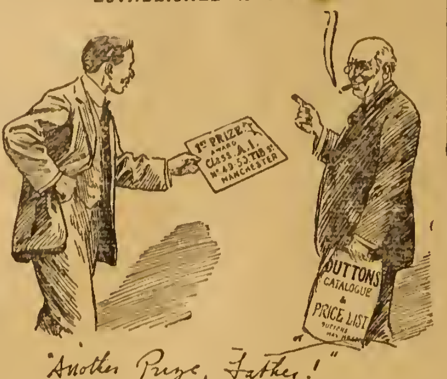

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PURE Seifert Roller hens, Fould's strain direct, B.R.C.C. rung, 1912, coldroom, 4/-, 5/- each: Hayward, Melksham, Wilts. (419)

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HARTZ Mountain Rollers, cocks, 5/6 and 6/6; hens, 2/-; one cock or two hens, carriage free: Craven, 80, Freehold-st., Leeds. (438)

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CANARIES, Rollers, many changes of notes, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-; approval: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop. Stamp reply. (356)

ROLLERS, 1911 and 1912, cold room bred, cocks from 7/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, mostly B.R.C.C. rung: Eccleston, 48, Merridale-st., Wolverhampton. (448)

SOME good Rollers for sale, cheap, vhc Leeds, 20/-; hc, London, 20/-; others from 16/6; hens 5/-; seen any time: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds. (447)

SEIFERT Rollers, cold-room bred; cocks, grand songsters, 7/6 upwards; hens, 2/6 each, 4/6 for two; approval, deposit: Perks, No. 1, Bank-st., Lye, Stourbridge. (141)

ANDERTON, Coastguard, St. Albans Head, Wareham, Dorset, has three Randall's water Glucke hens, 1912, pedigree rung, lot 15/-; singly 5/6; approval willingly. (415)

NOTICE, several grand St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, day and gaslight songsters, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

ROLLER hens, 1912 rung, cold-room bred, Randall's strain, 5/- and 7/6 each; two matched pairs for breeding, 12/6 and 20/-; approval: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (441)

PRIZE winners, Randall's water Glucke strain, 2nd Llanelly, 25/-; also 3rd Llanelly, 25/-; hens, same strain, 4/- each: Pope, 100, Vauxhall Bridge-rd., London. Member B.R.C.C. (449)

HENS! Hens! Hens! Hartz Mountain Roller hens, 2/6, 1912, or two for 4/6; large Norwich hens, 3/6, 1911; cash, approval or deposit: R. Collins, Marsh-road, Burnham-on-Crouch. (394)

HENS, hens, hens, Walton's champion Glucke and Water Glucke strain; see show reports, strong healthy birds, rung, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Walton, 20, Cecil-grove, Armley, Leeds. (448)

SEIFERT Rollers, 1912, in full song, bred from prize winners, coldroom, mostly B.R.C.C. rung, 6/6 to 12/6; hens 2/6, 3/6; schoolmasters 15/-, 17/6: Newton, 69, Stafford-st., Wolverhampton. (419)

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SEIFERT Roller, grand day and gaslight songster, with soft rolling notes, and various changes, 15/- or exchange for large colour fed Norwich or Norwich Crests; mutual approval, both ways: D. Jenkins, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (453)

MAWHOOD'S strain, cocks all sold; 12 hens, rung, 3/-, two 5/6; prior to removal; 16 all wire song cages, metal seed hoppers, glass drinkers, perfect condition, 21/-: 284, Burnley-rd., Colne, Lancs. (447)

W. MORRIS, wins this season, Wolverhampton 6th and special, Wakefield 3rd and special, Leeds hc, Llanelly vhc, and hc; cocks 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens 5/-; approval, deposit: 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. (448)

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WINNERS.—Champion strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 5th and vhc Club show, 27/6 each; 5th Grimsby, 30/-; hc, 20/-; vhc Provincial, 27/6; others, 12/6, 15/- each; hens to match, 4/6 each; cash or deposit: Evans, Patent Slip, Llanelly. (438)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, bred from birds of cup winning strain, and related to my medal winner of last season; cocks, 10/6 to 25/-; hens, 6/-; approval; enquiries invited: Maddock, "The Knoll," Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire. (443)

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CHILLCOTT'S ROLLERS

Owing to ill-health, Mr. A. G. Pattison, late of Gravesend, has disposed of all his Rollers to Mr. A. Chillcott, of 151, South-avenue, Southend. Most of the 1912 birds are bred from two £5 cocks, bought direct from Mr. Randall; these are bred from the champion cock claimed at club show by Dr. Read at £10. A few of these grand birds for disposal at reasonable prices; enquiries solicited. Some good stock cocks for sale from 12/6. Some clinking hens from 6/6. (204)

1912 SEIFERT ROLLERS

Cocks, grand songsters, 7/6 and 10/6; Schoolmasters, 25/-, 30/-; week's approval; cash or deposit Editor: Smith, 11, Disley-st., Ludden, Rochdale. (448)

CHAMPION ROLLERS

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Visitors to the Palace will find my stand at the usual place, supplied with a large stock of the finest Rollers obtainable, at very reasonable prices; also a select stock of piping Bullfinches; all kinds of bird-room appliances, aviaries, and cages of the best quality: C. Roehl, 400, Edgware-rd., W. (457)

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YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/1½, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

HAVING finished showing we have some grand unflighted birds for sale well up on leg, feathered like wax, standard length, fit for show; sent on approval willingly; cocks 12/6, hens 7/6; worth double; all bred from our winners; see reports Derby, Grantham, Stamford, Reading, Cambridge, Spalding, Tunbridge Wells, etc.: Auton Bros., Spalding. (440)

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A few properly matched pairs of high-class Yorkshires, properly matched to breed your own winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- a pair; buff hens, correct type and feathered like wax, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- each; yellow hens, marvels for type and quality, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; a few odd stock cocks, over 7in. long, and in full song, just the sort that breed champions, 10/- each; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit; remember, gentlemen, I breed to sell, my customers buy to win. Mr. J. W. Johnson writes: Dear Sir,—Birds to hand, and I am very much satisfied with them: they are marvels for the money.—Yours truly, J. W. Johnson, to E. North: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (454)

SEE FEDERATION

I have a few yellow and buff Yorkshire hens for breeding; approval: A. J. Clarke, 65, Copleston-rd., East Dulwich

My Price is 8/6 for a Properly Matched Pair of Yorkshires.

These are no wasters, but reliable matched breeding pairs, the cock bird in full song, honestly worth 10/6 to 12/6 per pair. **A few real tip-toppers at 10/6 and 12/6 pair.** High-class typical Yorkshire cocks, 6/0, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; Hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6 each. Thousands of well-known breeders and exhibitors testify to the high quality of my birds. 54, Coviehall, Bo'ness.—Received bird in excellent condition, with which I am delighted.—G. Gardner. 59, Brook Street, Treherbert.—Received birds safe; am very pleased, and thank you for your honest dealing.—F. Cotrell. 6, York Road, Tanshelf.—I am highly satisfied with the bird you sent me; he is really a beauty. I shall recommend you to everyone wanting birds.—C. Falkinder. Leeds.—Received bird in good condition. I am very pleased with it; it is such a beauty. Thanks for sending such a good bird.—W. Fitzpatrick. All birds on seven days' approval. Travelling cages, **3d.** each. Illustrated List of Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, post free.

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HIRST'S

Yorkshires are well known, need no puff; winners at all big shows 25 years in succession; pairs well matched, guaranteed own breeding, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; cocks, 10/- upwards; approval; inspection invited: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (421)

H. T. JONES

winner Southern Yorkshire Club champion trophy, etc., 1912; cocks from 10/-; good unflighted hens from 5/-; inspection by appointment; approval, stamp reply: 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow. (392)

W. ROLFE'S YORKSHIRES

Good birds cheap; inspection invited any time; cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; deposit, approval anywhere: 2, Newton-st. Hoxton, London. (382)

IRISH FANCIERS

C. A. O'Reilly, winner Drummond Cup 3 years and other prizes too numerous to mention; clinking pairs, 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-: 10, Dolphin-avenue, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin. (278)

ROOLEY AVIARIES

Dealers write for our latest wholesale price list for good large colour-fed Yorks. Canaries: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford. (377)

WINNERS

Two buff cinnamon marked buff cocks, winners in Yorks. Union, novice class, 25/- each; also ticked buff cock, 15/-; buff hen, 6/-; see Bradford West show reports: Ben Wood, Saddler, Cleckheaton. (449)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (422)

PARFITT'S YORKSHIRES.

Still winning. Special for best Yorkshire hen in show at Tredegar; see back numbers for winnings at Newport, Abertillery, Reading, Bristol, Abersychan, Luton, etc.; all in open competition and of my own breeding, from 15/- per pair; approval: 79, Queen-st., Abertillery, Mon. (416)

P. VICTOR WILLIAMS

has still several unflighted cocks to dispose of; mostly yellows, prices from 7/6 upwards; approval.

HINSTOCK HALL, MARKET DRAYTON, Salop (444)

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES

are the one place in the North where Yorkshire variety fanciers and breeders of limited means are most certain of getting best value for outlay; again, my 30 years' practical experience in the keeping and breeding of this one variety only ensures stock capable of producing progeny possessing the requisite style, type and quality, and so prevents disappointment in results. My prices are reasonable and just, nothing added to for either shop assistants or exhibition expenses incurred; guaranteed personally selected and unrelated pairs from 10/6, 12/6, 15/- to 20/-, single birds proportionately; all cold-room bred, reared and kept; all on strict approval terms, cash or deposit; full price list with particulars free: Old and only address, Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. (432)

R. HEGGIE

winner of highest honours at the following shows this season: Lochgelly, City of Glasgow, Ayr, Cowdenbeath, Glasgow and District, Queen's Park, and Scottish National, etc., etc., has still a few good Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 10/- and hens from 5/-; inspection by appointment: 27, McLennan-st., Mount Florida, Glasgow. (452)

BEGINNERS, YOUR CHANCE!

Having arranged my stock, can spare a few cocks and hens cheap, price 6/- to 12/6; approval: Geo. Lawton, 159, Werrington-rd., Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. (447)

SUTCLIFFE & SON

Our winnings in cinnamon marked Yorkshires and green marks exceed those of any other fancier; also winning the £10 10s. cup for green marks for 1910 and 1911, and special for best in show with clear birds. Matched pairs, same strain as above, from 15/- a pair; also a few exhibition birds that will repay you on the show bench; inspection invited; stamp for reply; three days' approval: 1, Back Kitson-st., Windhill, Shipley, Yorks.

AMBLER'S NOTED YORKSHIRES

have been before the Fancy for 35 years, winning thousands of prizes at leading shows; three times championship for best in show Crystal Palace, four 1sts, three 2nds, 3rd, 4th, and championship, Crystal Palace, 1910-11. As we are not exhibiting this season we have some real gems for disposal. Cocks and hens, including some of the best pairs living; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; hens, real gems, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. The oldest, purest, and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the Fancy. We guarantee satisfaction, or return money in full. Approval, cash or deposit: Messrs. Amblers, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresboro', Yorkshire. (449)

DYKES' YORKSHIRES 1st and Special.

Mr. P. Airs, 12, Wilton-road, Bournemouth, writes: Jan. 25th, 1913.—Dear Sir,—Just a line to let you know that the bird has done remarkably well; he won 1st and spl. this week. I am highly delighted, and thank you once more for sending me such a gem.

IF you want to come to the front you cannot do better than **give me a trial,** as **my Yorkshires** have again won **more first prizes** at all the leading shows this season **than any other strain.**

A few of the plume they have won are: **Diploma** for best Yorks. **Newcastle, diploma** best Canary in show **Gateshead, diploma** best green-mark **Bradford National, spl.** best Yorks at **Loughboro', spl.** best Yorks. and best bird in show **Launceston,** and other honours too numerous to mention.

I have the finest collection of high-class Yorkshires in Bradford, bred from and related to above winners, and **without doubt the finest strain in the Fancy.**

Champion Yorkshire Cocks, yellows or buffs, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each; lovely quality **hens, feathered like wax,** yellows or buffs, at **4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. **Pairs specially selected** to breed winners at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair, and a **few extra special pairs** at **40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. Travelling cages 3d. extra. **All cocks on full song,** and seven inches long, in clears, ticked, or marked, green or cinnamon.

And remember, I send **all on seven days approval, cash or deposit, with Editor,** and all orders sent off same day as received, as **I only advertise what I have for sale.** Colour-fed or natural colour, and guaranteed cold-room bred and kept.

Inspection invited at any time. New price list and testimonials post free. **Easy payments arranged** with reliable fanciers. **No extras charged.** State requirements. And remember, this is not a strain of mushroom growth, that rises and falls in a single night, but has won far **more 1st prizes than any other for years.** Note address:

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Where the Swallows Go.

A Swallow marked with "British Birds" ring No. B830 by Mr. J. R. B. Masefield, at Rosehill, Cheadle, Staffordshire, May 6, 1911, was caught Dec. 23, 1912, 18 miles from Utrecht, Natal. The distance is about 7,000 miles.

Rooks' Ways.

The habits of Rooks seem more regular in winter than in summer. In winter they pass to the fields and feeding grounds in the morning, and return in the evening, at nearly the same hour, day after day. In summer they are not so regular, especially in returning. The writer has seen them out when it has been almost dark, too dark to distinguish individual birds as they sat in a flock in the fields. These late hours are kept after the young have been reared.

Where Magpies are Common.

Magpies are very much persecuted by gamekeepers, farmers and sportsmen generally, yet have not very much diminished in numbers; probably during the last few years their number has not decreased at all, but at the same time they are somewhat local, and seem to favour wooded districts, or where tall hedgerows are common. In some parts of Devon they are fairly common, but the writer has seen more in the I. of Wight than anywhere, and these are very fine specimens. During the early mornings of the past summer a pair with their three young ones could nearly always be seen feeding close to the keeper's house on a Surrey estate. They were busy while their enemy rested.

Live Bird Labels

invaluable for the safe despatch of live birds by rail, etc. They are printed in red on paper, gummed at back, and of most convenient size, 5½ins. by 4ins.

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CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Portraits of Winners.

Exhibitors who wish to have their birds (winners or otherwise) at the Palace show sketched by one of our artists (Mr. Norman or Mr. Goodchild) should notify the attendant at CAGE BIRDS' stall, who will give terms and all particulars; or write or telegraph to us direct to our offices.

An Expert Opinion.

Several readers have written in the past to ask whether one or other of the specialists upon our staff would for a small fee give them a private opinion upon the merits, or mating, etc., of birds they are exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Show. We shall be pleased to arrange this. Exhibitors desirous of taking advantage of the offer must send to CAGE BIRDS offices a stamped addressed envelope, together with sixpence (postal order) for each bird (Canary, Hybrid, British, or Foreign) upon which they wish to receive an opinion, when a letter will be sent them in due course.

"Cage Birds" Stall.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in the usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures and addresses therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge. If you do not happen to see what you want, ask our attendant for it.

Routes for Visitors.

For convenience of visitors, we again append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.).—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.).—Bakerloo tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria, and thence via London and Brighton (Low Level) or Chatham (High Level) Railways.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.).—Passengers stopping at Willesden at or about two o'clock should enquire if there is a train due for the Palace, as it is possible to save an hour or more this way.

ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.), Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge, and thence via the London and Brighton Railway to the Palace.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.).—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.).—Take halfpenny car to Elephant and Castle (or the Bakerloo tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run frequently from Clapham Junction.

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We have now for sale a few copies of the recent phenomenally successful Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, complete with Art Supplement and Coloured Plates, so that

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To Secretaries of societies and others willing to distribute copies of CAGE BIRDS Coloured Calendar for 1913, or place same where they will be seen by the general public, we shall be pleased to forward a supply if they will kindly make application to our Publisher, at the above address; a postcard will do.

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Illustrated Ideas

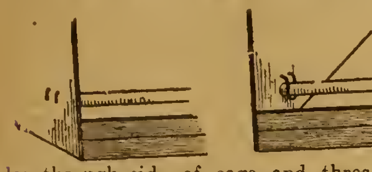
Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 616.

An Easily-made Perch Holder.

Sent by E. Poole, 10, Curtis Street, Swindon.

The sketches show an excellent perch clip which can be made and fitted in a few minutes. Obtain an ordinary piece of cage wire and bend it to the shape of a plain hair-pin; the right size can be gauged by bending it round the end of perch; then bore two holes through side of cage and thread the ends of wire through; then bend down both sides, as shown in the sketches. I find by cutting the perches short you can allow one-eighth of an inch space between end of perch and side of cage, which prevents red mite from harbouring there.

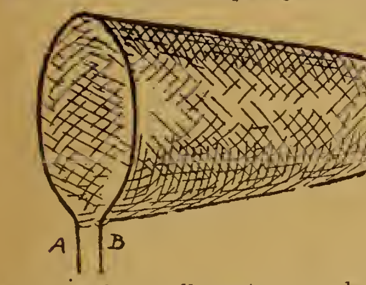


No. 617.

To Catch Up Your Birds.

Sent by R. S. Bowell, 48, Cardinals Road, Stowmarket.

The sketch shows a net for catching birds in aviaries or large flight cages, which I thought might prove useful to Cage Birds readers. It is made of 12-gauge wire and a piece of fairly fine mesh net. To make it, you start at A in sketch and follow right round the ring, finishing at B, the net is then put on which should be tapering to the end C.



To form the handle, get a round piece of wood, and bore a hole in one end for A and B to fit into, and the thing is complete. Of course the ring and net, also the handle, may be of any size. For a flight cage, the ring might be say 5 inches across and the handle about a foot long, or for an aviary the ring 9 or 10 inches across and the handle 5 or 6 feet long. With this you can catch the birds without damaging them against the wires, or frightening them in the least.

THE TROUBLES AND TRIALS OF AN EDITOR.

Some little time ago we received a letter from a south country fancier of such a character as drew from us the following reply:—

Disgusted One, Exmouth.—We could not possibly publish such a letter as yours, which makes a direct imputation upon the integrity of a judge—an imputation based upon nothing more substantial than something somebody told you, and of which you yourself write, "if it be a fact." Have you never heard of the law of libel? Why not advise your informant to communicate with the committee of the show? That is the proper body to investigate a matter such as this. If you wish to discuss the length of exhibition Yorkshires, our columns are open to you providing you do it in an impersonal way; remember that everyone (even a judge) is entitled to his own opinion. Your intentions are no doubt good, but we are afraid that your heart runs away with your head.

This week we are favoured with the appended communication, which seems to us to emanate from the same source (judging by paper and hand-writing), the address given being "Wisdom Road, Exeter," and the signature "Another Victim One."

"I wish to say that, having been present at the —— Show, I can conscientiously endorse without prejudice (!) the observations made by "Disgusted One," which I consider were only fair criticism; therefore I consider your apparent serious objection to publish the same most unjustifiable and displaying a want of courage and impartiality. You also suggest that such a complaint should have been made known to the committee, when at the same time you must know that such local committees and judges are invariably a conceited and self-seeking clique, at whose tribunal no honest exhibitor can ever hope to obtain redress. It is because of this prevailing injustice that your journal should be available in exposing such wrongs on behalf of aggrieved fanciers, as well as in the interest of the Fancy generally. But, alas! I fear that even Editors are included in this family circle, so that we can now say there is a Canary Trades Union set up in London, which eventually will become so despotic that no humble outsider having any complaint will dare to approach such an unfair personnel. As a further excuse for omitting to do your supporters justice, you impute that "Disgusted One's" letter is actionable, and that his heart has run away with his head. On the contrary, it is evident, I think, that you have well learnt the ingenious art of making such flimsy excuses, and are like Deuterius (sic), the silversmith of old, who, when he perceived that the hope of his gains was imperilled, could afford to overlook his sense of justice, and was for ever afterwards "branded" as one not having the courage of his convictions. I have since been informed that the —— Cage Bird Committee, "so called," have had a serious family quarrel over their diminished finances, and one of the committee is so disgusted because of the shuffling which has recently taken place amongst them that there is the devil to do. Cannot you therefore, Mr. Editor, come to their rescue at once, and endeavour to settle matters amicably between this disrupted and dishonoured lot? You will, I am sure, have all the credit for such unexampled kindness, but no fee can be guaranteed for your kindness in this matter. Now is your only chance of stepping into this breach of disorder amongst the members of your fraternity and supporters, for which kindness you will ever be regarded as the kind angel of peace and order. I wish you a very Prosperous and Happy New Year."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The League Medals.

Now that the season has come to an end it has become possible to estimate the number of silver and bronze medals won by our members at the various shows throughout the autumn, and an order has been placed accordingly. They will be sent to the winners as soon as received.

The certificates for properly kept bird shops are also in course of preparation, and these will be sent, as soon as ready, to the various bird-shop keepers who have received visits of inspection from time to time from the members of Cage Birds League, who so kindly undertook the duty of paying surprise calls at irregular intervals.

It is extremely gratifying to be able to record that there has not been a single complaint from any of our inspectors as to the manner in which the birds were being kept. Every report was a favourable one, and, taken together, they prove incontrovertibly that the rabid opponents of the hobby of bird-keeping have no better ground for their hysterical denunciation of the bird trade in general than the admitted fact that in the bird trade (as well as in all other walks of life) there are occasional black sheep. No one regrets the punishment which rightly falls upon a bird-dealer when a case of neglect or cruelty is conclusively proved against him, but to condemn a section of the community for the faults of a few would mean the wholesale condemnation of every trade or profession in the world. The certificates which will in due course come into the possession of those dealers in birds whose methods have been favourably reported on should be of considerable value to their owners, and I hope that next year we shall have on our books a still larger number of bird dealers in a position to prove that experienced bird-keepers, who would be the first to discover any defect or inhumanity, have certified that throughout a prolonged period they have been completely satisfied with the manner in which the business has been carried on.

The demand for registration as Associates of Cage Birds League has now reached to such proportions that, while every endeavour is made to cope with the applications, there remains a considerable number which, at the time of writing, are awaiting attention. These are being dealt with in the order of their receipt, and the badges are being sent out with no more delay than is absolutely unavoidable.

Renewal Subscriptions.

At Cage Birds stall at the Crystal Palace renewal subscriptions will be received and noted, and immediately after the conclusion of the show official receipts will be sent dated to cover one year from the time that the renewal was actually due. Every member who attends the Palace should avail himself of this opportunity of paying the annual subscription, without the trouble and expense of buying and posting a postal order, and whether the subscription is not yet due or is overdue will make no difference. The receipt will cover the proper period in either case.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

PATRONS.—A donation of not less than Ten Guineas in one amount, or an annual subscription of not less than Two Guineas, shall constitute the donor or subscriber a Patron.

LIFE MEMBERS.—A donation of not less than Five Guineas in one amount shall constitute the donor a Life Member.

VICE PRESIDENTS.—An annual subscription of not less than Half-a-Guinea shall constitute the subscriber a Vice President.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.—The payment to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE of a legacy of £20 and upwards shall constitute the administrator or executor making the payment an Honorary Life Member. A form of bequest will be sent, post free, on application.

ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.—Members under the age of fourteen years at the date of joining shall pay an annual subscription of One Shilling.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the League *will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application.*

BADGES.

Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP.

Certificates printed in seven colours, and suitable for framing, are supplied at One Shilling each. Each certificate bears an enlarged facsimile of Cage Birds League *badge and Motto, and is signed by the Secretary.*

CAGE BIRDS FREE TO PATRONS.

A copy of Cage Birds, *the official organ of the* League, *is forwarded to patrons weekly, post free.*

SEALS AND HEADED NOTEPAPER.

GUMMED SEALS printed in gold and colours in facsimile of the LEAGUE BADGE are supplied for affixing to note paper, postcards, or envelopes. Price eightpence per hundred, fivepence for fifty, post free.

Notepaper with the badge and motto of the League in the top left-hand corner and the address of any member at the top right-hand, may be had at the following prices:—

100 Sheets, Two Shillings and sixpence.
250 Sheets, Four Shillings.
500 Sheets, Five Shillings and sixpence.
1,000 Sheets, Eight Shillings and sixpence.

Members are entitled, if application is made at the time of joining, to a free copy of a sixpenny pamphlet on British Bird Culture, or a similar treatise on Canary and Hybrid Culture.

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary Cage Birds League,
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is to sign the coupon herewith, get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of Cage Birds League, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the League. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed ....

Address ....

date ....1913. ....

A Cheap and Pretty Gift Book.

We have received from Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons, Moorfields, City, a copy of "Bird Life," an illustrated booklet treating in a sketchy, but interesting manner, on birds and reptiles. The cover is embellished by a beautiful picture in colours of the Great Bird of Paradise, and there are eight coloured illustrations, of which to say they are exquisite is only another way to express that they are published by Raphael Tuck and Sons. The black and white drawings are not up to the excellence of the coloured plates; in fact some of them border on the "impressionistic." It is not a book to which one would refer for authoritative information; for instance, the breast of the cock Bullfinch is described as "brick coloured," and that of the hen as being brown. There are several degress of "brick colour," so the description may pass as about as definite as though the length were given as about as long as a piece of string. But a brown breast on a hen Bullie! Still, it is a pretty gift book for young people, and very cheap at 1s. 6d.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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Messrs. J. N. and J. Jeffrey, secs., write that Mr. F. Easterling will judge at Torbay O.S., Oct. 29.

We hear Mr. H. Norman has been appointed to judge Dover Show on Nov. 5, and Bournemouth on Nov. 11.

Mr. Stocker having given up the Fancy, writes Mr. J. Pitchford, I am exhibiting in my own name at future shows.

R. A. Newley is "the" man for show cages. Order early. Address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.).

Mr. Greason, hon. sec. Gateshead C.B.S., hopes that members will not forget the annual general meeting on Feb. 12.

We hear from Messrs. Abbot and Austen, secretaries, Dover P.P.R. and C.B.S., that Mr. H. Norman will judge at the show of the society on Nov. 5.

For the International show, held by the British Roller C.C., writes Mr. Norris, hon. sec., the entries have closed with a record of 360.

Mr. H. Shaw, 23, Sydney St., Bingley, writes that he has been appointed sec. of Bingley and Dist. O.S., in the place of Mr. A. Livesey.

We hear from Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec. Leeds C.B.S., that Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye will judge at Leeds open show, Oct. 10-11.

The Liverpool O.S. have engaged Messrs. Battye, Trengove and Houlton to judge the open show, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, the Hon. Secs.

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Mr. B. Bailey, sec., informs us that Rotherham C.B.S. open show has been fixed for Oct. 25th and 27th next. Mr. H. W. Battye judge. Will secretaries please note?

Mr. J. W. Ramsden informs us that the voting on the entry forms for the Crystal Palace Show shows a majority of about eight to one in favour of a change of dates.

Please mention, writes Mr. Lambie, Arniston and Gorebridge O.S., that all prize-money in Canary section has been paid, and also that I have retired from the position of sec.

Fanciers interested in Crested Canaries will be welcome at the annual general meeting of the Crested Canary Club at the Palace today (Saturday) at 3 o'clock. See notice under Club reports.

Mr. A. Wake, hon. sec., Middlesbrough Tees-side C.B.S., writes that the above-named society is holding a pair show on Feb. 8, at 2.30, when the members will be pleased to see all friends and fanciers. Admission free.

I beg to inform you, writes Mr. C. W. Town, Keighley, that I have been elected Secretary of the Keighley and District Cage Bird Society; all communications in connection with the society should be addressed to me.

Mr. R. Roll writes that he has resigned the secretaryship of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A., and that all communications referring to the society should be addressed to the new sec., Mr. E. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.

Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. City and Sub. A.C.B., asks us to announce that in consequence of the Palace Show and the L.C.B.A. dinner falling upon Monday next, the meeting of his society arranged for that date has been abandoned.

Messrs. Critchley and Metcalfe write that they have resigned secretaryship of the Pendleton and Salford O.S., and that all correspondence concerning the society should be addressed to the newly-elected secretary, Mr. G. W. Parkinson, 13, Hall Street, Pendleton.

I shall be able to reply only to those who sent a stamp with their offers for my light Mule, advertised in your excellent paper last Friday, writes Mr. J. E. Jones, Harlech. I have already had no end of offers, mostly from prominent exhibitors; thanking all for same.

The balance-sheet of the Liverpool O.S., to hand shows a very substantial rise in the finances of the society. We are pleased to note that the £1 18s. on the credit side of last year's balance-sheet is now increased to £17 1s. 4d. The open show showed a profit of £12 10s. 3d.

Messrs. E. Battersby (chairman), G. Skilling, C. Eaton, T. J. Pye, and W. Green, junr., will represent the interests of the cage bird fanciers in the now booming Aintree Fanciers' Society. "Only too pleased to judge your members' pair show on Feb. 12th. Congratulations on list of specials," writes Mr. Metcalfe to the Hon. Sec.

We have received from Mr. W. Barritt, hon. sec., the balance-sheet of the Eastern Counties C.B.S. Mr. Barritt writes that the society is steadily growing and has at present about forty "good solid members." We are pleased to note that the balance cash in hand, which at the beginning of the year was £6 2s. 2d., is now £8 7s. 1½d.

The Chairman of the Cockermouth F.S., Mr. Geo. Oglethorpe (Lorton, Cockermouth) is giving a lecture on Feb. 9, at 3.30 p.m., in the Wordsworth Institute, to the Cumberland Nature Club, entitled "An Introduction to the Study of Birds." Mr. Oglethorpe will be glad to hear from fanciers who have any lantern slides of birds likely to be of interest to his audience.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. W. Elliott, Sec. West Stanley C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of Mr. Robson, the father of Mr. J. Robson (South Moor), a very keen fancier, and a member of the West Stanley C.B.S. It was a very quick call for him, as he had just finished his day's work in Burnhope Pit, and was in the act of putting on his clothes when about three tons of stone came away, completely burying him. I am sure all fanciers will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Robson, junr., in his great loss.

It is with sorrow, writes Mr. W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas. Glasgow West End C.B.C., that I have to report the severe loss our respected President, Mr. C. Campbell, has sustained by the death of his little daughter. After a short and severe illness she passed away on Monday morning at 10.30. I am sure our fellow members will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and family in their sad bereavement.

The show of the Royal Agricultural Society will this year be held at Bristol, on July 1 to 5. Readers interested in this fixture can obtain particulars of the classification, etc., from the sec., Mr. T. McRow, 16, Bedford Square, London, W.C.

A splendid selection of foreign birds and the foods and appliances incidental to their keeping and breeding is kept by Mr. Frank Collingbourne, of Sheen Valley Aviaries, East Sheen, Surrey, and those interested should certainly write for a price-list. Budgerigars are a speciality; also mixed collections of small foreign birds.

Messrs. Metcalfe and Malone, writes a correspondent, convened a meeting of Liverpool bird fanciers to discuss the proposed cycle club at one of the swagger cafes in the city. The Fancy on wheels is something new in Liverpool, though the "fancy-dressed" cyclist is quite an "old bird." May the proposed Fanciers Cycling Club have a long flight—no, run—of success.

I am going to a situation in Canada, so all my stock is for sale, writes Mr. J. Thompson (Stevenston, N.B.). After I have been out a while and studied the climate I shall perhaps take up the hobby again. I have been a reader of your very valuable paper this last nine years, and hope to continue to be so abroad. I should like to thank all those fanciers who congratulated me on my success at Scottish National show, as I can't find time to write everyone.

A very neat price-list reaches us from Mr. W. Cottingham (7 and 9, Peveril St., Nottingham) who stocks practically every cage requisite and kind of seed or food required by the bird-keeper. We can confidently recommend this dealer's goods. His special seed mixtures and foods are excellent. The "Pick-um-up" wild-seed mixture for British birds is one of the best we have seen; a large sample packet will be sent in return for a penny stamp forwarded to Mr. Cottingham.

On purchasing my Cage Birds last Friday, writes Mr. W. N. Turner (Hylton, Manchester), I was delighted to see such an excellent sketch of my Palace winners. The inscription, however, should have read: Buff hen 1st and buff cock 2nd. They are no longer my property, the Rev. B. Nume being the purchaser last season, at what I consider a record figure. I hope they will put in an appearance at the Palace this year, and do as well for him. (The Rev. Nume writes us to the above effect; also saying that he has been fortunate in having a good number of young sired by the buff cock.—Editor.)

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I have severed my connection with the Barrow and District C.B.A., writes Mr. J. S. Fleming, late hon. sec. I take this opportunity to tender my sincere thanks to Cage Birds for your assistance and kindness during my term of office.

The election of officers of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S. takes place at our next monthly meeting, Feb. 11, writes Mr. J. E. Royce, assist. hon. sec. Balance-sheet of late show, also yearly accounts will be presented, which will show a small balance in hand, despite a loss of over £4 on our open show. We hope for a full attendance of members.

The year book of the Hull C.B.S. is to hand. It contains a list of the officers for 1913. The classifications for the March, April, June, July, August, October, and Boxing Day shows are given in full, with the names of the judges; also the particulars of the cups which will be in competition, and the conditions attaching thereto.

Chaffinch-Canary Mules.

That well-known North Country exhibitor and judge, Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) has been unfortunate in losing his muling cock Chaffinch last week. This bird, he informs us, bred Mules last year with a hen Canary, and he thinks it the only one of its species to successfully mate with the Canary.

She C.C.C. Balance Sheet.

We have received the balance-sheet of the Crested Canary club. The "cash in hand," which last year stood at £5 12s. 10d., is now £7 7s. 5d., this amount including, however, £1 3s. due on outstanding accounts for advts. Besides this, there are assets estimated at £36 12s. 6d., these including the Roberts Cup £25, and two ten guinea bowls.

Back to the Old Home.

A Mule owned by Mr. C. Hanson, of North Street, Calne, after it had been in his possession for over six months, escaped and promptly returned to its old quarters at the Grange, nearly a half-mile away. The cage in which it had been bred was there with its door open, and the homecomer entered it, and was captured by one of the men who had witnessed its return.

Something New in Pair Shows.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., writes "A Well-wisher," held their first pair show on Sunday, Feb. 2, at St. George's Church, Charlton, when Mr. H. R. Hearne and Miss A. Downs were married. Mr. H. R. Hearne is well known in the district, having been the late sec. of the old Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., also sec. of the New Cross C.B.S., and now an ardent worker for the above Society. Mr. Meades acted as steward at this venture, which, I am glad to say, was a very real success. I am sure that all members will wish Mr. Hearne and wife every joy.

Wild-Bird Life.

Precocious Birds.

"Sufficient unto the day, etc," is the motto of the wild birds, they have absolutely no thought of to-morrow. Year after year do we hear of precocious pairs nesting at unseasonable times, and this winter is no exception. Young Thrushes have been seen in the writer's district, a nest containing eggs has been found further south, and others in different parts of the country. Our garden Robin has been seen with a companion. He has been strutting and swaggering before her in a manner that appears quite comical to those not versed in the ways of wild birds when courting. In these advance proceedings, naturally the cheeky Sparrow must take part. Since he got over his moult, his plumage has changed immensely, his colouring is far advanced, even his black gorget, which is usually the last point to colour up, is assuming quite a respectable depth of tone. he struts around in all his old cheeky manner, and is equally ready to take a beakful of feathers from a neighbour, as to engage in a free fight in the hedge. Out in the fields signs of pairing for the coming season are evident on every side. The bold Missel Thrushes have disbanded their always small flocks, and can be seen feeding in close companionship out in the fields and meadows. These birds are among the earliest to pair; even in autumn the flocks seem to be made up of couples. Notice the large gatherings of Linnets; see how they split up when disturbed from their feeding grounds. The outside birds are made up of a mixture of both sexes, and when they settle upon the hedgerow they undoubtedly settle in pairs. The sheltered side of a hay rick near a hedge gave the writer a capital opportunity of watching them; the cock birds are already tinged with a rosy flush upon the breast, their darker backs distinguish them at a glance from the hens, who are not nearly so forward in colouring, and have still the same sombre tones they had in the early winter. Many writers claim that the Greenfinch is the commonest of our Finches, but the Linnet must run him hard for premier position. In places they are far more numerous than Sparrows.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTHDAY ISSUE.

The Birthday Number was a treat for everyone.—O. Wilson (Heywood).

I think your Birthday Number was simply splendid.—J. Newman (Chippenham).

Thanks for the grand Birthday Number. I have had the plates framed.—G. Johnson, (Belfast).

Many happy returns of the day. The Birthday Number was lovely, a grand threepennyworth.—T. Piper (Pontefract).

Your last Birthday Issue I thought magnificent, and congratulate you on your achievement. It was a cheap threepennyworth. The plates look grand framed.—W. Innes (Edinburgh).

The Birthday Number was excellent in every respect. The coloured plates reflect great credit upon the artists. Cage Birds is indispensable to all bird lovers, and I wish the paper the success it well deserves.—H. E. Smith (Blackheath).

Praise for such an exceptionally magnificent production, truly the cream of journalistic enterprise, can hardly be expressed, for your Birthday Number was most interesting, while the coloured plates are not only works of art, but masterpieces, and an achievement of which you may be justly proud. The 3d. I consider not spent, but invested, for the articles are most helpful.—T. Charleton (Boston).

A rush of concert work alone has kept me from sending my good wishes to "the" birdy paper on another Birthday Issue. It is the sixth I've seen, and it goes one better every time. I shudder at your task next year to beat it; but that's your look-out. (It serves you right.) The charming plate of Foreign Birds appealed especially to me—it gave me several twinges of envy—while the picture gallery of Britishers is alone worth the "nimble thruppence." It's an education itself, and the printers are to be commended.—Dan McArthur (Edinburgh).

Allow me to congratulate you on your Birthday Number. I intended writing you before, but business prevented me. I may add that I have been a reader of your valuable paper for the past six years, and I consider it to be far the best of the day. The valuable photographs bring you face to face with old friends afar off, while the valuable information given every week makes bird-keeping a delightful hobby. I have been a lover of birds from a boy, and I find the most experienced fancier cannot afford to be without Cage Birds.—John Tipton (Churchstoke).

CANARY BREEDING IN AN OPEN BIRD-ROOM.

ITS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

By C. EDWARD GRIBBON (Belfast.)

I FIRST caught the bird fever some years ago through being presented with a pair of common Canaries. I determined to breed with them, and promised no less than twelve young cocks to my schoolboy friends. I quite believed that the birds would go to nest five times and rear every bird hatched. But, alas, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley." I put them together in the beginning of April, and the little hen built and pulled to pieces nest after nest for six weeks. At last she laid an egg in the seed trough to my great delight, although it was cracked and empty. I placed a marble in the nest, which she "incubated" for twelve days, and she refused to lay any more—at least to my knowledge, for I now believe she was a cannibal.

At the end of twelve days I was given a clutch of new-laid Canary eggs by a friend. I placed them under the hen and awaited developments. Two of the eggs disappeared, not even leaving their shells behind, and the other two hatched. One youngster died and the other was reared, owing to the gallant efforts of the cock. It turned out to be a cock and a beautiful singer. I always kept the window wide open, and one day when the youngster was a month old, on entering the room I was horrified to find the cage door open and the bird gone. I raced down to the garden and spent an hour plunging through bushes looking for the young rascal. Then I thought he might be in the room all the time; and there he was behind an old box in the corner.

What the Sweet Shops Lost!

It was most annoying when all my boy friends came asking for their young Canary. As I had only one, I naturally did not wish to part with him. So I told each one of them that as they did not ask first they could not have him. One was very angry about it as he had already bought an expensive brass cage. His agony must have been very great when he thought of what he might have bought with his wasted money.

My father afterwards said I might have an old hay loft for an aviary, as the birds, he thought, would do much better flying about than caged. It was an ideal place, large, well built, and damp and draught proof. I took one of the windows out, and made a small, all-wire flight projecting over the garden. It is absolutely invaluable, as the birds can get all the fresh air they want and sun themselves, also bathe without making any mess, as all the splashings run on to the ground below. I nailed pea-sticks all round the walls, planted a few small fir-trees in pots and sowed some canary and rape seed in boxes. I then turned my birds into their new quarters, and they instantly started to demolish the fir trees. Three birds seemed too little for this big aviary, so I purchased another cock and three hens. One of the hens was a really fine Norwich, and very tame. In fact, in the Spring, when she was nesting, and had young birds, if you held a few grains of hemp near her she would come off the nest, fly on to your hand, and having eaten the seed, go and feed the youngsters while you were standing within a few inches of her nest.

I gave my birds as many baths as they would take, which necessitated the use of about one gallon of water daily! I always kept a supply of plain canary seed in the aviary, and on alternate mornings threw down a handful of German summer rape, hemp, linseed, or niger. On frosty days I always gave them some maw seed before going to roost, as I believe it helps them to resist the cold. For green food I gave dandelion, groundsel, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. I always gather plantain in the autumn and hang it up to dry for winter use, as I find it is greatly appreciated by the birds. Canaries are also very fond of flowering grass.

My birds did not seem to mind the cold in the least. During one week, hot water froze in fifteen minutes after being placed in the aviary, yet the birds sang more lustily than ever. They began to nest at the beginning of March, and the first young bird was hatched on the 28th March. One great disadvantage of breeding Canaries in an aviary is that you have to supply egg-food when a young bird is hatched, and then every bird in the aviary partakes of it. The result is that sitting hens are brought into too high condition, and as soon as they hatch they want to go to nest again. I supplied moss, fine grass, string and feathers for nesting material.

A Hopeless Kind of Home.

Three of my hens were model nest builders, but the fourth was absolutely hopeless. She built nest after nest with imperfectly constructed bottom, so as soon as an egg was laid it fell through. At last she built in a tin half-filled with seed, and hatched five young birds, which died when they were two days old. My hens would have nothing to do with the boxes and nest-pans which I placed about the aviary, but preferred to build in the bushes. My Yorkshire hen went to nest seven times, laid 33 eggs, hatched 21 birds, but only reared 3. Altogether I reared 13 young, 8 cocks and 5 hens.

The little episodes of birdy life which may be seen by sitting quietly in your aviary are very interesting. It is very funny to see a young bird taking its first bath. They often plunge into the bath like a professional high diver, then when they realise that water is wet, they take fright and come out with a jump and a scramble. Often a hen takes a fancy to a very large piece of string, and it is very amusing to watch her frantic efforts to weave it into her nest.

No two hens will build alike. I had one which made a nest of wood shavings, paper and cotton-wool. Another built a fine nest of dead groundsel, string and feathers. I had placed four sanitary nest-pans lined with felt round the walls, and the birds pulled all the lining out and used it to line their own nests. This gave me an idea. I procured a large piece of felt and fastened it securely to the floor. When the birds want some lining they now attack the felt. It makes a splendid lining and is much cheaper than cotton-wool or cow-hair.

Breeding Exhibition Specimens a Possibility.

I think Canary-breeding in an aviary is far more interesting than in cages; also there is much less work in attending to the birds. Some people say that it is impossible to breed exhibition specimens in an aviary, but it is quite possible provided that not too many birds are kept. As it is necessary to run two or three hens to one cock, two cocks and six hens will be ample. The fewer birds there are the better will be the breeding results, and a few good ones are worth a roomful of wasters.

The cock and the hens you wish him to pair with should be caged together for two or three weeks towards the end of February. It will be found that they usually pair the way you desire if this is done. All birds bred in the aviary should be caged for a few weeks to steady them, as they are usually wild through being bred in a semi-wild state.

The floor should be covered with sawdust, and a quantity of coarse sea-sand should always be kept within reach of the birds. I may say that I have never lost a Canary through disease. But never introduce a bird that has been kept in a warm room into your aviary on a cold day, for you are certain to give it a severe chill.

THE CHARMING MINIVET.

This very rare, lovely plumaged, and extremely graceful bird comes from India. The subject of this drawing was exhibited by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke at the Horticultural Hall Show, where it secured second prize.

THE CURIOUS BELGIAN CANARY.

This fine example of a curious and ancient type of Canary won 1st prize at the New Year Show of the Edinburgh S.F. and Belgian Society for Mr. G. C. T. Hope (Edinburgh).

MOULTING AND MANAGING THE BULLFINCH.

By F. J. WICKHAM (Chatham).

This well-known exhibitor gives his method of retaining the breast colour, which is so ready to vanish in captivity during the moult.

MOST of your readers will have acquired sufficient knowledge on moulting and selecting the exhibition Bullfinch from the splendid articles that have appeared from time to time in your valuable paper, but my own experience may be interesting. First I will deal with the required type. The bird should be as large as possible, short and cobby in appearance (not barrel shaped) and have a good full head. Now take colour; the head must have a large black cap extending as far as possible down the back of neck and coming as far under the beak as you can get it. The back should be of a nice clear slate colour, the wing bars large and distinct, breast colour a nice clear red, not dull brick red. The most common fault with otherwise good specimens is to be ragged at thighs; it is very difficult to find a bird without this fault; in fact to get a bird as described you will have to search over a good many dealers' stocks before you find one.

When Outdoor beats Indoor Life.

Master Bullfinch has a bad habit of moulting out a very poor colour when compared to the beautiful colour of a fresh-caught specimen. I will describe how I have moulted him, and retained some of the lovely colour of the natural moulted specimen. I have no doubt which is the right place to moult Bullie in; a large cage or aviary outside is always to be preferred to an indoor moult, if you are to maintain the necessary colour. Having got a suitable place, I feed as follows: Canary 4 parts, German rape 1 part, English rape 1 part, linseed 1 part. No hemp; if you give hemp you will lose breast colour. A little sunflower will do good; a teaspoonful daily is ample. Give wild seed, dandelion and shepherd's purse for preference.

Now comes the most important part. Give the bird as many blackberries and privet berries as it cares to eat. If it will eat all fruit through the moult, so much the better.

Having got your bird through the moult you can take it into the bird-house and put the finishing touches on for the show-bench. Supply a bath every morning. You will soon see him splashing away in it. After he has had a good dip take the bath away. No good can be done by leaving a bath hung on the cage all day; in fact very often harm, for if the bird washes late in the day and does not get dry by night, a cold is often the result, hence the advisability of removing the bath early.

Using One's Eyes at the Shows.

If a fancier has not seen an exhibition Bullfinch, and intends getting one for show, he should not depend on dealers to select it. My advice is, go to a good show and carefully study the winners. I mean where there is a class of about twelve Bullfinches, not one or two only. You will gain more knowledge at a good open show than from all the reading there is to be obtained on Bullfinches.

I often hear people say that Bullfinches so easily die. My experience is that the fresh-caught Bullfinches are as hardy as any other Britishers. I know that birds sent to shows will sometimes come home looking "thick," but it is generally through over-showing which can be remedied by rest. If you feed fresh-caught Bullies the same as I do, you will not lose many. If a bird does look queer at any time I give seven drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, or as much Epsom Salts as will cover a threepenny piece (either will do). At the same time I give a liberal supply of maw and dandelion seeds. I never let birds have a bath while I am giving salts; you risk giving the bird a chill by so doing. At the same time, from experience I do not believe in giving birds drugs; I have never yet had good results from it, and have discontinued it.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BREEDING FOR SONG (Nelson).—Cocks, as a rule, certainly do not sing so freely when breeding as when enjoying "single bliss," but this does not necessarily mean that breeding spoils them for singing. If they are highly trained Rollers, there is a risk of the song deteriorating whilst breeding, but for ordinary singers the only effect is to reduce the quantity of song during the period that they are engaged in domestic operations.

NORWICH GONE BLIND (J.C.C.)—You might try the effect of a stimulating lotion but I have serious doubts of any material good resulting. Dissolve 10 grains of sulphate of zinc in an ounce of rose water, and add five drops of tincture of opium. Catch bird and hold it in hand with one eye looking directly upwards. Drop one drop of the lotion on eye and allow it to work its way into the eye as the bird moves its eyelids. In a short time soak it up in a little soft rag, and put on a fresh drop. Use three drops in this way on each eye twice daily, morning and evening, for a week. The lotion is poisonous, so be careful.

SUNLESS ROOM (P.D.R.).—I have no hesitation in saying emphatically that the fact of the room getting no direct sunshine has nothing whatever to do with your failure to rear young birds. Dozens of rooms are situated similarly to yours as regards sunlight, yet thousands of birds have been, and will be, reared in them. Indeed, many such rooms are very successful, and in a hot summer undoubtedly have an advantage over those getting sun all day long. Your failure is most likely due to wrong feeding and management. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and study this before mating time comes round. If any difficulty crops up do not hesitate to write us at any time.

DIARRHOEA (W.D.C.).—Keep in a comfortable temperature and see that the room is free from cold draughts, fumes from burning lights, and nicely ventilated. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible. Give plain canary only as staple diet. Every second day give a good pinch of maw and a morsel of banana, and on alternate days a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts niger, teazle, and rape. Fix a grape, broken open on end of perch for bird to peck at. In the water add six drops each of syrup of rhubarb, and dandelion juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece for one day. After this give 20 drops of whisky, six of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of opium daily for three or four days. When the bowels have resumed a more normal condition stop the opium, and substitute six drops of dandelion juice in its place, and continue this mixture every second day for two or three weeks.

WHEEZY AND OFF SONG (Peel).—Considering the previous history of the bird, if it has been in this condition any length of time it will undoubtedly be very slow to recover, and may never fully do so. Keep it in a comfortable place, neither very warm nor cold, but free from draughts, and heated air or fumes from burning lights. Feed for a month as advised to "A.G., Bristol," in this issue, except the mixed seed, and instead of this give a pinch of equal parts niger, black rape, and teazle, with a sprinkling of maw and gold of pleasure twice a week. Also keep a piece of the paste advised to "F.E." last week, in the wires. In the water give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and Ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a fortnight. After that suspend treatment for a week and then go on for a few weeks, if necessary, giving the chlorodyne mixture you have already been using, every second or third day, as may seem advisable. Shall be glad to hear result in, say, a month.

ENAMEL (T.C.).—You do not say whether you refer to show or breeding cages. If the latter, you might have seen by an article in birthday number that I prefer sanitary distemper. Aspinall's and Porcelain enamels are both excellent, and the only kinds of which I have personal experience. Others, of course, may be as good, but I do not know. As regards colour, you should get a shade card from the maker or vendor of the brand you choose. You could then gratify your own taste. There is little to choose between whites. For light blue, a blue-grey, sky, or hedge sparrow egg may be suitable, but different makers use different names for very similar colours, so the only satisfactory way is to order from a shade card.

RING CAUSING PAIN (F.B.).—Possibly the foot is a little swollen or inflamed, and bathing in boracic or wych hazel solution, and anointing sparingly afterwards with zinc ointment, would relieve it. If you really wish to remove the ring, the only means of doing so is to cut it off with a tiny pair of wire nippers or small scissors with very narrow and hard steel blades. One blade needs to be narrow enough to go through the ring, between it and the leg, without crushing the leg, just far enough to get a grip on the ring and nip it through. The ring is then easily pressed open and removed. A jeweller would probably have nippers of suitable size and would take it off in a moment if asked.

OFF SONG AND MOULTING (A.G., Bristol).—The bird will not sing as long as it is moulting. You probably keep it in a draughty place of extremely fluctuating temperature. See that these causes are removed, and do not hang near or over burning lights in the evening. Also see cage and bird are free from insect pests. Then, in addition to staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry in it, and sprinkled with a pinch of maw every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion, if obtainable, daily. Also give it a little of the paste advised to "F.E." last week, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel to the water every second day for a week or so.

FOOD FOR REARING YOUNG (A.H.).—I have never used either of the brands of "egg-bread" you name, so cannot pass any opinion about them. The other food and puppy biscuits have been frequently used to rear young birds without the orthodox egg-food. Therefore, there is no reason why you should not succeed. Of the two, I should prefer the puppy biscuits, and prepare them by pouring over just enough boiling water to cover the quantity required for immediate use. Allow it to stand until biscuit is softened, then drain, and stir into a crumbly mass, and serve. To avoid making a sudden change on the fourth day, give a small quantity of this food from the first in addition to the egg-food. Twice a day would suffice for giving fresh food to birds in outside aviary—morning and towards evening.

ROLLER TOURS (F.M.L.).—It is quite impossible in this column to enter into a detailed description of the separate tours which would help you to identify them. If you could look up a few months' back numbers you would find most, or all, of them described in articles on the Roller—the particular dates I have not at the moment available. Most, or all, of the English names for tour indicate the principal note or sound forming that tour, and similarly German names if translated into English suggest the nature of the tour. In some cases the resemblance is rather fanciful. The schockel, for instance, has been likened to the sound of a rapidly running sewing machine, and the glucke to the clucking of a broody hen. You would find it far the most satisfactory method to get a practical lesson or two, say, by attending a singing contest, or a show where there are classes for singing Rollers, and ask a Roller fancier or judge to explain the different tours to you as the birds sing them.

CREST OR CRESTBRED (Wistaria).—My advice is to drop the idea altogether. You seem to have no object in view, neither is there likely to be any legitimate object for crossing either of these varieties with a Norwich Plainhead. The result would be crossbreds pure and simple, which would be of no real utility for breeding back to either variety, inasmuch as there exists heaps of much better material for any purpose to which they might be put. You would get both crested and plainheaded birds from the cross. If you are very desirous of breeding with a Crest or Crestbred bird, then go a little further, and get one of each, properly matched for breeding pure Crests and Crestbreds. 2 and 3 are replied to in above.

SHELLING SEED (Short One).—Sorry, but you were much too late to get this bird in condition in time for the Palace Show. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and one or two dandelion leaves, according to size. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and a pinch of seed mixture advised to "Norrie" in this issue. Instead of cuttlefish, stick a cube of hard, common salt in wires for bird to peck at. In the water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid.

BREEDING GOOD ROLLERS (Josef Kerschbanmer).—(1) If you mean good typical singing Rollers, you could not breed them right away from a Roller cock and Border Fancy hen. The young from these birds would be crossbreds, and although very good singers, you could not expect them to sing as well, even if trained, as pure Rollers. You want a pure bred Roller hen as a mate for the cock. (2) If you breed with a hen suffering from asthma, there will be no risk of the cock contracting the disease from her, but all the young, both cocks and hens, from them will inherit a predisposition to the disease. You might continue the treatment on which she is now improving for a few weeks, but do not attempt breeding with her.

A SEED MIXTURE (Norrie).—As a mixture for occasional use as a tit-bit, the following is a very good one. Two parts each, by measure, hemp, niger, and black rape; one part each millet, teazle, and broken groats; a half-part each of gold of pleasure, maw, sesame and linseed; and a slight sprinkling of crushed oats and mustard. Except in the moulting season, a half-part thistle would make a good substitute for the linseed, and may be added at all times. **Canary and summer rape form the chief diet.**

VARIED (L. A. D.).—No, I do not advise keeping a cock Cutthroat in an aviary with breeding Canaries. They are often a very disturbing element, and only tolerable in a large aviary with plenty of elbow room and cover. If in good health and vigour, four cock Canaries and two cock Goldfinches will be quite sufficient for 18 hens. Put up at least two dozen nesting sites, and do not place one or two materially higher than all the rest, or there will be no end of squabbling for their possession.

CANARIES NOT SINGING (A. K.).—See that they are not troubled with insect pests. Keep them in a comfortable but not very warm place, and see they are quite free from cold draughts and fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition, give every second day half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure sprinkled over it, and twice a week on the alternate days give half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the water give 20 drops of whisky, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for one week.

STARTED MOULTING AGAIN (X. Y. Z.).—Keep the bird in a moderate temperature and treat as follows. It is quite likely it will be in good condition for breeding this season by the time it is advisable to begin mating up. In addition to usual seed diet, give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternating days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet and teazle. In the water add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day until feathers cease dropping. If bowels become constipated, give a little succulent green food daily.

CONSTIPATION, AND NO SONG (H.B.).—Add to the drinking water of the Yorkshire cock ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily until the droppings assume a normal condition. Also give a little succulent green food daily for a time. If nothing else is available, offer a crisp small "knot" of Brussels sprouts from the culinary department.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

If there is no doubt about the sex of the Roller, treat it as advised in this issue to "A. K." You might also give a little of the paste advised to "F. E." last week. This should bring it into song. But really any healthy self-respecting cock Roller ought to be in rollicking song by now.

UNWASHED BIRD LOSING TOES (J. A. O.).—You ought to have given some particulars and described the appearance of the toes. Do you mean the toes, which are the portion having scaly covered skin, bone, joints, etc., or the claws, which are simply the horny toe-nails, so to speak, at the end of each toe? In the case you refer to, the claws, and not the toes, were the parts involved. You had better write again and give full particulars about your bird's feet. Meantime, bathe them for a few minutes daily in a solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of lukewarm water. Dry gently, and anoint them with Lanocyllin. Keep cage floor and perches scrupulously clean.

AVIARY (Old Reader).—The aviary of which you send sketch appears to be a very nicely arranged and got up structure. If it is in a moderately sheltered position, there is no reason why you should not breed Canaries quite successfully in it. If the wooden portion at the end with door is fully enclosed, it would be as well to bore three half-inch holes in the centre board at the highest angle of the roof to let off heated and impure air. If you make a projecting wire flight in front, you will also need to make a gutter to the lower slope of roof across the front to prevent rain dripping into flight. But I would advise you to use aviary as it stands this year, and gain a little experience before adding the flight. Two cocks and six hens will be ample to start with. Put up ten or a dozen nesting sites.

BREEDING FOR PLEASURE (R. M.).—If you attach any importance to quality of song, you cannot do better than adhere to the Roller, but if you would like a little more stylish and better coloured type of bird, either Border Fancy, little, if any, larger, and not much richer in colour, or Yorkshires, or Norwich Plainheads, decidedly larger and much richer coloured, would serve your purpose equally well. All these three sing very well, but an inferior type of song to that of the Roller. One cock and two hens will be ample to stock the aviary for starting. Put in four nesting sites of similar design, and do not place one decidedly higher than the others. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from our manager, and digest contents before starting. It may help you to retrieve past failures.

SEVEN IN BRIEF (Progressive).—Not a bad starting point for progression, but unfortunately most of your questions are too vague to admit of a very definite reply. To proceed: (1) The best breed of Canary to breed must naturally depend upon individual taste and fancy. The most profitable breed depends upon the success one meets in breeding them. The commonest breed may show a better balance sheet than the most valuable one, but is not certain of doing so. Whilst one person will succeed well with a highly developed, valuable breed, another will fail with common birds. To strike the happy medium I would suggest fairly good Yorkshires or Cinnamons. (2) In either of the breeds named 30s. to 40s. should secure a nice pair. See advertisement columns for prices asked by breeders. (3) Birds bred in 1912 will be quite old enough to breed during this coming season. Or you may mate a 1912 bird with a 1910 or 1911 one. (4) Have never tried to ascertain how many young it is possible to get from a pair in a season. Exceptionally prolific hens will have as many as five broods in a season, and as a normal clutch consists of four or five eggs, perhaps we may put the "possibility" at twenty per hen. This is the way to kill the goose, etc., not a sound system of profit making, eh? Wise fanciers are satisfied with two, or at most three, broods a year. Allowing for casualties, losses, etc., the average product would be nearer six per hen, which is really not bad. (5) I cannot say what price you should give for a second-hand aviary. It depends upon the size, material, structure, condition, etc., of which I know nothing. Ascertain price of new ones from dealers' lists; this might help you to form an idea for yourself. (6) Fir tree oil is an excellent remedy for red mite, but I do not go so far as to say it is the best. Others may be quite as good. (7) The moss and cow-hair bags sold at a penny each are excellent for making nests. For the actual process, consult "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

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BARE PATCH AND NO SONG (B. Clift).—There cannot be much wrong with the bird if it is as lively as you say, and the bare place would have nothing to do with its failure to sing. The bareness should have been attended to when moulting. It is doubtful if it can be remedied now before next moult. Feed for two or three weeks as advised to "A. K." in this issue, but slightly dust sponge cake with flour of sulphur twice a week, and on these days add as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece to the water. Well mix twenty drops of glacial acetic acid in a teaspoonful of glycerine, keep in small phial, and slightly moisten bare skin with it twice a week for a month.

A LOST RUDDER (T. W. B. H.).—How or when did the bird lose its tail? If the quills were shed normally, whether from force or otherwise, a new tail should be plainly visible within three weeks, and the feathers be fully matured in six weeks from time of losing the old ones. Feed the bird for a month as advised to "A. K.," in this issue, and also give it a little of the paste advised to "F. E." last week. It will be useless mating the bird until it is in song and good condition. There is plenty of time to get it into condition. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and read up details before the mating season arrives.

LIVER. (A. M. J.).—It would have been better to describe how the birds are affected. The probability is that your room is too chilly for them until more acclimatised. Keep them moderately warm for a few weeks, until temperature outside is more settled. Give staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure seed in equal parts, and on alternate days a piece of banana and a small teaspoonful of scalded rape. Twice a week give a pinch of mixed seed as advised to "Norrie," and a leaf of dandelion or watercress daily. In the water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. Afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four each of tincture of calumba and dandelion juice every second day for a week. Then repeat the two weeks in same order. Give the forward birds a diet of plain canary and a liberal supply of green food, but no dandelion, and add a little sulphate of soda to the water for a day or two. Don't prick the skin of bird that is puffed out unless you are quite certain there is air beneath. Try two weeks' treatment as advised in first part of this reply instead.

BAD VENTILATION (A. E. M., Puzzled).—The fault of the "sweating" of your bird room undoubtedly lies in the ventilation, which is ineffective for some reason or other. I am not clear how the ventilator from the front and up the back wall is supposed to work; neither do I see any necessity whatever for the latter. The louvre on top should have been at the highest part of roof and not half way down slope, and I should have preferred placing the slots in the ends, instead of back and front, where one set seems higher than the other. However, as it may be very difficult to alter this, try the following alterations, and then let me know how it works. Cut off the ventilator up back wall entirely. Then place a grid ventilator in the centre of the room floor, of course, cutting out a space from carpet or lino, if any is on floor, so that grid remains uncovered, and make a clear course from this grid to the inlet in front underneath widow. I see no reason why this should not work well and provide quite sufficient ventilation to prevent "sweating." Try it, anyway, for a month, and let me hear result. You will, of course, keep vanes in grid open more or less as necessity demands. Will keep sketch by me.

SWELLINGS ON NECK AND RED MITES (Wilkie, Glasgow).—It depends upon the nature and position of the swellings whether they are serious. You should have described them fully. Examine them closely, and if they appear to be sacs of air, pierce each one with a clean needle and gently expel it. Give a crystal of sulphate of soda in water for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week to tone it up. You might have seen red mite destroyers given in article in Birthday Number. Fir tree oil is excellent; so is essence of quassia; Izal, Jeyes', or carbolic fluid are most effective for touching ends of perches, joints, etc., so is paraffin or turpentine with or without a little camphor dissolved in it, but these are more malodorous. A solution of camphor in methylated spirit is A1 but is apt to destroy varnish.

A MOPY NORWICH (S. T. Munday).—Keep the bird caged alone whilst under treatment. Keep in comfortable place, free from draughts, and heated impure air, but not overheated. For one week limit the diet to plain canary only, and a liberal supply of green food, dandelion or watercress, and add to drinking water six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day. After this give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "Norrie" twice a week on the alternating days. Continue the staple of plain canary, and give a little green food daily. In the water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day in the second week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT BIRD? (D.P.H.).—I shall have to trespass on your patience for another week, as I have been unable to get up to London for skin comparisons with your description, but hope to do so in a few days, and will duly give result in this column.

TO GO WITH BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (R.M.).—The small foreign Finches are not safe with Budgerigars, sooner or later they get maimed or killed by the Budgies' mischievous play, and I cannot advise their inclusion, for you will readily see, that when the young of four pairs begin to leave the nest the aviary will be pretty well swamped with them. Why not put in one pair of Cockatiels or Rosella Parrakeets so as to vary the colour? You could put in a cock Red-crested Cardinal, and a pair of Java Sparrows, as these birds are well able to look after themselves. In addition to the seed, the Cardinal would require ripe fruit (also very wholesome for the others), and two or three mealworms per diem.

CHEAP SEEDEATERS (A.H.).—You leave me at a little disadvantage, as you do not say how or where you intend to keep them. Neither are the most freely imported species the brightest, and among these, such as Firefinches and Cordon Bleus are very delicate when first imported, and I do not recommend you, as a beginner, to include them in your series. The following look well as a series (I have put the most showy first, but even these with the least colour are very pretty, and look very contrasty among the others; their value ranges from 2/- to 4s. 6d. pair): Avadavats, Orange-cheeked, Golden-breasted, and Common Waxbills, Bengalese, Spice Finch, Black-headed, White-head, Three-coloured, and Bronze Mannikins, Silverbills, Green Singing Finch, and Cutthroats. You ought to include the Zebra Finch, but their present value is 7/6 per pair. Weavers can be bought out of colour for about 2/6 to 3/6 a pair, and the cocks become gorgeous creatures during the breeding season, when clad in nuptial plumage.

BLUE-WING LOVEBIRD (X. Rays).—Passerine Parrakeet is the proper name for the Blue-winged Lovebird (Psittacula passerina) Canary, millet spray millet, oats, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water will meet the full requirements of this species. They need a large husk or enclosed box, with a hole in one side for entrance, for a nest receptacle, into which they will carry exhausted millet sprays, twigs, leaves, or any similar rubbish that is accessible and form their nest therewith. No, they are not rare, but there are intervals during which they come to hand very sparingly. The hen is all green, and that is also the principal colouration of the male, but he has rich ultramarine-blue on his wings and rump. If in good condition and in every way perfect, there is no reason why they should not catch the judge's eye; unless they were up against a lot of very rare species.

ESTABLISHING PEKIN ROBINS (T.).—Several attempts have been made on large estates to establish the species in this country, but the birds seem ultimately to disappear, though in several instances they have bred and reared young near to where they were liberated. A friend had a pair which proved troublesome in his aviary, and turned them loose (Sussex); he saw no more of them, but a year later a pair of young birds were captured within a mile, evidently the progeny of the pair he liberated, and they are still in captivity and doing well. You cannot check the movements of birds; even resident species move from one locality to another for various economic reasons. Personally, I do not think the Pekins disappear either from want of food or the rigours of English weather, but rather that they move about from one district to another, and are either re-caught or shot off! I consider them to be as hardy as the Redbreast.

BLACK-HEADED NUN (M.L.F.S.).—You should isolate this bird; that is, cage it separately, till it is in decent feather again. The trouble is very near akin to eczema in the human, and you must seek to purify its blood by keeping the bowels moving quite freely and giving the bird a tonic. Half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water is a cooling and safe laxative; give this as often as is required to keep the bowels moving very freely; at the same time there must be no appearance of diarrhoea. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, put the same quantity of bynophosphates in the water. Anoint the bare areas with a little Zambuk or clean vaseline, but you must only use a little, not sufficient to run amongst and grease the plumage. Give only white millet, canary seed, spray, millet, such green food as it will take, grit, and cuttlebone; encourage it to take a bath.

TIT-BITS FOR BUDGERIGARS (A Young Reader).—You will have to judge this for yourself; in the summer, seeding grass has a great attraction, and also a piece of a millet spray would prove a great attraction, but the tastes of individuals vary considerably. You should soon be able to ascertain the particular fancies of your birds. I have never sought to tame Budgies—that is, to make them finger-tame cage pets, when I used to keep a crowd of these birds in the aviary; they would fly around when I went in with the refilled food vessels and perch all round the seed saucers, and the other birds would dispose themselves about my head and arms. I should let them have a fly round the room occasionally as lack of wing exercise is detrimental to their health, and they are quite as likely to come to hand when free in the room, or more so, than when in the cage.

GREY PARROT (H. Woolvern).—Spray the bird about twice weekly with quassia solution (use the solution tepid, and choose a genial day for the purpose; it is better to postpone the operation during severe weather. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. Treat the bird as above for a month, and then report progress. The vegetables you name are quite in order providing you give them without gravy or other fats. The tastes of individuals vary considerably: supply as much fruit as it will eat. Give the following seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, one pint each hemp and oats, half a pint each paddy rice, dāri, and sunflower seeds; add a few chillies and a gill of Parrot grit, and well mix the whole together. There is no charge for replies in this column unless a reply per post is required (see rules).

PARADISE WHYDAHS, ETC. (Tobacco).— (1) cock Paradise Whydah is slightly larger, the colours are a little brighter than those of the hen, and the markings are more distinct, and the light eye streak of the male is quite a much more distinct buff than that of the hen. See notes in Birthday issue under "Seven Foreign Beauties." (2) Some Cordon Bleus are bred annually in English aviaries, but Lavender Finches very rarely so. (3) I have never found Cockatiels to harm the smallest Waxbills, but the Budgerigars in their mischievous play often maim and sometimes kill small finch-like birds. Saffron Finches often prove very pugnacious in a mixed aviary, and Weavers are often troublesome by their obstreperous demeanour during the breeding season, but as a rule no harm is done unless the aviary is overcrowded.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

TWO MALE BIRDS (G. B. S.).—It would be a false step—in fact a serious mistake—to put in the cock Mealy Redpoll, as you suggest, leave well alone; this means, let the hen Bullie and cock Greenie have the whole of the partitioned-off space to themselves. I hope you will have better fortune this year should another Hybrid result.

A MATING (Cutler).—It is quite likely that you might get young from the Roller cock and hen Greenfinch. They would not be likely to be of any particular value, however, except as songsters, unless, of course, a good light Mule turned up. Very nice Hybrids can be bred from the hen Greenie, and either a cock Goldfinch or cock Siskin. Get any of the "Nutshell" booklets which deal with these birds; they will tell you all about the feeding.

A SCARED GOLDFINCH (H. Barnett).—It is the cage that is to blame. Open wire cages, of the "waggon" type, are not suitable for Goldies, and especially birds that want to be got steady. The correct type of cage is that known as the Finch stock cage. It is illustrated in the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch; and this, too, will give you full information about feeding the bird and getting it into breeding condition. Don't hang the bird in or too near the window, but select a well-lighted spot on the wall adjacent to the window.

LINNET LOOSE IN FEATHER (D. Taylor).—The bird should be very lightly sprayed every morning with water, into which a few drops of Scrubb's cloudy ammonia have been mixed (5 or 6, not more, to a breakfast cupful). Make absolutely certain that parasites (red mite or grey lice) are not troubling the bird. Give a course of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water—a small teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls. Give this fresh daily for a week, then on alternate days (plain water in between) over a period of a fortnight. This treatment will soon remedy matters.

LINNET AILING (E.B.).—Give this bird, for three days, in two tablespoonfuls of water, four drops of syrup of buckthorn and 12 drops of taraxacum (dandelion juice). You can obtain a small supply of these from any chemist. Follow with a course of the citrate of iron and quinine crystals, but keep this up for at least a week. Drop the linseed and hemp for the time being, and add teazle to the stock mixture. Do not give niger, either, but add gold of pleasure, maw and plantain to the other seeds (the "tit-bits").

A BLACK BULLFINCH (M.V.S.).—It most certainly is not natural for a Bullfinch to moult out black, but cases of this nature are not at all uncommon. The cause is more or less obscure, but it is due to some chemical change in the colour pigments supplied by the blood. It is said that feeding too liberally on hemp-seed conduces to this state of affairs; i.e., that if you were to moult a Bullie entirely on hemp you would be likely to have him come with black plumage, but I have known birds that had no hemp, or only a few grains once or twice a week, to come out more or less melanistic; therefore other influences operate as well as hemp.

THE CASE OF A GOLDFINCH (J. Smith).—Get some Kerol ointment from a chemist and with this gently anoint the place twice daily (morning and evening) with a tiny smear, applying it on the tip of a finger, and rubbing only the way in which the feathers should lie. Do this for four days, and then await results. The ointment can be warmed to make it "work" more easily and freely. I am frequently answering questions of this nature. All the information on the feeding that you can possibly want you will find in the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch (post free 2½d.). It is given at greater length than I can possibly do in this column; note reply given A. Townley this week.

GOLDFINCHES AND BREEDING CONDITION (A. Townley).—All steady Goldfinches, and particularly house-moulted birds, ought to be singing well now. Still, the Goldie is naturally a late breeder, May generally being the month he selects to "keep house" in. House-moulted birds come into breeding condition earlier than those in field plumage. Feed your birds on the following lines, this is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, Canary three parts, linseed one part, summer rape half part. I give some good sound hemp seed frequently, and vary this with sunflower and safflower. Crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, cornflower, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, and gold of pleasure, one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds I have found by long experience help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit" for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible).

BREEDING MEALWORMS (Mr. Hennie).—You may not have seen it, but nevertheless I have frequently given the method of breeding mealworms. Get a biscuit tin from a confectioner (about 2lb. size). It should not be too high, but should have as much "floor space" as possible. Bore with a bradawl two rows of holes right round the sides at the top, within an inch or an inch and a half of the lid. Cut three pieces of coarse sacking so that they will, when folded once over, drop flat into the tin, leaving about three-quarters of an inch space between each edge and the sides of the tin. Dry these thoroughly before the fire. Get a supply (pennyworth or so) of bran and barley meal. Put a layer on the bottom of the tin, about an inch thick. Put a piece of folded sacking on this. Then put another layer of bran; then another piece of sacking—and so on, arranging to fill the tin not more than three-parts full, and to have a piece of sacking at the top. Then turn a pint of mealworms (or as many as you feel disposed to invest in) into the tin. Put in a handful of fresh meal occasionally, under the top layer of sacking. It takes about twelve months to get into full breeding swing, i.e., for the mealworms to turn into beetles, beetles to lay eggs in the folds of sacking, eggs to hatch, and young mealworms to mature. In the summer time it is often possible to buy a quantity of beetles from advertisers along with the worms, and one would save time by so doing. Many put beer-soaked rags (bung rags), dead birds, dog biscuits, bones, etc., in their mealworm boxes; but, with the exception of the first-named, I never do so myself. Disturb the breeding box as little as possible, and always keep it in a fairly warm, dry place, such as a cupboard at the side of fireplace. The latter is the secret of success. In the winter change the contents into a new tin (when this becomes necessary), sifting the "dust" at the bottom of the old one and throwing it away.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.C.—Feb. 8, Queen's Hotel, 7.30. Members are requested to produce unsold admission tickets and cash.—J. W. Christon.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Pair show, Norwich and Yorks, also Mule and Hybrid pairs. Yearly report.—W. Hailstone.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Social Club, Choppington, 7 p.m. To elect officers for the year.—T. Griffiths.

Beamish and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Letters re judges for N.F. and A. Show, and names for supper.—Wm. Knowles.

Bingley O.S.—Feb. 11, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Arrange for members' shows and election of judges for 1913, and other important business.—H. Shaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Victoria Hotel, 8.30. Supper and concert arrangements.—M. Skirrow.

Birmingham South O.S.—Feb. 12, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Balance sheet. Novel debate, Champion v. Novice. Special prize for each section.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton and Dis. Roller C.S.—Feb. 11. Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Important.—William Massey.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8 p.m. General business.—Kilburn and Western.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Headquarters, 7.30 committee meeting, 8.30 monthly show. Yorks. cl. pairs, A.O.V. pairs, Nor. Cl. pairs, A.O.V. pairs, A.O.V. Can. pairs. Judge, Mr. O. Plummer. Mule or Hybrid, Goldf. or Bullf., Linnet Greenf. or Chaff., Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, A.O.V. Brit. Judge, W. Cadman.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

Bury C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Textile Hall, 8. General business.—H. Jameson.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Washing exhibition, etc.—J. Southworth.

Cumnock and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Crosskeys Hall, Auchinleck, 7. General business; enrolling of members; anyone in our district wishing to join with us will be made welcome, or at any other meeting throughout the year.—Alex. Wyper.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—Feb. 15, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30 p.m. General business.—R. Garnett.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 8, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' specials, arranging of lectures for 1913.—W. Helliwell.

Denton C.B.S.—Feb. 10, headquarters, Mauch Road, 8. Table show matched pairs, Nor. and Yorks.; F. Barraclough, judge.—W. Hopwood.

Darvel C.B.C.—Feb. 11, Town Hall, 7.30. General business; table show.—J. Robertson.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 13, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Adjourned annual meeting. Balance sheet and auditor's report, fixtures for 1913. Subscriptions are now due. Last date for advertisements for handbook. New members.—H. Rutter.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Feb. 8, Wesley Place Schools, 8. Special business re amalgamation. —Hy. Gornall.

Glasgow W. End C.B.C.—Feb. 14, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Monthly meeting and show of matched pairs, Crests, Norwich Plainheads, Borders, Yorks., A.O.V. Can., including Cinn. and Greens, Muling pairs, Light Mule or Hybrid, Dark Mule.—W. Proudfoot.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Feb. 12, to nominate judges and elect officials.—J. G. Greason. (This notice was received by telegram; time and place not stated.—Ed.)

Grangemouth O.S.—Feb. 12, Rechabite Hall, York Lane. Business: general.—James Ovenstone.

Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Johnson's, 353, High Road, Wood Green, 8.15. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—P. Brooks.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 15, King Cross Liberal Club. Annual tea, whist drive, and social. Tea at 5 o'clock. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each. Please let sec. know as early as possible.—Harry Clegg.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Fix date of First Feather Show, and balance sheet.—W. Ayers.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Headquarters, 6. Classification and judges for open show, etc. Pair show will be held Feb. 8, birds staged at 5. Members who cannot attend meeting may nominate judges by writing to secretary.—A. Dickson.

Keighley C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Intending members cordially invited to attend.—C. W. Town.

Luton C.B.S.—Feb. 11, 4, Peel Street, 8.15. Table show, Canaries matched for breeding. Pleased to see anyone interested.—E. Bloomfield.

Kent County C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Barton R.A. Boys' School, 7.30. Annual meeting.—H. Wood.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Feb. 11, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Election of Officers, balance-sheet, arranging dates for next open show.—J. G. Royce.

Newsham C.B.C.—Feb. 8, Willow Tree, 7.30. Election of officers; new members can join at this meeting.—C. Snowdon.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Election of officers. Will member who have tickets out please return.—John Davey.

London C.B.A.—Feb 12, The Feathers, Great Chapel Street, S.W., 8. General business. Members please note that a special notice of meeting will not be sent.—W. H. Mugford and F. Knight.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Feb. 8, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6.30. Payment of prize money, etc., from late show.—John Rukin.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Coffee House, 8. Sale of birds, smoking concert; bring a fancier friend, free.—H. Woodhead.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Drawing up syllabus for ensuing year, and lecture on seeds, and various experiences, by J. W. Metcalfe.—F. Eccleston.

Longton C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Swan Hotel, 8. Annual meeting.—H. George.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judges for 1913 shows.—J. Rhodes.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Annual meeting postponed until Feb. 19.—R. Tindale.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.45. Table show of Yorkshires; all fanciers and friends are cordially invited.—James Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 10, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Arranging syllabus for 1913. Intending members invited.—J. W. Parkinson.

Romford F.S.—Feb. 10, White Hart Hotel, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting. Report and balance-sheet, elect chairman, programme for 1913, and other important business. Advertisements for 1913 year book to be sent to Sec. before Feb. 10.—C. Ives.

Kindly send notices for Poultry World separately from those intended for CAGE BIRDS. Also please use the post-cards, a supply of which has been sent you.—Ed.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Feb. 11, 7.30, Mission Room, Hall Street, Rawtenstall. Meeting and show, three classes:—Lizards, Yorks. or Nor., A.O.V. cage bird. All bird fanciers cordially invited.—Herbert Kershaw.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 15, Club Rooms, 2 p.m. Sale of stock.—R. Blincoe.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Victoria Hotel, 8. Election of offices, etc., for 1913.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Skipton C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Globe Restaurant, 8. Balance sheet for show. Election of officers.—E. Gill.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Feb. 12, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and pair show.—J. Waugh.

Swansea C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Market Coffee Tavern, 8.—S. H. George.

South London Col. and F.A.—Feb. 13, "Royal George," Tanners Hill, Lewisham, S.E., 8. General meeting and pair show. Birds staged 7.45. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—George Crawford.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Wharfe Hotel, 7. Pair show and arrangements for pie supper and prize distribution.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 15, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, payment of members' prize money, and other important business.—J. Jeffrey.

The Wanstead F. and F.S.—Feb. 10, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Monthly members' show.—L. Marsh.

The Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 8, Butchers' Arms, 8. Balance-sheet; election of officers.—J. Holroyd.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45 p.m. Feb. 12, 7 p.m., supper and prize distribution.—W. Walker.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Station Hotel, 7.30. General business; important for members to turn up if we are to go on.—John M. Macdonald.

Wandsworth F.S.—Feb. 13, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Programme for 1913 to be drawn up.—W. Lightfoot.

Wakefield O.S.—Meeting will not be held on Feb. 8th owing to Palace Show, but will be held at usual time, 8, on Feb. 15th. Members please note, and oblige.—J. Isherwood.

Walsall C.B.S.—Feb. 12, at White Harte, 8.30. Final arrangements, allotting specials.—F. Price, Sec.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Dartmouth Hotel, 7. Table Show, fanciers invited free.—W. G. Andrews.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Duke of York, 8. Paying out prize-money, presentation of cup to winner, settling for tickets.—J. Gibbons.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post: it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. Hawke.—Pneumonia, arising as the result of a chill.

A. P.—Congestion of the liver with inflammation of the bowels, due to irritant poisons; probably the result of decomposition of some portion of the food.

W. E. Giles.—The symptoms you describe are indicative of pain, due to irritation of the bowels. In these cases there is often marked increase in appetite, which is sometimes abnormal. Beyond a few patches of inflammation of the intestines, the bird was quite healthy, and I have no hesitation in stating that the bird was quite healthy when you received it.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Rugby.—The grit is good, but should be mixed with sand for use on cage floors. The canary seed seems to be an excellent sample, well-ripened, clean, and "fat," though not particularly large.

Long Tom.—The dead bird is an Orange-breasted Waxbill.

R. Tattersall.—We regret to say that we cannot possibly reprint the matter you mention, but we can send you the back number containing it for three-halfpence in stamps.

H. J. Matthews.—We shall hope to find a corner for the photos in a week or so's time. Many thanks for sending them.

W. H. Phipps.—Thanks for photo, which we will utilise in due course.

G. S. Parfrey.—We have illustrated this hopper before.

Whaler.—The keeping of Goldfish is dealt with in the "Nutshell" booklet on the Aquarium (post free 2½d., from our manager).

J. O. Oates.—Look in Mr. St. John's query columns for a reply to your question.

E. J. D.—We thank you for your courteous letter and will draw our artist's attention to the point you raise.

A. O., J. Newman, Miss Junior, G. S. Closs, E. T. and Others.—Thanks for the newspaper cuttings, for which we will find a corner if space permits.

K. Older.—Case heard 30th March, 1911, in the Divisional Court, before the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Ridley and Bray. An appeal by the R.S.P.C.A. against the decision given in re the Society v. Bennet. Judges held that birds were not recently caught, and Mr. Justice Bray said that he should be very slow to find that any bird which had been taken for 14 days was "recently taken." Original case reported in "C.B.," October 19th, 1910, and the appeal April 8th, 1911. The Sheffield case was reported in "C.B.," October 28th, 1911 (heard October 23rd).

Correspondence.

New C.B.S. for Farnworth and District.

Sir,—The first meeting for the above Society will be held in the Farnworth Church House on Feb. 11, at 7.45 prompt. I should be glad if all fanciers who intend to become members will please attend.

J. Pinington.

Breeding the Napoleon Weaver in Captivity.

Sir,—I must apologise for the error in my article, and I thank Miss G. H. Anderson for correcting me. I can quite understand her surprise, as quite recently I had to correspond with her on this matter. The article recording the successful breeding of *Pyromelana afra*, only appeared in December, 1912, issue of "Bird Notes," of which I am the honorary editor; further it also fell to my lot quite recently to forward Lady Poltimore the F.B.C. Breeding Medal for her success in breeding this species. I cannot understand how I overlooked so recent an occurrence, but, the article in question was written against time, and during a period of great pressure.

Wesley T. Page.

Prize Money at Liverpool (Anfield, Everton) Show.

Sir,—In reference to a letter appearing in last week's issue of Cage Birds, referring to prize money at the Anfield, Everton and Dist. Society's show, we would like to state that prize money has been paid to all exhibitors that won at our show, and we would advise any exhibitor who claims any further indulgence to write to the secretary, and his or her case will receive every attention. We look upon the letter signed by Mr. Davenport as being totally uncalled for, and it can only have one object, namely, to nullify the efforts of a society which is destined to become one of the most influential in the country. We should like to state that the prize money due to Mr. Davenport was only 1s. 6d., and that your readers are aware of the cause of any delay in paying out. We append below a letter from your correspondent, Mr. Davenport, and we are pleased to say he has joined the Society.

R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.
M. E. Wilson, Chairman.

(Copy of Letter)

Sir,—I am very sorry I wrote to your paper, Cage Birds, in reference to the prize money due to me and Mr. Jones. I am now perfectly satisfied that Mr. R. B. Wright has done all it was possible to do in regard to the paying out of same, and I humbly withdraw my letter and all imputations against him or the Anfield, Everton and Dist. C.B. Society.

W. Davenport.

Witness: M. E. Wilson, Chairman.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows.

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—Allow me to thank "Plainhead" for the compliment he pays me in the first part of his letter. My hands are clean. By command of our Editor, I will be as brief and to the point as possible (1) Yes, I believe there are clique judges, especially in the Border Fancy, and they have been very prominent this last two years. Three years ago "Plainhead" was of the same opinion, as he told me himself. (2) Why does "Plainhead" get behind our Scottish judges and try to belittle me? I did not say that our judges were all "cliquers." Please read my letter over again and refresh your memory a bit. I may state I am glad there are plenty of honest and able judges in Scotland, and a good few in our own district and in Fifeshire. We can count the "clique" on one hand. (3) "Plainhead" puts out all his wrath on poor Logan, and only touches upon the other correspondents, who, by the way, have been harder on him than I have been. "Plainhead" says the Fife judges have given a good account of themselves, for their experience. I grant him there is some truth in that statement, but allow me to add that some of their experience is very meagre. He asks me if a judge should not show under another judge. Most certainly, yes, but I do object to judges visiting and revisiting one another's bird-room and then judging at the various shows. I quite admit that a judge cannot, and never will, please every one, but they can, if they like, be honest. I am not the author of a lot of things "Plainhead" asks me about. I refer him to his other correspondents. They can answer for themselves. (4) I will be frank with you, "Plainhead." I am the fancier who named the medal winners. I was right with three. Just come along to 23, High Street, and I will tell you the shows they were gained at. Your 1s. 6d. offer is no use to you now, I am afraid, if show committees do what one of the correspondents suggested last week. "Plainhead" must be very dense indeed if he cannot understand me. To refresh your memory, a week or two back a prominent judge (an older one than you) drew my attention to the latest one. Read over the Border criticism. I am sure Borders do not have feathers hanging down their legs. I believe you did win a 2nd in a class of live with a Plainhead lately, but really I did not know you had started Plainheads. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, for bluff and bluster I never read anything like it; "Plainhead" is a great shower of birds, but as for him being one of our oldest exhibitors, that must be taken with a pinch of salt. As a secretary, I think his first entry on the show bench I took. If he proves otherwise I will certainly apologise. As for putting up judges, that must be in his own district, as we in Dysart fight to get clear of them. My ideas of Scottish judges are good. "Plainhead's" wails about cowards are all tommy-rot. Keep to the point. James Logan.

Sir,—I have read all the letters on the above subject, and I thought when "Lover of Justice" set the ball a-rolling the Fancy were going to get some information; but, no. I think "Plainhead" has more time to write than he has to go to the station. The Fancy don't want to know about his troubles, everyone has enough of his own. As Mr. Logan is the only gentleman who has the courage to put his name to what he writes, I would ask him what he suggests to put a stop to clique judging. I shall give my ideas later on.

Wm. M. Hastings.

Several letters on this subject unavoidably held over until next week.

The Keeping and Breeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—In answer to "Goldfinch Fancier" and his troubles with his Goldfinches going thin and dying. It would be to his advantage to try the following way of feeding whenever he notices them going thin, teazle and maw seed soaked in cold water for twenty-four hours, partly dried before giving to them. Also a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food added to the drinking-water (glass drinker), seed mixture—hemp, teazle, maw, inga, linseed, an occasional pinch of lettuce seed, along with such wild seeds as thistle, hardheads, etc., but as for canary seed, I think it useless to give it at all to Goldfinches, as in my experience I have never had a Goldfinch that would take it. I also find the best and handiest cages are the box type, 15 inches long, 6 inches deep, sliding front, Scotch make. If "A Goldfinch Fancier" tries the feeding as above, I have no doubt he will save his birds. W. J. N. S.

British Birds in Captivity.

Some Information and Some Questions

Sir,—I should be very much obliged if any of your readers could assist me with a little information on the following points:—(1) In a standard work there is a statement that in the case of the male Wheatear "In the spring the change from the brown to the grey and black is effected by the wearing off of the brown tips and edges of all the feathers that were previously so coloured." I have a male Wheatear which is now moulting the feathers of the crown and the sides of the head—that is to say, the old feathers are falling and are being replaced by new feathers in the quill. What I want to ascertain is, which is the rule and which the exception? (2) Can anyone give me a definite instance of Chaffinches having nested and fully reared their young in either a cage or aviary? I have only come across one such statement, and that was very vague, and did not definitely claim that the young had been fully reared. I have more than once had broods of young hatched, but they have not been reared. (3) Lastly, does anyone know of a similar instance in the case of the Bramblefinch? I have never got further than eggs with this species, but Miss Welch, of Paignton, wrote me last summer (under date 17th August): "I have some Bramblefinches which have built in my aviary, and there are some young ones a few days old. What food would you give? The hen always seems to be looking for something, and she will eat anything in the way of mealworms, wasp-grubs and insects—she will come and take mealworms out of my hand." On the 21st August I received the following postcard: "You will be sorry to hear that the young Bramblefinches have departed. Things seemed to be going well for a bit; then she was always off the nest, looking for insects, as I thought; then she refused to sit on the nest at night, so I knew what was going to happen." I may add that Miss Welch's bird-room is below the level of the garden, and is therefore somewhat cold, and not very well lighted. The birds come up through a very small window on the level of the garden and have a peep at the sun in an out-door flight, which is not much larger than a fair-sized cage—the fact that Miss Welch's birds have always looked remarkably well and happy whenever I have had the pleasure of seeing them, and that so shy a breeder as the Bramblefinch should have nested under such conditions shows us that it does not do to have any cut and dried hard and fast ideas as to what is the best sort of aviary for keeping or breeding birds. Personally, I am very doubtful if it is any advantage to have heat in a bird-room, even for foreigners. I have recently fitted a hot-water radiator in my own bird-room, and have so far derived no advantage from it, except that my Nightingales came into full song in the middle of January—two months earlier than usual. Not even the harsh screams and cork-drawing effects, which a male Great Grey Shrike introduces into his song, can silence them. By the way, do any of your readers know of a hen Grey Shrike anywhere? I have advertised in vain.

W. E. Teschemaker.

Borrowed Birds at Darlington.

Sir,—I noticed a few weeks ago some letters concerning borrowed birds at Darlington show, and Mr. Carter wrote to ask the contributor to send him the name and address of the defaulter. Because he has not, by what Mr. Carter says last week, he is trying to make readers believe it is false. But I don't think it necessary to do so, as you have officials at the show, and they should have an idea of what breed of bird a member keeps, and if he asks at the meeting he will get to know if the member be a good fancier or a good sportsman. This is my first letter on the subject, and I would not have taken the trouble, but I would like to let them know there is someone else who knows about the affair, and I hope to see some more letters from other readers who know about it. My advice to Mr. Carter is to keep his eyes open and he will soon find out, and not say because he has not received any letter it must be false. I would like to see you find out the member, but I won't send his name.

Britisher.

Birds Lost or Stolen in Transit.

Sir,—Referring to the letter under this heading in your last issue it has often occurred to me to suggest through your paper a very simple expedient for detecting the tampering with show cases, and which is similar in idea to that of fastening the cases by means of leaden seals. The suggestion is for exhibitors, when sending their birds to a show, or when sending birds for sale, to seal up the box by simply sticking over the lid or opening of the box when packed one or two of the gummed "Live Bird" labels, familiar to all. This method certainly will not prevent birds being stolen or tampered with, but if the boxes on arrival are found to have the labels broken, it would do something towards locating where the tampering has been done, and it has the merit of simplicity and being much cheaper than using leaden seals. Exhibitors could use their own labels, they can be bought cheaply enough from your paper, or the show officials could lay in a stock and supply one or two along with class tickets to their exhibitors. When birds are returned from the show the stewards should seal up all the cases in a similar manner. If this were done, sealing up cages would seem unnecessary. Not one in 50 or 60 thousand birds exhibited are stolen from the cages at shows. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe.

CAN ALL BIRD SHOWS BE MADE TO PAY?

A Reply to the Article by Mr. Blincoe (Rochdale).

Sir,—It gives me very great pleasure to reply to Mr. Blincoe on the above subject. Knowing Mr. Blincoe personally and being an official of the Rochdale O.S. for six years, during my sojourn in Rochdale (of which society he is Secretary) I am naturally interested in his remarks. My answer is yes, in most cases; there may be odd instances where they will not prove a success, but in most instances I think the ventures will prove the opposite if my suggestions are carried out. To bring a show to a successful issue four things must be borne in mind (1) The selection of good officials; (2) good classification to meet the wants of the present day exhibitor; (3) consideration of exhibitors, and their exhibits; (4) to have the confidence and support of the nobility and public of the district. I will deal with these four items separately. The selection of competent and enthusiastic officials is really the foundation stone of success, so the greatest care should be taken in the selection of fanciers for their various duties. One fancier might make a good member of committee, when as a secretary he would be an absolute failure; the great thing is to have the right man in the right place. I am afraid at a good many society meetings Mr. Brown gets up and proposes Mr. Smith for a certain position merely because they are friends, without considering whether he is at all suitable, someone else seconds it, it is put to the meeting and carried, and in a good many cases they are hampered for 12 months with a useless official. Now for the second item, a good classification, without which there cannot be good entries. By this I do not mean 90 or 100 classes, but classes that are wanted by the exhibitor, and for that reason will naturally fill. I, like Mr. B., agree that there are far too many half-prizemoney classes at various shows. When I was in Rochdale I was always fighting against providing so many classes for the Lancashire Canary; these far too often for my liking read:—"Half prize-money only." But I was always unsuccessful with my protests. I was told that the Club was formed for the Lancashire fanciers. I pointed out that 20 or 30 years ago, when the Lancashire had its "creamy days," and they were bred in Rochdale and district almost like the Yorkshire is in Bradford to-day, this policy was correct. But times have changed. For that reason it would pay Rochdale, Oldham, and other societies in the district to alter the classification. The section that is coming to the front to-day is the British, and this is certainly worthy of consideration by all societies. I admit British exhibitors have not patronised Rochdale as they might. Consider the classification, however, and you have the problem solved. Take six classes off the Lancashire's and put them on to the British; you will then have the support of the British exhibitor. We will now take item No. 3. Consideration of exhibitors and their exhibits. There are far too many societies up and down the country that will promise anything to get entries, but when the entries are received all these promises are forgotten. Instead of birds arriving home perhaps on the Saturday evening as promised, they land during the Sunday, and even Monday morning. I personally have spent half the day in Rochdale station, and then not got my birds till the Monday. "All birds will be fed as requested;" another promise often made but very seldom carried out. This is a serious matter, especially in the Softbill and Foreign sections. I have in my mind now one of the largest shows in the country, where this promise was made. A certain owner arrived on the Saturday afternoon and found his exhibits (very valuable specimens) all but dead, they not having had any attention, and the food sent with instructions for feeding, was untouched. This show is naturally black-listed so far as the fancier I refer to is concerned. No doubt other exhibitors have had the same experience. I admit it is possible with a big entry to miss a bird or so, but if you make it one man's duty, a man who is interested in that particular variety, and hold him responsible, not many birds will miss being fed as instructed. I might say there are hundreds of exhibitors in various parts of the country who have been so disgusted with treatment received from societies that they have sold out their stock or made up their minds not to exhibit again. Now let us take my last suggestion. Confidence and support of the nobility and public. To commence you must have a figure-head for your society (one of the best known gentry in your district). Get him interested in your hobby, not only have his name as your president, but have his support at all your public functions, by that means you will find others in his sphere of life follow suit. Then come to your vice-presidents. Get as many as possible, but give them to understand you will look for their support when your All England Shows come round, and I am sure you will not apply in vain. They all bring grist to the mill. Get them also interested in your society and its doings. Remember they never come alone; people of that class always bring friends with them, and it is your officials' duty to add those names to the V.P.'s for the next year. We now come to the general public. They require as much looking up as the gentry, but, of course, in a different way. Get your members interested in ticket selling. Offer them a special for the one selling most tickets. It will cause competition and make them very keen. At our Sheffield All England Show, in November, 1912, the 6d. tickets sold totalled £21 14s. 6d. This shows what your members can do. Of course, in addition there was cash taken at door. I think, Mr. Editor, if these suggestions were brought forward before committees they would no doubt in a good many cases be adopted, and in some cases improved upon. I must admit that I do not agree with Mr. B.'s suggestion as to judging by points cards, and don't think it would work. If my suggestions prove of benefit to any society I am sure I shall be delighted that Mr. Blincoe opened up this subject.

J. A. T. Woodall.
Vice-Chairman Sheffield O.S.

The Capture of Birds Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—Enclosed is ring, marked D.834, which was found on Bullfinch's leg, caught at Lochussie, two miles from Strathpeffer.

J. McLeod.

[Kindly send date of capture. The fuller the information given when reporting the recovery of marking rings the more valuable the record.—Ed.]

Proposed New Society for Glasgow.

Sir,—I have been approached by a large number of fanciers in the North Western district of Glasgow, with the view of starting a new cage bird club. A meeting will be held in the Blythswood Halls, 236, Great Western Road, on Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. All fanciers in the surrounding districts are cordially invited to attend.

Wm. Loan.

101, Kirkland Street, Glasgow.

Late Entries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—For upwards of twenty years I have patronised the above show with several entries, and on every occasion I have sent my entry form on the Monday following the closing date. Hitherto the authorities have not made any complaint whatever, but this week I have met with the unfortunate experience of having my entries returned, the reason being "too late." I am extremely surprised at this, bearing in mind the fact that the conditions of entries, as per schedule, have remained the same for several years past. If any other exhibitor has sent entries on the same date, I should be glad of the information as to whether they were accepted or returned.

E. Godley.

String for Net Making.

Sir,—Seeing G. Gibson wishes to know how to arm nets, I will try to explain same as simply as possible. First run your line through the end meshes to height required, then attach second line to this at intervals of about a foot, allowing same number of meshes to the foot, then when both ends are finished run your top and bottom lines in in the same manner; but do not tie second line until you have squared your net properly. Two clothes posts in the garden are very handy for squaring purposes. Attach your top line to post and stretch net to full length and tie other end of line to other post; then lift your bottom line and attach in the same manner. Be sure and allow plenty of netting, so as not to cause any draw on the top line (it is always best to have a little bagging to your nets). When you have competed the squaring you can attach your second line and your net will be ready for rope. This will be passed through the loops made by the double line; the double line at the bottom is for pegging to the ground. I hope I have made this clear to G. Gibson.

J. Alderslade.

Scotch Fancies at the Ulster O.A. (Belfast) Show.

Sir,—Your reporter in prefacing his remarks on the above show made use of this quotation: "Then again, in specials, the Scotch Fancy section claims the largest, although there is always a loss on the classes." I and others who take an interest in the variety referred to, think this is not correct, or certainly not borne out by the facts in the recent catalogues, and in all fairness to the breed it should be refuted. Your reporter mentions the fact that the entries were 15 short of last year's show, but he failed to mention the fact that the Scotch Fancy were 22 up on the previous year's show, otherwise he would have had to record a falling off of 37 entries. Then again your reporter finds fault with the allocating of "specials." I find the Norwich section had 25 specials allocated to 23 classes, and the Scotch Fancy 15 to 12 classes. Of these two were presented by a Club Show that is run by Scotch Fancy men, and all the others with one exception by Scotch Fancy admirers, and I believe allocated as desired by the donors. I find further that so far from the Scotch Fancy being run at a loss to the Show committee, the difference between the entry fees and prize-money shows a small credit balance. On going over the catalogue I find the committee had 2s. from the Scotch Fancies, 8s. 6d. from the Norwich (with 23 classes), 4s. from Mules, and sixpence from the British Bird section, while they lost 8s. 6d. on Yorkshire. I think most readers of your valuable and interesting journal will agree that your reporter is not friendly, nor even fair, to the "Bird of Circle," and if at his mercy it would certainly come in for a small share of the loaves and fishes. While touching on this subject, permit me to say that it was Scotch Fancy men who pioneered and ran the shows in Ireland for many years, and at the show of 1912 every Scotch Fancy exhibitor, with one exception, was a member of the Association.

I also take the liberty of saying, that while the Scotch Fancy had 22 up, the Norwich had only two, the entries in 1911 being 172, and in 1912, 174; whereas the Scotch Fancy were in 1911, 64, and in 1912, 86. I am taking my figures from the published catalogues.

Wm. H. Gillespie.

Fence Houses new C.B.S.

Sir,—Will you kindly convey through the columns of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, that a meeting will be held in the Station Hotel, on Feb. 15, at 7.30 p.m. All those wishing to become members kindly attend this meeting or send their names to me.

W. Halton.

7, Ewe Hill Terrace, Fence Houses.

The Secretaryship of Kippax Linnet Club.

Sir,—In reply to R. Plows, re secretaryship of Kippax Linnet Club, I am pleased to state that Mr. Plows made all further controversy needless by appearing at the general meeting held after sing on Feb. 1st. We are pleased to know that he still intends to come among us whenever possible, so I hope this will conclude our correspondence.

A. Tomlin, Sec.

New Society for Tiverton.

Sir,—Tiverton fanciers held a very successful meeting on Jan. 27, 20 fanciers attending. The meeting was held for the purpose of forming a Society, and all present were in favour. Mr. Kingdom proposed the establishment of such a Society, and Mr. Cornish seconded—carried. It was decided to have the membership open to the counties of Devon and Somerset; subs. 2s. 6d. per an.; fanciers living in either county who would like to join, should write, and full particulars will be sent by the Sec. Next meeting, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m.

J. Dummett.

24, Silver Street, Tiverton.

A Cycle Club for Liverpool Fanciers.

Sir,—An enthusiastic send-off was given to above at the Marlborough Cafe, Dale Street, on Jan. 03. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Mr. E. Battersby (Liverpool representative of the N.C.U.), V. H. Deacon, E. Lawson and F. Handley. Rules were drawn up; first run to commence at Easter. It was thought advisable to leave appointment of officers over until next meeting, which will be held at above cafe on Feb. 19th. This does not clash with any bird meeting. Business over, we had a very good wind-up in a social. The chairman, pro tem, Mr. Daniels, stood coffees, and some fine songs were sung by Messrs. Stewart, O'Connor and Brady, Draper, Jones, Malone, Southworth, and Howcroft. We are looking forward to some pleasant spins this spring to study our pets in their wild state. Intending members please send their names; subs. only 1s. 6d. per annum.

Metcalfe & Malone.

68, Brunswick Road.

Can Bronchial Affections be Cured?

Sir,—In reply to your correspondents, re bronchial affections in cage birds I have found the following most useful in affecting a cure:—Get from your chemist a pennyworth each of glycerine, paregoric (poison), oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, add one pint of boiling water and three or four tablespoonfuls of honey. When cold it is ready for use. Dose half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water till cured. This is equally good for anyone troubled with the above complaint, dose a teaspoonful three or four times a day, or oftener if required. Another excellent remedy is syrup of coltsfoot, white horehound, and black horehound, any herbalist should be able to supply this; otherwise, in season pull a handful of leaves of each, boil in a quart of water, strain, and add honey till it is similar to syrup. Dose, a teaspoonful in drinking water till cured; this also is exceedingly good for all troubled with asthma. The syrup boiled in milk relieves consumptives who have a distressing cough. Garlic or onions are also very useful in some cases, boil two bulbs of either in a teaspoonful of vinegar and half a pint of water for ten minutes and add a little honey. When cold place the bulbs between wires of cage for the birds to peck at. Should they refuse this I give them the syrup to drink, if one of these does not affect a cure try the other. I find what cures one wont cure another. I intend to write an article on the medicinal properties of wild seeds and berries most beneficial to cage birds soon.

James B. Clarke.

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A Scottish Roller Fancier Leaving for Canada.

Sir,—The members of the Scottish Roller C.C. are losing an enthusiastic member who has done a lot of hard work in spreading the Fancy throughout Scotland. The member referred to is Mr. John Thompson, of Stevenston, N.B. I have just received a letter stating that he sails for Canada on the 26th April, and that he must dispose of his entire stock of valuable Rollers, cages, outdoor houses, etc., particulars of which he intends to advertise in the columns of Cage Birds. The Fancy is losing a valuable friend, as he was foremost in helping to make the club a success. Mr. Thompson obtained nearly all the principal prizes at the Scottish National show, held in Edinburgh.

A Forrest, Hon. Sec.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—I regret that, owing to a miscalculation of the Saturdays in November, I gave the wrong dates of the club show of the Belfast Norwich, Crest and Yorkshire Canary Club. The proper dates should be Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15 (not 21 and 22, as previously given). Thus we do not clash with Lurgan nor any other fixture.

James E. Adams, President.

Sir,—In reference to "Wide Awake's" letter, I should like to say that Holywood is not sleeping. But they are very much disgusted with many so-called fanciers and exhibitors, especially of the "Wide Awake" type. We do not cry, nor have we cried, about clashing, and, as I stated in my letter to Cage Birds last year, it is immaterial to Holywood when show dates are fixed. We fixed ours two years ago, and we hold it on principle. That is what cannot be said for a good many, and if we change our date it will be to suit ourselves, not them. In reference to not supporting other shows, I should like to say that the members did support, as far as they were able, for, owing to unforeseen circumstances such as family bereavements and sickness, the members concerned had no inclination to show birds. I may say that they only showed at Holywood as a matter of necessity and obligation to their society. Now I will candidly admit that we are not as wide awake as some people, for if we were we should not allow all and sundry to compete for our specials without any charge whatsoever, and give free admittance for exhibitors to the show at any time. Further, there was neither time, trouble, nor money spared to do all that was possible for every exhibitor. He says, "You can bet your life you won't find a Holywood bird in open or novice competition." Well, a sportsman or gentleman would not have said it. For proof, the previous year our members' birds were shown at Dublin, Banbridge, Belfast, Newtownards and Bangor, and all members were novices. It is busybodies of "Wide Awake's" type that not only tend to ruin the Fancy, but cause an endless amount of friction and ill feeling amongst fanciers at large and the best of friends. Now in reference to "Looker On's" letter, I should like to say that the Holywood Society sincerely regret that Mr. Morgan's birds did not arrive home on the Saturday instead of the Monday. I can vouch that they were sent from Belfast Station on the understanding that they would arrive that night safely. How they were detained on the journey, of course, we cannot explain, and Holywood was in no way to blame. I trust that Mr. Morgan and everyone concerned will please accept this intimation as correct. I should have answered before, only I was away from home, and this was the first intimation that I received that anything was wrong, for certainly Mr. Morgan never complained to us in any way.

Semper Idem.

The Secretaryship of Clapham Cage Bird Association.

Sir,—On Monday evening last, at a well-attended meeting of the Clapham and District C.B.A., at headquarters, it was the unanimous wish of those present that I should fill the vacant position as Hon. Sec. to the Association, but, owing to other ties, I regret I am unable to accept this office. However, I have promised to see to the work of the Pair and Finch show, Feb. 22. I feel confident of a good show in at least 30 classes. Amongst the special prize donors are Miss Hall, Messrs. Vale, Maxwell, Yeoman, Campbell, Askew, Silverthorne, Snook, Whitt, Hose, Emms, Wildbore, Healey, Whittome. We also have two gold medals, two silver, and two gold centre, for competition. Judge, J. Robson. The show room will be the Clock House Hotel, Clapham Park Road (private entrance).

J. Brighty.

Several letters unavoidably held over.—Edito

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—Great National (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).
Oct. 8-9.—Clapham C.B.A.—(J. Brighty, pro. tem., 65, Park Crescent, Clapham, S.W.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 10 & 11.—Leeds C.B.S.—(W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mt., Roundhay, Leeds.) J.H.R., W.B.
Oct. 14-15.—Plymouth W.C.O.S.—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—Newcastle.—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 18.—Burton-on-Trent.—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—Harrogate.—(G. H. Burnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 22 & 23.—Portsmouth. (King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 24 & 25.—Wolverhampton.—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 29.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—Liverpool O.S.—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—Southend and Southern Counties.—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 5-6.—Cheltenham.—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—West Stanley C.B.S.—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 8.—Hartlepools.—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool).
Nov. 11-12.—Bournemouth.—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.P.
Nov. 13-14.—Leyton C.B.S.—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Dec. 10.—Luton C.B.S.—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.)

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—Lochgelly—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—Broughty Ferry.—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—Perth O.S.—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.)
Nov. 1.—Bo'ness.—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 8.—Kelty and Blairadam.—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Nov. 15.—Cowdenbeath.—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Dec. 3.—Forres.—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—Musselburgh.—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Ireland.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—Ulster O.A. (Belfast).—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.)
Nov. 6-7.—Banbridge.—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—Lurgan.—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).
Dec. 11-12.—Larne.—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Club Reports.

ABERDEEN O.S.

The officials appointed for 1913 are: Pres., Mr. J. Hector; vice-pres., Mr. J. Balfour; sec. and treas., Mr. J. Bryson; auditors, Messrs. W. Allan and W. Allison. The 58th annual show is to be held on the 12th and 13th Dec. in the Music Hall. Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch) and Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) have been appointed to judge.—J. Bryson, Sec.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Annual meeting, held at Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, Jan. 21st. Balance-sheet showed a loss of £5 on the year's working, but society has £25 in band. The following business was transacted, viz., date of annual show, Oct. 14th and 15th; judges, Mr. Robson, Norwich, Crest, and Crestbreds; Mr. Battye, remaining classes. Decided to have a discussion on "Show Matters, with Suggestions for Improving Annual Show," at next meeting, Feb. 18th.—Thos. Pope, hon sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Mr. Moss gave a very good lecture on Feb. 3rd, which was very much appreciated by the few members present—hardly a good enough attendance for the occasion. The question time came, and was keenly enjoyed by all. Mr. Gledhill got up to ask a question, and gave nearly as good a lecture as Mr. Moss. A few interesting remarks were made regarding pedigree inbreeding, double buffing, and double yellowing. Mr. Moss said that when he was going down in size he double buffed. Last season he had, he thought, bred the best buff pink-eyed cock living from a double-buffed marked buff hen. Mr. Gledhill said he knew a man who double-buffed, and talk about bird 7 inches long—he had them 7½ at least; but they had feathers like clocking hens. As regards double-yellowing, Mr. Moss said it was all right for Norwich, as it was good for colour. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Moss, who replied and said be only wished there had been a full meeting. Absent members missed something.—A. Lawford.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Feb. 1, Mr. H. J. Mennard in the chair. The auditors, Messrs. F. Farrar and E. Middleton, remarked on the able manner in which the society's accounts bad been kept, and after balance sheet had been read by chairman, which showed a cash balance in hand of £15 0d. 4d., same was passed as highly satisfactory. Forming of syllabus was the next item. It was decided we hold a pair show at headquarters, March 1, judges: Messrs. C. E. Hall and J. Owen; entrance fee, 3d. per cage, all returned. In addition, 2s. special will be given for most points in each class: Champ. Yorks., champ. Nor., Mule or Hyb., A.O.V. Can., nov. Yorks., and nov. Nor.. It is hoped members will show their appreciation by a good entry. In addition to the various lectures, a judging competition will be held. Dates of shows are: June 7th, F.F. show, at headquarters; July 5th, young birds, St. George's; Oct. 10th and 11th, annual open at Salone Lecture Hall; Nov. 1st, cup show, St. George's; Dec. 26th, cup show, St. George's; the latter four shows count for section gold medals and members' specials. Messrs. E. Norton, W. Hornby, D. McMillan, J. Smith, and J. Sykes, promised valuable specials, which, along with those already received, will comprise a very nice list. We offer a hearty invitation to Leeds and District fanciers to come and join us; entrance fee is 1/-; subscriptions, 6d. per month. Mr. Ramsden was unanimously elected a member. Many capital ideas were suggested by members present, which will if responded to by all the members, bring further success to the society. List of officials for 1913 are: Pres., Councillor N. G. Morrison; committee chairman, Mr. H. J. Mennard; vice-chair, Mr. T. Baldwinson; Messrs. C. E. Hall, J. Owen, W. Johnson, W. Bristow, F. Farrar, J. Sykes, W. H. Norton, A. G. Rhodes, J. Chambers, E. Hattersley, H. Chew, and E. Middleton; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Norton; assist. hon. sec., Mr. J. P. Moir; hon. sec., W. A. Wilson. Full details for shows, etc., will be published in syllabus, and same will be posted to each member in due course.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 1, in Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. Seeing that Hartlepool C.B.S. is altering its show date, we still intend keeping our old date, Oct. 25, instead of Nov. 15. Secretaries please note this. It was also passed to hold a first feather show on July 12.—E. Jameson, Sec.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 30, Slatter's Rooms. Balance sheet, 1912, was read and passed. Officers, 1913:—Chairman, A. Oliver; vice, F. Yearing; hon. treas., J. Cotterill; committee, W. King, H. Oliver, H. Harding, G. Wood, J. Siddle, A. Cartwright, W. Watson, D. Sadler, H. Beaumont, sen. Programme for the year drawn up and judges appointed for table shows. A vote of thanks was accorded to all retiring officers.—H. Towl, hon. sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at the headquarters (Flying Dutchman Hotel), Jan. 25, a good number of members being present. The following were the officers elected: Chair, W. Moroment; sec., W. Helliwell; assist.-sec., P. N. Jenkinson; treas., F. Ludbrook; trustees, T. Fortman and F. Ludbrook; auditors, J. R. Taylor and G. Hunter. A vote of thanks was passed to all retiring officers. The successful fanciers for members' specials were: F. Hammond, G. Hunter, W. Helliwell, and J. Roe.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist.-sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 18, the attendance being fairly good, and a large amount of business got through. After preliminary items were disposed of, the balance-sheet for the year was dealt with and passed. It was very gratifying to find there was a small balance in hand after paying out all prize-money to the members scoring most points at members' shows, six prizes being set aside for this purpose. The election of officers followed, when the following were found to be duly elected by vote of all present: Chairman, H. Daniels, re-elected; secretary, J. Isherwood, re-elected; all members to form committee. A tie having taken place between Messrs. C. Parks and J. Isherwood for members' cup, each having scored 49 points at the three shows, it was arranged that each hold it six months, but not to count as one of the three wins for winning cup outright. As this is the first year for the present cup, new members joining will be able to start level with old members. Intending members will be welcome, and it will be advisable to join as early as possible.—J. Isherwood.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting held 31st Jan. in Good Templars' Halls, Glasgow, President Heggie in the chair. Financial statement showing credit balance of £1 13s. 9d. unanimously adopted. Secretary's report showed 559 birds exhibited during year, an average of over 12 2-3 per class, against 10½ last year. Agreed that several fanciers who had been members during 1911, and had shown for our trophies during 1912 without paying their subscription, be not allowed to re-join until they paid subscription now in arrears. Prize-winners are:—Club's challenge rosebowl and gold medal, R. Heggie, 86 points; runner-up, George MacRobbie, 58 points; special for most points (all entries) was won by donor, Mr. Heggie, with 189 points, but was handed over by him to runner-up, Mr. Geo. MacRobbie, 75 points; president's novice prize, Mr. R. T. Anderson; runner-up, Mr. T. Erskine; president's silver medal in average competition, Mr. John Cobb; Mr. Penman's young bird special, Mr. R. Jeffrey; runner-up, Mr. C. Martin; Mr. Pinnock's young bird special, R. T. Anderson; winners of points specials are: Messrs. Heggie, Dr. Syson, McRobbie, Anderson and Cochrane (5s. at Scottish National not won). Office-bearers elected are: Pres., Mr. R. Heggie; vice-pres., T. Penman and R. T. Anderson; sec., R. B. Gibb; 2, Alexandria-terrace, Govan; committee, A. Girvan, J. R. Reid, T. Reilly, C. Martin, J. F. Park, F. Bowman, J. C. Sinclair, and J. McLellan; auditors, D. F. Webster, and G. Crichton. Agreed to hold an adjourned annual general meeting within the next few days to discuss closed rings, etc. Members not able to be present might let me have their views. Now open to take new members; annual subscription, 2s. 6d. Full particulars on application.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual dinner and presentation of prizes held Jan. 25, at the headquarters, Railway Hotel, when about 32 sat down to a good dinner, catered for by our president's wife, Mrs. Twentyman. After dinner, the room was got ready for the prize distribution, and our entertainment. Mr. Taylor (vice-pres.) took the chair, and everything went on very nicely. During his remarks he said he hoped the society would keep on prospering with the same friendly spirit amongst the members that had always been shown since he joined the society, and he hoped every member would have a good breeding season so that we could have some good shows and keen competition in the struggle for the cup. He then handed over the prizes, and said there were one or two prizes he had set out to win, but he had just got beaten, but he would try and give them a good run next time. The prizes and winners were as follows:—Cup and locket, W. Hulme, 33 points; runner-up shield, H. Taylor, 31; medal best Crest 1912, J. Lomas; medal most first prizes 1912, H. Taylor; medal most points three classes 1912, W. Ordish; runner-up special, H. Taylor; two Nor. show cages and case for best bird in old bird show, H. Taylor; medals for 2nd and 3rd best bird in show, P. Hart and W. Hulme respectively; special for highest bird in gift class, old show, T. Collier. Mr. W. Ordish, treas., was presented with a beautiful umbrella in slight recognition of his services rendered to the society during past years. Every member responded on receiving his prize. Songs were sung by Messrs. Ordish, Dawson, Hart, Bailey, and Woodhead (sec. Littleborough C.B.S.), also Mrs. Charleson, Spraggs and Hampson. We concluded a very pleasant evening by singing "Auld Lang Syne."—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C

The Junior Novice Competition finished with the Yorkshire Union shows. The following are the winners: 1, S. Binns, 73 points, presented by Mr. A. Cooper; 2, Mr. S. Wood, 28 points, presented by Mr. H. H. Towers; 3, B. Wood, 18 points, given by the club; 4th not won; see rule 11 in the Handbook. Will members who have not done so forward subscriptions as early as possible as I wish to have all in order as soon as competitions finish. —R. Garnett, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Special meeting held January 25th, Black Bull Hotel, Mr. Tonkinson in the chair. Decided to hold a Stock Pair Show at Bentley on February 22nd. Classes: 1, Yorks. cock; 2, hen; 3, yell. cock and buff hen; 4, buff cock and yell. hen; 5, Nor. cock; 6, hen; 7, pairs; 8, Canary unflighted single; 9, other var. pairs; 10, Mule or Hybrid; 11, Canary Muling pair; 12, Hybrid breeding pair; 13, Gold., Bull. and Greenf.; 14, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll and Twite; 15, A.O.V. cage-moulted; 16, A.V. Hardbill field-moulted; 17, Softbill. Mr. Barker (Bentley) will judge. Entry fee, 1s. pairs and 6d. single. Mr. Tomkinson promised to give washing exhibition at meeting February 8th. Hope to see all members present.—G. Hunt, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Third annual general meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Jan. 31. Mr. C. Campbell presided over a large attendance. The balance sheet for 1912 showed a good balance in hand after paying all working expenses for the year, and was duly adopted on the motion of Mr. W. G. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. W. Kane. The new office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., C. Campbell; vice-pres., W. G. Hamilton and J. M. Bannerman; sec. and treas., W. Proudfoot, 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow; com., A. Miller, A. Symington, A. Gillespie, D. Lunn, J. Campbell, W. Kane, and R. Prentice; auditors, G. G. Henderson and P. Allan. The rules were gone over and passed as read, with the exception of a small alteration, viz., regular monthly meeting on second Friday of each month, except April, May, and August, these three months being deleted. Our monthly table shows and first feather show will be held as usual, viz., Feb. 14, March 14, and July 12. All intending members might please note that this club caters for all varieties of Canaries, British, and Foreign birds. Annual subscription 4s. All other particulars on application.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., 145, Henderson Street, Glas-

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held in the Marle Stuart Halls, Crosshill, January 29, Mr. Andrew Hunter presiding over a record attendance. In opening the meeting the Chairman wished all members a Happy and Prosperous New Year. New office bearers were elected as follows: Pres., Mr. A. Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mr. R. Thomson; Sec. and Treas., Mr. R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow; Committee, Messrs. R. B. Cairns, D. Wilson, Robt. Jeffrey, J. R. Steel, Wm. Ross, Thos. McCubbin, Geo. Morgan, E. Holliday and J. Fulton; Auditors, Messrs. A. W. Naismith and E. Holliday. The annual club show was fixed for December 6th, and judges nominated. The show was again arranged to be held in the Victoria Rooms, Crosshill. A Pair Show is to be held at next meeting, February 25, at 8 p.m. Two classes for Norwich, yellow cock and buff hen, and buff cock and yellow hen; Borders, one class; Yorks., one class; and Mules and Hybrids, one class. Entry fee, 4d. per pair. Twelve specials to be allocated to the five classes. Rules were left same as last year. Financial statements were submitted showing a balance on hand of £3 2s. 9d., which was considered very satisfactory. A vote of thanks to

INVERNESS O.A.

33rd annual general meeting held in the Crown Mission Hall, Jan. 28th, A. Smith, Esq., "Lochiel Arms" (President) took the chair over a good attendance. Annual report and financial statement for 1912 was submitted, which showed the Association to be on a very sound financial basis. On the motion of Mr. Edw. Todd, seconded by Mr. Robert Duncan, the balance-sheet was unanimously adopted as read. Mr. A. Smith intimated that owing to business pressure he would be unable to stand for re-election as President, and thanked the members of the committee for the loyal support given to him during his term of office. On the motion of Mr. John McNaughton, seconded by Mr. Harcombe, Mr. E. Chisholm was unanimously elected President, Mr. E. Todd vice; T. Sutherland, sec.; Mr. W. Innes, treas.; Messrs. J. Connachie and J. McNaughton were unanimously re-elected auditors. The following were added to the Management Committee: H. Darke, G. Turner, W. Simpson, and F. Fraser. Several minor matters of business were discussed and disposed of. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring President, who suitably replied, and vacated the chair in favour of Mr. E. Chisholm, who, on taking the chair, thanked the members for the high honour they had conferred on him, and said that he would do all in his power for the interests of the Association. Several important matters were remitted to the committee, with full powers. Next committee meeting, February 26th. Votes of thanks closed one of the best meetings held by the Association.—Robert Duncan (Reporter).

ALNWICK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held in the Temperance Hotel, Jan. 30. The chair, owing to the unavoidable absence of J. W. Allan, Esq., president (who is at present suffering from a rather serious illness), was occupied by Mr. W. Straughan. The balance sheet, presented by H. P. Staig, treas., was found to be very satisfactory, the balance being far in excess of what some thought it would be. Upon being put to the meeting it was adopted. A resolution to remove the restricting 10-mile radius was, after considerable discussion, defeated. The membership subscription was reduced to 2s. 6d., and a resolution to accept apprentice and junior members at an annual fee of 1s. was passed, as it was thought by doing so it would give young fanciers (and there are several in the district) a chance to join, and become useful members of the Fancy as they grow older. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., J. W. Allan; chairman, W. Straughan; vice-chairman, W. Miller; com., T. Wake, T. Dixon, B. Pope, J. Robinson, J. Rogerson, J. Davidson, M. Swan; Mr. H. P. Staig, treas., was again elected, as also Robt Forster, sec. A series of table shows for breeding pairs, British pairs, and nest feather birds was arranged for; also judging and hand-washing exhibitions and competitions, which will go far to make a very busy and interesting season. A wish was also expressed that fanciers within the district covered by the society should put themselves in communication with the sec., who will (if desired) call upon them with a view to their membership.—R. Forster, Sec., 43, Bondgate Without.

WALSALL C.B.S.

A pair and British bird show will be held at the White Hart Hotel, February 15th, 12 classes, Mr. J. A. Tonks, Wednesbury, judge. A local class is provided (any variety cage bird), and a silver medal will be given for best bird in the class. A large entry is expected in this class.—F. Price, Hon. Sec., 18, Milton Street.

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

We are having our first members' show on Feb. 8th, at the Star Inn, Church Street. Mr. T. Edwards, of Burnley, will judge. Classes: Champions: (1) Norwich cock, (2) hen, (3) pair; (4) unflighted. Novices: (5) Norwich cock, (6) hen; (7) Yorks. cock, (8) hen, (9) British, (10) selling. Any fancier visiting this show and wishing to become a member may do so by giving their ame and address to the sec., W. Redman, 2, Allan Street, Burnley.

ABERSYCHAN C.B.S.

A very pleasant meeting was held in Queens Hotel, February 1, when a good number of members turned up. Business: Election of officers: Chair, W. F. Couch; Vice-Chair, E. J. Parry; Sec. and Treas., F. Sweeting; Committee, H. Workman, G. Walters, W. Cooper, H. H. Vaughan. Our show date will be October 30. We are doing our best to avoid clashing with other shows, as we think that date open.—F. Sweeting.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, at headquarters, The Imperial Hotel, Richmond, Jan. 29, when Mr. Phipps, Isleworth, was elected chairman, and Mr. Gutteridge, St. Margarets, vice-chairman. Several new members were proposed and accepted, and it was decided to leave the radius for membership open at present. We are holding an evening show of Canaries, Brit. and For. birds (20 classes) at the above on Feb. 26th, when all fanciers, whether members or not, will be heartily welcomed; admission free. Will members kindly note that the next meeting to settle the final arrangements for show will be Feb. 12th, and not the 19th, as previously arranged, as the room is engaged for that date.

Schedule will be sent to all members. Any fancier desirous of joining can have full particulars by applying to the hon. sec.—W. Nichol, 34, Beaconsfield Road, St. Margarets, Twickenham.

AINTREE F.S.

Annual general meeting held at Black Bull Hotel, Jan. 9, and adjourned meeting at Aintree Institute, Jan. 15, Mr. E. Battersby (chairman) presiding. Secretary's report and the balance-sheet were read and favourably received. The election of officers for 1913 resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A.; chair., E. Battersby; hon. sec. and treas., J. A. Anderson; assist. sec., S. Sumner; committee, C. Eaton, G. Skilling, T. J. Pye, T. Handley, W. Green, jun., E. Battersby; auditors, Messrs. Pye and Eaton. Several local cage bird fanciers were enrolled members. Resolved to hold the annual members' pair show on Feb. 12; Mr. J. W. Metcalfe will judge. Several valuable specials promised for this event, when any local fancier will be cordially welcomed. Membership confined to a radius of 20 miles, and annual subscription 2s. 6d. In addition to the points challenge cup, a gold medal, gold centre medal, and other handsome and valuable prizes for runners-up, are promised by interested members, and the society will award gold centre medal to winner of cup on its return, in addition to many valuable prizes for most entries during the year.—Mr. J. A. Anderson, Hon. Sec.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting held February 1st, when the following officers were elected for ensuing year: Mr. W. Foster, Chairman; Mr. W. Davidson, Treasurer; Mr. R. Ward, Hon. Sec. It was decided to hold table show of pairs next meeting night, when all members, and intending members, are requested to attend and bring some birds along; some very important business to attend to.—R. Ward, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., January 18th. Mr. R. J. Pretty presided. The balance-sheet for 1912 was brought forward and passed as being very satisfactory, showing £3 7s. 9½d. cash in hand, and assets, including the silver cup, amounting to £6 10s. 9d. A good muster of members attended and several new fanciers were nominated. February 15 was fixed for the day of our Pair Show, when we hope to make a good start for the year, as several of our new members will be showing. Mr. W. Shakespeare will judge.—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in Higgins' Hall, January 23. Proposed by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Flannigan, that all cages in Canary section at our F.F. and annual shows contain Canary seed only on bottom with black fronts and black drinkers.—Carried unanimously. It was carried unanimously that we include Milngavie, Bearsden, Drumchapel, and Garscadden in our boundary. Agreed to hold pairs show on February 22, at 2.30. Mr. Charles Campbell to be asked to judge. Mr. McNicol and Mr. Jas. Lang were elected members. Mr. McGown was instructed to renew the insurance on our cups.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting held Jan. 23. Rough balance sheet of the annual show was read, showing a loss of £1 8s. 6d. Members not having paid for tickets are requested to send on cash at once, and so help reduce loss on show. New members elected: J. Rhymas, C. W. Harwood, G. Rogers, A. E. Carter, C. Smith and A. James. During the evening Mr. Maxey handed in his resignation as secretary, pointing out that he had now been secretary four years, and that he was not now able to carry out the duties, and that a new secretary must be elected at the annual general meeting. The society's 16 challenge cups will be on view next meeting, Feb. 13, when all prizes won at annual show will be presented to winners. All members please attend; visitors cordially invited. Meeting commence 8.30, Workman's Hall, Romford Road, Stratford, E.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

SWINDON & DISTRICT F. & F.A.

Annual general meeting held at the Baths, January 29th, Mr. H. R. Halliday in the chair. New members elected: Messrs. A. C. Smith, C. Slade, A. J. Nicholl, F. Affleck, R. Burge and J. Ryman. Balance-sheet of general accounts and balance sheet of show accounts were passed. L. L. Morse, Esq., was re-elected President, and the following ladies and gentlemen were elected Vice-Presidents, Miss J. M. Calley, Col. F. C. P. Calley, Major F. P. Goddard, H. L. Bevir, W. H. Kinneir, C. C. Bradford, R. B. Bowly, H. Ing, W. Veal, J. W. Goldsmith, W. G. Little, W. C. Morse, A. E. Withy, A. J. Gilbert, W. A. Godwin, B. Harding, E. C. Skurray, Rev. D. P. Harrison, and A. J. Nicholl. Mr. H. R. Halliday was re-elected Chairman; Mr. A. Ireland, Vice-Chair; T. Wilkins, Hon. Treas.; Mr. J. C. Coleman, Hon. Veterinary Surgeon; Mr. T. Cullerne, Hon. Auctioneer; Committee, Messrs. J. Bennett, W. Greenwood, E. Jefferies, J. T. Edmonds, J. Smith, F. R. Gee, A. Hill, S. Lewis, H. A. Northover, W. Brooks, W. Kane, D. Hoare, A. J. Parker, R. I. Webb; and W. J. Moran, Hon Sec. It was decided that the committee have power to elect new members, and it was also decided to discuss the arrangements for shows, etc., for 1913 at the adjourned annual general meeting on February 5th.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

Meeting held at headquarters, the Crown Hotel, Birmingham, January 30th, before a fair attendance chair being occupied by Mr. Wells, supported by Secretaries Beck and Andrews. The Chairman read several letters from members, which, besides including ideas for the furtherance of the club, also included new and additional rules. These will be dealt with at the proper meeting about February 20th, the general meeting. Proposed by Messrs. Beck and Andrews, seconded by the Chairman, that the position of Secretary be given to J. Sheppard: agreed—the retiring Secretaries regretting that heavy business pressure, especially just at the show season, prevented them from giving the necessary time. Mr. Sheppard thanked the members present for the honour placed upon him, and expressed the hope that the members would give him their support in the coming season that had been given to the retiring worthy and popular Secretaries in the past. The purchasing of the novice cup and silver medals was left in the Chairman's hands. It is hoped that subscriptions which are owing for the past year will be sent before the general meeting, and also that the attendance will be a record one. One new member was nominated. It is to be hoped that we shall have 20 names at the February meeting, as the fancy for the popular Yorkshire is booming in the Midlands.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

General meeting held Jan 22. Mr. Crawhall presided. Mr. E. E. Pyman, of West Hartlepool, and Mr. Edwards, of Newcastle, were elected members. An objection was heard against the winner of one of the Club's specials at Gateshead show, and after carefully considering the whole facts, the members decided to withhold this special and to expel the disputed winner from the society. This is the first charge of any description that has been brought before the members, and, as our Chairman remarked, we hope it will be the last. Annual meeting fixed for Feb. 12. The various competitions for the Club's specials were finished at Sunderland show. Our chairman, Mr. Crawhall, is to be congratulated on winning the championship, an achievement that takes some doing in such keen competition as has been the case at the whole of the patronage shows this season. The novice trophy has been won by Mr. Bostock, of Maryport. This section has again been very well supported, the entries averaging 16 per class at shows holding our patronage. The following are the winners of the various open competitions:—Challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member, Mr. R. Hutler; Ramsden's special for second best young bird, Mr. S. C. Dix; championship trophy for most points over patronage shows, Messrs. T. C. Crawhall 82, J. Stewart 68, R. Hutler 61, G. W. Cuthbertson 60, G. Tweedie 38, W. Wells 24, S. C. Dix 23, M. Wigglesworth 21, C. Cattell 17, T. Tomlinson 9, W. Mather 7; novice trophy, R. P. Bostock 60, J. Huntington 55, H. Lyall 51, W. Thurston 46, E. Deighton 32, J. Petch 31, T. Mirley 15, I. Smith 14, J. W. Witherley 9, N. R. Coomber 4, E. Kennerson 4, S. Hurrell 3; gold medal for second most points in championship section, J. Stewart; gold centre medal, third most points, R. Hutler; gold medal, second most points in novice section, J. Huntington; silver medal for third most points, H. Lyall; winners of medals for most points with three highest birds: Champion section, Messrs. T. C. Crawhall, R. Hutler, G. W. Cuthbertson, G. Tweedie, J. Stewart, S. C. Dix, M. Wigglesworth; novice section, H. Lyall, J. Huntington, R. P. Bostock, W. Thurston, J. Petch, T. Mirley. As two members in champion section had same number of points at Sunderland show, it was decided to grant a medal to each.—R. Tindale, hon. sec.

MANCHESTER, SALFORD AND DIST. (Amalgamated) SOCIETY.

Will members who still have tickets for the recent show please return all that are unsold, or cash, to their own secretaries, on or before February 5th, so that we can have the show accounts audited before the next delegates' meeting, which will be held on February 13th, at the same place.—Spencer and Boothman, Hon. Secs.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

We have received a catalogue of the 15th annual members' show held January 18th, in the Chorlton Town Hall, judge Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport), and from this we gather that the chief prize-winners were:—Open Norwich, Messrs. Davis, Cook, Turner; Yorks., Potts; For., Brit. and Hyb., Richards, Smith, Fairburst; Amat. Yorks., Taylor, Appleton, Tansey, Brown; Nor., Vint, Kirk, McKail, Hayward, Spencer, Rhodes, A.O.V., Millington; Novice Yorks., Oates, Ashcroft; Nor., Coldbeck; Brit. and Hyb., Walker, Oldham, Jones.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 1, at headquarters, Mr. Ridge in chair. Balance-sheet for 1912 was read, and showed a balance of £5 18s. 7½d. to the society's credit, which speaks well for the society's future. Meetings are still held first Saturday in month at 8, when new members may be enrolled. Decided to hold a pair show Feb. 15, with nine classes. Mr. Lomax, St. Helens, judge. Entries taken on morning of show to 1 p.m. Officials for 1913: Pres., Mr. W. Ridge; vice-pres., Mr. McAndrew; assist.-sec., M. Johnson; treas., Mr. Green. -Ed. Ball, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Monthly meeting held at Cossar's Tea Rooms, Jan. 25. Mr. A. Moffat in the chair. A motion was made that we alter a few of our rules for the next coming show, and to pay 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; if less than seven, half prize money paid; less than four, third prize money paid. Second and third model cards. Secretary to write for price of model cards, and to apply for the use of the Drill Hall for the coming show. Classification and nomination of judges will be gone through at our next meeting. Mr. H. Thomas was elected as a new member. Next meeting at the above rooms Feb. 28, at 7; hoping to see all members present that can possibly attend. —A. Hoyle, Sec.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

Third annual meeting held at the Sunflower Temperance Hotel, George-street, Jan. 29, Mr. J. N. Sutton in the chair. The sec., Mr. F. W. Capell, submitted his report, which recorded a successful year's work, the statement of accounts showing a balance in hand of £10 2s. 6d. The report and statement of accounts was unanimously adopted. Mr. D. R. Harvest then took the chair, and the following officers were elected for 1913: Pres., Sir Fredk. T. Edridge, J.P. (re-elected); vice-pres. were re-elected with the addition of Count Du Dyn, Rev. H. A. Soames, and Mr. H. Foss; Mrs. Scheibe was elected patron; chair, J. N. Sutton; vice-chair, H. O. Tarrant; hon. treas., D. R. Harvest: cage birds committee, G. W. Britter, G. W. Saunders, and G. Tisney. Mr. F. W. Capell was re-elected hon. sec. Count Du Dyn offered two five-guinea cups (one for best Belgian, and one for best Leghorn). The secretary would be pleased to hear from any fanciers wishing to join (subs. 2s. 6d). Radius of 12 miles of Croydon Town Hall.—F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton-road, Croydon.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The annual general meeting will be held in the board-room at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 3 o'clock precisely. Fanciers interested in the variety will be heartily welcome, whether members or not. To receive balance-sheet and annual report; to discuss the advisability of holding the club show annually in London—Mr. G. C. Ley; to receive reports of 1912 experiments and discuss the compulsory adoption of closed rings; to discuss the advisability of awarding championship certificates after a given number of wins, thus allowing the exhibit the use of the title Champion; to discuss ways and means of awaking the interest in the Variety from its present dormant condition; any other business. The following is the result of the election of the committee, from whom a president is being elected: Messrs. Robson 48, Heath 47, Ley 46, Rhodes 45, Barnett 43, Crisp 37, Bale 37, Greems 36, Clarke 32, Colledge 32, Brotherton 31, T. H. Evins 31, Joyce 31, King 31, Crabb 30, Tyson 27, Smith 24, Broad 20, Jones 20, Mills 20, Bewick 19. The elected judges are: Messrs. Robson 51, Heath 47, Rhodes 45, Greems 40, Tyson 35, Colledge 31, Barnett 31, Joyce 30, King 29, Ley 27, Clarke 21, Bale 20, Crisp 16. Auditors: Heath 37, Robson 30. 54 voting papers returned, 1 unsigned, and 1 too late.—John Tyson, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

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INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.

The result of the inter-club cup competition between the City of Birmingham, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton C.B. Societies, with twenty highest awards by each society at each of the three shows 1912, is as follows:—1st, City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Wolverhampton show 103, West Bromwich 91, Birmingham 87, total 281; 2nd, Wolverhampton C.B.S., 92, 108, 26, total 226; 3rd, West Bromwich C.B.S., 58½, 67½, 28, total 154. Most points for winners (all awards), Mr. P. V. Williams, 170 points, holds cup for season; runner up, Mr. J. A. Eckersley, 129 points.—J. H. de Maillet.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Feb. 1, Mr. Farrer presiding. Financial statement re open show presented by the sec., which showed that after meeting all liabilities and paying 5s. per class in members' section, there will be a balance of over £7 to carry forward. This was considered most satisfactory. Decided to have a show of pairs for breeding on March 1st for the benefit of novice members, who will be advised as to the good points or otherwise of the birds shown. Next meeting, Feb. 15, will be for the election of officers and other important business. Mr. Brown, of South Hylton, was made a member.—J. Jeffery, sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Jan. 28; Mr. Frank Cole very ably occupied the chair, a good number of members being present. Correspondence was dealt with, which unfortunately included several resignations from members, who for some reason or other are leaving the Fancy. The balance-sheet for 1912 was next brought forward for adoption. The society is to be congratulated on its financial position, which shows cash in hand £3 18s. 2d., and total assets of £21 15s. 3d. A question on the balance-sheet was raised by Mr. A. Goodwin with reference to members who had not paid their subscriptions being eligible for election as officers of the society. After much discussion a new rule was proposed and carried that any member whose subscription be not paid shall not be eligible for election as an officer of the society. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted, and the treas. and sec. complimented. The election of officers for 1913 was as follows: Patrons, Messrs. Fred. Hall, M.P., A. Laing; president, Mr. J. Bright Crowe; vice-pres., Messrs. J. W. Cranfield, E. S. Lugg, J. Robson, Allan Silver, J. B. Waterman, S. H. Whitlock; hon. solicitor, Mr. H. R. B. Tweed; hon. auditors, Mr. F. S. Matthes and Mr. Frank Cole; committee, C. Austin, J. Carpenter, Hy. Cornish, A. J. Clarke, A. Goodwin, J. Hazell, W. Hodson, L. J. Richardson, H. W. Tomsett, J. S. Fairman, D. Reeks, H. E. Tringham, and G. F. Cranford. Mr. W. Hodson was elected sec. for the ninth year in succession. The usual votes of thanks to officers for 1912, were unanimously carried. A successful year is anticipated. An excellent programme of events is in active preparation, including shows, lectures, exhibitions, etc. Fanciers wishing to join a progressive society should write at once to the hon. sec., W. Hodson, 28, Barry-road, East Dulwich, who will give them full particulars. Vote of thanks to chair closed a most successful meeting.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

[We have received a copy of the balance-sheet, and have pleasure in congratulating the society on the progress shown.—Ed.]

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Annual tea and concert held at the Blue Bell Hotel, Feb. 1, and proved a great success. About 60 persons sat down to a very substantial meat tea provided by the landlord, these including a few visitors, among whom we noticed Messrs. Ogden Bros. and their wives, from Dudley Hill. The following artistes contributed to a delightful programme of music and singing: Messrs. J. Edwards (comedian), J. Tilley (light comedian), G Ipkin (pianist), Mr. Lund (Baritone), and E. Mason, who seems to improve at each concert. The chair was efficiently occupied by Mr. W. B. Atkinson. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess was proposed by Mr. A. Brown and seconded by Mr. G. Elsegood, and carried with enthusiasm. The health of the visitors was proposed by Mr. R. Garnett, and seconded by Mr. H. Sutcliffe, to which Mr. G. Ogden responded. The evening terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.—Taylor and Ellis, Secs.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 23, at Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Mr. F. Handley in the chair. Attention was drawn to the fact that the classification in Palace schedule was wrong, and it was decided to communicate with the secretary pointing out that there were two classes for hens. Sec. tendered his resignation owing to pressure of business, and nominations for the vacancy will be received at the next meeting. Members are requested to forward outstanding ticket money in connection with the annual show without further delay. There are also a few subscriptions still unpaid. These should be paid forthwith, as the books should be closed within the next week. It was decided to hold the annual dinner and distribution of cups, medals, and cash specials early in March, and arrangements were left in the hands of Messrs. Handley, Metcalfe, and Green. Due notice will be given of the date, and it is hoped that all members will turn up and bring their friends. As usual, ladies are specially invited. The event is eagerly looked forward to, and we hope to make it a big success. Shall be pleased to see any fancier; all are welcome. Tickets may be had from any member of the G.C.A. committee, or by applying to the sec. Next meeting Feb. 27.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Show of matched breeding pairs held in Nelson's Temp. Hotel, on Feb. 1st. There was a large turnout of birds, each section being well filled. Mr. G. Smart judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. CRESTS (4): 1, 2, sp, Nimmo; 3, Tweedie; 4, Henderson. P.H. (17): 1, 3, sp, Paling; 2, sp, 4, 5, Hutchison; 6, 7, Wood. BORD. (11): 1, sp, Hutchison; 2, 4, Pollock; 3, Irvine; 5, 6, Whitelaw; 7, Pierce. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, Martin. MULES AND HYB. (14): 1, sp, Henderson; 2, 3, 5, 7, Rankine; 4, 6, Pierce. Points special, C. Martin; most entries, J. Rankine. Messrs. A. Gray, Wyllie, and Campbell were admitted to membership.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Pair show held at Grange Park Hall, Jan. 27. The entry was not quite up to the usual number, but some very fine pairs were staged. Mr. W. Morris put down a fine lot of Norwich, and Mr. F. Wallace some really magnificent Crests. Yorkshires also were a very fine lot in all sections. There was a marked improvement in the entry in amateur section, several of last year's novices having moved up. All prize money was paid the same evening. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPION NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Morris; 4, vhc, hc, Taylor. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Morris; 4, vhc, hc, Taylor. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Morris; 4, vhc, hc, Taylor. YORKS YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Forse and Son; 2, Bennett. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Bennett; 2, 3, Forse and Son. VARIEG.: 1, Bennett; 2, 3, Forse and Son. AMAT. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Evans. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Evans. YORKS YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Farmer; 4, Parker. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Farmer; 4, Parker. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Parker; 2, 4, vhc, Farmer. CREST: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wallace. A.O.V.: 1, Parker. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Marshall. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Tuck. VAR.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc c, Rhodes; 3, Tuck. YORKS YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Stevens; 3, Wilkins. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Stevens; 3, Wilkins. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Wilkins. A.O.V.: 1, Fish (Green (Bord.); 2, 3, Withers (Cinn. Bord). MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, Fish; 2, Parker.—Forse and Son, hon. secs.

SOUTH WALES ROLLER C.C.

Second annual singing contest held Jan. 28 and 29. The hall is an ideal place for such a show. Entries numbered 154, quite to the satisfaction of the committee, who all worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. G. Cole won the South Wales handsome silver cup. The winner in young bird novice class, exhibited by Mr. W. G. Smalley, was soon claimed at catalogue price. The hollow roll sung by this bird is the best heard since the arrival of the Glucke tour.

In the list of awards the following abbreviations are used: hr, hollow roll; hb, hollow bell; b, bass roll; s, schockel; g, Glucke; f, flute notes; wr, water roll; wg, water Glucke; dbt, deep bubbling water tour; bt, bell tour; br, bell roll; ge, general effect.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (Judge, J. Netherwood): 1, sp, best Glucke, Willows, hr 6, b 3, s 3, g 5, f 3, dbt 1, bt 1, br 2, ge 5, total 29; 2, Simpson, hr 6, hb 2, b 3, s 3, g 3, f 3, wg 2, br 2, ge 4, total 28; 3, Davis, hr 6, b 2, s 3, g 3, f 3, wg 3, dbt 1, bt 2, ge 4, total 27; 4, Ives, hr 6, bb 2, b 4, s 3, f 2, wg 2, dbt 1, bt 1, br 1, ge 4, total 26; 5, Cole, hr 6, hb 3, b 4, s 3, g 2, f 2, br 2, ge 4, total 26; ex. 5, best hr, Neugebauer, hr 7, b 4, s 3, g 3, f 2, br 2, ge 5, total 26; 6, best wg, Simpson, hr 6, b 3, s 3, f 3, wr 1, wg 3, dbt 2, br 2, ge 4, 1 off sharp flute, total, 26; vhc, best bass, Humphreys, Cole, Neugebauer; hc, Hanbury, Cole, Willows; c, Twigg, Lester, Dimmock, Ives. NOV. YOUNG BIRDS (Judge, M. Jacquemin): 1, best hr, Smalley, hr 8, b 4, s 5, f 4, dbt 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 2, total 28; 2, best bass, Cadman, hr 6, b 4, s 3, f 3, wr 2, wg 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, total 26; 3, Preston, hr 6, b 3, s 3, f 3, wr 2, dbt 3, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, total 26; 4, Carruthers, hr 5, b 4, s 3, g 2, f 3, wr 3, bt 1, br 1, ge 3, total 25; 5, Cadman, br 6, b 4, s 3, g 2, f 3, wg 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, 1 off sharp bell, total 25; vhc, best wg, L. Short, Morris, Williams (2); hc, c, Williams; best Glucke, W. Williams, Smalley, Brown. LIMIT £2: 1, Harrison, hr 6, b 3, s 4, f 3, wg 3, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, 1 off fault, total 24; 2, Pope, hr 6, b 3, s 3, f 2, wg 3, dbt 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 2, total 24; 3, Pope, hr 5, b 3, s 3, g 2, f 2, wg 3, ht 1, hr 2, ge 3, 1 off, total 23; 4, Harrison, hr 6, b 3, s 3, f 3, wg 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, total 23; vhc, Roebuck, Hanbury; hc, Cole, Brown, Dickens; c, W. Evans. OPEN NOVICE (judge, J. Netherwood): 1, Glockner, hr 6, b 3, s 3, g 2, f 2, dbt 3, br 2, ge 4, total 25; 2, Barnett, hr 7, b 3, s 3, f 2, wg 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 4, total 24; 3, D. T. Williams, br 6, b 2, s 3, f 3, dbt 2, bt 1, br 2, ge 4, total 23; 4, Brown, hr 6, b 3, s 2, f 2, dbt 2, bt 2, br 2, ge 3, total 22; 5 Mayo, hr 6, b 3, s 4, f 2, dbt 2, hr 2, ge 4, 1 off sharp flute, total 22; vhc, Short, Pope, Wilson (2); hc, Glockner, Pope, Morris; c, D. T. Williams, Evans. OPEN CHAMPION (Judge, M. Jacquemin): 1, Harrison, hr 6, b 4, s 4, g 4, f 3, wg 3, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, total 30; 2, Humphries, br 6, b 4, s 3, g 3, f 3, wg 4, bt 1, hr 2, ge 3, total 29; 3, Willows, hr 5, b 4, c 3, g 3, f 3, wr 2, wg 3, bt 1, br 1, ge 3, total 28; 4, Stolle, hr 6, b 3, s 4, g 2, f 3, wg 3, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, total 27; 5, Mason, hr 6, b 4, s 3, g 2, f 3, wg 3, bt 1, br 1, ge 3, total 26; vhc, Cole, Davis, Neugebauer, Willows; hc, c, Stolle; c, Mason.

ROSSENDALE C.B.S.

Annual singing contest held in the large clubroom at the Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, Jan. 11, and proved a success. Considering that it was the first show of the society, the entry, 73 in 6 classes, must be considered a good one, and some of the best Rollers in the country were on view. Mr. W. Massy, of Bolton, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The hall was next to the Railway Station, and could not therefore, have been more accessible. The birds had every attention paid to their comfort, and at the conclusion the last bird was dispatched from Stacksteads Station by the 8 p.m. train. The same abbreviations are used as in the report of the British Roller C.C.

YOUNG BIRDS, CHAMPION: 1, sp, Ives, hr 3, hb 2, b 5, s 3, wr 1, wg 4, dbt 2, ge 4, total 24; 2, sp, Turner, hr 4, hb 2, b 4, s 1, f2, wr 3, wg 2, dbt 3, ge 3, 2 off, sharp bell tour, total 23; 3, sp, Turner, hr 4, hb 2, b 1, s 2, f 2, wr 3, wg 2, dbt 1, ge 3, total 20; 4, Smethurst, hr 4, bb 2, f 6, s 2, f 2, bt 1, ge 4, 1 off, sharp flute, total 20; vhc, Simpson, 20; hc, Turner, 19; c, Ives, 19. NOVICE: 1, sp, Roberts, hr 4, hb 2, b 4, s 3, f 1, wr 2, dbt 2, ge 4, total 22; 2, sp, Gloechner, hr 3, hb 2, b 2, s 1, dbt 1, bt 1, br 2, ge 4, 1 off, Aufzug, total 15; 3, sp, Gloechner, hr 4, b 3, s 3, f 1, ge 3, total 14; 4, Jopson, hr 4, hb 1, b 3, f 1, dbt 2, ge 1, 1 off, sharp bell, total 12; vhc, Watkins, 8; hc, Entwistle, 6; c, Mawhood, 4. ANY AGE CHAMPION: 1, sp, Kilshaw, hr 4, hb 2, b 5, s 3, wg 3, dbt 3, hr 1, ge 4, total 25; 2, sp, Turner, hr 5, b 5, s 3, g 2, f 2, wg 2, dbt 3, ge 4, 1 off sharp flute, total 25; 3, sp, Johnson, hr 3, hb 3, s 2, f 1, wr 2, bt 1, br 1, ge 4, total 17; 4, Davies, hr 5, hb 2, s 3, wr 3, ge 4, 1 off sharp flute, total 16; vhc, Kilshaw, 14; hc, Johnson, 13; c, Mawhood, 8. AMATEUR: 1, sp, Tomlinson, hr 5, hb 3, b 5, s 2, f 2, wr 3, wg 4, ge 5, 1 off sharp bell, total 28; 2, sp, Smethurst, hr 6, hb 3, b 4, s 3, wr 2, wg 3, ge 4, total 25; 3, sp, Mason, hr 4, hb 2, b 6, s 3, g 2, wr 2, dbt 1, br 2, ge 4, 1 off Aufzug, total 25; 4, Howarth, hr 5, hb 3, b 3, f 1, wg 2, dbt 2, br, 2 ge 4, total 22; vhc, Johnson, 22; hc, Smith, 20; c, Johnson, 19. MEMBERS' YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp, Johnson, hr 3, hb 3, b 3, s 2, f 1, wr 1, dbt, 3, ge 4, 1 off Aufzug, 1 off sharp flute, total 18; 2, sp, Johnson, hr 3, hb 3, b 3, f 2, dbt 2, br 1, ge 4, 1 off Aufzug, 1 off sharp flute, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 15; vhc, Blythe, 12; hc, Blythe, 8; c, Blythe, 5. MEMBERS' ANY AGE: 1, sp, Johnson, hr 4, hb 3, b 3, f 1, wg 2, dbt 2, ge 4, total 19; 2, Johnson, hr 2, hb 2, b 2, s 1, f 1, dbt 2, br 2, ge 4, total 16; 3, Blythe, hr 4, hb 3, dbt 1, bt 1, br 2, ge 3, 1 off, sharp bell, total 13; vhc, Buckley, 10; hc, Blythe, 7; c, Blythe, 5.

(*Shows continued on next page*).

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD (Eastfield Side) C.B.S.

Second stock pair table show held Feb. 1, when a good entry rewarded the committee for their labours. YELL. NOR. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Vardy; 2, Holland; 3, Holmes; vhc, Oscroft; hc, Ellis; c, Wooler. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Vardy; 2, Keeling; 3, Holland; vhc, Connah; c, Holmes. PAIRS FOR CREST BREEDING: 1, 2, Shaw Booth; 3, vhc, Nuttall Bros.; hc, c, Norwood. PAIRS, YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Allsopp; 3, Oscroft. PAIRS FOR MULING: 1, 2, Mailatratt. SELL., NOR. PAIRS: 1, Holmes; 2, Connah; 3, Weston; vhc, Percival. YORKS.: 1, Allsopp. BRIT.: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Allsopp. Judge, Mr. G. Marshall.—H. Gabbitase, Press Correspondent.

SANDY LANE C.B.A.

Last show of season held at headquarters, January 25, entries totalling 66. The successful members for the season's specials are as follows:— Champion Section: 1st, Thornton and Bown, 58 points; 2nd, P. Drake, 57; 3rd, J. A. Whitwham, 46. Novice: 1st, M. Moore, 63; 2nd, S. Ratcliffe, 56; 3rd, R. R. Holdsworth, 51. Mr. H. H. Towers judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Drake; 2, 3, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Wilson. YELL. HEN: 1, Thornton and Bower; 2, 3, Shaw Bros. BUFF: 1, Whitwham; 2, 3, Thornton and Bower. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Drake; 3, Wilson. EVEN. OR VAR., ETC.: 1, Thornton and Bower; 2, Whitwham; 3, Shaw Bros. NOVICE SECTION: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, 3, Holdsworth. BUFF: 1, Holdsworth; 2, Moore; 3, Ratcliffe. YELL. HEN: 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, Moore. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, Holdsworth; 3, Hardaker. UNFLIG.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Hardaker; 3, Moore. EVEN, VAR., ETC.: 1, Hardaker. CINN. MKD. HEN: 1, Moore.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, Feb. 1, also the annual breeding pairs show. The following were elected members:—J. Thomson, D. Hunter, Townhill, and W. Beaton, the latter being the first to take advantage of the extended radius (12 miles). A few reports were given in, and reference was made to the extended illness of Mr. Alex. Howie, who is now lying in the Edinburgh Eye Infirmary, but who, we are glad to know, went through a very satisfactory operation on Thursday last. At the next monthly meeting, Feb. 22nd, a novel judging competition will be held, when the president, Mr. J. Rankine, has kindly consented to act as referee. At the pairs show a record entry was made, 50 pairs being put down. Mr. Wm. Hogg, Oakley, Scotch Fancy specialist, and popular all-round judge, made the awards, and his decisions were well received.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Prentice; 3, Rice. BUFF COCK AND YELLOW HEN: 1, 2, Prentice. CREST AND C.B.: 1, McLaren; 2, Coutts. BORD. YELL. COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, Anderson; 2, Kennaway; 3, Rice. BUFF COCK AND YELL. HEN: 1, Kennaway; 2, Rice; 3, Campbell. A.O.V. CAN, PAIRS: 1, Kilpatrick; 2, Rice. GOLDF. AND CAN.: 1, McLaren; 2, Rankine; 3, Rolland. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, McLaren; 2, Kennaway; 3, Rankine. GREENF. AND CAN.: 1, McLaren; 2, Coutts; 3, Gold. A.O.V. MULING PAIRS: 1, Campbell; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, Coutts. BULLF. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Kennaway; 2 Rankine; 3, Warwick. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Rolland; 2, Warwick; 3, Anderson.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

WEST STANLEY F. & F.S

Members' Show, held February 1 and 2, the cage bird section being staged in the large hall, a splendid place for a show, it being well lighted, roomy, and quite free from draughts. As a first venture it was a great success; entries came up well, some 130 birds being staged to perfection. In the Canary section we saw some noted winners; in the British birds there were some strong classes, and the foreign class drew a lot of attention. The whole show was under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Lane, assisted by a grand body of fanciers in J. Emmerson, M. Hall, J. Boyle, W. Elliott, and W. Gowland. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. Peart and Robinson, of whom the society ought to feel very proud, as they had everything in splendid order, and got through their work in grand style, without the least mistake. Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington, judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL OR BUFF (12): 1, hc, W. Gowland, grand size, good head and wings, hot col.; 2, J. Emmerson, nice cobby bird, good feather and shape; 3, J. Hunter, another big one, nice head, good col.; 4, c, Hunter; vhc, G. Lane. NOR. HEN (9): 1, Gowland, topper for size, good wings and tail; 2, Piper, buff mark, grand body, nice head and lovely wing car., well shown; 3, Emmerson, medium size, grand shape, well carried wings, nice col.; 4, vhc, hc, Goodchild; c, Hall. YOUNG BIRD (8): 1, vhc, Clark, leader nice yell. wing marked, good qual., nice level body; 2, Gowland, grand one for size and qual. of feather, nice short tail; 3, Rendel, fair size and good head, looked a bit soft when we saw it; 4, Jewitt; hc, Robinson. NAT. COL. CK. (6): 1, Gowland, yell. mkd., good head, well filled neck, good shape; 2, hc, Peart and Purvis, leader nice buff, plenty of size, good wings, must have pressed; 3, 4, Hall, another nice one, good qual. feather; vhc, Edmonds. HEN (8): 1, Peart and Purvis, nice bodied bird, wings in right place, nicely shown; 2, 3, Boyle and Heron, big marked one, good head, grand feather, 3rd, nice level shape, good position; 4, Hunter; vhc, hc, Edmonds; wrong class, Hunter. YORKS., CK. (6): 1, Herdman, nice qual. and shape, good polish; 2, G. Lane, all there for type and position, stands well up; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Goodchild, another good Yorkie, nice straight one, tight as wax, splendid tail. HEN (5) 1, 2, 4, vhc, (name not given in report—Ed.), a grand, level lot, much admired, leader a fine size, well up on legs, very fine exhibit, 2nd, lovely head and graceful position; 3, Lane, another good one for quality of feather, would be hard to beat. BORD. CK. (5): 1, Herdman, nice shape and size; 2, 3, vhc, Peart and Purvis, leader a good one for quality, fine shape, neat head, lovely wings and tail, well staged, 3rd a grand one for bloom, type and condition, was much fancied, and might have gone higher; 4, Frosdick and Curry. LINNET (14): A very level lot of birds. 1, Boyle and Heron, a real topper, good col., fine head; 2, Peart and Purvis, another monster, nut brown col., grand markings; 3, Gowland, wee bit small, but all there for polish; 4, Emmerson; vhc, Yettes; hc, Robinson; c, Metcalfe and Shevills. REDPOLL (7): 1, 3, Emmerson, leader nice Lesser, tidy head, good bib, 3rd, another Lesser, not quite the type of winner, fails a bit in col.; 2, Hall, mealy, fair size, and nice bib, good back, but tight in lacings; 4, Boyle and Heron; vhc, Elliott; hc, Peart and Purvis; c, Robinson. MULE (6): 1, Hall, Dark Goldie Can., very hot col., not the biggest we have seen; 2, Robinson, light varieg. Goldie Can., good size and feather, nice blaze; 3, vhc, Peart and Purvis, leader well known Goldie-Greenie, looking better than ever, shows parentage well; 4, Lane; vhc, Frosdick and Curry. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (12): 1, Emmerson, Goldie, nice blaze, good tan, recent winner; 2, hc, Gowland, Bullie, fine dense cap, good breast col., a bit unsteady; 3, Peart and Purvis, Goldie, a nice one for col., loses in size to winner; 4, Elliott, good size, not quite up in colour; vhc, Frosdick and Curry; c, T. Robson. HARDBILL (13): 1, Hall, Bramble, good head and back, small size, rather tight on breast; 2, 3, hc, Elliott, leader Yellowhammer, grand head and ear markings, good, all-round colour, 3, Chaffie, fine one for col., good wings, both preferred by some to winner; 4, Lane, good bold Greenie; vhc, Herdman, Greenie; c, Davidson, Yellowhammer. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, Boyle and Heron, leader Song Thrush, fair size, wants a bit more polish, 3, Blackbird, good size and col., rather loose in feather; 2, 4, Elliott, leader Bearded Tit, grand body and wing markings, lovely moustache, might have gone up, 4, Song Thrush, well put down; vhc, Dadinson, Blackbird. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, tri-col. Nun, Green Budgerigar, Cutthroat, and Combasson; 2, J. Emmerson, lovely Pekin Robin, well shown.

HULL C.B.S.

First members' show of the year held Feb. 3, of pairs matched for breeding. For quality the show was a decided success, some grand pairs being staged, but the number of entries was somewhat disappointing, especially so in the champion, three only being two exhibitors and four entries in four classes, while one class had no entries. Mr. R. Barwick judged Norwich, and Mr. Geo. Harland Yorkshires and O.A.V. Canary, their awards leaving no room for complaint.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Potter, F. F. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Potter, F. F. YORKS., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: No entries. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, Stephenson. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (8): 1, 3, Sutton; 2, Ridley; vhc, c, Potter, P.; hc, Sellers. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Ridley; 2, Potter, P.; vhc, Sutton; hc, Riley; c, Sellers. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (7): 1, Smith; 2, Fox; 3, Lambert, S. E.; vhc, c, Parkes; hc, Murrey. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Murrey; vhc, Fox; hc, c, Parkes. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS (6): 1, vhc, c, Potter; 2, hc, Ridley; 3, Riley.—Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S,

Annual pair show held Feb. 1, and although not so large as usual, was, nevertheless, a very interesting show, and some typical pairs were staged, notably Mr. J. Madagan's buff cock and yellow hen Borders, first in their class, and special for best pair in the show. Hybrid classes drew the largest entry, and some splendid pairs were shown. Mr. Pounsett's Siskin cock and Norwich hen, which secured premier honours, created a good deal of interest. Several members intend trying their luck with the Chaffinch-Greenfinch cross, and we hope their endeavours will be successful. The foreign class showed a distinct advance upon any previous one, and contained a nice assortment, ranging in size from a pair of Golden-cheeked Waxbills to Cockatiels. Mrs. Maconechy, Mr. Pounsett, and Mr. Madagan were the winners in Crests, Norwich, and Borders respectively.

BRIT. AND CAN.: 1, hc, Pounsett; 2, 3, Elston; 4, vhc, c, Brown. TWO BRIT.: 1, 2, Elston; 3, hc, Brown; 4, vhc, Stevens. FOR.: 1, 4, vhc, R. Smith; 2, 3, hc, Treasure; c, Mrs. Maconechy. NOV. NOR.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Roberts; 3, Alexander. BORD.: 1, 2, Miss Dent; 3, A. E. Smith. HYB.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Roberts.—A. S. Treasure.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Combined charity show held Feb. 1, at the Vaughan Working Men's College, Great Central-street. The whole of the proceeds will be handed over to the Children's Hospital Fund, and it is hoped that a good sum will be realised for this deserving charity. This is the first occasion on which the societies have combined for the purpose of charity, but it is confidently expected that after such an auspicious start this exhibition will become an annual event. The exhibition was confined to fanciers of Leicester and Leicestershire. There were over 300 entries, and a special feature of the show was the large entry of splendid Norwich Canaries, several of which had carried off championship prizes at shows throughout the kingdom during the season. The judges were Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) Canaries, and Mr. W. Judd (Leicester), British and Foreign.

NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, Broocock. HEN: 1, Freestone. CL., TKD., OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Neal; 2 Sarson; 3, Groocock. BUFF: 1, Peberdy; 2, Freestone; 3, Pole. NOR., GR. OR BROKEN GR. COCK: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Gibbins; 3, Sarson. CL., TKD, OR VARIEG. YELL. HEN: 1, Walton and Noakes, 2, Leavesley; 3, Hulse. BUFF: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Hale; 3, Freestone. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Neal; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Leavesley. BUFF: 1, Hulse; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Kilsby. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, 3, Hulse; 2, Walton and Noakes. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, Gamble; 3, Hardbattle. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3 Green. MULE: 1, Kilsby; 2, Phipps; 3, Wortley. GOLD.: 1, Hawthorn; 2, Brooks; 3, Turner. BULL.: 1, Brooks; 2, Heighton; 3, Kilsby. LINNET: 1, Butler; 2, Pilgrim; 3, Freeman and Burbidge. GREEN. 1, Kilsby; 2, Turner; 3, Brooks. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, Heighton; 2, 3, Brooks. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Wortley; 2, Brooks. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, Brooks; 2, Heighton; 3, Turner. HEN: 1, 2, Heighton; 3, Heath. FOREIGN: 1, 2, Hardbattle; 3, Green. NOV., NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, Barratt; 2, 3, Herbert. HEN: 1, Herbert; 2, Brooks; 3, Smith; 4, Davis. CL., TKD., OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Moores; 2, Day; 3, Jolly. BUFF 1 Davis; 2, Butler; 3, Boulter. GR. OR BROKEN GR. COCK: 1, West; 2, Boulter; 3, Laundon. CL., TKD., OR VARIEG. YELL. HEN: 1, Yates; 2, Moores, 3. Day. BUFF: 1, Gamble; 2, Day; 3. Moores. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Crane; 2, Moores; 3. Turner. BUFF: 1, Moores; 2, Day; 3, Parnell. HEN: 1, Yates; 2, Laundon; 3, Crane.

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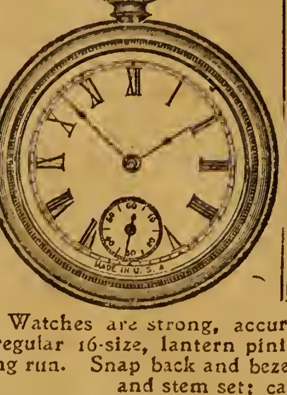

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Evening table show, held January 29, the proceeds of which were given to the secretary. The entry numbered 115. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, hc, Austen; 2, vhc, Rayner; 3, 4, c, Leaver. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Leaver; 3, 4, Rayner; vhc, hc, Austen. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Wood; 4, Rayner. GOLDF. OR LINNET (6): 1, 2, 3, Rayner, two leaders Goldies, the winner a long way in advance, 3rd Linnet; 4, hc, Wood; vhc, Austen. A.O.V. (9): 1, Leaver, very nice Hawfinch; 2, 4, Ousten, good Bullie and Hawfinch; 3, hc, Rayner; vhc, Wood. H. Wood won special for most entries, and E. C. Rayner for most points in section.—Abbot and Austen, Hon. Secs.—(Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

TONYPANDY (Glam).

First show held Jan. 30, the birds being well staged and attended to during the show; some extra good birds were staged. We would advise the committee to give a liberal classification, as we feel sure they would be well supported. Mr. D. Bowen is an energetic secretary, and the committee worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. O. E. Hodge judged.

YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Richards, 1st lovely shape and feather, well up on legs, capital style, 2nd good length of leg, nice shape and style, loses wing carr. to leader; 3, vhc, hc, Phillips, smart carr., neat body, only losing in length; res, Jones; c, Thomas. NOR. (8): 1, spl, best Canary, Richards, Plainhead, short, chubby body, grand shape and size, lovely feather; 2, res, Legg, Plainhead hen, nice qual. feather, capital shape, smaller; 3, No. 8, no name, again nice qual., not quite so cobby shape; vhc, hc, Evans. BRIT. (9): 1, Watkins, Greenfinch, lovely rich colour, good shape, nice feather; 2, c, Legg, capital type Hawfinch, good colour, just a trifle small; 3, res, McLacas, we failed to note; vhc, hc, Burrows.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Members' annual club show, held at headquarters, Cheapside, Jan. 29, when over 100 birds were judged by Mr. W. Swaysland, whose awards gave general satisfaction. The birds were well staged and shown in a good light, the arrangements being carried out by Messrs. G. Absalon, W. Miles, and J. Gravett, under the supervision of the hon. sec., Will H. Gibb. The silver cup offered by Messrs. Cadman Bros. for points gained by nominated birds was again won by F. Dandridge with a fine team of Yorkshires, and it now becomes his property. Special for best Yorks. was won by H. T. Gibb with a long shapely cl. yell. bird, F. Dandridge being runner up. Other special winners were: J. Gravett, most points Crest and C.B. classes: Mrs. Gibb, best A.O.V. Can.; Mr. H. James, most entries, best Mule, best Linnet, best Goldfinch, best Brit., best F.M. Linnet, best F.M. Goldfinch.

The Awards.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Gibb; 3, Pearson. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Dandridge; vhc, Pearson; hc, c, Gibb. PAIRS: 1, 3, hc, c, Dandridge; 2, Gibb; vhc, Pearson. NOV., YELL.: 1, Holley; 2, Streeter. BUFF: 1, Holley; 2, Beck. PAIRS: 1, Beck. NOR., YELL.: 1, Dean; 2, Gibb; 3, Boxall. BUFF: 1, Wall; 2, 3, Gibb; vhc, Dean; hc, Boxall. PAIRS: 1, Gibb; 2, Dean. NOV.: 1, Absalon. PAIRS: 1, Beck. CREST: 1, 2, Gravett; 3, hc, Dean; vhc, Pinyoun. C.B.: 1, Gibb; 2, 3, Gravett; vhc, hc, Dean. C. & C.B. PAIRS: 1, Gravett; 2, Dean. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, Mrs. Gibb; 2, Boxall; 3, Brown; vhc, Beck; hc, Absalon; c, Pinyoun. MULES, DARK: 1, spl, 2, 3, James; vhc, c, Gibb; hc, Bignell. A.O.V.: 1, Beck. GOLD.: 1, 2 spls, 3, James; 2, vhc, Plummer; hc, Bignell. BULLF.: 1, Wall; 2, Absalon. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, James; vhc, Gibb. GREENF.: 1, 2, James; 3, Gibb; vhc, Miss Mantell; hc, Beck; c, Wall. CHAFF.: 1, Plummer; 2, Gibb; 3, James. REDPOLL: 1, James; 2, Wall. SISKIN OR TWITE: 1, Gibb; 2, 3, vhc, James. F.M. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, spl, 2, James; 3, vhc, Wall; hc, Miss Mantell; c, Gibb. F.M. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl, James; vhc, Miss Mantell; hc, Miles. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, hc, Gibb; 2, Plummer; 3, James; vhc, Miles. FOR.: 1, Mantell.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

We have received an account signed H. Spottswood, of a Linnet contest held at "Newmarket Hotel," Jan. 26th. There is no indication of the town in which the Newmarket Hotel is situated, and no heading giving the name of the Linnet club holding the contest. If Mr. Spottswood will kindly write out the report of the contest in a form similar to the others appearing under this heading, and condense his facts, we shall be pleased to insert the report.—Ed.

TYLDESLEY.

A contest will be held February 8th for time only. Manchester and district.—J. Harrison.

KIPPAX.

Members sing held headquarters, February 1, when some very nice singing was heard by a good company. 21 birds were entered: 1, J. Wallis; 2, A. Tomlin; 3, O. Potter. Next open sing. February 8th; first pair in window 3 o'clock. Now, you Leeds men, bring us some champions.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, February 1st. 32 birds were entered in a 3min. time singing contest, and some very good time was done. Mr. S. Morley's bird sang 106 out of the last two minutes. Winners: 1 S. Morley 106, E Smith 102, J. Brindley 53. Also February 2nd, 17 birds entered for 3 prizes. 1, S. Morley 59; W. Nelson 49 and 48.—Walter Dobson.

LEIGH.

Contests held at Globe Inn, when 41 birds sung for 8 good prizes. Winners for quality: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, J. Ashcroft; 3, R. Holcroft; 4, tie between W. Barnes and N. Smedley. For time: 1, R. Fairhurst; 2, R. Fairhurst; 3, D. Cunningham; 4, J. Poole. Judges for quality, J. Maccallister and J. W. Jones; for time, T. and R. Statham; minute man, Ben Jones; bird man, H. Fairhurst. Will all Linnet fanciers note that there is a contest on February 15th at the Butcher's Arms, Union Street, Pendlebury for time and quality (two minutes from Pendlebury Station, L. & Y.) As Pendlebury Club has only been formed this season, and this is their first venture in time and quality, I would like to see them get a record entrance.—R. Holcroft.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, February 1st, when 16 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1st, C. Ward; 2nd, Towers; 3rd, shared between A. Lorriman and J. Clarke. Judges, C. Lorriman and C. Clayton. Also February 2nd, when 18 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction to a good company from far and near. 1st and 2nd shared between C. Ward and J. Sillers; 3rd, C. Ward. Judges, J. Granger and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, February 2nd, when 25 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, A. Lorriman; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, H. Playforth. Judges, A. Turner, C. Lorriman, and N. Soloman.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, Feb. 1; 19 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tilloteon. 1st, H. Wigfield; 2nd and 3rd, A. Butler. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor. Also Feb. 2; 30 of the best birds in Leeds sang for four good prizes. 1st, Clegg; 2nd, A. Richardson; 3rd, T. Stead; 4th, A. Butler. Judges, J. Smith, Lacy, Naylor. Open contest for Rollers held as above Feb. 2, when 15 birds sang for three good prizes before a crowded house. 1st, J. Smith; 2nd, B. Sissons; 3rd shared by T. Stead and T. Johnson. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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WANTED pair good Yorkshires, yellows, for two splendid Linnet Mules, cocks; sell 20/-: Ross, 318, Springfield-rd., Belfast. (442)

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WANTED offers in Norwich Plainheads for Swift camera, ¼-plate, cost £3 10s., new condition: B. Younge, Bridge-rd., Oulton Broad. (454)

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TWO H.M. Linnets, mulers, exchange H.M. Goldfinch or yellow Yorkshire cock: Hawkins, 12, Highfield-terrace, Mansfield. (447)

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EXCHANGE two house-moulted cock Bullfinches for house-moulted Linnet; unflighted buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-, full song: Thomas, 64, Water-st., Kidwelly. (451)

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COCK Bullfinches 2/, hens 1/6; old caged Linnets 1/- each; cock Yellowhammers and Twites, 8d. each; Greenfinches 6d., exchange for live stock: H. Dale, 63, Kingston-st., Cambridge. (454)

EXCHANGE H. M. cock Goldfinch and large yellow Canary hen, breeders, for good Blue Dutch buck, no rubbish offered or wanted: Ina Boyes, Camphill, Beattock, Dumfriesshire. (440)

EXCHANGE twice H.-M. Welsh cock Goldfinch for unflighted Norwich cock, value 15/-; proved muler; also F.-M. cock Goldfinch, good square blaze, etc., 10 -: Price, Velindre, Kidwelly. (451)

EXCHANGE six Linnets, twice house moulted; ditto Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, for Pom. dog or Toy Yorkshire, pedigree; approval both ways: A. Thompson, 8, Jones-yard, Chapel-st., Luton, Beds. (450)

EXCHANGE solid silver lever watch and solid silver curb albert, perfect condition, for any variety hard-billed exhibition Britishers; must be large birds: J. Waddell, Kimberley-buildings, Bathgate, N.B. (455)

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ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

BUFF Yorkshire cock for 2 yellow hens, or sell 12/6: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton. (449)

TWO pairs Norwich, 8/6 pair; exchange pullets, offer: Bracey, 33, Oak-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (447)

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EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshire, 10/6, for 2 Norwich hens, or Norwich cock: Buck, 4, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey (440)

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EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, value 10/6, for Roller or Norwich cock, 10 cylinder records, 5/-; exchange: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands. (449)

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EXCHANGE 2 Linnet mules, 15/-, 2 green crest-bred cocks, 12/-; Borders preferred to value: J. Turner, 5, Brock-st., Kettering. (446)

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TWO unflighted Crestbred cocks for sale, 12/6 each, or exchange for pair of Norwich; approval each way: Stationmaster, Choppington, via Morpeth. (449)

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EXCHANGE pair Norwich Canaries, ready to nest, for six Bantams or 14 pigeons; approval: Arthur Beaumont, 289, Beet-st., Sheffield. (455)

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EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for old brass, copper, lead, zinc, black tin, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (427)

TWO 1912 cock Canaries and cages, 6/- each; exchange for trio Black Pekin Bantams, 1912 hatched: Garratt, 60, Roxborough-rd., Harrow. (439)

EXCHANGE 2 cocks, 4 hen Canaries, and breeding cages, for pure-bred chicks or anything, or sell cheap: 31, Sandhurst-rd., Catford, London, S.E. (442)

SALE or exchange, one Yorkshire cock, two Norwich hens, one Border, for good Crest hen, or cock Goldies: Cruden, Hairdresser, Fraserburgh. (457)

EXCHANGE buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, fed, for self green yellow Norwich hen, good type and head: D. Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley. (446)

EXCHANGE pair Green Yorkshire Canaries for young light yellow cock and hen; yours first, sell 10/-: J. Harrison, 88, Ingham-st., Blackburn. (449)

BUFF Border hen, with show cage and case, exchange yellow Norwich hen or cock; yours first; approval: 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (442)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, best winning strains, 12/6 to 25/- per pair; exchange anything useful; offers invited: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley. (446)

EXTRA large marked buff Norwich cock, champion stock bird; wanted, common cocks and hens value 25/-; approval: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (451)

SEVERAL Canaries, ready for breeding, all good birds, Crest, Crestbred, and Yorkshires, or exchange for poultry: Inglewood, Northdown Way, Margate. (436)

STYLISH, typical pair Yorkshires, only 15/-; exchange bags, silver watch, gramophone records, anything for home: Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster. (437)

UNFLIGHTED buff Norwich cock 10/-, or exchange for one or two yellow hens, must have good heads and necks: O'Donnell, 21, Windsor-rd., Torquay. (445)

THREE Norwich hens, one cock; 3-compartment aviary; double breeding cage; 25/-; exchange Pom or other toy dog: 47, Idlecombe-rd., Furzedown, Tooting. (449)

WANTED good pair Yorkshire Canaries, will give in exchange 2 good Fox Terrier pedigree dog puppies, or sell 15/- each: Rogers, Manor Cottage, Brackley, Northants. (450)

EXCHANGE two good singing Roller cock Canaries, also splendid trout rod, reel, line, and landing net, for talking Parrot: Nickson, Church View House, Ramsbottom. (451)

FEW high-class Yorkshires, no better blood at £5 a pair, sacrifice cocks 7/6 to 10/-, hens 3/6; exchange Toy Yorkshire or Pom., or anything useful: Vernon, jun., South Molton. (443)

WANTED large yellow or yellow variegated Norwich hens, 1912; exchange solid silver lever watch and silver curb albert: J. Waddell, Kimberley-buildings, Bathgate, N.B. (455)

HARTZ Mountain Roller cock, splendid songster, 9/-; cock Goldfinch mule, genuine songster, 7/6; exchange poultry; approval: 37, Bickerdike-avenue, Longsight, Manchester. (447)

HANDSOME colour fed Buff Yorkshire cock, loud songster, 10/-; 2 Buff Norwich cocks, 5/- each; full song; exchange hen Canaries: Roper, 134, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex. (445)

WILL exchange good buff variegated Yorkshire hen for a hen Lizard, Gold or Silver, or will give 2 Yorkshire hens for a Yorkshire cock: Ballard, 797, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (443)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires (not rubbish), Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, groceries, anything useful; stamp reply: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (454)

EXCHANGE two buff Yorks., hens, yellow-marked Border, Norwich, Yorks., for buff Border cock, or Yorks., sell 12/-; yours first: Judson, 7, Great Howarth, Smallbridge, Rochdale. (436)

THREE pairs of high-class Yorkshires, 10/- pair; 4 Norwich hens, 2/6 each, or exchange exhibition Hawfinch, Goldfinches, Rollers, or offers: J. Rollins, 252, Wolverhampton-rd., Walsall. (444)

EXHIBITION 1912 cock, variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, 2nd Sittingbourne, 20/-, exchange pair Norwich must be good, healthy; yours first; approval.—Churchill, 12, William-st., Sittingbourne. (441)

TWO crested cocks, pair of Saffron Finches, best of health, lot, 25/-; exchange for Norwich, or Yorks hens, or Rollers, offers, stamp reply: Turner and Roberts, 23, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derby. (446)

CREST cock, wing mark, dark crest, good central veiny feather, exchange good yellow Norwich cock; few good Yorks. and Border hens for sale: George Watkins, 93, Ynyswn-rd., Treherbert, Glam. (452)

YORKSHIRES. A few pairs and odd cocks, winners and bred from winners of eighty prizes, sell cheap, or exchange drapery, dress material, hand sewing machine, or boots: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (451)

CLEARING out, removing: Pair Crests, 30/-, pair Plainheads, 30/-, Greenfinch and Yellow Norwich hen, mulers, 10/-; Goldfinch mule, winner, 10/-; deposit: MacFadyen, 18, Bloomgate, Lanark. (447)

NORWICH, a few left, hen 4/-, cock 10/- (rung); pairs, 12/6, or exchange for house linen, lady's underclothes, blanket cloth, long cloth, flannel, anything useful in house; muling Goldfinch, Siskin, Twite, cocks; approval: Hendle, 442, Garratt-lane, S.W. (435)

A GOOD Seifert Roller cock, 1912 bred, splendid songster; exchange for two Norwich hen Canaries or house-moulted Goldfinch cock; yours first; mutual approval: Gunnill, 273, Southtown-rd., Great Yarmouth. (438)

EXCHANGE, big variegated cock Linnet Mule, pair long Yorkshires, cocks, 1911, full songs; exchange good Crestbred cock, on song; yours first; approval, sell 25/-: G. Herson, Spittall Hill, Retford. (438)

FOUR pairs Yorkshires, 30/-, or 8/- pair (1911); 4 Buff hens, pink eyes, 10/-, or 3/- each (1911): 7 Goldfinch cock mules, 40/-, or 6/- each; 5 do. hens, do. 1/- each: Wm. Broscombe, Kirkgate-terr., Birkenshaw, Bradford. (446)

EXCHANGE 1 yellow cock and Cinnamon mkd. hen (Yorks.), good stock birds, for 1 cock Bullie and 1 cock Goldfinch, to moult for exhibition; approval both ways, British first: Dr. Brown, 25, Ramsden Dock-rd., Barrow-in-Furness. (438)

SONGSTERS, Norwich-Yorkshire cross, 3 cocks, 5 hens, the lot £1; exchange good unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, or timber for cages; 2 typical Yorkshire hens, buff, sacrifice 15/- pair, or exchange unflighted cobby yellow Norwich hen, good head, approval; all in perfect health: Foster, 66, Hazeldene, Kent-avenue, Ashford, Kent. (445)

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TWO cock Greenfinch mules, hen ditto, 12/6; or exchange unflighted good big yellow Norwich stock hen; variegated Goldie mule, pure Finch note, good bird, suit catcher, 8/6, all 1912 birds; deposit "Cage Birds"; T. Wilkins, Clewer New Town, Windsor. (453)

TWENTY FIVE Yorkshire cocks, five winners firsts open, 10 Yorkshire hens, three winners firsts open; two pairs Norwich, three unflighted hens, breeding and show cages, accept £10 lot; separate from 6/- up; useful exchange entertained: Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly. (454)

WANTED, extra large unflighted yellow Norwich or Lancashire-Norwich hens for muling, will buy or exchange very large H.M. muling Goldfinch and Greypate, or ticked yellow and clear buff Norwich cocks: Ryan, Constabulary, Templehouse, Ballymote, Sligo. (456)

PAIR of good Norwich, 2 feeding hens, cock Goldfinch hen, Bullfinch cock, Siskin, hen Greenfinch, have bred mules; the pair of Norwich I gave £2 for; will exchange lot for Mackintosh or suit, or sell 50/-: G. Jones, Whitford Bridge, Stoke Pound, Bromsgrove. (446)

YELLOW ticked hen, 1st Avonbridge, 2nd Whitburn, 3rd Broxburn, 3rd Irvine, 25/-: big, buff, grizzle-neck hen, 15/-; yellow hen, 1st Whitburn, 3rd Denny, 3rd Broxburn, £1; British Goldfinch, 1st Denny, 1st Whitburn, 1st Kirkintilloch, 15/-; Yellowhammer, 1st Kirkintilloch, 10/6 : Lawson, Auchinloch, N.B.

EXCHANGE or sell 2 Crestbred and 1 Plainhead cocks, and 4 Plainhead hens, good size and colour, outdoor bred, Norwich type, 1911 and 1912, and 2 cock Siberian Goldie Mules, 1912, for good coppy Lancashires or Siberian Goldfinches to value, or offers; approval both ways: P. Hanley, Dublin-st., Longford, Ireland. (443)

Mainly Foreign.

WHAT offers in Canaries or cock Mules for good Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot? Or sell 50/-: Adams, Helvest-st., Southsea. (457)

NICE Indian Parrot, beginning to talk; sell 30/-; exchange winning smooth fox terrier bitch: Underhill, 9, Tydraw-st., Port Talbot. (444)

EXCHANGE beautiful yellow Budgerigars, cocks, for yellow or green hens, or sell 3/- each: Milsom, 31, Commerce-place, Aberaman, Aberdare. (445)

FOR sale or exchange a young Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, says a few words, 35/-; wanted breeding Budgerigars or Canaries; no rubbish offered or wanted: G. A. Davis, Adcroft-st., Trowbridge, Wilts. (450)

Miscellaneous.

FOR British, send for catalogue: Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr. (443)

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

350 "CAGE Birds," exchange British or foreign birds: Weston, 53, Barmeston-rd., Catford. (448)

GOOD Dalmation bitch; exchange British birds, or offers: F. Hird, Biskey Howe, Windermere. (440)

SIX tables knives, ivorine handles, exchange for two large hen Canaries: Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield. (453)

EXCHANGE, workman's cycle, pair of Canaries and breeding cage; or sell 15/-: Graham, 7, Reid-st., Morpeth. (447)

NEARLY new, flat top, all wire, aviary, 36 by 16 by 36ins., exchange birds, valued 21/-: J. Woodnutt, Fareham. (445)

SELL or exchange grand fox-terrier dog, 12 months, black-and-tan head, 15/6: Hutson, 20, Duke-st., Windsor. (451)

CONCERT flute, in perfect condition, sell £2, or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (455)

TWO Rabbit Nets, one Lark Net, pair Clapnets, and good Lurcher dog: Hatton, 10, Boss's Gardens, Brighton. (449)

WILL give new cycle cape, pump, spanner and cash for Norwich cock on song: Jones, Alvin-st., Gloucester. (440)

HANDSOME white Eskimo dog pup, 15/-; exchange pair Crests to value: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (444)

WILL give splendid pair large, warm, heavy blankets for three pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (457)

WHAT offers in cock Mules, for pair new men's Sandow grip dumb-bells, cost 12/6: 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (457)

CLARK'S syphon gas stove, sell 20/-; exchange pedigree fox terrier bitch: Bowbrick, 200, Globe-rd., London, E. (444)

EXCHANGE new pair gold (filled) spectacle frames value 15/-, for a pair of Rollers: Ley, Torrington-st., Bideford. (445)

ZEPHER banjo. Alban Booth, cost £4; also portable oil heater, cost 15/6; offers Rollers: Sanders, Teign-st., Teignmouth. (449)

EXCHANGE pair powerful opera glasses, nearly new, for 4 hen Canaries: Rutherford, 177, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (457)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, as new, exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Goswell-rd., London. (453)

FIELD glasses, sling case, new, 12/-, or exchange three young hen Canaries: Moss, 193, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray. (449)

SALE, £1, Yorkshire terrier bitch, 3lbs. weight; exchange value in Rollers: White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (447)

EXCHANGE air-gun, what offers in cock Goldfinches, or accept 10/-: R. Burman, 8, Maygrove-rd., Gt. Yarmouth. (439)

SPANISH guitar, genuine instrument, lovely tone, 25/-; exchange Canaries; offers: Cutler, Sheffield Works, Tottenham. (445)

WHAT offers in Canaries for billiard cue and case, 15oz. (Orme's): Reed, Conservative Club, Windermere, Westmorland. (449)

STEYR rifle, exchange good pair Norwich, or lady's shoes, sell 10/-: Roach, Victoria Cottage, Burghfield, Reading. (451)

EXCHANGE phonograph and egg mill for green Crestbred cock or hen, sell 15/-: Davidson, Cupar-rd., Kennoway, Fifeshire. (449)

WIRE fox terrier bitch, good ratter, rabbiter, sell 15/-; exchange cock Canaries: Matten, 200, Globe-rd., London, E. (444)

WILL exchange good Parrot cage for cock Roller Canary, value 9/6: E. Dews, 15, Park-st., Park-sq., South Ossett, Ossett, Yorks. (441)

WHOLE-PLATE camera, studio stand, cost £6; will exchange Canaries to £2; approval: Bates, Signwriter, Rishton. (439)

SALE or exchange for York Canaries, 12 long distance homers, 3/6 pair, or what offers for lot; no rubbish: Burgess, Ledbury, Herefordshire. (450)

GOOD Fox Terrier, 14 months 15, or exchange pair Yorkshires or Rollers; particulars: Houldridge, 38, Fifth-aven., Goole. (443)

HANDSOME china tea-set, 21 pieces, nicely decorated; exchange 2 singing Norwich: Dulen, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (456)

TWO double-breeders, three show cages, sundries, suit beginner, 10 -; offers, exchange: 83, Queen-st. Buildings, Edgware-rd. (434)

SMALL toy Yorkshire terrier bitch, good coat, 30/-; lady's pet; exchange, offers: Scapens, 28, Park-rd., Upton Park. (452)

FIVE Bull Terrier pups, one month old, 7/6 each; exchange lot for Lancashires: John Luck, 37, Thames-st., Macclesfield, Cheshire. (455)

PHONOGRAPH (Pathe), flower horn, and 40 records, 25/-, or exchange: Leonard Mann, 84, Penton-place, Walworth, London. (451)

EXCHANGE, rose trees, apples, cordons, gooseberries, currants, for fowls or Canaries: Muncy, 8, Old-rd., Enfield, Highway. (438)

SITTING buff Rock eggs, Sharpley's noted strain, 5/- 13, or exchange singing cock Canary: Marsh, Grocer, Lowtown, Pudsey. (445)

PAIR bronze warrior figures, holding midget clocks on arms, new, 10/6; exchange; approval: Algar, 16, Bedford-st., Sunderland. (444)

WE exchange every description of cages for Canaries, Mules, etc.; full list; state wants: B. Savory, Grt. Hampton, near Birmingham. (457)

EXCHANGE lady's gold cased ivy lever watch, nearly new, for 4 hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (457)

SALE or exchange, 190 "Cage Birds," sell 3/-; exchange double breeding cage; offers: Downes, Mount Pleasant, Risca, Mon. (447)

SELL or exchange, pure bred fox terrier bitch (pedigree), 12 months: Particulars, H. Gibbs, The Drive, Painswick, Gloucester. (445)

SELL or exchange large healthy Brown Leghorn cock, 7/6, for Roller cock Canary: W. Saxby, Church-rd., Goudhurst, Kent. (450)

GARDENERS. Roses, etc., wanted exchange Norwich from Palace winners, sell from 10/-; stamp: Fuller, 85, Butler-rd., Harrow. (441)

EXCHANGE gent's gold cased hunter watch, ten years' warranted, for 8 hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (457)

SALE, pedigree Airedale bitch, 15 months, or exchange Yorkshire dog or birds: Martyn, 12, Parfitt-terrace, Twynyrodyn, Merthyr. (448)

EDISON Phonograph and 30 records, for English lever, Canaries; cash offers; stamp reply: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton, nr. Stamford. (454)

WIRE flight, mahogany case, 40 inches long, good condition, 7/6: exchange good yellow Norwich cock: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (447)

WHAT offers, anything, dog, 18 months, excellent house guard, clean, affectionate; tricks; photo: Peppercll, 16, Rutland-st., S.W. (442)

EXCHANGE, Yorkshire toy dog, grand pedigree, 4lb. weight, for good Crest hen, 1912, value £2: Mutter, Salisbury-place, Uphall. (437)

WHAT offers; Canaries or Goldfinches for blacksmith's bellows, 4ft. long, sound condition; sell 10/-: Stainforth, 133, Sharp-st., Hull. (443)

WHAT offers in Canaries or cash for three pairs high-class long distance flying homers?; yours first: Pegrum, Sudbury, Suffolk. (456)

WHAT Canaries offered for high-class lady's or gentleman's underlinen, state sizes, stamp: Hardy, 13, Glencoe-rd., Weybridge, Surrey. (437)

EXCHANGE six vols. Webster's Dictionary, good condition, for Pomeranian bitch, Yorkshire dog, or Canaries; yours first: Bussey, Avonmouth. (436)

EXCHANGE gent's sterling silver lever watch, perfect condition; approval for 10 healthy hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (457)

BOY'S barrow, joiner-made, spoket wheel, value £1; exchange for good yellow Norwich hen; approval: Forbes, 3, Inchinnan-rd., Renfrew. (438)

SALE or exchange fox terrier dog, wire-haired, bred from champions; exchange Canaries; what offers: Williams, Malthouse-rd., Crawley. (449)

BARGAIN; Roller bird organ, sell 15/-; exchange door curtains, blankets, offers: Johnson, 6, Brunswick-terr., Stackstead, Manchester. (443)

SIX Ivorine-handled knives, 6 nickel-silver forks, ditto spoons, for two cocks or six hen Canaries: J. Toms, 64, St. Mary's-lane, Sheffield. (449)

SEVEN hen Canaries, 10/-; 6 cock Budgerigars, 8/6; silver watch (Benson's), going order, 6/-; offers exchange: Lawley, 331, Edgware-rd., W. (443)

EXCHANGE two pairs roller skates, ball bearings, for Canaries, or anything useful: Knight's, 3, Kathleen Cottages, Trimley, Suffolk. (450)

PAIR lady's glace kid lace boots, size 3, good quality, 8/6; pair men's clogs, size 9, new, 3/6; exchange: Howland, Ockendon, Essex. (449)

CHOCOLATE Pom., exchange for pair Norwich Greens or Palace aviary, or offers; particulars: Atkins, 33, Wordsworth-rd., Leicester. (441)

PAIR Spice birds, exhibition cock Bullfinch, sell 8/- or offers, unflighted yellow York hens; yours first: Duck, 68, Alexandra-rd., Sheffield. (444)

WHAT offers? Good Rollers for Gem air gun, perfect condition; sell 12/6; approval; no postcards: H. Clemence, 136, Church-rd., Willesden. (445)

EXCHANGE silver English lever, value 25/-, or guitar zither, 15/-, for good Yorkshires; on approval: Wilson, 7, Keighley-rd., Silsden. (447)

EXCHANGE hand Sewing Machine, in perfect condition, for muling Goldies, or offers in stock birds: Quinlivan, 45, Barry-rd., Harlesden, N.W. (440)

EXCHANGE gent's cycle, free wheel, two brakes, for Crested cock, to value £2; mutual approval; bird first: Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littleborough. (442)

I WILL buy for cash any kind of live stock, or will exchange bird cages, ready made or to order: T. Tresise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (439)

CHARMING paintings, 7/6; large pictures, 10/6, framed complete; exchange Canaries or anything: Lancelot Haynes, 9, South Market, Leeds. (447)

STRONG Red Irish Terrier dog, 18 months, docked, splendid ratter and poultry guard, 12/6; exchange live stock: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (455)

EXCHANGE for hen Canary, dozen photo postcards from any photo sent; cinnamons wanted: Hart, Photographer, Kingsley-rd., Ellesmere Port. (441)

"OUR CANARIES," 5/-; "Cage Bird Hybrids," 2/6, new condition, unbound; wanted singing Canary, cage: Shaw, Cochrane-terrace, Ferryhill. (436)

WILL give 3 pairs Borders and two Norwich cocks for two 1912 buff Norwich hens; no rubbish; mutual approval: Smith, 154, John-st., Workington. (451)

WILL exchange nine single sided 10in. records for good green Norwich cock, or two good Buff hens: Bart, East Hall Cottage, Wennington, Essex. (454)

ENGLISH wire coated terrier dog, 5 months, splendid ratter, yard dog, broken to hedge, 8/-; anything useful: Wild, Canning-st., Harwich. (450)

EXCHANGE Edison Bell phonograph, perfect order, 27 records, some equal new; offers birds, Norwich, Rollers: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton. (442)

CASSELLS' Popular Gardening, cost 30/-, almost new, exchange Norwich Canaries, or British: R. Smith, 23, School-st., Cowdenbeath, Fife, N.B. (452)

HAND REARED cock Skylark, singing, with bow-front cage, all brass cage, cost 16/6, accept 10/- lot; approval: Haynes Bros., Selly Oak, Worcestershire. (455)

FEW good Satinette pigeons, 5/- each; pair Red Blow Flyers, 10/-; approval; exchange Canaries, birds, anything: Keenan, 14, Crescent-rd., Dukinfield. (442)

WILL exchange eight-day silver watch, gent's, for matched pair of Yorkshires; approval both ways: Fred Penhallurick, 13, Oddfellow's-st., Glynneath. (439)

EXCHANGE single hand-knitted Finch net, 4 yds. by 4, all fittings, for Yorkshire cock or British: Salmond, Wemyss-terrace, East Wemyss, Fifeshire. (451)

CAMERA, stand or hand, everything that's required, all complete; exchange Canaries or anything useful: Muggeridge, Albion-terr., Horsham. (444)

BEAUTIFULLY marked Black-and-tan bitch, 10/6; exchange Norwich hens, Buff Orpington cockerel; offers: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (441)

WILL exchange good set of brass scales and weights for clear Norwich cock; good pair motor goggles for hen Canary: W. Gentle, Queen-st., Stotfold, Beds. (448)

SANDOW'S developer, 7/6; genuine Jockey Club opera glasses, 6/6; exchange Canaries, anything: Pickles, Middle Nook, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. (455

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives, also hollow-ground razor, for one cock or three hen Canaries: Joseph Royles, 262, Beet-st., Sheffield. (455)

WILL exchange gramophone, 12 records, 10 inches, in good condition, for Norwich Canaries: H. Knowles, No. 1, Holland Place, Ilkeston-rd., Nottingham. (447)

CONCERTINA (Lachenal) cost £1, nearly new; exchange good breeding Canaries; birds first, or deposit: Phillips, 57, Heatherley-st., Clapton, London. (443)

HAMMERS, twelve good steel hand hammers, also floor cramp; wanted offers cash, or double sided disc records, etc.: Henry, 2, George-st., Jarrow, Durham. (445)

FOR sale, a small white Pom. bitch, age 6 months, 30/-; or exchange Roller cocks; no rubbish wanted: Baxter, Stonegate-rd., Moortown, Leeds. (450)

GRAND singing cock Skylark and muling cock Linnet, splendid birds, worth 10/-, for good singing cock Canary, or two hens: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable. (456)

WHAT offers in Canaries for rough-haired fox terrier bitch, six months old, good pedigree; or sell £2 cash; approval: Watts, Grocer, Albert-st., Merthyr. (453)

VIOLIN, solo instrument, box and case, sell 50/-, or exchange for self-centring chuck, 1½; Whitworth Thread, appro.: Address, 95, Spon-lane, West Bromwich. (451)

BEAUTIFUL Dalmatian bitch, good guard, in or outdoors, age 18 months, for Yorkshire Canaries; or accept £1 cash: Burkinshaw, 53, Avenue-rd., Wath-on-Dearne. (444)

EXCHANGE six Crayford ivory handled knives, and 6 nickel silver forks to match; approval for 5 healthy hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (457)

PAIR prize Black Jacobins, pair White Fantails, fit for exhibition; outside aviary, containing 12 British and Foreign, cheap: 75, Lavender Vale, Wallington. (453)

EXCHANGE splendid set of silver-mounted carvers, knife, fork and steel, staghorn handles; approval, for 4 hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge Street, Heeley, Sheffield. (457)

EXCHANGE set carvers, hand forged, shear steel blades, good quality ivorine handles, for cock or three hen Canaries; approval: Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield. (453)

ROUGH-HAIRED terrier, dog, 12/6; exchange Canaries, British, Foreign, anything useful; all communications answered: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (451)

PALACE aviary, mahogany, 3-compartments, sliding partitions, 15/-; pair clapnets, 6 yards, 4 feet deep, 8/-; exchange birds, anything: A. Robinson, Higham-rd., Rushden. (450)

SALE or exchange, large Dalmatian dog, 18 months, good condition; Rollers or anything useful; price 20/-: Kidson, Nineveh House, Nineveh-ave., Holbeck, Leeds. (44)

FIFTY yards rabbit netting, nearly new, 7/6; pair Bullfinches, double trap cage, 5/-; hen been caged two years: H. Hinson, 56, Wood View, Bourne, Lincs. (438)

SPLENDID toned violin, bow, case, labelled Antonius Stradivarius, Cremoneneis, Faciebot, Anno 1705; 35/-; birds; anything: Robinson, Rushden-hill, Rushden. (450)

WILL exchange cross Whippet and Manchester terrier, 5 months, dog, for H.M. cock Goldfinch, or anything useful: Harry Jacques, Main-st., High Bentham, Yorks. (437)

EXCHANGE gent's cycle, free wheel, in good running order, for good Norwich or Roller Canaries, or roller organ; sell 30/-: C. Cox, 56, Adeline-st., Splott, Cardiff. (445)

CAMERA, ¼-plate and stand, also all sorts of accessories, sell 30/-, or exchange for Foreigners, Crests, or anything: Geo. McGhie, 228, Farbrax, Cobbinshaw, Scotland. (446)

GOOD Black Field Spaniel bitch for sale, £4, or exchange talking Parrot or Canaries to same value; no rubbish; stamp reply: E. Knott, 165, Lodge-lane, Dukinfield, Cheshire. (442)

GOLDFINCH, twice house-moulted, very tame, full song, 4/-; long Yorkshire hen, 3/6; Roller singing cabinet, all fittings, 3/-: Smiddy, 7, Springstone-avenue, Ossett. (437)

VERY massive 1911 Barred Rock cockerel, 1st and 3rd prize winner; in pink of condition; £1, or exchange to value to 25/-; a bargain: Thorpe, Park Grove, Levenshulme. (445)

PAIR high-class Yorkshires, two show cages and basket; exchange watch, anything; breeding cages for fountain pen, anything: Bryant, Corams-la., Wellington, Somerset. (441)

WHAT offers in Canaries or British in exchange for 230 "Hobbies," and 240 3d. and 12 1/- fretwork designs (clean); or sell cheap: W. Botson, 14, Edinburgh-rd., Lowestoft. (449)

SALE or exchange pair of tame Budgerigars, adult, new aviary, 10/6; 2 pairs of Bullfinches, new flighted cage, 8/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, new show cage, 7/6; exchange Toy bitch, Canaries, offers: Eyton, Martins'-place, Oswestry. (450)

CANARIES, five Roller hens, two cross hens, three Linnets, proved good Mulers; five double breeders, three single used one season, joiner made, full size, backs, all one piece; loose fronts, offers for lot or separate: W. Hodge, 47, Stamford-rd., Birkdale, Southport. (438)

EXCHANGE 12 tea roses, latest varieties, value 10/-, for unflighted Norwich cock, colour-fed, or 6 roses, 5/-, for good razor or garden spade: Olphin, 69, Willbrook-rd., Leicester. (444)

GOOD Lurcher dog, 10 months old, broken ferrets, rats, rabbits, 10/-; powerful gem air gun, new Christmas, 7/6; exchange Canaries; offers; approval: Jones, 30, South-rd., Didsbury. (441)

TWO pairs Bullfinches, 2/6 pair, mated cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 5/-; ditto Linnet-Bullfinch 3/6, three pairs flying homers, 6/- pair; Blue Fantail cock, winner, 10/-; Canaries, anything: Robinson, Higham Hill, Rushden. (450)

EXCHANGE Edison Gem phonograph and 24 records, all in perfect condition, for clear coloured hen Canaries, any breed, or sell, 25/-: B. Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

CARNATIONS, old English cloves, immense flowering large plants, dark red, salmon pink, white, 3/6 dozen; exchange Mules, anything; offers: West, Lamprell-st., Old Ford, Bow. (454)

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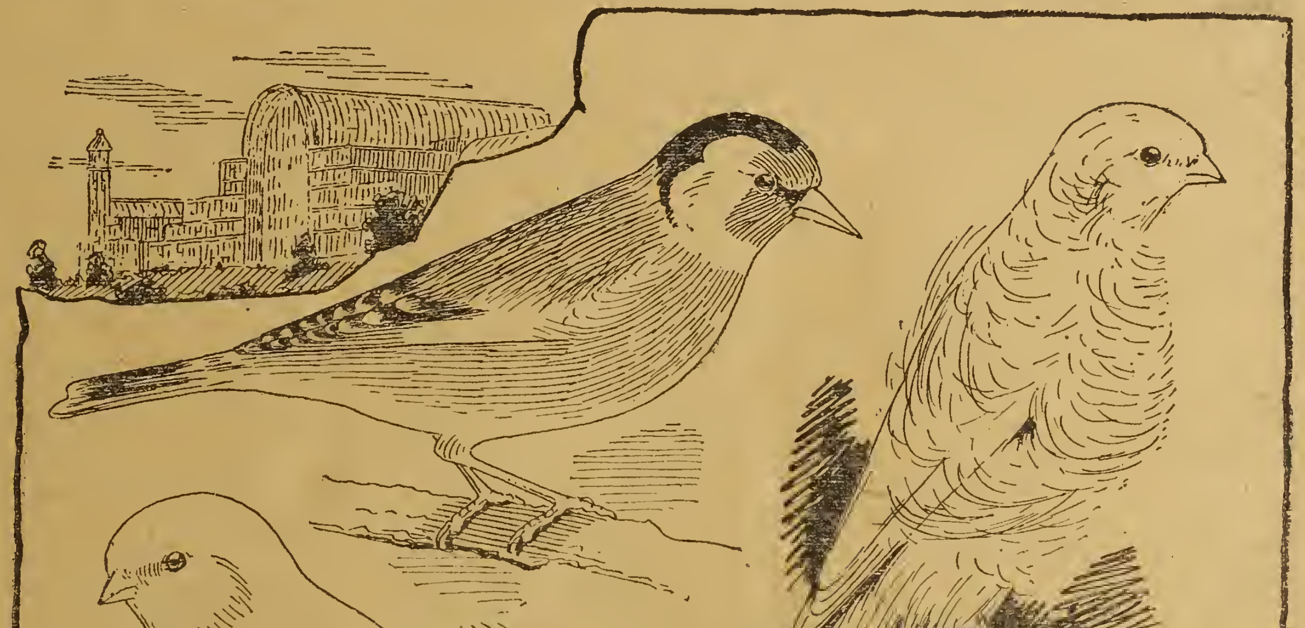

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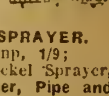

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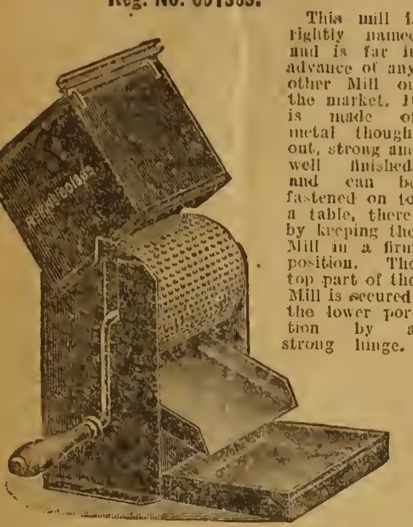

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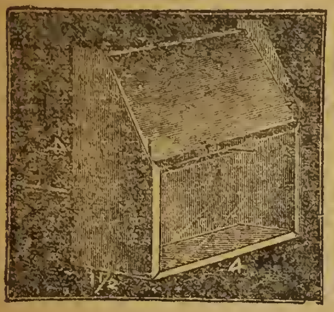

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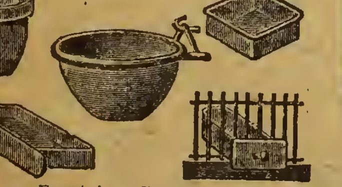

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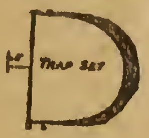

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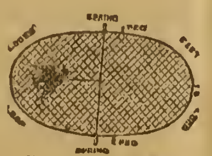

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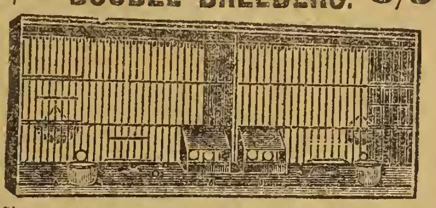

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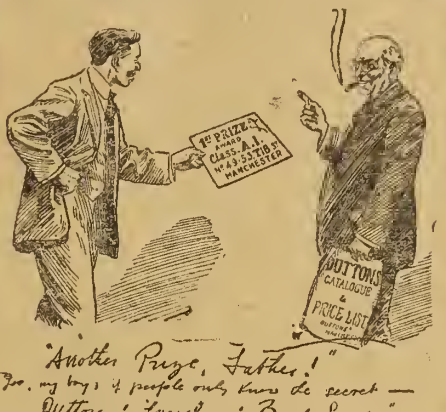
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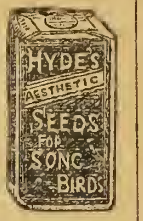

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NORWICH cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, clean and healthy; cash; approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (465)

FOUR Norwich cocks and two hens, one Crest cock, two Crest-bred cocks one Crest hen for sale: B. Woolley, Killis-lane, Kilbourne, Derbyshire. (466)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has unflighted ticked buff cock, winner, 15/-; yellow hen to match, 5/-; also a grand lot of hens, cheap, approval. (477)

PURE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, cold-room bred; if not fully satisfied, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

CAN spare some grand Norwich from my noted winners; state wants; approval; can be seen any time: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London. (417)

LARGE Norwich cocks for sale, 3 yellow and 3 buff, 4 unflighted, two 1911 bred, yellow 6/6, buff 6/-, on full song: F. Harrison, Over Lane, Belper. (465)

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow Nor. cock, good head, bred from winners, 12/-; cold room; approval: Hotchkis, 37, Barry-terr., Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd. (474)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, unflighted, cocks in full song, 6/6, hens in breeding condition, 3/6; approval: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (470)

GRAND Norwich, matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, cold-room bred, cash; approval deposit: T. Saunders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (465)

YELLOW ticked Norwich cock, 2nd Annan, 27/6; unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; buff cock, 1st Carlisle, 17/6; others cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (473)

NORWICH buff green cock, good head, plenty substance, 7/6; buff hen, good head, 7/6, bred from winners, approval: Ramsay, 36, Br[illegible]n-rd., Arbroath. (461)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (235)

COMPELLED through removing to dispose of high-class pairs, related to 1911 cup winner, at 15/-, 20/- pair; genuine offer: Hart, 38, Livingstone-st., Clydebank. (477)

FOR sale, the remainder of my surplus breeding stock, Norwich Plainheads, 1912 C.F., six pairs only, from 8/6 to 14/6 pair: Fred S. Buckley, 30, Adderley-st., Coventry. (473)

BIG unflighted buff cock, 3rd Carlisle, 20/-, massive buff hen 20/- unflighted yellow and buff hens 10/-; short, deep chested birds: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle. (470)

S. PRINCE can spare few good buff stock cocks, also few good buff unflighted hens, true Norwich type, from grand winning strain; cheap; approval, deposit: 16, Burnthouse-rd., Heanor, Derbyshire. (476)

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If you need good Norwich Plainheads, get them now, when I am offering remarkable value. **"Cheap birds are never value."** For birds of the **highest efficiency, Silk's Norwich claim preference** by proved performances on the show bench and in the breeding cage. **That strain you will eventually buy.** Silk's strain is the most **reliable the world can offer.** Silk's Norwich have won championships, and made themselves world's record holders. You may see them shown in other names, but the **strain is always Silk's.** Silk's Champion Norwich have no need to claim **preference** on account of any one **special point....It is the "WHOLENESS," "EVERYTHING NEEDED"** which makes Silk's Norwich **stand out** from all other good strains in a **class quite APART. Pairs from 20/- to 60/-.** Single cocks or Hens from **8/6 to 40/-.** That grand Buff, 1st Frome, came direct from me, and was sold for £10. Proof guaranteed. **All birds on approval.** Don't be gulled, but note carefully **the name and address:**

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A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, is well stocked with Norwich, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, yellow and buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (472)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, or hens, large birds, good heads, grand type, 35 years breeder of the best, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (476)

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries, variegated unflighted matched (fed), 2nd, 3rd, this year, 12/6 pair; cash in full returned or deposit; worth 25/- pair: Ellis, 1, Mill-road, Kettering. (475)

TWO unflighted yellow marked Norwich hens, 3/6 each; two yellows, two buffs, 3/-; unflighted buff cock, 7/6; clear yellow cock, 10/-; fed: Burdett, Dares-walk, Hinckley. (478)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/3, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester. (461)

VERY stout full neck and chest, good head, marked buff, unflighted Norwich cock, 12/6; ditto ticked yellow, 10/6; clear buff, 8/6; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (472)

TWO buff greens and buff variegated, one clear buff hens, 3/- each; three variegated cocks, one green, one yellow marked, 6/6 each: Baldock, Kildare, Hawkhurst, Kent. (470)

SEVENTEEN buffs, yellows, and variegated Norwich Canaries, some winners; prices from 12/6 to 30/-; approval deposit: G. Andrews: Mason House, Headless Cross, Redditch. (469)

A FEW good Norwich hens, medium size, 1912, warranted perfectly healthy, 3/-, 3/6 each; deposit system if required: Warner, Cyprus Cottages, Dennis-rd., East Molesey, Surrey. (467)

GIVING up the fancy, grand colour-fed Norwich, yellow, and buff cocks, from 6/6; ditto hens from 3/-; double and single breeding cages, cheap: Calvert, 70, Dowery-st., Accrington. (469)

MR. HAWKES has few exceptionally matched pairs of colour-fed Norwich with size, type and quality, at 15/-, 17/6, and 20/- pair; approval six days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (478)

STOUT cobby buff Norwich cock, 7/6; stout yellow hen, 6/-; 12/6 pair; grand stout yellow cock, 8/-; lovely stout buff hen, 5/-; 12/- pair; bargains; approval: W. Hatton, Fleet, Belper. (479)

SEVERAL good stock Norwich left, yellow cocks, buff cocks, and buff hens, winners, and related to winners, cocks from 12/-; hens from 5/-; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (447)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some of the finest Norwich in England to suit all; my birds were not at Palace, but I have birds that have beaten some that won there; approval. (475)

NORWICH hens, 15 variegated buff, 3/- each; 10 large clear buff, 4/- each; 5 clear yellow, 3/6 each, cold-room birds, ready for breeding; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (461)

OWING to alterations in birdroom must reduce stock, valuable cocks half price, will certainly breed winners, 7/6 upwards; buff hens 5/6 upwards: Miss Gwyn, "Somerville," N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (449)

T. JUDD has the following typical unflighted Norwich cocks left for disposal, four yellows, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; two buffs 10/-, 15/- each; guaranteed all own breeding: Lockhurst-lane, Coventry. (469)

PEDIGREE Norwich, chance to get good stock cheap, all my own breeding, large unflighted cocks, yellows, buffs, 7/6 to 10/- each hens 5/- to 7/6 each: Duckitt, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster. (468)

BARGAINS, two unflighted yellow cocks, 17/6 each; marked headed buff, 15/-, winners; several good unflighted cocks and hens from 17/6; approval: H. Rhodes, 20, Reginald-st., Luton, Beds. (469)

WANTED, a real good yellow Norwich cock, must be good in all points; exchange parti-colour Pekingese bitch, 7 months, make grand brood bitch, or sell 6 guineas; approval: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester. (477)

SIX unflighted buff Norwich hens for sale, good type and quality, 7/6 each; also clear yellow, unflighted cock, 12/6; inspection invited: William Foxall, 31, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. (470)

FANCIERS, breed for colour! Can spare five cocks, 1912 from 10/- (no hens), full of green blood, type, and quality of feather; approval willingly: Macqueen, Carver, Dumfries; winner of 200 prizes with N.P. (476)

TWELVE good Norwich hens, 3 1911, 9 1912, every one healthy, cold-room, aviary kept, packed in proper cage, 26/6 lot; week's approval, cash or deposit: Dimes, Ethel Villas, The Mount, Hanworth, Middx. (461)

YOUNG prize bred yell. and buff cocks 15/-, hens 10/6; also Borders, Cinnamons, Greens, pairs 12/6; exchange Cinnamon cocks for clear stock hens: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire, Scotland. (442)

CHAMPIONS for sale, clear buff cock, 1912, 30/-; ditto, 1911 bred, 25/-; varieg. buff, 1912 bred, 25/-; unflighted yellow hen, 15/-; extra large typical birds; approval: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (464)

MR. ECKERSLEY has a few grand pairs and single cocks left to spare, bred from his famous winning strain; fine buff cock, with 1912 typical yellow hen, 40/- only; great bargain: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (475)

C. ROBERTS being compelled, through ill-health, to greatly reduce his stock, Norwich, offers special bargains this week, pairs from 15/6, single birds from 10/6; state wants: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (469)

CHAMPION Norwich.—T. H. Mason has a few nice birds still left; warranted same strain as my winners at Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Hull, Crystal Palace, etc.; approval; stamp: 11, Victoria-sq., Ella-st., Hull. (465)

GRAND unflighted variegated buff cock and unflighted yellow hen, 25/- pair; clear buff cocks, unflighted, 12/6 upwards; related to Manchester and Tideswell, Rotherham, winners; approval, cash or deposit: William Millward, Sherwood, Tideswell, Buxton. (464)

WANTED, a massive buff Norwich cock for stock, 1912 bred, good head and neck, and good colour; good price given for suitable bird; no rubbish wanted; approval: Sauders, Sunnybank, Sutton. (469)

FEW good bred Norwich for sale; some real good buff hens from 10/; cold room; all my own breeding from high-class stock; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, stamp: H. E. Cracknell, 99, Croydon-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (431)

FEW good unflighted Norwich cocks and hens, singles from 10/- to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 30/-; also a few Cinnamons; cash or deposit; approval; state wants: Richardson, 8, Plessey-rd., New Delaval, Northumberland. (475)

NORWICH clear buff, 1912, typical, good head, neck, immense size and substance, 10/-, mkd. buff, 1911, similar, shade smaller, 7/6; exchange both real good yellow hen, 1912; Stamp reply: Crossling, Fern-st., Darlington. (468)

GREAT sacrifice; typical colour-fed unflighted buff Norwich cock, 10/-; also deep fed yellow cock, 12/6; both have won at Stratford, Windsor, etc.; worth treble for stock; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (478)

A. L. HAWKES, Heathbank House, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, has several pairs of Norwich to dispose of at a great sacrifice; same and related to all his winners; at 15/- pair; single cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/- each; approval six days. (478)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Plainheads, few pairs, four odd hens, one breeding Goldfinch, 10 double breeders, five singles, packing cases, drying cage, all accessories; grand chance for a beginner; can be seen; offers wanted: Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon. (473)

MAGNIFICENT large deep yellow clear Norwich cock, winner, young, 12/6, honestly worth 25/-; two other deep yellows, 1912 cocks, one winner, 10/6 each; grand stock birds, healthy, cheap at 15/-, each, must sell half-price: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (475)

THE following Norwich cocks for sale: one yellow even marked 10/-, one yellow ticked, one clear buff, 7/6 each, all unflighted, colour-fed, good type, breeding condition; one grand Sib. bred, large natural yellow cock, 10/6: Taylor, Sunningdale-terr., Bideford. (475)

THREE cocks, 1 cinn. yellow, 1 yellow green, 1 buff, real good birds, 7/- each, 17/6 the three; 3 hens, 2 yellows, 1 buff, 4/6 each, 11/6 the three; honestly worth double; must clear, giving up, all C.F., approval, deposit: Jowett, 148, Marsh-st., Bradford. (462)

GIVING up, chance for novices to improve stock with small outlay; variegated buff Norwich cock, winner 2 seconds, 15/6; unflighted green cock, 3rd, 11/6; good clear yellow cock, 10/-; few typical hens from 4/-; breeding, showing cages, and cases cheap, approval, deposit: West, 133, Floyer-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (465)

GRAND yellow var. Norwich hen, rung, cost 25/- last year, 8/6, extra good feathered var. buff hen, 1912, good all round, 7/6, also two clear buffs, two clear yellows, one yellow green cap, all young and healthy, am obliged to sell half price: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (475)

SEVENTEEN champion bred Norwich hens, Silk's and Hodder's strains; four clear yellows, 1911, 6/6 each; five variegated yellows, 1912, 5/6 each; six clear 1911 buffs, 4/6 each; two extra good 1912 cinnamons, 7/- each; three good stock pairs, 15/6 pair; all on approval: Rolington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable. (466)

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (476)

CHAMPION Norwich: Correctly matched pairs of high-class Norwich Plainheads, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 42/- a pair; these are matched to produce size, type, and quality, and are bred from the best blood in the Fancy; any of these offered are honestly worth double the prices asked; rare chance for beginners; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (476)

CLEARING out, 20 Norwich cocks and hens, 5/- each to clear; six double breeding cages, 4/- each; 16 single cages, 10d. each; 11 Norwich show cages, 1/3 each; one travelling case to hold six cages, 4/-; one travelling case to hold two cages, 3/-; or will accept £7 the lot; birds the same strain as got 2nd in a class of 31 in the breeding pair class at the Crystal Palace last week: John Wilkinson, 43, Westminster-rd., Morecambe. (474)

NORWICH Plainheads! I have a few more of this champion winning strain for sale. They are bred from such birds as the late Robt. French's unbeaten yellow cock, winner at all the leading shows in the North; also his buff cock, also Dobinson's, Iron's, Grey's, Cowling's strains; prices reasonable; cash or deposit; stamp; approval: John Hagon, 39, Double Row, Seaton Delavel, Northumberland. (442)

MR. A. L. HAWKES has a few exceptionally large colour-fed Norwich cocks, both buffs and yellows, which have been selected for his own use, but being compelled to reduce them down to one-half, will offer them at a great sacrifice; cocks 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/- each; these are all show specimens, and have won honours, and are of exceptional merit for stock purposes; grand size and substance, rare type and quality; approval six days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (478)

TO MAKE ROOM

I have the following for disposal: clear yellow cock and large var. buff hen, 30/-; three grand buff cocks 10/- each; two marked yellow hens, 7/6 and 10/-; two clear yellow hens, 10/- and 17/6; marked yellow cock 15/-; marked buff hen, 20/-; clear buff hen, 12/6; mostly unflighted, worth a lot more; approval: Goodman, 24 Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (469)

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and Yorkshire cocks, 5/- and 6/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-.—**SANDIFORD, Canary Judge, Preston; also 83, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, London.**

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DO YOU GO STRAIGHT

to the breeder when you purchase? I have some extra value in 1912 yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, singles or pairs; cold room; colour-fed; singles from 8/6; pairs 15/- upwards; approval, deposit: Hudson, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax. (480)

L. J. RICHARDSON

Having selected breeding pairs, have for disposal: Yellow hens, 10/6; buff hens, 8/6; yellow cocks, 12/6; buff cocks, 10/- upwards: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe. (420)

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in high-class Norwich, related to my winners; pairs from 12/6; one bird worth more money; single cocks from 10/6; hens from 7/6: Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs. (479)

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Try my buff and yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; grand heads, type, quality, bred from my winners; Liverpool, Manchester, Whitehaven, show reports; approval, stamp.

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HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, from 4/-; approval, deposit: Geo. Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury. (469)

T. TWIGG, champion strain of Glucke bred Rollers, B2 rung, few cocks from 20/-, hens 7/6, same strain as my winners; exchange: 6, Stafford-st., Bilston. (475)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers ("Roehls"), trained by special schoolmaster; cold-room bred; 7/6, 10/-, hens 3/6; approval: Sowerby, Winton, Kirkby Stephen. (469)

NOTICE, several grand St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, day and gaslight songsters, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

ALL my Rollers for disposal, none reserved; cocks, grand songsters, 8/6, 10/6, 12/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Hopkinson, Fulham-st., Nelson. (471)

PRIZE winners, Randall's water Glucke strain, 2nd Llanelly, 25/-; also 3rd Llanelly, 25/-; hens, same strain, 4/- each: Pope, 100, Vauxhall Bridge-rd., London. Member B.R.C.C. (471)

WATER Glucke Rollers, pure Randall strain, 2 cocks, schoolmasters, 15/- each; 2 hens, 5/-; one with a crippled foot, 2/6: Miss McDonald, Meadow Bank, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. (467)

HENS, hens, hens, Walton's champion Glucke and Water Glucke strain; see show reports, strong healthy birds, rung, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Walton, 20, Cecil-grove, Armley, Leeds. (448)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Fould's, Tweed's), organ, schoolmaster trained, B.R.C.C. rung, grand tours, 7/6, to 15/-; hens, 4/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen. (469)

SIX 1912 B.R.C.C. rung hens (Chillcott's strain), 5/- each, the lot 27/6; or exchange high-class cock or bird organ; would give a little cash for contest bird: Eber Gill, 50, Castle-st., Skipton. (473)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, well matched pairs from 16/- upwards, fit to breed winners; cocks from 15/- to 40/-; hens, 4/- and 5/-; bred of prizewinners, club rung: Wirth, 1, Knowsley-rd., Bootle, Liverpool. (472)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, Randall's Glucke and Water-Glucke straine, direct, bred from my cups and medals winners, two at 20/- and two at 25/-, hens same strain, 7/6; approval: Rhodes, 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs. (469)

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"CAGE BIRDS." 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Genuine Article

From the Harz Mountains of Germany.

At the prices quoted below. Have on approval, and test the bona-fides of this statement. Never excelled at prices, if ever equalled, which I believe they have not. A good singing cock for 6/-. Don't be "gulled" by purchasing mongrels sold as Hartz Rollers at lower prices. They have never seen Germany, and to sell as such is an impertinent lie. Specially selected. Why, one of my Norwich or Yorkshire songsters are worth half-a-dozen of these insignificant birds with really no breed in them. Hartz cocks, **6/6**, and **7/6**. Hens, **2/-**; Genuine Seiferts, **8/6**, **10/6**, **12/6**, **15/-**, **20/-**. Pairs, **10/6**, **15/6**, **21/-**, **25/-** upwards. Hens **3/6**. Pairs, **7/6**, **8/6**. Cages, **3d.** extra. **A few exceptional birds, 30/-** and **40/-** each. An exceptional lot of good hens, and now is the time to purchase them. All kinds of cages for same. Pairs, ditto, for breeding, **12/6**, **15/-**, **20/-**, **25/-**. If you desire to know all about those interesting little birds, you should send for "Profitable Canary Breeding as Practised in Germany," by Albert Retch. This is, in my opinion, the best and most reliable little work ever published on Hartz Mountain Rollers, and can only be purchased from me (copyright), price, paper cover, **9d.**; cloth gilt, **1/3**.

See my advertisement on page 126.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

TWENTY high-class Roller cocks, fifteen hens, all B.R.C. rung; B1, B2 from best possible strains; cocks from 7/6; hens 4/- each; hens are cold-room bred: Andrew M. Firth, Highfield House, The Lanes, Pudsey. (480)

GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room, English bred, parents and young ones for sale, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; inspection invited; travelling cages, 2d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (474)

PURE water Glucke Rollers, prize-winning strain, cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, perfectly trained; cocks, in full song, 15/-, 21/- each; hens, same strain, 5/-, 7/6 each; grand lot English-bred Seifert Rollers, cold-room bred; cocks, in full song, 12/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (480)

IT has been said that the Roller Canary is THE coming variety. It is a very popular one anyway, and those who wish to get nearest the standard should not be without "Nutshell No. 10." This can be had from our agents for 2d. (see list published frequently), or direct 2½d., post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

YOUR last chance of procuring a pure English-bred Hummel Roller has now arrived. I have only a few of my noted Rollers left; all readers know my birds are noted for their numerous changes and variety of song; about 16 changes, including the double bass roll, long hollow rolls, silvery trills, bell, harp, and gong notes, etc., etc.; are guaranteed in full rolling song day and gaslight, price 7/6 each; seven days' approval on receipt of postal order; hens, same strain, good breeders and feeders, 3/- each: Weeson, The Roller Breeder, Ada-rd., near Shireland-rd., Smethwick, Worcestershire. (464)

SEIFERT ROLLERS

Sweet-toned Glucke birds, cocks 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6; seven days' approval: John Wyre, Colley-lane, Crádley, Staffs. (469)

GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS

in the country, cold-room bred, trained under Roller organ, cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; hens, 2/6; seven days' approval, cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, Breeder, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Est. 26 years. (465)

ROLLERS

I have been commissioned by a leading and well respected fancier to sell the whole of his stock of exquisite Rollers, pure Randall strain, Glucke and water Glucke, birds of exceptional purity, many of them are prizewinners; an opportunity that rarely occurs, to fanciers known to me birds will be sent on seven days' approval; deposit with Editor in other cases, prices from 15/-; fullest satisfaction guaranteed: Paxton Slade, B.R.C.C., 33, St. Mary's-rd., Ilford, E. (477)

HIGH-CLASS ROLLERS

of the popular Glucke strain, Schoolmasters and contest singers, all young birds, 1912; magnificent birds, English cold room bred; B.R.C.C. rung, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-: K. Pericles, Akropolis, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (377)

CHILLCOTT'S ROLLERS

Owing to ill-health, Mr. A. G. Pattison, late of Gravesend, has disposed of all his Rollers to Mr. A. Chillcott, of 151, South-avenue, Southend. Most of the 1912 birds are bred from two £5 cocks, bought direct from Mr. Randall; these are bred from the champion cock claimed at club show by Dr. Read at £10. A few of these grand birds for disposal at reasonable prices; enquiries solicited. Some good stock cocks for sale from 12/6. Some clinking hens from 6/6. (204)

REAL ROLLERS

Largest stock in England—at London and Preston, direct importer. Buy first hand. Also Hartz cocks; imported direct from Germany to my London address, some of the finest Rollers in Germany; St. Andreasburg, Seiferts, etc., trained under the finest schoolmasters, prices 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; real schoolmasters, 10/6, 12/- each; don't pay any more; try one from direct importer; hens, 2/6 each, two 4/-; all guaranteed in every way. Beautiful box cages, enamelled, sand drawer, etc., 2/-; shutters 2/9. Mr. Davis, Stockport, winner firsts, championship diploma Crystal Palace, 1912, writes: Send me six of your wonderful Rollers; enclose cheque £3. Send for catalogue and testimonials. Established 1879. Patronised by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judges Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Robson, Dobson, Scothern, Barnes, etc., etc. Hartz Roller cocks, like music boxes, 5/6 and 6/- each, two 10/6, hens 2/-; beautiful enamelled box cages, sand drawer, etc., 2/-, with shutters, 2/9; for proof of grand testimonials, write Editor, who has seen scores of the originals: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs., also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

5/6 Is My Price for a Hartz Cock in Full Song.

Birds that will please you and give you every satisfaction. Every bird in full, loud, free song by day and gaslight. A few extra good picked birds, 6/-, 6/6 each. Matched Pairs, for breeding songsters, 8/-, 8/6, 9/- pair. Travelling cages, **3d.** each extra. Read what my customers say:—Sea View, Newquay. Roller arrived safe Saturday; it is singing well. I am very pleased with it. Many thanks for such a good songster, also the Roller you sent three years ago—sings as well as ever.—H. Darke. 10, Oakthwaite, Heathwaite.—Roller arrived safe, singing beautifully. I am well satisfied.—J. Simpson. 22, Sun Street, Morecambe.—Received Roller, with many thanks; am quite satisfied. Was singing on arrival.—W. Dewhurst. 16, Bath Road, Morriston.—Hartz cock received in pink of condition; commenced singing immediately. Thanks for such an excellent songster.—J. Jones. I have thousands of letters similar to above open for your inspection. Every one genuine and unsolicited.

8/6 GENUINE TRAINED St. Andreasburg Rollers.

Reliable birds. Cocks, with full change of song by day and artificial light; no common, harsh, and choppy notes. Specially picked high-class birds of unequalled value. Imported direct from the best-known German breeders by me, **10/6**, **12/6** each. All birds on seven days' approval. Travelling Cages, **3d.** each. Illustrated List of Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, post free.

E. L. STOREY, Roller Importer, CROWLE DONCASTER.

GOING ABROAD

All my stock of Rollers (including winners), bird-houses, cages, organ, show cages, fittings, etc., must be sold; apply for prices to: Thompson, Nobels Villas, Stevenston, Ayrshire. (450)

PUBLIC NOTICE!

The enormous demand for Leipzig Rollers, has caused many imitators. I wish it to be particularly understood that I am the sole importer of Weber's Leipzig Rollers, and no other person can sell these birds unless he first purchases from me. All my Roller cocks are stamped on wing "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and unless the bird has this stamp it is not a genuine Weber's Leipzig Roller. The superiority of the Leipzig Roller over that of ordinary Rollers is that its song does not consist of one or two long drawn out railway whistle rolls and a full stop. The Leipzig Roller's song is made up of following notes: Hollow, bell and bass rolls, sweet silvery trills, water-bubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, bell, harp, gong and flute notes, etc., etc., and is guaranteed entirely free from any harsh or objectionable notes whatever. Every bird is thoroughly trained to sing in day and all artificial lights, and none are sent out unless in perfect health and song, and every one warranted thoroughly acclimatised. Price 7/6 and 8/6 each. Real bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell roll, and have an exceedingly soft and mellow tone, 10/6 and 12/6 each. Hens, guaranteed of exactly same strain, 2/6 each, 4/6 couple. For those who prefer a loud, noisy songster, I have a splendid lot of Hartz cocks (untrained German songsters). These are guaranteed in full loud and vigorous song day and gaslight, and are often sold as Rollers by unscrupulous dealers. My price 5/6 each, two 10/6, three 15/-, seven 31/6. Hartz hens, 2/- each, 3/6 couple, or 18/- dozen. Ordinary singing box cages, 1/6 each. Special Roller cabinet cages, with folding doors, 2/6 each. Please note following few letters, which are entirely unsolicited: "180, Newton Street, Macclesfield. Jan. 28. Sir,—Bandmaster to hand. I am delighted with him. He sang immediately he was unpacked. I have thanked Mr. Wakefield for recommending you to me, and I must thank you for sending so good a bird. Yours, J. Rathbone." "36, Snape Hill Road, Darfield. Jan. 27. Sir,—Roller arrived safe and is a perfect treat to hear. Many thanks for sending same in so short a time. Yours, C. Bailey." "4, West Hetton Row, Coxhoe. Jan. 24th. Sir,—Received Bandmaster safe, and can say he has given every satisfaction. Started singing as soon as put in another cage. Thanks for straight dealing. Yours, J. Brothwood." "Raftyard, Howdon-on-Tyne. Jan. 22. Sir,—Please send following birds. The Roller I purchased from you two years ago is as good as ever. Yours, A. Bell." "15, Beechwood Road, Dublin. Jan. 23rd. Sir,—I have much pleasure in telling you that the Leipzig Roller you so promptly and carefully sent me on Tuesday is a wonderful singer. He began to sing last evening by electric light, and all day to-day. He has exquisite double rolls and trills. You do not say too much of these Rollers. They far surpass any bird in singing I have heard. Yours, M. Byrne." "North Street, Newtownards, Ireland. Jan. 21st. Sir,—Thanks for Roller. He is singing like a good one, and is well worth the money. I have had a lot of fanciers to see him, and they say he is a well-made one, besides being a good singer. Yours, J. Fleming." "7, Yardley Road, Small Heath. Sir,—Roller I had from you for my friend on 19th is a gem, and we are all very pleased with it. I shall want another for myself very shortly. Yours, T. Gould." "Regent Street, Newtownards, Ireland. Jan. 20th. Sir,—Please send another Roller same as last. He was a good one, the best in this town. I have heard some that came from —— and ——, but they were not in it with the bird you sent me. Yours, W. Wallace." "8, Lincolnfield View, Newtown, Leeds. Jan. 13th. Sir,—Received bird (Bandmaster) safely and in good condition. You have sent exactly the bird I wanted. He is singing lovely. I took it to a contest and there were 26 birds sung, and mine got third prize, and I took it to another and got third again. Yours, W. Binns." Please note, every bird is sent on full week's trial, either on receipt of cash or deposit system of "Cage Birds," and I take sole risk during the whole time. All are safely and warmly packed in special travelling cages free of extra charge, and unless bird gives every satisfaction you have only to return it and back comes the whole of your money.

W. GORE, The Importer, **Gooch-St, BIRMINGHAM** (478)

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PRESTON CONTEST ROLLERS.

Same champion strain that we supplied the **winners at the Principal Contests** last year. These wonderful songsters are better than ever. Only **15/-** each; on 14 days' trial at our risk, **SPECIAL TERMS.**—Send **10/-** deposit to us, and promise **5/-** balance in two weeks, and we will send one of these **NON-SUCH** Rollers on **14 DAYS' TRIAL, OUR RISK.** Try one against any other advertised strain, any price up to 40/-, and **BE YOUR OWN JUDGE.** Hens, same strain, **3/6** and **4/6** each. We could fill pages with **TESTIMONIALS.** These came in one post: Feb., 1913 (not years old, like some you read week after week): **Mr. L. Shaw, Hanover Hotel, Liverpool,** writes: "I am pleased to say the Roller you sent me is very satisfactory. I enclose 5s. balance." **Mr. W. Brown, 44, Church Street, Clown, Chesterfield,** writes: "I am sending 5s. to complete purchase of Roller you sent me. I have given him a fair trial, and am well satisfied; he is far better than one I paid 30s. for elsewhere." **Mr. G. Green, 20, Tankersley, Barnsley,** writes: "I am very highly pleased with Roller; he had not been in the house half an hour before he was singing. Enclosed balance, 2/6." St. Andreasburg Rollers, real grand songsters, 8/6 each. Send 6/- deposit, and promise 2/6 in two weeks. Hens, **2/6** each. **Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries** also on the above terms. Best and cheapest in Kingdom. **All on 14 days' trial at our risk.** Send for catalogue, post free. Anything alive bought, sold, or exchanged.

BAIRSTOW BROS., Naturalists,
ORMSKIRK ROAD, PRESTON.

(462)

Scotch Fancies.

FOR good Scotch Fancies, see my list: Rudd. See my advertisement giving testimonials on page 126.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow. (447)

SCOTCH Fancies, young buff hen 10/-, another 20/-: Gardiner, Teindhill Green, Duns. (461)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, 2 yellow hens and buff cock, 1912 birds: R. Murdoch, 82, Main-st., Holytown. (444)

PAIR Scotch Fancies, 25/-; good yellow cock, £2; 1912 bird, 2nd Clydebank: R. Monteith, 36, Singer-st., Clydebank. (477)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, Buff and Buff Pied cocks, one Buff and one Yellow hen: Andrew Howden, 6, Cochrane-pl., Leith. (410)

YELLOW Pied cock, 35/; yellow hen, 25/-; buff hen, 25/-; cheap to clear; approval: John Melville, Sunnybank, Tayport. (479)

SCOTCH Fancies, twelve cocks for sale, all colours, related to my winners, cheap to clear: Allardice, Overtown, Wishaw. (466)

SCOTCH Fancies from high-class exhibition strain, various; moderate; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns, Ayrshire. (479)

SCOTCH Fancies, several good stock birds for sale, cheap to clear: Alex. Paterson, 82, Dumbiedykes-rd., Edinburgh. (470)

SCOTCH Fancies, 3 cocks to sell, related to my prize-winners; on approval: Little, 140, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (448)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, yellow pied cock, buff pied cock, yellow pied hen: George Hamilton, Quakerfield, Bannockburn. (472)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, yellow and pied cocks, yellow hen, buff and buff pied and green hens: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead. (357)

FOR sale, young birds, matched pairs or single, all colours, reasonable to clear; cold-room kept: McQueen, 336, Garscube-rd., Glasgow. (438)

YOUNG stylish buff pied cock, winner 2nd, 15/-; another ditto, vhc, 12/6; genuine bargains; approval: C. F. Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (470)

FOR sale, yellow cock, winner, buff hen, buff pied hen, 1912 bred; no approval; seen any day after 3: James Main, 4, Mitchell-st., Langloan, Coatbridge. (452)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, buff pied hens, buff cock, clear yellow cocks, yellow hen, good stock birds; approval: James Little, 130, Cross Arthurlie-street, Barrhead. (460)

SCOTCH Fancy hens, buff and buff flaked, 25/- the two, or exchange for two large yellow nuling hens, from a reliable light strain: Robert Cochrane, 59, High-st., Leslie, Fife. (459)

FIVE cocks, three hens, two feeding hens, seven show cages, seven breeding cages, flight, other cages, carrying boxes, good birds, £5 lot; are well matched: Milroy, 369, Mathieson-st., South Side, Glasgow. (470)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Yorkshires, full of true character, 20 years' study: Write as to terms; reasonable approval, stamp; Sheffield cup winner outright. (408)

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SEND now for your "Filip" Feeder. (344)

FOUR good pairs of Yorks., 7/6 and 8/6 a pair; very cheap to clear: Frisby, Church-st., Staines. (472)

FOUR Yorkshire hens for sale, 3/6 each; 1912; cold room: 11, Walter-st., West Gorton, Manchester. (466)

COME and inspect my noted stock, home all day, prices to suit all: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO hundred high-class Yorkshires to dispose of at prices to suit all: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford. (475)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some fine yellow Yorkshire hens; also cocks, one winner two firsts; cheap, approval. (475)

T. FRENCH, of the S.Y.C.C., can spare a few good class Yorkshires at 7/6 each, on view: 702, Fulham-rd., S.W. (468)

UNEVENLY mark yellow Yorkshire cock, 1st and special Reading, 30/-; 2 racy yellow hens, 7/6 each; approval, cash or deposit: Ward, 52, Queen's-rd., Aldershot. (468)

Here are Honest Bargains.

If you will only take quality into account, 20 per cent. to as much as 100 per cent. can be saved on high-class specimens.

Some "Giants" in stock for those wanting to increase size in their collection.

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Pairs, matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. I am exceptionally strong in good Hens. Pairs, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

See my advertisement giving testimonials on page 126.

SHACKLETON'S Yorkshires: 6 buff 1912 hens, 4/- each, lot 22/-; buff cock, 8/6: Haytock, Florence-st., Rochdale; offers. (473)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-; pairs, 9/6; see my catalogue: Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr. (466)

A FEW good 1912 Yorkshire cocks from 6/6, own breeding; cold room: Liman, 2, Evangelist-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (476)

WHY pay fancy prices? Six long, slim, racy hens, 3/6 each; offers; must sell: Stainton, Earlsgate, Winterton, Doncaster. (467)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; two cocks and few good hens left; grand quality; cheap to clear: Whittome, 90, Acre-lane, Brixton. (477)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some over 7 ins., from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (415)

YORKSHIRES, related to winners, buff cocks from 7/6, one extra good pair stock birds, 30/-: Yates, 74, Rushes-road, Petersfield. (425)

TWO large unflighted yellow Yorkshire cocks, 10/- and 15/-; few yellow hens, 5/- each; approval: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (480)

YORKSHIRE cocks, full song, vigorous condition, 5/6; hens, 3/-; seen any evening: J. Carter, 111, Richmond-rd., Islington. (461)

THREE pairs Yorkshires, 12/6 pair, including yellow and buff cocks, 1st and vhc, Carlisle: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (473)

TRY James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall, for choice Yorkshire cocks or hens; winner at all Western largest shows; approval. (472)

IF you want Yorkshires, cocks, hens, or pairs, state requirements; list; approval; terms free; see Norwich: R. Hanford, Derby.

BUFF ticked Yorkshire cock, full song, breeding condition, 6/6; nice house-moulted Bullfinch, 3/-: 4, Ironmonger-st., Stamford. (471)

BURTON has a few grand Yorkshires for sale, inspection Saturday afternoon or Sunday: 50, Mulgrave-rd., Dollis Hill, N.W. (477)

E. WARD has only three pairs at 10/6; further comment needless; real value; approval willingly: Church-gate, Loughborough. (464)

RACY Yorkshire hens, 1912 bred, must sell, 2/- each, worth double; approval, deposit: George Neal, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs. (474)

GRAND clear pink-eyed cocks, from 6/-, Cinnamon marked or clear pink-eyed hens from 4/-: Mitchell, Stocks Bank, Mirfield. (476)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, large upstanding, wanted for cash; 18 years same address: Smith's Bird Stores, Hamilton; state price. (470)

UNFLIGHTED Yorkshire hens, splendid condition, 4/- each, 7/6 two, must clear: A. Goodwin, 136, Warham-st., Kennington, S.E. (471)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, 1912, 7/6; inspection invited; seen any time: Wilkes, 1, Joubert-st., Latchmere Estate, Battersea. (465)

BIG stylish Yorkshire cocks, 8/-, or exchange yellow Norwich, must be good: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds (473)

YELLOW hens from 5/-; pairs, 16/-; from exhibition stock; fine healthy birds: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss-side, Manchester. (463)

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each; variegated and clears, Dyke strain: Seymour, 39, Wakeley-buildings, Bermondsey. Seen any day. (465)

FOUR good Yorkshire hens, unflighted, good size and quality, yellows and buffs; approval: Knight, Beech Holt, Shelford, Cambridge. (468)

T. MONGER has a few good pairs, or separate, to part with, good length, and quality; approval: 3, Cranmer-avenue, South Ealing. (451)

SPLENDID quality prize bred Yorkshires and Norwich cocks from 10/-; hens from 4/6; approval: Phipps, 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (453)

TWENTY pairs high class Yorkshire stock birds, 12/- per pair, approval, deposit: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (453)

GRAND quality Yorkshires, standard length, from 12/6 pair; also some good hens; approval: Neal, 13, Humber-st., Weaste, Manchester. (443)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, my winning strain, from 15/- pair, hens from 5/-; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham. (431)

F. SAUNDERS, Tobacconist, High-st., Ealing, offers some grand breeding pairs, properly matched, together with breeding cage, 30/- to clear. (465)

GENUINE bargain; 11 unflighted Yorkshires, with a 3-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, nearly new, £2 the lot: H. Lucking, Dunmow, Essex. (466)

TICKED yellow Yorks., cock winner, two firsts, one second, one third, 15/-; four buff cocks 6/- each, hens 4/-: Scaife, 26, Prior-st., Keighley. (475)

TEN unflighted Yorkshires, hens 4/- each, 30/- lot; 2 buff cocks, one yellow, 6/- each, 15/- lot; approval: Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe. (464)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires for show or song, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

COLD-ROOM cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; long, stylish birds, bred from winners, Clapham, Wandsworth, etc.; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (463)

LONG clear yellow Yorkshires, two cocks, 10/6 each, hen 7/-; three hens, 5/- each, lot £2; approval London: Miss Barned, 3, Sussex Square, London. (460)

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400 PRIZES AT CHAMPION SHOWS SINCE OCT. 5th, 1912

The above is the record achieved by my birds during the present show season. I have not shown a single bird at members' or club shows where the competition is limited. Every bird has been shown in hottest competition at champion shows, open to all comers. Amongst my wins are: **Firsts and Specials** at all the leading shows in the Kingdom, including the **Bradford National, Scottish National, and Crystal Palace.** Also numerous Challenge Cups, Gold and Silver Medals, and other trophies. I am now in a position to offer **marvellous value** in Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Scotch Fancies, Crests, Mules, Lancashires, etc., as follows:—

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair

My Yorkshires have won consistently all through the season. The following are a few out of a large number of honours: Special best hen Bradford National, Special best Yorks. Hartlepool, Diploma best Yorkshire Sunderland, Trophy for 3rd most points N.G.M.Y.C.C., Second most points Yorkshire Union Competitions, etc., etc.

There is no better blood in the Fancy to-day, and I am in a position to put the Amateur on the right road to breeding his own winners, or to supply the "old hand" with splendid stock or show birds at a working-man's price. The following are a few prices:

Yorkshire Cocks, grand lengthy birds, with good position, feathered to perfection, and in full song, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards.**

Grand racy hens, splendid type, and feathered like wax, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each upwards. Matched Pairs, correctly mated for breeding winners, and sex guaranteed, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. I can supply these in Clears, Ticks, Green Marked, Cinnamon Marked, or Self Greens.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.

I have a few gems ready for benching and able to win, also some ideal stock birds for those who wish to breed their own winners, at **15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-** each, cocks or hens. All birds sent on approval at my risk.

To every Customer I guarantee complete satisfaction or Cash returned in full.

CHAMPION NORWICH PLAINHEADS. THE BULL-DOG STRAIN.

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

THIS strain has again upheld its reputation, and in addition to winning Firsts and Specials all over the country, has secured the following Trophies this year: **THE PERCY ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP** (won outright), the Sandiford Cup, **THE O.N.P.C. CHAMPION TROPHY,** F. Carl's Trophy, and has run second in the Cup competition of the N.P.C.

I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, ready for benching and able to win, also real good Stock Birds, for breeding own winners, at **10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each; Hens, grand smart-feathered birds, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Few good Sib. Hens for Light Muling, **4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

Pure-bred Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller Cocks, direct from Germany, with good length of song and many changes, in fact, trained to perfection, and in full rolling song by day and gaslight, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each; specially selected schoolmasters, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each; hens, guaranteed same strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-** each; Cages, 3d. extra.

Grand Large Muling Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

WINNING BORDER FANCIES.

Having recently purchased the entire stock of a well-known Border exhibitor, who is declining the Fancy, I am able to offer exceptional value in this variety, which includes Clears, Ticks, Greens, and Cinnamons. Cocks, in full song, real gems, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Smart typical Hens, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** upwards. Matched Pairs, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-.** Every bird for sale. For full particulars of all other varieties, send a P.C. for my **Free Illustrated Catalogue.**

Remember this, please: I offer an open invitation to all fanciers to call and inspect my stock. My rooms are open every day but Sunday. My files are open to all visitors who wish to inspect Testimonials, which I have received from fanciers during the last few months. These prove to all that birds supplied by me have been winning all through the season, both Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders; also that many of this season's winners have been bred from stock supplied by me. If you cannot pay me a visit, however, don't forget that I send every bird on seven days' approval at my sole risk. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer, or cash returned in full. **Easy payments can be arranged to suit the convenience of Genuine Fanciers. No Extras charged.** Travelling Cages, 3d. **Special attention to Export Orders.**

JOE THOMAS,

Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter,

AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

ESTABLISHED OVER 34 YEARS AT THE SAME ADDRESS.

YORKSHIRES, yellow or buff cocks, from winners, Newcastle, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hull, 7/6 upwards, pairs 12/6: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (472)

1912 YORKSHIRE cocks, in full song, 8/6; hens, 3/6 each; approval, deposit, or can be seen by appointment: Williams, 5, Sedgeford-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W. (463)

TWO pair Yorkshires, winning strain, 20/- pair, or exchange pair good Crests, or two yellow Norwich hens, good heads, necks essential: Potter, Walker-st., Hull. (475)

GIVING up, two pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, 15s. pair, one buff hen 10/-, one yellow Cinnamon mkd., 10/-, worth double: Clayton, 43, Wild-rd., Birkdale, Southport. (467)

GREEN-MARKED yellow Yorkshire cock (unflighted), and buff hen, 15/6: bargain, cock alone worth double; approval: Joseph Wright, St. Anne-rd., Southport. (473)

YORKSHIRES.—I have three buff, one yellow hens left and two yellow cocks, cheap to clear; good length, type, and quality: Peddie, 19, Chepstow-place, Bayswater. (480)

MUST sell immediately owing to business my celebrated Yorkshires, splendid quality, bred from my winners; cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6: Bushby, 19, Brownhill-avenue, Leeds. (474)

YORKSHIRE (Knight strain), some clinking stock birds; cocks, 10/- each, hens 5/- each; 5 days' approval; cash or deposit: Phillips, Arfon House, Pontardulais, Glamorganshire. (400)

NOTICE, I have nine pairs left of my Yorkshire stock, and I must sell, their price is 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; pairs sent on approval, deposit "Cage Birds": Horler, Westfield, Radstock. (469)

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 2nd Manchester Amalgamated Show, 15/6; other winners and good stock birds cheap: W. Downing, The Hollies, Polygon-av., Stockport-rd., Manchester (Q)

AVIARY-REARED Yorkshire cocks, outdoors all year round, hardy and perfectly healthy, now in song, 7/- each, two 13/-, three 18/-: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset. (440)

YORKSHIRE hens, from 3/-; 1912, own breeding hens, Mules, 1/-; will exchange hens for 1912 Yorkshire cock, Flemish buck, 6 months, 3/6: Stringer, 176, Droop-st., Queens Park, W. (463)

REAL good Yorkshires, yellow and buff, grand stock cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, smart stylish hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (467)

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, splendid type and quality, cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (468)

MR. A. L. HAWKES offers few pairs of his noted colour-fed Yorkshires at 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair; single cocks, 10/-, 12/6; hens 7/6, 10/- each; these are bred same and related to his challenge cup winners; worth treble; approval six days: Heathbank, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (478)

CHAMPION buff-marked Yorkshire cock, 15/6; another clear buff, stock cock, 10/6; see winnings at Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, Bradford: Herbert Tyas, Commercial-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (462)

BUFF cock, unflighted, 2nd, and ticked yellow cock, 1911, 4th at Belle Vue show, and other honours, 15/- each, good stock birds, cold-room bred: Jones, 8, Thurza-st., Chorlton-rd., Manchester. (464)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, same strain as winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, Bradford, etc. cocks 7/6 upwards; hens 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (478)

MAGNIFICENT pair Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, clears, 1912, 1st and special this year, cards sent, 12/6, worth more than double; another good pair 10/-; three odd hens, 5/- each: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (475)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; first-class stock pairs cheap; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Cross-hills, Keighley. (428)

YORKSHIRES (challenge cup 192); full of quality and type; cocks 6/6, 7/6, 9/6 upwards; hens 3/6, 4/6, 7/6; pairs 8/6, 9/6, 12/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (480)

GRAND typical pair stock Yorks., yellow 7-inch cock, slim lengthy **buff hen, £1; big clear buff cock,** yellow hen, 12/6; foul buff green cock, yellow green hen, 8/6; 3 odd buff hens, 3/6 each: 30, Mildmay-grove, Islington. (463)

YORKSHIRES, sell cheap to clear out early, some winners, others bred from winners, large typical birds, sacrifice; wanted extra large typical yellow Norwich cock; exchange: 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland. (463)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length and quality, bred from my challenge cup winners, cocks from 6/6, hens from 4/-; pairs, 8/6 upwards; deposit, carriage paid; approval: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (440)

RADFORD (late Trafford Park). High-class Yorkshires, bred as winners, Warrington, Sale, Sheffield, grand type and quality, cold room; satisfaction guaranteed; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; approval: 128, Sandy Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (475)

PRIESTLEY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires 50 pairs, splendid type and quality, for sale; cocks from 5s.; hens from 3/-; terms cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed; inspection invited: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (478)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/1½, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

TAYLOR'S Champion YORKSHIRES

Are still giving entire satisfaction wherever they go, and cannot be equalled elsewhere at double the prices charged. **All guaranteed bred from, or closely related to best winners this season,** and for length, type, position, and quality of feather it is impossible to beat them. All orders sent off same day as received, and safe arrival I guarantee. Cold-room bred, kept, and all clean and healthy Read following samples of testimonials out of scores received during last few days: From 313, Greenacres Road, Oldham, Feb. 2nd, 1913.—Pair of Yorkshires reached here in splendid form, and give me great satisfaction.—J. Lloyd to J. Taylor. Another from 29, Jubilee Street, Llandudno, Feb. 1st, 1913.—I received Yorkshire cock quite safe, and is a marvellous songster, and greatly admired by all who see him.—P. Jones to J. Taylor. Another from 4, Commercial Square, Winlaton, Feb. 1st, 1913.—The pair of Yorkshires are just what I required, and give the greatest satisfaction, and will give you more orders soon.—G. Ritson to J. Taylor.

Champion Yellow or Buff Yorkshire Cocks on full song, and seven inches long, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Grand unrelated **matched pairs,** for producing winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. In clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked. **Extra smart racy** Yellow or Buff **Hens** at **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. All in breeding condition. If you require a good songster that will sing by day or gaslight, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each, I can send you one on **seven days' approval** that will please you well. **Inspection invited** any day and time. **(No appointment necessary.)** Travelling cages, **3d.** extra, and all birds sent on seven days' approval at my risk.

EASY PAYMENTS.

Easy terms arranged to suit genuine fanciers who are not in a position to pay ready cash, and birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. **No extras charged,** and same value given as if you were paying ready cash. **Full particulars and price list post free.** Only and old address:

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Rd., Frizinghall, Bradford

YORKSHIRES, if you are wanting good yellow or buff cocks or hens, I can supply you. Type, size and quality; grand stock birds; approval, deposit; state wants; value for money; inspection invited: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (480)

MR. HAWKES has a few yellow and buff Yorkshire hens, bred same and equal to his challenge cup winners, at 15/- each; these are classical stock birds, fit for any open competition, and worth treble for stock; approval 6 days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (478)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, some magnificent cocks and hens, large, leggy, upstanding, fine feathered birds; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; all cold-room kept, four days' approval; 27 years breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (452)

YORKSHIRES, cheap to clear, cinnamon-marked cock and buff hen, cinnamon (almost even) marked cock and buff hen, clear yellow cock and variegated buff hen, yellow marked cock, buff marked cock and yellow hen, cold-room bred and kept: J. T. Mackereth, Central-buildings, Ambleside. (464)

HAVING finished showing, can spare several grand unflighted cocks, in cards every time shown, 17/6; also grand typical young cocks, bred from our winners and feathered like wax; approval willingly; see show reports Derby, Grantham, Stamford, Tunbridge Wells, etc.: Auton Bros., Spalding. (468)

A. L. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice few winning colour-fed Yorkshires; buff cock, winner Stratford, etc., 17/6; yellow cock, Abertillery, etc., winner, 17/6; buff unflighted cock, winner, 12/6; these specimens are of exceptional merit, and in faultless condition; worth treble for stock; approval six days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (478)

H. C. HEDWORTH, Dudley-rd., Grantham, has for disposal three buff Yorkshire cocks and one yellow, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; two yellow hens, 12/6 each; two buff, 10/6 each, Ambler's pure strain; same as his winners at Stamford, Grantham, Spalding, Nottingham, Hull, Doncaster, Sheffield; approval; or offers for lot. (468)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, from my prize strain; cocks, 7/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; all colour fed, and in the pink of condition; cash or deposit; inspection invited: G. A. **Parker, 17,** Litchfield-avenue, Romford-st., Stratford. (479)

W. ROLFE, HOXTON,

Invites inspection; Yorkshires, cocks and hens, 6/6, 3/6; approval anywhere; few that can win cheap: 2, Newton-st., Hoxton. (382)

HENS, MUST BE CLEARED

Between thirty and forty hens, 1/6 each by taking the lot; address: Denston, Bird Dealer, 33, Mortimer-st., Trowbridge, Wilts. (459)

HIRST'S

Yorkshires are well known, need no puff; winners at all big shows 25 years in succession; pairs well matched, guaranteed own breeding, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; cocks, 10/- upwards; approval; inspection invited: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (421)

IRISH FANCIERS

C. A. O'Reilly, winner Drummond Cup 3 years and other prizes too numerous to mention; clinking pairs, 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-: 10, Dolphin-avenue, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin. (278)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (469)

DYKES' YORKSHIRES

1st and Special.

Mr. P. Airs, 12, Wilton-road, Bournemouth, writes: Jan. 25th, 1913.—Dear Sir,—Just a line to let you know that the bird has done remarkably well; he won 1st and spl. this week. I am highly delighted, and thank you once more for sending me such a gem.

IF you want to come to the front you cannot do better than **give me a trial,** as **my Yorkshires** have again won **more first prizes** at all the leading shows this season **than any other strain.**

A few of the plums they have won are: **Diploma** for best Yorks. **Newcastle, diploma** best Canary in show **Gateshead, diploma** best green-mark **Bradford National, spl.** best Yorks at **Loughboro', spl.** best Yorks. and best bird in show **Launceston,** and other honours too numerous to mention; finishing up the show season at the Crystal Palace with **2 firsts, second, third, 2 fourths, fifth,** and **sixth,** with eight entries, and others I have sold winning firsts, etc., for my customers, in champion section.

I have the finest collection of high-class Yorkshires in Bradford, bred from and related to above winners, and **without doubt the finest strain in the Fancy.**

Champion Yorkshire Cocks, yellows or buffs, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each; lovely quality **hens, feathered like wax,** yellows or buffs, at **4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. **Pairs specially selected** to breed winners at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair, and a **few extra special pairs at 40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. Travelling cages 3d. extra. **All cocks on full song,** and seven inches long, in clears, ticked, or marked, green or cinnamon.

And remember, I send **all on seven days approval, cash or deposit, with Editor,** and all orders sent off same day as received, as **I only advertise what I have for sale.** Colour-fed or natural colour, and guaranteed cold-room bred and kept.

Inspection invited at any time. New price list and testimonials post free. **Easy payments arranged** with reliable fanciers. **No extras charged.** State requirements. And remember, this is not a strain of mushroom growth, that rises and falls in a single night, but has won far **more 1st prizes than any other for years.** Note address:

L. DYKES, RELIABLE AVIARIES,
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CAN spare splendid yellow cock, standard length and plenty of leg, 10/6; big buff hen, feathered like wax, 6/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (478)

SEE FEDERATION

I have a few yellow and buff Yorkshire hens for breeding; approval: A. J. Clarke, 65, Copleston-rd., East Dulwich.

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES

are the one place in the North where Yorkshire variety fanciers and breeders of limited means are most certain of getting best value for outlay; again, my 30 years' practical experience in the keeping and breeding of this one variety only ensures stock capable of producing progeny possessing the requisite style, type and quality, and so prevents disappointment in results. My prices are reasonable and just, nothing added to for either shop assistants or exhibition expenses incurred; guaranteed personally selected and unrelated pairs from 10/6, 12/6, 15/- to 20/-, single birds proportionately; all cold-room bred, reared and kept; all on strict approval terms, cash or deposit; full price list with particulars free: Old and only address, Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. (432)

SHACKLETON'S YORKS.

Having selected my breeding stock, can spare some really grand birds, full of type and quality; this strain is well known, and needs no bounce; pairs, properly matched to breed the best, also single birds, cocks or hens; prices reasonable; stamped address for reply: W. H. Shackleton, Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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Winner of trophies at all the principal shows for many years, including championship diploma for best Yorkshire at Crystal Palace, 1912; makes the following special offer:—Clear buff cock and yellow hen, suitably matched for breeding winners, 25/-; on approval; other cocks from 7/6, hens from 6/-; satisfection guaranteed: Colne-rd., Glusburn, nr. Keighley. (408)

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

These are the last of the season. We guarantee the breed of every bird that leaves our rooms. Do not miss this opportunity; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned. Fine, lengthy cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; splendid racy hens, feathered to perfection, 5/-, 7/-, 8/6. 10/6 upwards. We also have some really good matched pairs to breed winners, 12/6 upwards.

COOPER & SON
69, West Park-rd., Girlington, Bradford. (Stamp reply.) (467)

AMBLER'S NOTED YORKSHIRES

have been before the Fancy for 35 years, winning thousands of prizes at leading shows; three times championship for best in show Crystal Palace, four 1sts, three 2nds, 3rd, 4th, and championship, Crystal Palace, 1910-11. As we are not exhibiting this season we have some real gems for disposal. Cocks and hens, including some of the best pairs living; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; hens, real gems, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. The oldest, purest, and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the Fancy. We guarantee satisfaction, or return money in full. Approval, cash or deposit: Messrs. Amblers, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresboro', Yorkshire. (449)

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

In order to make room for the breeding season, I have 15 pairs of champion Yorkshires to dispose of, all at one price, 12/6 a pair; some of these pairs are honestly worth three times the money I am asking, and are properly matched to breed winners; also a few odd stock cocks over 7in. long and in full song; just the sort that breed the big winners, at 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; nice racy hens, feathered like silk, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; seven days' approval: cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (478)

My Price is 8/6 for a Properly Matched Pair of Yorkshires.

These are no wasters, but reliable matched breeding pairs, the cock bird in full song, honestly worth **10/6 to 12/6** per pair. **A few real tip-toppers at 10/6 and 12/6 pair.** High-class typical Yorkshire cocks, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6** each; Hens, **2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6** each. Thousands of well-known breeders and exhibitors testify to the high quality of my birds. 54, Coviehall, Bo'ness.—Received bird in exellent condition, with which I am delighted.—G. Gardner. 59, Brook Street, Treherbert.—Received birds safe; am very pleased, and thank you for your honest dealing.—F. Cotrell. 6, York Road, Tanshelf.—I am highly satisfied with the bird you sent me; he is really a beauty. I shall recommend you to everyone wanting birds.—C. Falkinder. Leeds.—Received bird in good condition. I am very pleased with it; it is such a beauty. Thanks for sending such a good bird.—W. Fitzpatrick. All birds on seven days' approval. Travelling cages, **3d.** each. Illustrated List of Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, post free.

E. L. STOREY, Roller Importer, CROWLE DONCASTER.

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Buy from the breeder, who, knowing the strain (which is a vital point in breeding), can supply birds to breed winners; sets (cock and two hens), 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/6 and upwards; cage, 3d.; cash or deposit; also easy payments arranged to suit genuine fanciers; apply: Secretary, 40, Spring Cliffe, Manningham, Bradford. (453)

WE STILL HAVE THEM

At Bradford National show we won silver cup for best Yorkshire, silver cup for most points, championship diploma for best Yorkshire, champion diploma for best in classes 1 to 10, half-guinea for best unflighted; half-guinea for best in champion classes; also winning outright the 10-guinea National Green-marked Trophy. We have a few pairs, same strain exactly, 10/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- 60/- per pair; single birds proportionate; also a few big winners for sale reasonable. There is a good chance of these breeding a knock-out, as blood will tell. For paoof of our strain, read the following (this is one of hundreds): —Dec. 3, 1912, 3, Grove Road, Redland, Bristol.—Dear Sirs,—I thought I should like to write and let you know I was 1st and 3rd in the bowl class at Bristol with your strain, 32 birds competing, winning the Bristol 10-guinea silver bowl with a young bird I bred 1912 from a pair supplied by you. The same bird also won the cup at another show in Bristol. Thanking you for all past favours. Very pleased to have found such honest fanciers.—Believe me, yours very sincerely, E. H. Stonelake. Special invitation to any fancier, or birds sent on approval; stamp reply: Ogden Bros., Dudley-hill, Bradford.

WHO HAS THEM?

Read below and judge for yourself. I have won outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea challenge cup, Yorkshire Union 30-guinea challenge trophy, Mr. H. Naylor's challenge cup, diplomas and highest honours at all leading shows; see 1913 "Palace" report; winner cup best yellow, winner cash special most points, with 8 entries (nearest opponent almost double); cash special, per Mr. White, Australia, best Yorkshire; championship diploma best cinnamon-marked and championship diploma best Yorkshire over all other varieties; in fact, these last 14 years I have won more cups, medals and championships at the "Palace" than any other firm or firms. Not bluff! but solid facts. My cinnamon-tick and clear yellow cocks are admitted to be two of the finest birds seen at the "Palace" show, and remember, they have been bred by me only, not purchased. Don't be led away with 30 years' strains, but have up-to-date, carefully matched pairs from this champion strain, mated to breed winners. Prices from 20/- per pair; 3 days' approval; cash or deposit "Cage Birds": J. Bailey, 46, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Bradford, Yorks.

PURE YORKSHIRES

1912 Crystal Palace first prize strain, guaranteed; some lovely specimens, clean moulted cocks, yellows or buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; any on approval; I guarantee to please you, as soon as you see them. Cages, 2/- each. For testimonials where I have supplied winners, write Editor for proof, who has seen the originals. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

Yorkshires.

Broadbent's Yorkshires and **Norwich, Border Fancies, and Rollers,** at **10/- per pair,** are the best value for money obtainable anywhere. **Terms, cash or 5/- down, and balance** in **one or two payments.** Cocks are **6/6** and **7/6,** hens **2/6, 3/6, 5/-.** Full list and terms for stamp. Don't be deceived by bunkum. See what I send before completion of payment.—**EDGAR BROADBENT, Decorator, 355, London Road, Sheffield.** (470)

Various Canaries.

CANARIES: 10 strong healthy cocks, 1912, outdoor bred; what offers in cash: B., 38, Faut-lane, Maidstone. (470)

WHAT cash offers for healthy outdoor aviary-bred hen Canaries, to clear aviary: Baker, Old Bank, Tewkesbury. (467)

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YELLOW-green Norwich Roller, 1912, cock, handsome bird, good songster, 8/6: Thompson, The Lodge, Drapers, Margate. (474)

THREE hens, Roller-Yorkshire, very fit, strong and active, 2/6 each: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (476)

SALE, five 1912 Norwich hens, 2/6 each; five Border Fancy hens, 2/6 each; or £1 the lot; approval: H. Hicks, 5, Rosedale-villas, Hampton. (474)

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Mainly British.

ANYTHING bought, supplied, or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menagerie, Greenwich.

FRED ALLEN will exchange high-class British for cock and hen Canaries: 548, Queens-rd., Sheffield. (479)

LARGE steady hen Bullfinch, 3/6; exchange Norwich hen: Baxter, New Buckenham, Attleboro'. (479)

WILL exchange high-class British for Canaries or foreign birds: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (480)

TWO young hen Bullies, 1/6 each, genuine cage moulted hen, bred last year, 4/6: 8, Spring-rd., Abingdon. (466)

EXCHANGE good H.-M. cock Hawfinch for pair Roller Canaries, or sell 12/6: Stride, 44, Oswald-rd., St. Albans. (461)

RED breasted cock Linnets, singing, 1/6 each; Larks 1/-, wild seed 6d. quart; exchange: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (478)

HOUSE-moulted stout singing cock Linnet, exchange large cock Goldie, or sell 3/6: Nott, Hawkshead Lodge, Hatfield. (472)

EXCHANGE four cock and one hen Bullfinches for air gun or revolver: W. E. Parker, Edgworth-terrace, Astwood Bank. (474)

WHITE Sparrow for sale, or exchange for anything useful; well on seed: Richard Vigus, Agars-crescent, Greenbottom, Chacewater. (479)

TWO Linnets, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, cocks, mulers; exchange unflighted Norwich or Borders; offers any: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (472)

EXCHANGE 4 cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 4, Southampton Cottages, Hackney-rd., London. (457)

H.M. cocks, Chaffinch and Redpoll, steady, for yellow Norwich hen or breeding cage, sell 5/-: Fraser, Killicraukie, Perthshire. (471)

COCK Goldfinch, cock Siskin, cock Linnet, Norwich hen, German hen, genuine, lot, 12/-: Child, Police, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester. (469)

COCK Greenfinch, hen Bullie, hand-reared; exchange big, stout buff, unflighted Norwich hen; offers: John Esplin, Bonnybridge, Scotland. (472)

COCK Chaffinch, cock Linnet, cock Yellowhammer, old cage birds, 1/- each; exchange live stock: H. Dale, 63, Kingston-st., Cambridge. (477)

EXCHANGE two cock Greenies, two hen Bullies, four cock Linnets, for yellow cinnamon hen, unflighted: H. Pennell, Warminster (474)

PAIR year-old Redpolls, grand condition, lovely pets; sell; exchange anything useful: Crawford and Griffiths, Brynowel-ter., Llandilo. (473)

FIELD-moulted cock Greenfinch, beauty, and Bullfinch hen, caged November, 4/6; exchange Norwich hen: Williams, Typoeth, Cefn, Bridgend. (473)

EXHIBITION Lesser Redpoll, winner, 6/-; two field-moulted, good markings, 1/6; exchange good Norwich hen: Dollimore, 31, Portland-st., St. Albans. (463)

THREE exhibition cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, three hens, 1/9; caught September; exchange anything: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (478)

EXCHANGE performing Redpolls, drawing carriage and thimble up, for Roller Canaries, or sell 4/- each, with cage: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (472)

WARRANTED all cocks, in full song, 3 Greenfinches, 1/6 each; Linnet, 2/6; Redpoll, 1/6, or exchange Canaries: Silvester, 27, Belcar-st., Highgate, N. (463)

WILL exchange Welsh cock Goldfinch for good cock Canary, full song, sell 4/6; two hen Mules, 1/3 each: H. Jones, 8, Church-view, Welshpool. (476)

LARGE house-moulted steady Welsh cock Bullfinch, very cobby, 5/6; exchange unflighted Canary or Mule, full song: Jones, 32, Henwalia, Carnarvon. (474)

EXCHANGE cock Redpoll Mule and grand cock Redpoll, guaranteed parent of above, best offer clear Roller cocks: Macbin, 133, Westbrook-st., Bolton. (472)

EXHIBITION cock Chaffinch, unfed, 5/-; six cock Greenfinches, 2/- lot; large cock Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange Norwich or Bullie hens: P. Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire. (467)

SIX handsome extra large cock brown Linnets, tame, 2/- each, 9/- lot, every bird worth 3/6; warranted healthy; exchange Canaries, anything: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (475)

HOUSE-MOULTED Chaffinch hen, Greenfinch cock, 1/6; Bullfinch-Greenfinch cock, 2/-; tame Robin, singing, 2/-; exchange hen Canaries: Dickens, 54, Vernon-st., Northampton. (468)

THREE pair of Greenfinches, four cock brown Linnets, cock Yellowhammer, hen Chaffinch, hen Bullfinch; exchange Canary hens, or offers: Thomas Cole, 77, Butcher's-lane, Cradley. (464)

LARGE h.m. exhibition Corn Bunting, winner; three dark Goldfinch Mule hens; three Norwich hen Canaries; sell or exchange; good British; to value 20/-: Gell, Saddler, Douglas, Man. (479)

EXCHANGE good cock, 1912, hand-reared Magpie for a pair of good Borders or exhibition yellow cock Siskin, value 12/6; on approval: William Raine, 17, Sowerby-st., Sacriston, Durham. (476)

EXCHANGE house-moulted cocks, Greenfinch, Twite, and Redpolls, Canary-reared hen Greenie; offers in Goldies; also three Crested cocks for two good Crestbred hens: Burnett, 63, Main-st., Bainsford, Falkirk. (490)

EXHIBITORS: Siberian Goldfinches, German Siskins, Linnets, etc., also Larks, on full loud song; will sell, or exchange for Canaries; nothing but honest dealings transacted: G. Crawford, 25, Grafton-st., Stockport. (472)

THRICE house-moulted cock Linnet, thrice house-moulted, cock Greenfinch, mulers, sell, exchange good unflighted Norwich cock; mutual approval; yours first; unflighted hen Canaries, 3/6 couple: Thompson, Back 195, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (462)

FOR sale, exhibition Goldfinch, bred variegated Mules last year, also 2nd and 3rd prizes only times out, will sell £1, or exchange for pair of Dunlop tyres, 28in. x 1½in., value £1 5s: F. Broxton, Field House, Trench, Wellington, Salop. (469)

FOLLOWING fine-coloured cocks: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, yellow Greenfinch, Linnet, 6/-; also three grand hen Bullfinches, 4/6; also large hand-reared chattering Magpie, 5/6; offers; approval, deposit: Haynes, Primrose Hill, Raunds, Wellingborough. (442)

SPECIAL Notice.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds; approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (478)

EXHIBITORS: Few f.m. Linnets, grand specimens, ready for exhibition now, steady, caged two to three months, should be able to win in f.m. class, 3/6; house-moulted Corn Bunting, good one, 12/6; exchange; exhibition Redstart wanted: Harrison, 37, Hunger Hill-rd., Nottingham. (469)

GIVING up British: All my winners for exchange, house-moulted cock Goldie, winner two 1sts, 15/6, only times shown; Chaffinch, two 2nds, 10/6; Bullfinch, vhc, 7/6; hand-reared Twite, 5/-; offers, water-glucke Rollers preferred: Wantling, Higher Tunsteads, Stacksteads, Manchester. (465)

FUTURE champions in f.m. Linnets and Greenfinches, caged four months, 15/- to 5/-; see last week's advert.; will exchange for colour-fed Norwich cocks or Mules; songsters only; must be in full song; stamp; mutual approval; yours first: Cockerill, Heatherdene, 43, Rae-st., Stockport. (479)

THE following cage-moulted cocks for sale; 2 Bullfinches, 5/- each; 2 Greenfinches, 2/6 each; 2 Linnets, 4/- each; Goldfinch, 3/6; Redpoll, 2/6; all in splendid feather, or exchange good Yorkshire hen Canaries; also very large Lemon-crested Cockatoo, very tame pet, good talker, with strong square cage, 1ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in. high, 30/-, or exchange: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (463)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

EIGHT Norwich hens for sale or exchange anything useful: S. Dean, 24, Chester-terr., Brighton. (465)

FOR sale, 4 pairs Canaries, 7/- pair, cold room, or offers to: Andrew Wilson, Mansefield, Mauchline. (467)

EXCHANGE Yorkshires, 2 cocks, 1 hen, for male Pom, value 15/-: F. Miles, Wootton, Isle of Wight. (466)

EXCHANGE one pair of Yorkshire Canaries for pullets, or sell 10/6: L., 746b, Romford-rd., Manor Park. (471)

EXCHANGE two good Norwich hens, 1912, for good cock; yours first: A. Greagsbey, Saddler, Wadhurst, Sussex. (467)

FOR sale, two Border hens, 3/-, or exchange Seifert or Hartz cock: Jas. Logan, Arthur-st., Newton Stewart. (478)

EXCHANGE a good pair Yorkshires for a good Roller; no chopper; Roller first: Smith, 6, Lloyd-st., Dudley. (469)

EXCHANGE 6 Seifert Roller hens, Randall's strain, for cocks, or sell 4/- each: 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (478)

WHAT offers in fowls, Minorcas preferred, for nine Border Fancies, as bred: Scrutton, 51, Solon-rd., Brixton. (467)

ONE pair Seifert Roller Canaries, sell 10/-, or exchange Persian kitten: W. Hill, Croft-buildings, Markinch, Fife. (474)

EXCHANGE pair Norwich (cock 1911, hen 1912) for typical unflighted Border cock; offers: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (472)

LARGE clear body Crest cock, winner, sell £1, or exchange good Mule or British: Castle, New Marston, Oxford. (475)

HIGH-CLASS Borders, exchange, or sell three hens for cock Goldfinch, British: James Ballantyne, 77, High-st., Peebles. (471)

EXCHANGE green Norwich hen and box cage, oak sides, mahogany front, for Rollers: Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock. (475)

SELL typical buff Yorkshire hen, 7/6; exchange for yellow ticked hen and little cash: Wright, 10, Shellfield-rd., Southport. (463)

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Greenfinch and Yorkshire hen for Yorkshire cock, or offers: 62, Stead-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (462)

TWO large Sib. bred hen Canaries for muling, 4/- each; or exchange: Phillips, 68, Grosvenor-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (479)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 7-inch, good stock bird, 15/-, exchange large Norwich cock: Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth. (474)

EXCHANGE good variegated buff Norwich hen for clear buff hen, must be typical, or sell 15/-: T. Bagen, 192, Main-st., Rutherglen. (458)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens for two cock Mules, mutual approval: G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (404)

TWO pair good singing Canaries, 12/- pair; smart pair mounted horns, s.b., wanted gramophone; genuine: Masters, 83, Moseley-st., Birmingham. (473)

EXCHANGE Seifert Roller for clear yellow Yorkshire cock, yours first; no postcards: Euton, 369, St. John-st., Clerkenwell. (461)

EXCHANGE pair of Crest, value 30/-, for good big Norwich cock to value: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham. (469)

THREE Yorkshire hens, 3/ each, or 8/6 three, exchange for good Norwich cock; approval: Hotchin, 38, Belmont-st., Lincoln. (461)

FOR sale, Norwich and Yorkshires, or exchange good Rollers to value; approval: Stocks, I, Bushell-st., Preston, Lancashire. (476)

PAIR Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, 15/-; exchange Goldfinches, British or foreign: Dempster, 7, Laighpark, Paisley, N.B. (466)

THREE cross Norwich-Yorkshire cocks, singing, 15/-; two Border hens, 6/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (478)

EXCHANGE winning Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid for good pair of Yorkshires, or sell 20/-: Addison, 112, Balfour-st., Oldham. (468)

PAIR Norwich Rollers, cock good songster, 6/6; exchange Goldfinch or Siskin cocks: Wilcox, Ivy Cottage, New Sawley, Derby. (474)

VARIEGATED large Yorkshire cock, 7/6; also green Norwich hen, 4/-; or exchange; offers: Cavell, Boston House, Ruskington, Lincs. (467)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire hens for sale, 1912 birds, bred from good feeders; or useful exchange: Key, 317, King-st., Hammersmith, W. (467)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for old brass, copper, lead, zinc, black tin, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (427)

EXCHANGE large buff Norwich Plainhead cock for yellow variegated 1912 hen; approval both ways: Ley, Torrington-st., Bideford. (470)

WHAT offers good Rollers in exchange for good pair Yorkshires, or sell 12/6; no postcards: H. Clemence, 136, Church-rd., Willesden. (475)

WANTED young Common Canaries; cock Goldfinch-Canary, bred 1912, and hen Hawfinch, for sale or exchange: M., Rectory, Southwick, Sussex. (461)

LARGE chubby Norwich hen, winner and bred winners (Miles'), exchange show Goldie, songsters; stamp: Townend, Nelson Lodge, Bognor. (463)

GIVING up fancy, winning Yorkshires for sale or exchange household, lady's, gent's bicycle, dress materials: Police, Mousehold, Penzance. (466)

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, winner several prizes, 30/-; exchange hybrids or Foreign; mutual approval: Muscott, Dderw Villa, Llandrindod Wells. (479)

PAIR high-class Yorkshires, 1911, both winners, buff cock, yellow hen, 27/-, worth £3; approval: Dimmock, Market-square, Leighton Buzzard. (479)

CRESTED Norwich cock, Linnet Mule, house-moulted Goldfinch, 12/6 lot, or exchange singing cocks, hens, offers: Samuel Goodyear, Salcombe. (465)

COCK, 5 hens, Rollers (Tweed's), 1912, breeding condition, Goldfinch Mule, Linnet, cocks, 18/- lot: 104, Nightingale-bldgs., Marylebone, N.W. (466)

CANARIES: One large yellow cock, large variegated hen, sell 8/6, or exchange anything useful: Cracknell, Waterworks, Haverhill, Suffolk. (476)

TWO grand pairs cross Norwich and Yorkshires, fine big birds, 16/-, or exchange good double breeding cages: Harrison, St. Mark's-st., Leeds. (476)

EXCHANGE buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, fed, for self green yellow Norwich hen, good type and head: D. Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley. (446)

1912 GOLDFINCH Mule, full Finch song, 7/-; exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock; approval: C. P., 73, Oakfield-rd., Higham Hill, Walthamstow. (476)

BORDERS, buff and variegated hen, winner in open show, and three Border show cages and case, sell 15/-, or separate: N. Jelly, Willow Vale, Frome. (458)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, best winning strains, 12/6 to 25/- per pair; exchange anything useful; offers invited: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley. (473)

THREE yellow Norwich hens, 1912, sell 3/- each; exchange Blackcap Siskin, singing; or offers; yours first (letters): Allen, 32, Latimer-avenue, East Ham. (470)

PAIR good Yorkshires, nice size and type, honest value, approval; exchange woollen goods or household linen: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham. (476)

EXCHANGE 1912 Crestbred cock, value 15/-, for three hens and one cock Border, "feeders": G. Gilan, c/o Twigley, 60a, Constitution-st., Leith, N.B. (476)

YORKSHIRES. Three pairs, cocks 5/-, hens 3/6; lot for 22/6; house-moulted cock Redpoll, grand condition, cheap, 1/-: A. Forrest, 30, Coborn-st., Bow. (463)

YORKSHIRES, 4 cocks 6/6, 6 hens 3/-, pair Rollers 7/6, Linnet, hen Canary, 4/6; first p.o. £2 10/- gets them: Sturdy, Branch Church-st., Hunslet, Leeds. (464)

SALE. Border Fancy Canaries, 1912 birds, with breeding cage, 6/- pair, or exchange for Toy Pom or 10-12in. gramophone records: Harris, 5, Lazonby-terr., Carlisle. (465)

SCOTCH Fancy buff pied hen, 1911, offered for yellow cock S. Fancy, Belgian, Dutch, or crossed: Hendry, 48, Cambridge Block, Berechurch-rd., Colchester. (472)

BUFF Yorkshire hen, 2nd Inverness, only time shown; cost 15/-; exchange muling cock Goldfinch or Bramblefinch, approval: J. Duncan, Citadel, Inverness. (467)

EXCHANGE two Norwich cock Canaries for a pair of Plymouth Rocks: Payc, 54, St. James'-rd., Enfield Highway. (463)

THREE Green Seifert Roller hens, 2/- each, or exchange British to value; yours first; approval both ways: W. Turner, Shop, Victoria-rd., Parkgate, nr. Rotherham. (464)

EXCHANGE pair of high-class stock Norwich, col. fed, for two typical buff Yorkshire hens, or sell 20/-; approval; offers: Williams, 42, Volunteer-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (468)

LARGE ticked yellow Norwich hen, 10/6; buff variegated Norwich hen, 6/-; large Sib, light muling hen, 7/6; exchange; all healthy: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere. (468)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires (not rubbish), Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, groceries, anything useful; stamp reply: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (478)

PRIZE bred Norwich, 2 pairs 10/6, 2 pairs 15/6, a few good buff hens from 4/- to 10/-; exchange anything useful for workman's home, approval: Stirling, 22, Sellincourt-rd., Tooting. (466)

1912 YORKSHIRE cocks, in full song, 8/6; hens 3/6, or exchange scrap brass, copper, or gun-metal; approval both ways; reply by letter to Williams, 5, Sedgeford-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W. (463)

GRAND unflighted Norwich cocks, heavily marked yellow 12/6, yellow green 10/6, clear buff 8/6, wing marked yellow 10/6, exchange entertained in yellow hens: Lill, Smedley-st., Matlock. (465)

NORWICH; good hens, yellow, 6/- each; buff, 4/-; four rather small, 3/- each; yellow cock and buff hen, 15/-; Harland and Vardy's strains; exchange British Goldfinches, must be good and sent first; approval both ways: Bousfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresboro'. (475)

TWO good Yorkshire hens, 8/-; exchange good Norwich cock, or Mule; hand-reared Lark and cage, 5/6, exchange songster, Roller hens 2/- each: 45, Commercial-st., Senghenydd, South Wales. (465)

EXCHANGE two good Norwich hens, yellow and buff; also Houlton's special double breeding cage, for 2 Norwich cocks or two cock Mules, or offers; approval: Underwood, Commercial-rd., Devizes. (461)

CREST BRED hen, Norwich hen, fine Goldie, fit for show, H.M. Linnets, mulers; indoor aviary, as new: exchange large yellow Crest-bred hen, yellow Norwich cocks; offers: Riddington, Mafeking-terr., Newmarket. (462)

EXCHANGE two yellow Yorkshire greens, unflighted cocks, lovely feather good size, for clear yellow Lancashire coppy unflighted cock, must have good wing carriage and size: Wilkinson, 5, Milton-st., Halifax. (475)

YORKSHIRE Canaries; can spare few hens, 4/6; cocks, from 8/6; cinnamon bred, clear, and green variegated; good strain, 1911-12, cold-room: exchange for boots, underwear, good quality: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (471)

LARGE healthy yellow hen Canaries, specially bred outdoor aviary, for breeding strong Mules, 2/6; three selected cock Linnets, 6/-; large Twite-Greenfinch Hybrid, grand exhibition bird, 5/-; exchange: Garner, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs. (465)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE good Amazon Parrot for Canaries or 6 cock Mules; offers: 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (478)

GIVE two pairs Green Lovebirds for Goldie Mule or Canary, songster, sell 7/-: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (479)

EXCHANGE grand pair Austrian Crossbeaks for small foreigners, or best offer: H. Morris, 12, Makenson-arcade, Wigan. (468)

NICE Indian Parrot, beginning to talk; sell 30/-; exchange winning smooth fox terrier bitch: Underhill, 9, Tydraw-st., Port Talbot. (444)

THREE cock Cockatiels, 4/-; two hen Cockatiels, 4/6 each; exchange; wanted Zebra Finches, Whydahs, etc., or the lot for pair Diamond Sparrows; Long-tailed Grassfinches or Cuba Finches; offers wanted: Albert Thornes, 58, Greenmount-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds. (474)

Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE a lady's cycle, new tyres, for a Crest hen, 1912: Clyne, Moray-st., Wick. (460)

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

THIRTY-HOUR grandfather clock, 15/-; exchange cycle covers; offers: Criddeford, Honiton, Devon. (468)

EXCHANGE new chicken coop for poultry or Norwich Canaries: Knight, Waterloo-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (477)

LARGE aviary and table, 45 x 29 x 23, 15/6; or exchange cock and 2 hen Canaries: Salt, Kirby-st., Lynn. (467)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Terrier dog, good coat, for a good yard dog, or offers: Aldworth, High Flatts, Crook. (467)

PEDIGREE Black Pom dog., 6 months, 20/-; exchange fowls: offers: Bracey, 33, Oak-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (472)

SALE, large Parrot cage, 20 cylinder records, 12/-: Edward Rose, Hillside Cottage, Bridge, nr. Canterbury. (467)

TEN ounces hand-picked thistle seed, exchange for good 1912 Yorks. hen: Coates, 19, Candler-st., Scarborough. (468)

SPLENDID Anglo-German concertina in case, sell 30/-, or exchange; offers: Tutty, No. 3, Figg's Marsh, Mitcham. (463)

GOLDFINCH, 2 cocks, 6 hen Canaries, 20/-, or exchange; no livestock: R. Smith, 6, Barrack-hill, Newport, Mon. (461)

SMOOTH-COATED Fox Terrier bitch, served two weeks, 8/-, exchange birds: A. Arnold, Spratton, Northants. (454)

WHAT offers in Canaries for Wire-haired Fox Terrier dog; sell 12/6: W. Noden, 99, Cartwright-st., Warrington. (470)

SALE, or exchange 98 "Cage Birds" for pair of Bullfinches, or offer: Clarke, Chapel-st., Ruskington, Sleaford. (468)

SALE, or exchange cage birds, fast Whippet bitch, 15/-, her two dog pups, 5/- each: Davis, 126, Lord-st., Fleetwood. (472)

EXCHANGE gent's rolled gold double curb albert for Rollers, or offers Canaries: J. Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn. (472)

GRAMOPHONE, loud, clear, 14 10in. records, double-sided, almost new, 35/-, or exchange: 27, Tatton-st., Salford. (474)

FOUR hen Canaries, one Goldfinch, double breeder, lot 7/-; exchange cycle covers; offers: Criddeford, Honiton, Devon. (468)

SPLENDID Palace aviary, sell 25/-, or exchange for any fancy: Chaplin, 6, Gainsborough-sq., Wick-rd., South Hackney. (468)

FOUR single breeders, egg mill, several nest pans, etc., in good condition; offers: R. Edwards, Manor-rd., Glastonbury. (474)

EXCHANGE pair powerful opera glasses, nearly new, for 4 hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (479)

EXCHANGE high-class Toy Yorkshire dog, four months, for Canaries, value 35/-: Swann, 98, Prescot-st., Liverpool. (472)

LARGE Parrot cage, 30 x 20in., 7/-, exchange yell. Yorkshire, Roller, or Border cock to value: Butler, Plumber, Southwell. (464)

SONG Thrush and cage, and other cages, cheap, or exchange anything useful: Hawkes, 16, Smith-st., Trafford-rd., Salford. (458)

FLESHER'S mincer, almost new, for cinnamon Borders, or sell 15/-; on approval: Wm. Love, Whitburn, West Lothian. (473)

EXCHANGE lady's gold cased watch, perfect order, for 4 hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (479)

EXCHANGE dozen new Linnet cages for cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches, or sell 6/-: Swann, 98, Prescot-st., Liverpool. (472)

EXCHANGE pair Sandow grip dumbbells, 12/6, for poultry, live stock, or anything useful: Horne, 7, Beresford-rd., Cardiff. (474)

EXCHANGE black Pom, bitch, 11 months, for Canaries, or sell 25/-: A. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester. (475)

EXCHANGE good Yorkshire toy Puppy, for Canaries; approval both ways: Bell, 19, Jobling-st., Deptford, Sunderland. (460)

SITTING Black Leghorn eggs, for Yorkshire buff hens, one clear, one variegated, must be good: 27, Tupton Bank, Sheffield. (462)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, "English Mechanic," 1871 to 1876, bound morocco, un-oiled: H. Charlton, Berwyn-st., Llangollen. (468)

YORK. Terrier, £1; pair yellow Budgies, 10/6, offers, Rollers, Norwich, or Scotch Fancies: 3, Eglesfield-rd., High Shields. (472)

EXCHANGE two fishing rods, reels, line, for pair Norwich, or sell 15/-; yours first: Robert Mitchell, Marchglen, Tillicoultry. (456)

EXCHANGE large metal 3-division Crystal Palace Aviary, anything useful, or sell cheap: Miles, 64, Chester-rd., Tottenham. (465)

VIOLIN, high-class complete, £2; also boy's violin, exchange Canaries, little cash; offers: Violinist, 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (471)

WHAT offers in exchange two cocks, light Goldfinch-Canary Mules, sell £1: A. Walters, Beaufort-rd., Kingswood, Bristol. (467)

EXCHANGE two pairs of Lovebirds for yellow cock Norwich, also 2 hen Cinnamons, for cock Norwich: Huddy, Chesham, Bucks. (465)

NEW fashionable overcoat, chest 42in., 25/-; exchange Canaries; offers; football, 2/6: Hezlier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea. (480)

TOY Yorkshire bitch, weight 4lbs., sell £2, or accept offers; part exchange: Barton, Confectioner, East-st., Barking, Essex. (477)

FOR sale, cross Fox Terrier and Pom. puppies, dog 4/-, bitch 5/-; exchange Canaries: Cholerton, Williams-st., Ebbw Vale. (477)

EXCHANGE "Our Canaries," 5/-, 16 parts, for cock Goldfinches or Sib. bred hens: Valentine, 74, Bolton-rd., Westhoughton. (470)

CYCLE lamp, value 8s. 6d.; inflator, and saddle-bag, 3/6; exchange for one Yorkshire cock: Granny House, Bell Busk, Leeds. (462)

WALNUT-faced six-compartment cage, Norwich or Rollers to 30/-; stamp reply, as no equal: R. Lawton, Fleming-st., Barnsley. (471)

EXCHANGE gent.'s silver Lever watch, accurate, for Canaries, stock birds, value 15/-: Harris, 100, Barnsbury-rd., London, N. (474)

SELL or exchange gent's silver Waltham lever watch, £1; suit length, 15/-; offers, Rollers preferred: Clipsham, Eastgate, Louth. (464)

SITTING buff Rock eggs, Sharpley's noted strain, 5/- 13, or exchange singing cock Canary: Marsh, Grocer, Lowtown, Pudsey. (445)

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives and hollow ground razor for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Joseph Royles, 262, Beet, Sheffield. (478)

F. BEARD, Llandrindod Wells, winner Palace, etc., offers two pair Black Tumblers, £1, or exchange Canaries; offers; approval. (467)

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier pups, exchange Canaries, British, foreign, or sell 15/- each; birds first: Sissons, 12, Portland-st., York. (471)

GOOD bargain, five Buff Leghorn pullets and cockerel, good strain, three laying, sell, 24/-; J. W. Taylor, Crowle, Lincolnshire. (467)

WE exchange every description of cages for Canaries, Mules, etc.; full list; state wants: B. Savory, Grt. Hampton Row, Birmingham. (457)

EXCHANGE brazing lamp, new condition, for pair Yorkshires, or 3-compartment breeder: Scillitor, Croft Cottages, Earls Colne, Essex. (462)

EXCHANGE eight champion pedigree Retriever dog for Canaries or African Grey Parrot to value, £3 10/-: Brain, Cadoxton, Barry. (469)

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EXCHANGE gent's gold cased hunter watch, good condition, for 8 healthy hen Canaries: Rutherford, 77, Stirge-st., Heeley, Sheffield. (479)

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SEVEN double breeding cages, 40 x 17 x 11 ins., 4/6 each; also Yorkshire Canaries: Yorke, 55, Aubrey-road, Small Heath, Birmingham. (464)

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VEST-POCKET revolver (6 chambers), 12/6; also pistol, 7/6; both .22 calibre: exchange Yorkshires, or offers: 4, Peel Terrace, Hellifield. (462)

EXCHANGE melodeon, fine tone, three stops, value 8/6; what offers cock Roller and cage: Gladwin, 115, Cadogan-terrace, Victoria Park. (476)

PAIR good Yorkshires, double breeder, 12/6; 3 Canary singing cages, 5/6; No. 1 garden rifle, 5/-; exchange: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach. (478)

VIOLIN, bow, case, fine instrument, £2; Hobbies' treadle fretsaw, £1; exchange; offers photography: Crossley, 23, Hertford-rd., Blackley. (476)

GOOD cock Goldfinch Mule, singing, 6/6; large cock Bramblefinch, exhibition specimen, house-moulted, 10/-: offers: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (464)

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SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN C.B.A.

Annual meeting held at the Court House, Town Hall, Kingstown, Feb. 6. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. E. R. Phillips, the chair was occupied by Mr. Reilly. The balance sheet was submitted and unanimously adopted. Some interesting points were raised in the secretary's report in connection with the annual show, and after some discussion it was decided that the new committee should deal with the matters referred to. The following officers were elected for the year 1913:—Pres., Mr. E. R. Phillips; vice-pres., Mr. M. Clery; hon. treas., Mr. C. Foster; hon. sec., Mr. D. Smyth; committee, Messrs. Reilly, Waters, Ward, Price, Brien, Carroll, Dwyer, and Sholedice. It is to be noted that the dates of the annual show have been fixed for Nov. 26 and 27 (Wednesday and Thursday). After other minor matters had been dealt with, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the chairman for the able manner in which he conducted the business both at that meeting and during the past year. A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. B. Beegan for the services rendered by him at the time of the show. The new committee were instructed to meet on Tuesday night, March 4, at 8 p.m. The members joined in wishing CAGE BIRDS a record circulation this year.—D. Smyth, hon. sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Jan. 29th. Mr. R. Topping presided over a fair attendance. Decided to have table show for pairs at next meeting, Feb. 19th. Three classes: (1) Yellow cock, buff hen, (2) buff cock, yellow hen, (3) any colour novice. Decided to ask Mr. F. Wyndham to judge. Re medals won by our members, the secretary was instructed to get some samples for our next meeting.—W. Curry, Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

On Jan. 15, we had our election of officers for 1913:—President and chairman, Mr. J. H. Hawthorne; vice-pres., Mr. J. Heighton and Mr. F. Harrison; secretary, Mr. J. Cook, 35, Layton Road; auditors, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hardbattle. The election of the committee was left over until Feb. 5, when Messrs. Yates, Bell, Suffolk, Hardbattle, Arthur, Brooks, Gamble, and Claypole were elected. A table show was also held, when Mr. J. Heighton placed the following awards:—NOR. BUFF HEN (except unflighted): 1, 2, Gamble. NOV.: 1, vhc, hc, Yates; 2, 3, Davis; c, Brooks. YELL. HEN, NOV.: 1, 3, Yates; 2, hc, Brooks; vhc, Davis.—J. Cook, Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH MULE AND FOREIGN B.C.

Meeting held Jan. 27. Mr. C. Pettersson presided over a good attendance. Decided to have table show at Feb. meeting, with the following classes: (1) Linnet, F.M., (2) Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite, F.M., (3) A.O.V. Hardbill, (4) Foreign. Proposed that we ask our old friend Mr. A. Storcy to judge same. In connection with meeting a table show was held. Mr. Geo. Taylor was the judge, and he gave every satisfaction. LINNET: 1, J. Bertram; 2, 3, C. Pettersson. GREENF.: 1, Bertram; 2, J. Irving; 3, Pettersson. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Scott; 3, hc, McGuire; 4, Pettersson; vhc, Bertram. FOR.: 1, vhc, Scott; 2, Irving; 3, Young; 4, Petter[illegible]—W. Curry, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 28, at "Boot Inn," Eastgate Row. Mr. F. C. Parker presided over a good attendance for the first meeting at the new headquarters. Classification for pair show was drawn up. Decided to hold a Linnet singing contest on evening of show, Feb. 26. Mr. C. Pritchard generously offered a copper kettle for competition, providing that there were twelve birds competing. Mr. F. C. Parker, Mr. J. Swindley, and Mr. T. Gardner were elected to judge at pair show, and Mr. C. Pritchard as timekeeper for Linnet contest. Messrs. Grundy and Hall were elected as new members. Anyone wishing to become members can have full particulars from hon. sec. Next meeting will be held Feb. 26, after the pair show.—R. N. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Hoole, Chester.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

All meeting records were broken on Feb. 4, at the monthly meeting at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, the chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, presiding. Table show of matched pairs of Canaries: Class 1, A.V., Champion; Class 2, A.V. Novice. These two drew nearly 40 exhibits, and some exceptionally good birds were staged. Prize money, 5s., 2s. 6d., and 1s. 6d., and no entry fee. We were very pleased to see so many birds staged. It proves the members appreciate the officials' efforts. The attendance was a record, the one cry being, what a successful and enthusiastic meeting. Mr. Spencer placed the cards to the satisfaction of everyone present, after which he entertained his audience by remarks as to the respective good points in the various birds. Annual dinner takes place Thursday, Feb. 13. Another record, as the number of tickets sold already exceeds last year's. Nine new members were elected. A vote of thanks to judge and chairman closed the finest meeting ever held by the society.—J. A. T. Woodall.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 6, Mr. G. Hill in the chair. Good number of members and friends present; business got through with great dispatch. For British table show to be held March 6, a very good schedule was drawn up, which we hope will meet with a good response. Decided to keep subscription list for points cups open a little longer, and we are pleased to be able to state that members are subscribing very liberally. New members: Messrs. Childers (New Cross), Rosendale (Catford), and Simants (Hither Green). Mr. Hazel having finished judging the pair show, we adjourned to the show room, where we had 91 pairs staged. The judge, in replying to a vote of thanks, said he was very pleased to see such a nice lot of birds, and wished us all a successful season. Points in cup competition: Champion, Pope 48, Burton Bros. 38, Gillard 36; Novice, Ronson 27, Dean 25, Kay 21; Border, Kay 21, Martin 17, Culham, 7. Specials won will be presented at British show, March 6, so members are requested to turn up in force.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

General meeting Feb. 3rd, at headquarters, when Mr. J. Raynes presided over a large attendance of members. The secretary announced that Mr. Cutmore, of Liverpool, had promised to give us a lecture on pedigree breeding and heredity (with illustrations), on Monday, March 17th, when we hope to have a good attendance. I am sure this will prove very interesting to all keepers of birds. Friends are cordially invited. Mr. Fairhurst announced that he would rather we get someone else to judge the British Table Show on March 3rd, he judging it last year. Mr. A. G. Smith consented. The social committee then gave a report. It was agreed that the social be on March 1st at the Clarion Cafe, Market-street, tea on the table at 6.30 p.m. The committee have got a good programme together (not many speeches), and it now rests with the members to make it a great success by coming themselves, and bringing their wives and friends. I might mention that during the evening Mr. W. A. Bladon will be presented with an illuminated address and testimonial. A table show of Yorks. and Nor. was held, Mr. Atkinson judging Yorks., and Mr. Beswick Nor. Awards:—YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Jones. HEN: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Jones. PAIRS: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Jones. NORWICH, CK.: 1, 4, Raynes; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Davis; hc, Coldbeck. HEN: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Davis; 4, hc, Raynes; vhc, Coldbeck. PAIRS: 1, 2, Raynes; 3, Turner. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the judges. Next meeting March 3rd, when there will be a washing competition, Mr. S. T. Oldham giving gold medal for best handled and washed bird, and Mr. H. W. Jones a special for best bird washed by a novice. Judges, Messrs. S. Cook and A. G. Davis. We hope the members will give these gentlemen plenty to do.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

The Latest Fashion: the White Canaries

HOW I BRED MY FIRST SPECIMENS.

By W. KIESEL (Pentonville).

An article written to accompany Mr. Norman's colored plate given with this issue.

I HAVE pleasure in penning this brief account of how I became interested in Canary breeding, and managed to produce White Canaries, to accompany the very nice coloured plate executed by your artist, Mr. H. Norman, of which you have been good enough to send me an advance copy. An acquaintance of mine (a London fancier, now deceased) persuaded me to start, and in 1906 he gave me at different times several copies of your journal, CAGE BIRDS. He was a breeder in a small way, and in the spring of 1907 I purchased from him a pair of Yorkshires—both were yellows. They were clear birds, though he told me their parents were cinnamon marked. I mated this pair in the month of June. Result, 4 eggs and 4 young birds; all four, too, turned out to be cocks, which was a surprise to me, and I notified the occurrence in your columns. They were ordinary in colour, but very pale, the buffs very pale indeed.

Sensation No. 1 Appears.

The finest of the four I mated next year to another hen obtained from this acquaintance of mine—a hen which he said was one of his "best type." In July, 1908, she laid 3 eggs and hatched 3 young, but 2 died on the day they were born, owing to the hen knocking them out of the nest. The survivor was the White Canary exhibited by me at the Jubilee Palace show (1909) and which attracted so much notice at the time.

I did not breed with him in 1909, as I thought him too young, but in 1910 he sired six white Canaries, and I also bred another four from his father, who, I may mention, is still alive and in good form. The hens used were sisters of the original hen (i.e., the mother of the bird shown at the Palace in 1909).

Perhaps the most surprising result was that of last season (1912). From the old cock bird—the original father, that is—I bred 7 white young, 3 out of 3 eggs in the first nest, and 4 out of 4 eggs in the second nest. He was mated with an ordinary yellow hen, but of course, from the white strain.

The Black Canary a Possibility.

I had a surprise also in 1911, when I bred a bird which was almost black—it had only a few white feathers. Unfortunately I lost it just before it was ready to come out of the nest. This bird came from a different pair—not the couple referred to above. In 1912 I also bred a similar Canary—this time three-quarters black, one quarter white—from the same pair. To my chagrin I lost this one also at about the age of ten days.

I notice that, generally speaking, my marked birds have the markings grey, some approaching to brownish or cinnamon, but a good percentage of the young are pure white. As time goes on I shall hope to report further developments to your readers.

My methods of management are on quite the usual lines. I rear the young on egg and biscuit, giving greenfood (watercress and chickweed) after they are three days old. I believe in canary seed of the best quality as the staple diet, and vary this with summer rape, maw, linseed, and a little hemp, according to season. My breeding cages are of the usual type, and I may say that I think a great point is to keep the birds very clean.

LONDON C.B.A. DINNER.

A Successful and Enjoyable Function.

London fanciers look forward to two enjoyable events to bring each show season to a close, one the Crystal Palace show, and the other the annual dinner of the London Cage Bird Association, which this year took place at the Sheraton Rooms at the Popular Cafe, Piccadilly, on Monday, Feb. 10. A large gathering of members of the Association and friends from other societies, and quite a bevy of ladies were present. We noticed members of all the prominent London societies at the festive board. The genial President of the Society, Mr. R. L. Crisp, was in the chair, and among those around the tables we noticed Mr. F. Knight and the Misses Knight, Miss L. F. Hillien, Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Trower, Mr. and Mrs. Firth, Mrs. E. Litchfield, Miss J. Cooper, Miss M. Cooper, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Savage, Mr. and Mrs. F. Boxall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Penton, Mr. and Mrs. Marley, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Robson, Mrs. Allwright, Mr. J. M. Allwright, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Green, Miss Jefferys, Mr. and Mrs. Englefield, Mr. and Mrs. Warley, Miss Wignell, Messrs. Crabb, Heath, Carl, Maxwell, Sandy, Askew, Pretty, Barnett, Maher, Sayer, Mugford, W. H. Mugford, Petbick, T. C. Pickard, C. Pickard, B. Doble, A. Forbes, A. K. Forbes, R. C. Pickard, M. Pickard, S. Hopkins, Morris, Dew, Silver, Piercy, Easterling, Payne, Billings, Yeoman, Gapp, Leatley, Slade, Broad, and Hopkins. After grace by the Chairman, the party enjoyed a capital menu, which, after a short interval, was followed by the toast "The King and Royal Family"; a start was then made with a capital programme of songs and other interesting items. The toast of the "L.C.B.A." was suitably proposed by Mr. Crisp, who after expressing the deep regret of all the members of the Association at the death of their Chairman (Mr. Tinniswood Miller), said that if the late autumn show had not stood out in point of numbers, it certainly stood unsurpassed in the quality of the birds exhibited. They had not a large balance, but they always managed to pull through, and they had had their ups and downs. They did all they could in the interest of the Fancy, and he coupled Mr. Mugford's name with the toast. In the course of his reply the latter gentleman said the work of the year had been a great success, but the members did not support the pair show as he thought they ought. The Horticultural Hall had been retained for the next annual show, but something of a sensation with reference to that show was afloat and might be heard more of shortly. He thought they gave too liberal a classification, but if they reduced the classification in one direction it would be increased in another.

The cups and challenge bowl won during the season were presented to the lucky winners, Mr. Bread taking the Crest Cup, Mr. Ayres the cup for unflighted Yorks. Cup for best amateur Yorks., presented by Mr. Boxall, was won by Mr. Frank Smith; Mr. Knight secured the cup for the best Yorks. of any age. Silver cup for most points in amateur novice Norwich fell to Mr. T. Hart. Challenge Bowl fell to Mr. Howe, Wellingborough, while Mr. Marley won the British Bird Bowl for most points. The toast, "The Fancy" was proposed by Mr. Carl. Mr. Robson, in replying, commented on the growth of the Fancy, and contrasted the present-day facilities of fanciers to those in existence when he first came to London. He told of how he interviewed Mr. Heath for the first time in the Throne Room of his sanctuary when the latter had just started the first London Society. There were many present-day problems to tackle in the interest of exhibitors, in particular, we want facilities from the big railway companies. Mr. Robson concluded by thanking Mr. Carl for his remarks, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Boxall made the speech of the evening in replying to the toast, "The Ladies and Visitors," in the course of which he was profuse in his praise of the fair sex who, he said, helped them very much in many ways, especially in the breeding season, the latter remark putting his hearers into convulsions of laughter, and he joined the names of Mr. Silver, Mr. Crabb and Mr. Heath, who all suitably responded. Mr. Silver said several lady fanciers had been most successful in Hybrid breeding. Votes of thanks to the President and to the Dinner Committee (Messrs. Knight, Trower, Sheppard and Wallington) brought an enjoyable evening to a close shortly before midnight, all joining hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, Feb. 8, President Mr. Bigbee in the chair. A letter from Dr. S. C. Fowler was read, saying he would like to become a subscriber to the prize fund at the next show. Dr. Fowler proposed to give a prize for the best cock or hen in the show, but he would leave it to the committee what the prize should consist of and where it should go. There was also a letter from Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith, kindly consenting to give a lecture at our next meeting, March 8, on "Britishers: Their Selection and Management," and it was left in the hands of the sec. to make arrangements for the lecture. Mr. J. Ferguson, Curriemuirend, and Mr. R. Davidson, Currie, were elected members. At the close of the meeting Mr. Hamilton kindly gave a washing exhibition, after which Mr. Hamilton was asked to answer some questions, which he willingly agreed to do either on the washing or the general feeding of the Border Fancy. Quite a number of questions were asked and answered, as only a fancier of the experience of Mr. Hamilton could answer them, and on the motion of Mr. Begbie, chairman, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hamilton for his kindness in coming to give such an interesting evening. The rest of the evening was spent in song and story, and it was agreed on all hands this was the most interesting meeting yet held in connection with our society.—James Napier, sec.

(Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Bathgate C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Corn Exchange. Judges, J. Brown, J. D. Leigh. 34 open classes: Mules 5, Brit. 24, Pairs 1, Nor. Sell. 1, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Feb. 17 to, A. Nicol, 46, High Street, Bathgate.

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Oct. 10 & 11. **Leeds C.B.S.** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mt., Roundhay, Leeds.) J.H.R., W.B.
Oct. 11-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street).
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool).
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford).
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.)
Dec. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.S.** (G. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road).

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.S.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.)
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Ireland.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.)
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lur-
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown).
gan).
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

NANTWICH.

Annual show, held in connection with the Poultry Society, in the Flour Sale-room. The room is well lighted and free from draughts, but our section did not have the room it ought to have had. The exhibits were far too high to be looked at and criticised. It was a very raw morning, and a lot of the exhibits were very soft. One of the rules was to the effect that all birds must be watered after judging, we think it would be wise to give a little water when staged. Some birds wanted it. Certainly birds are sure not to get a bath before judging, but it is well worth the risk of bathing to have them face a judge in good condition, not soft, which puts them quite out of the running. The Goldies, especially those from a distance, looked very much down. We heard that the judge had these watered, and went on with his other classes to give them a chance. The classification was only small, but the support received 86 exhibits in seven classes, seems to deserve additional classes next year. Norwich and York. were a fair lot. Mutes were really great, some toppers being on view. Goldies and Linnets should have separate classes next year; it will pay. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, judged, and his placings were well received. Messrs. F. Wilson and W. Bowker had charge of our section, and looked after the interests of the birds in a very efficient manner.

NOR. (13): 1, 2, 3, Brotherhood, champion team, well put down, leader, var. yell., bold head and cheeks, short compact wings and tail, 2nd, monster of a buff, wee bit long, 3rd, cl. yell., capital head, well shaped body, hot, even col; vhc, Cooper; hc, Parlett; c, Sutton. YORKS. (8): 1, Ramsden, smart cl. buff, straight as a rush, even wings, glorious feather; 2, Perry, mkd. eye, smart yell., capital style, full of go, lovely qual., shows frill; 3, vhc, hc, Brotherhood, mkd. wing, real smart, glorious feather, well up on legs, even wings and tail; c, Roberts, very much down, good bird. MULE (11): 1, Bettington, grand yell. Siskin-Can., exquisite markings, fair size, would be a wonder if fed; 2, Parlett, monster Goldie Mule, topping col., rare shape, bit down; 3, Minshull, Linnet Bullie, fair size, capital col., grand condition; vhc, Sutton; hc, Evans and Roberts; c, Wilson. LINNET OR GOLDIE (17): Grand class. 1, vhc, Heap, extra good Goldie, rich tanning, expansive blaze, in excellent condition; 2, Kilner, charming Linnet, well pencilled, cone shape nut brown colour, all through; 3, c, Pitchford, smart Goldie, exquisite feather, rare colour, just beaten on top by winner; hc, Brotherhood; Nos. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, all soft, hard lines. BULLFINCH: 1, Evans and Roberts, monster, rare cap, well cut, excellent blue back and condition; 2, Cooper, not size of winner, hot breast, enormous head and cap; 3, J. M. Williams, hottest col., we have seen, smallish, but real smart; vhc, Parlett; hc, Heap; c, Davies.

INTERNATIONAL ROLLER CANARY EXHIBITION.

The British Roller Canary Society held their 1st International Exhibition on Feb. 7th and 8th, at the St. Marylebone Church Institute, Paddington Street, W. The officials were very fortunate in being able to secure a hall which is so admirably suited in every respect for the purpose. The singing of the exhibits was carried out to perfection. They were arranged in tiers of three, around the sides, and across the lower end of the room, another row being placed down the centre. The tables were just the desired height, which enabled the bottom row of birds to be easily inspected. Such an assemblage of splendid special prizes has never before been competed for at a Roller Canary exhibition. They comprised silver, silver and gilt, and bronze medals, silver and silver plated cups, framed pictures, 7 and 14lbs. packages of the best German rape seed, cloth lengths, basses of fish, silver-plated preserve dishes, a magnificent marzipan cake, valued at £1 1., silk handkerchiefs, and money specials. A detailed list of the fortunate winners of these specials is not yet to hand. Herr H. Frisch, a prominent judge, of Coln, Germany, was specially engaged to adjudicate on classes No. 1, 2, and 3. No. 1 class was the international champion team class, open to English and German exhibitors, a team to consist of four birds, 17 teams competed. It was very regrettable that only one team from abroad put in an appearance. Class No. 2, the International champion single bird class, numbered 48 birds, all belonging to English fanciers. Class No. 3, novice team class (a team to consist of four birds), seven teams competed in this. Individual birds of these teams were eligible to compete in the other novice classes for single birds. Other classes were for champion young birds, 63 entries; novice young birds, 56 entries; champion class, 20 entries; amateur class, 20 entries; novice class (birds of any age wearing the B.R.C. ring), 46 entries; selling class, 19 entries. Mr. Lester judged class 4; Mr. Jacquemin classes 5, 6, and 7; Mr. Fisher, classes 8 and 9.

A German Judge's Kindness.

Herr H. Frisch very kindly brought a couple of Koller singers over with him, to give English fanciers an opportunity of hearing this rare tour. Owing to our being some distance away from the birds, we were unable to hear the intermingling sounds of the hollow roll, bass, and Glucke tours, which comprise the Koller tour; it sounded to us like a peculiar Glucke tour. This gentleman spoke strongly on what he termed the flat Glucke; it is delivered in a clattering, choppy manner, and we were advised not to breed with a bird singing a tour like this, because the youngsters would probably bring out a chop. A few fanciers were confused in this flat Glucke, and the Bell Glucke; there should not be any doubt in distinguishing one from the other, as the distinct beat of the bell can be plainly heard, together with the Glucke. Another tour which Herr Frisch described as a Schnatter, sounded to us like a water roll; a fancier standing on our left hand voiced his thoughts and remarked: "Well, I call that a water roll." But probably those fanciers who were close to the birds would be able to distinguish something in the tours that was undiscernable to us from our position at the back.

It will come as a surprise to many of the novice exhibitors to learn that the German judge valued some of their birds at 5s. each. This class of bird must indeed have been very faulty, and poor in the song tours. We know that birds are often exhibited for the purpose of having expert advice on the different tours and their value, and where points are given too lavishly it has a tendency to cause the uninitiated to have an erroneous idea concerning the song of their birds. The two Koller singers had some very good tours, but were faulty, yet they will not cross the North Sea again, having found new owners on this side. The 5th prize team, belonging to Herr Gottfr. Viethen, in class 1, have also found new owners. Abbreviations used are the same as in the Palace report of the Rollers.

The Points Scored.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM CLASS (68) Judge, Herr H. Frisch: 1, R. Kremner, 105 points; 2, T. Turner, 93; 3, F. J. Randall, 92; 4, W. Harrison, 85; 5, Herr Gottfr. Viethen, 84; vhc, M. Neugebauer, 84; hc, A. Percival, 82; c, T. Simpson, 79. INTERNATIONAL SINGLE BIRD CHAMP. (48): Judge, Herr Frisch: 1, R. Kremner, hr 6, hb 4, sch 5, bell Glucke 3, f 3, wr 2, br 1, ge 5, total 29; 2, R. Kremner, hr 6, b 4, hb 4, sch 3, f 3, wr 2, bt 1, ge 4, total 27; 3, T. Turner, hr 5, b 5, hb 3, sch 3, bell Glucke 2, f 3, ge 5, total 26; 4, M. Neugebauer, hr 5, b 4, hb 4, sch 4, g 4, ge 5, total 26; 5, R. Kremner, hr 5, b 5, hb 4, sch 3, f 3, bt 2, ge 4, total 26; vhc, T. Turner, W. Brown; hc, J. H. Willows, J. T. Johnson; c, W. Buffin, W. Whittlestone. Remarks: F. J. Randall wins special for best Glucke. NOVICE TEAM (28) Judge, Herr Frisch. 1, W. H. Shepley, 74 points; 2, P. Kehayogslu, 54; 3, H. Mason, 53; 4, W. Groves, 50; vhc, W. Rhodes, 49; hc, H. Ratcliffe, 31; c, J. Mawhood, 19. Remarks: No song from 36 and 37. It may be of interest to relate that two of the birds in the 1st prize team have been tutored under a faulty schoolmaster. Their owner followed the method of training advised in the articles on the Roller which appeared in our columns a few months ago. Mr. Shepley wins silver-plated teapot, presented by Mr. Willows, also special bass of fish for best hc in novice young bird class. Mr. Kehayoglu wins silver-plated cup presented by Mr. Randall; Mr. Mason, Mr. Groves, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Ratcliffe and Mr. Mawhood also win specials. CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS (judge, Mr. F. A. Lester) (63): 1, F. J. Randall, hr 8, b 4, sch 4, f 3, dbwt 4, wr 3, ge 4, total 30; 2, T. Turner, hr 6, b 4, sch 3, wg 3, f 3, dbwt 3, wr 3, bt 1, ge 3, total 29; ex. 2, F. J. Randall, hr 6, b 4, sch 4, wg 5, f 2, wr 3, br 1, ge 4, 1 point deducted for sharp flutes, total 28; 3, M. Neugebauer, hr 8, b 4, sch 3, wg 3, f 4, wr 3, ge 4, 1 point deducted for aufzug, total 28; ex. 3, J. H. Willows, no points on judging sheet; 4, G. Cole, hr 6, b 4, sch 2, g 5 (this tour was delivered in two ways), wg 3, f 3, br 1, ge 4, 1 point deducted for hard aufzug, and 1 point for sharp flutes, total 26; ex. 4, F. J. Randall, total 26 points; 5, J. E. Fisher, hr 7, b 3, sch 3, g 3, f 3, dbwt 3, ge 4, total 26; best vhc, F. E. Fisher; 2nd best vhc, M. Neugebauer; vhc, J. H. Willows, J. Humphries, Mrs. E. T. Williams; best hc, T. Twigg; 2nd best hc, H. Veen; hc, H. Veen, M. Neugebauer, E. T. Williams, J. A. Ives, F. E. Fisher, J. Hanbury. Remarks: No song from 47, 53, 61, 62; absent, 43, 45, 44, 57, 58, 59; No. 6, hoarse; No. 13, only sang hollow roll; No. 27, only two tours, and a nasty flute; No. 36, one long, straight br; 29 and 32, only sang two tours. Mr. Randall wins silver cup presented by Mr. Roehl, and the Toronto C.B.S. large silver medal, also P.R.C.C. medal; Mr. Turner wins silver-plated cup presented by Mr. Slade; Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Willows, Mr. Cole, Mr. Fisher, Mr. T. Twigg, and Mr. Veen also win specials. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (Judge, Mr. Jacquemin) (56): 1, W. Groves, hr 6, b 4, hb 2, sch 4, g 2, f 4, wr 2, br 1, bt 1, ge 3, total 29; 2, A. Cadman, hr 6, b 3, sch 3, g 4, wg 3, f 3, wr 2, br 1, bt 1, ge 2, 1 off sharp bell, total 27; ex. 2, S. Preston, hr 7, b 3, hb 2, sch 4, f 3, wr 3, br 1, bt 1, ge 2, total 26; 3, A. Cadman, hr 6, b 3, sch 3, g 2, f 3, wr 2, br 1, bt 2, ge 2, total 21; ex. 3, L. Short, hr 6, b 4, sch 3, g 3, br 2, f 3, bt 1, ge 3, 1 off sharp bell, total 24; 4, H. Rawcliffe, hr 6, b 4, hb 2, sch 3, g 3, f 3, bt 1, ge 3, total 25; ex. 4, P. Kehayoglu, hr 6, b 4, sch 1, f 3, dbwt 1, wr 2, br 1, ge 3, total 24; 5, W. Williams, hr 6, b 4, hb 2, sch 3, f 3, br 1, bt 1, ge 3, total 23; best vhc, S. S. Preston; vhc, Brown; hc, L. Short, P. Kehayoglsu, W. H. Shepley; c, F. W. Haywood. Remarks: Mr. Groves wins silver-plated teapot; Mr. Cadman wins silver-plated cup and 5s. for best wg, and 5s. for 3rd; Mr. Short wins 2s. 6d. for best Glucke, and 10s. money special for ex. 3rd; Mr. Preston wins silver-plated cup; Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Kehayoglsu, and Mr. Williams also win specials; and there are also about 12 other specials to be awarded in this class. CHAMPION ANY AGE B.R.C. RING (judge, Mr. Jacquemin) (20): 1, J. H. Willows, hr 6, bass 3, sch 4, g 4, wg 3, f 3, wr 2, br 1, bt 1, ge 2, total 29; 2, J. Humphries, hr 6, b 4, sch 3, g 3, wg 3, f 3, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 28; 3, J. Simpson, hr 6, b 4, sch 3, g 3, wg 3, f 3, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 28; 4, J. Humphries, hr 6, b 3, sch 3, g 3, wg 3, f 3, br 2, bt 1, ge 3, total 27; 5, M. Stolle, hr 6, b 3, sch 3, g 3, wg 3, f 3, br 1, bt 1, ge 3, total 26; vhc, W. Harrison (2); hc, J. Humphries, A. Harper, F. A. Lester, C. A. Harper, F. E. Fisher, and Mrs. T. Williams. Mr. Willows wins a silver silver plated cup, and Mr. Humphries wins a silver plated cup. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Humphries and M. Stolle win specials, and there are 3 other specials for vhc's and c's. AMATEUR (Judge, Mr. Jacquemin) (20): 1, W. Harrison, hr 6, b 3, sch 3, g 2, wg 3, f 3, wr 2, br 1, bt 1, ge 3, total 27; 2, H. T. Davis, hr 6, b 3, sch 3, g 3, wg 3, f 2, wr 3, ge 4, 1 off for hard aufzug, 1 off sharp flutes, total 25; 3, A. Turner, hr 7, b 5, sch 3, f 3, wr 3, br 1, bt 1, ge 4, 2 points deducted for hard aufzug total 25; 4, T. J. Smith, hr 7, sch 4, wg 4, f 2, wr 3, ge 3, total 23; 5, H. A. Ward, hr 8, b 4, hb 3, sch 3, wg 3, ge 3 1 off sharp bell, total 23; vhc, W. Harrison; hc, J. A. Ives; c, T. Simpson. Remarks: Mr. Harrison wins marzipan cake, value £1 1s.; Mr. Davis wins silver plated cup; Mr. Turner, Mr. Smith and Mr. Ward win specials, and there were 4 other specials for vhc, hc and c. No. 21, no song, after one hour; No. 75 only sang a prolonged hollow roll which left the bird exhausted. NOVICE (Judge, F. E. Fisher) (46): 1, A. Chilicot, hr 5, b 5, sch 3, g 4, wg 3, f 3, wr 1, bt 1, ge 4, 2 off sharp bell, total 27; 2, A. E. Montague, hr 5, b 3, hb 2, sch 3, g 2, f 1, dbwt 2, wr 2, br 2, ge 3, total 25; 3, F. Barnett, hc, 7, b 3, sch 4, wg 3, f 1 br 1 ge 3, 1 off sharp flutes, total 21; 4, W. Grainger, hr 5, b 3, sch 4, g 3, wg 3, f 2, wr 1, br 1, ge 3, 1 off, sharp flutes, total 24; 5, W. Williams, hr 6, b 5, hb 3, sch 4, f 3, b 1, ge 4, 1 off sharp flutes, 1 sharp bell, total 24; vhc, E. J. Harvy; hc, G. Carruthers; c, H. G. Hudson. Remarks: Mr. Chillcott wins silver plated cup for 1st prize. Mr. Montague wins silver plated cup for 2nd. Mr. Barnett, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Harvey win spls. Nos. 4, 5, 23, 32, and 52 sang only 3 tours; No. 6 sang 4 tours only; Nos. 7 and 28 were absent. The judge's remarks on the winners in tbs class are as follow: 1st prize winner, very fine tone and delivery, a little disconnected in song; No. 3, Beautiful rising and falling hollow roll; No. 20, slightly hoarse; No. 6, good full tone; No. 27, fine hollow roll; No. 33, good variety, but lacking in tone. SELLING (no price limit), (Judge, Mr. Fisher) (19): 1, R. Kremner, hr 4, b 4, hb 2, sch 3, g 2, wg 2, f 2, bt 1, ge 3, 1 off sharp bell, total 22; 2, M. Neugebauer, hr 6, b 4, sch 4, wg 3, f 2, br 1, ge 3, 1 off aufzug, total 22; 3, W. Evans, hr 4, b 4, hb 2, sch 3, wg 3, f 2, dbwt 2, br 1, ge 3, 1 off aufzug, 1 sharp flutes, 2 sharp bell, total 20; 4, J. Hanbury, hr 4, b 5, sch 2, wg 2, br 1, bt 2, ge 3, total 19; 5, R. Kremner, hr 4, b 2, sch 4, g 2 wg 2, f 2, wr 1, ge 3, 1 off sharp bell, total 19; vhc, J. B. Hesling. Nos. 18, 3 and 10 only sang three tours; Nos. 5 and 17, no song, after 2 hours.

HOLMFIRTH C.B.S.

Members' show held Feb. 7. Judge, Mr. Arthur Lawford. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Charlesworth; 3, Smith; 4, Shaw; vhc, Ellis; hc, Beaumont. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Charlesworth; 2, Shaw; 4, Smith; vhc, Beaumont. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 4, Smith; 2, Beaumont; 3, Charlesworth. BUFF (3): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Ellis; 3, Beaumont.—Tom Smith, Sec.

PAISLEY & DIS. N.M.B. & F.B.C.

Annual pair show Feb. 8th, in Painters' Hall. There was a fair turn-out of birds. Judge, Mr. P. Wylie. CRESTS: 1, T. Potts; 2, D. O'Hare; 3, R. McLerie. PLAINHEADS: 1, 2, 3, F. Paling. BORDERS: 1, T. Potts; 2, Graham; 3, Briggs. MULING PAIRS: 1, 4, Graham; 2, 3, Buchanan. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, 3, A. Buchanan; 4, Graham. Special for the best 2nd pair was won by D. O'Hare.—R. McLerie, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Annual pairs show held in Laidlaw Temperance Hotel, Lenord Street, Feb. 8, there being a good entry of birds staged. Mr. J. Crauna judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction. The show was well attended by the public. CREST: 1, sp, Blyth; 2, Cochrane; 3, Blyth; 4, Duncan; 5, Bruce; 6, Blyth; 7, Duncan. NOR.: 1, sp, Forest; 2, Mooney; 3, Blyth; 4, 5, Fullarton; 6, Mooney; 7, Crawford; 8, Crawford. ORD.: 1, sp, Borrie; 2, Blyth; 3, Borrie; 4, Blyth; 5, Bruce. BRIT.: 1, sp, A. Kirk; 2, Livingstone; 3, Brown; 4, Livingstone; 5, P. Kirk; 6, Livingstone; 7, Brown; 8, Carstairs. MULES AND HYB.: 1, sp, Forest; 2, A. Kirk.—John L. Smith, Sec.

OLD RADFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Table show held at headquarters, the White Horse Hotel, of all British. The show did not come up to expectations, but the quality was up to the standard. The Bramblefinch was a grand specimen, well up on legs, very steady and nicely marked; the Goldfinch running the winner very close might have won but for being spoilt in the wash; the third, a very nice Linnet, colour and lacings being very good; fourth, another Linnet, very unsteady, but will make a winner later on. Mr. J. Wood judged. 1, C. Bratt, Bramble; 2, C. Smith, Goldfinch; 3, J. Berrington, Linnet; 4, A. Spencer, Linnet. It was decided to call a general meeting at the earliest date convenient to all the members. Mr. W. T. Tomlin, proprietor, has promised us several prizes and the use of the club room free of charge, so we consider ourselves very fortunate. —A. Spencer, 368, Denman-st., Radford, Notts.

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The Preston O.S. have fixed their open annual show for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, writes Mr. T. Barton, Hon. Sec.

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has been elected as judge for the Lincoln C.B. Society's annual open show on Dec. 6.

South Shields will hold their show open on Saturday, November 15th. Secretaries please note, writes Mr. W. Smith, the hon. secretary.

We hear from Mr. Forster, Sec., that Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their nest feather show July 19, and their annual show December 6.

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I have been elected secretary of the Doncaster and Dist. C.B.S., and all communications should be addressed to me, writes Mr. G. Hunt (19, The Crescent, Balby Rd., Doncaster).

The Bradford National Cage Bird Show, writes Mr. H. Hill, show sec., is booked for Dec. 5, 6 and 8, 1913, and we are trusting to make it an even greater success than its two predecessors.

I beg to inform you, writes Mr. J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath, that I have been elected secretary of Arbroath C.B.S. All communications in connection with the society should be addressed to me.

We have selected the following judges for our open show on Oct. 17 and 18: Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan, and J. Maddison, writes Mr. J. W. Reed (sec. Newcastle C.B.S.)

It may interest you or your readers, writes Mr. Lloyd James, to know that I have gone into partnership with Messrs. Lewis and Gwyther, of Haverfordwest, and we hope to liven things up a bit this season.

Our annual open show, writes Mr. J. Nicholson, late sec. Haltwhistle C.B.S., has again been fixed for Nov. 21 and 22. All communications should be addressed to Mr. W. Tallantyre, Scotsfield Terrace, Haltwhistle.

Mr. H. Lowther, sec. Grantham C.B.S., writes that the annual pair show will be held at headquarters, "Brewers' Arms," Feb. 15; staged 2.30; judge, Mr. W. E. Allen. Feb. 17, at 8 o'cl. a smoking concert is to be held; all fanciers invited.

Blaydon show is fixed for Nov. 14th and 15th, writes Mr. G. Havver, the sec. We have decided to apply for the C.C.C. patronage; will the members of the said club give us their support, and so help us to try and revive the Crested Fancy in the North?

We have received the balance-sheet of the Newcastle-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S. and note that, after paying ninety pounds odd in prize-money and cash specials at the open show, the cash in hand, which last year stood at 13s. 6d., is now £1 19s. 6d. We have pleasure in congratulating the Society upon a successful year.

We have received, writes Mr. A. Nicol, sec. Bathgate C.B.S., a handsome medal from Mr. Thomas Holmes, Aglionby Street, Carlisle, for best non fed Siskin in Siskin class. This was too late for schedule. Entry fee was omitted; this is 1s. 6d., see show advert.

I should like to say a word in praise of the splendid coloured plates of the Birthday Number, especially the grand plate of "British Birds," a picture for which I had been looking for a long time. It helps a novice like me a great deal.—George Gibson (Barking).

We have dispensed with our radius limit, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, Sec. Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S., 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham, and have left it open for any fancier to come and join us. All are welcome. Any wishing to join us, please send on their names to me, and oblige.

At our meeting on February 5, writes Mr. G. Lord, Sec. Radcliffe and Dis. C.B.S., we decided to hold a pair show at our headquarters, Wareings Dining Rooms, Feb. 19. There will be four classes, Yorks., Norwich, Rollers, and Muling pairs. Fee, 6d. per cage. Birds to be staged 7.30 to 8 o'clock.

OBITUARY.

A large circle of friends, writes Mr. G. Jepp, Repton, will hear with profound sorrow of the bereavement which has befallen Mr. Thomas Irons in the death of his elder son Thomas Irons, who passed away on Jan. 26, at the early age of forty-two. Although a great sufferer during the past five years, our deceased friend bore himself with the utmost cheerfulness. Deep sympathy is felt with his parents in their loss.

The Chorley and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. H. A. M. Gregg, the sec. (22, Grime St.) will hold their first members' show on Feb. 15.; and on Feb. 19 a washing exhibition will be given by our chairman, Mr. J. Rutter. We hope that all interested in birds will join us, so as to make the society a success.

L.C.B.A. pair show, Saturday, February 15th, in the St. Margaret's Institute, Dean Farrer Street, Westminster (one minute from St. James' Park Station. Pairs for sale. Open 3 to 9.30. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Catalogue 3d. Mugford and Knight, secs.—(Advt. 481.)

The handbook of the Crested C.C. is to hand from Mr. Tyson, hon. sec. and treas. It is a well got up brochure, full of information respecting the club. It contains, among other items, list of officers and members, a full report of the 1912 general meeting, the conditions under which the support of the club is given to shows, suggested classifications, particulars of the challenge trophies, and other specials, the rules of the club and the balance-sheets for 1910 and 1911. The handbook should be useful to anyone interested in the Crested Canary, and those who would like to possess a copy should write to Mr. Tyson, at 169, Sloane St., London, S.W.

The L. and P.O.S. members' pair and British Bird and Mule and Hybrid show will be held at the "Raglan Hotel," St. Martins-le-Grand on Thursday, Feb. 20th, at 8 p.m. The Committee warmly invite bird lovers to pay them a visit; admission free. Novices specially invited to come and see this show of matched pairs, and also to ask any questions regarding their own birds, which will be gladly answered by any of the committee, and also by those two well-known judges, Messrs. Heath and Fulljames, who are judging—Mr. Heath the Canaries and Mr. H. J. Fulljames the remainder. The Society are presenting several silver and bronze medals, also money specials.—(Advt.)

"Phosto," the phosphatic food for Canaries and all other cage-birds, although only established in the middle of last season, achieved remarkable success. Thoroughly tested by prominent breeders at critical periods, its effects have given every satisfaction, as is evidenced by the numbers of unsolicited testimonials that have reached the manufacturers. First used somewhat as an experiment, "Phosto" has come to be regarded as invaluable for bringing birds into breeding condition, for feeding young birds, and for moulting and colour-feeding. A sample packet may be had, post free, for 3d. stamps, from The "Phosto" Co., Emsworth, Hants.

Entries at Bathgate.

We have extended the date of entries closing until Thursday, Feb. 20, writes Mr. A. Nichol, sec. Bathgate show. We hope fanciers will give us a real good entry.

The Fancy in Sheffield.

There have been several letters recently in which allusion to the Sheffield Cage Bird Society has been made, writes Mr. A. Hobson, the secretary. We hope fanciers will have observed that the opinions expressed in those letters are those of individual fanciers, and not of the society as a whole. Any letters from the Society, as such, will bear an official signature, and not a non-de-plume.

The Twite's Ways.

In a wild state the Twite is more of a ground bird than either the Linnet or Redpoll. It also nests near the ground, and builds with roots, lining the nest with hair.

A High-priced Hen.

Having sold my yellow hen that was 1st and spl., also diploma for best bird in Norwich section, to Mr. Mr. R. D. Parlett, of Sheffield, for £7 10s., I wish him every success this breeding season, writes Mr. John Moore (Felling-on-Tyne).

Show Report Corrections.

In the report of West Stanley F. and F.S. show the names of winners in Yorks. hen should read: 1, 2, 4, and vhc, R. Goodchild. The Border hen class was not included in the report. The awards were 1, 2, and 4 Peart and Purvis, 3 Forsdick and Curry, vhc Jewitt.

A Fancier Abroad.

Should this meet the eye of any American fanciers, writes Mr. J. W. Crookes, 813, Mulberry St., Toledo, U.S.A., I should be pleased if they would let me have their address with a view to correspondence. I am a breeder and exhibitor of Crest and Crestbreds of 20 years standing, formerly of Sheffield, England.

Protective Winter Plumage.

The winter plumage of most birds is far less bright than in Spring. This is fortunate for those species that frequent the commons and downs, where the roving Hawk has an uninterrupted view of these vast open spaces. We fear the handsome Stonechat would soon decrease in numbers did he wear his spring dress in winter. He only dons it in the early summer, when Dame Nature is dressed in her brightest, and so he is less conspicuous among his surroundings.

WHERE ADVERTISING PAYS.

CAGE BIRDS will sell your surplus stock at once.

Advertise, and see for yourself.

Through my last advertisement I had ten enquiries for bird-houses alone.—B. Hollins (Hull).

We had splendid results from our last advertisement *re* yellow Norwich hens having received replies from all parts. Kindly thank all who have bought hens. We hope they will have a successful breeding season.—Lovegrove and Lovegrove (Henley).

Have had a splendid sale this season through "Cage Birds;" sold over 90 birds. I wish good old Cage Birds every success.—J. Mawhood (Colne).

Please thank all enquirers after my birds advertised in "Cage Birds" last week. I cannot possibly answer them all.—J. Logan (Dysart).

In response to a small advt. in "Cage Birds," I have had a dozen replies already, and expect there will be a lot more coming. You might mention this in your paper, as I cannot reply to all.—Chas. Mackwell (Keighley).

I have sold out my surplus stock, and could have sold as many again if I had bred more, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes (Rotherhithe). The best of my strain that I could spare fetched the highest prices I have yet obtained for stock birds, and have had enquiries all over Great Britain through the medium of your valuable paper, "CAGE BIRDS."

Kindly thank all those who made enquiries re my advert. of Goldfinch and Mule. I received so many cards and letters it was impossible for me to answer them all. I have made a satisfactory exchange, which shows, as an advertisement medium, "CAGE BIRDS" cannot be beaten.—E. Shore (Seaton Delaval).

Wild-Bird Life.

A Shy Woodland Bird.

At the first peep of day, when the faintest streak of light appears in the east, the wild birds' song commences. The feathered minstrels sing before they feed; it is still dark when the first Thrush opens, generally from the old walnut tree across the green, near to the writer's house; then a carolling Lark takes wing, and we can hear him warbling in the air above us long before it is possible to detect him. During the last few days another minstrel has added his voice to the chorus, this is a fine Blackbird, one of last season's brood, as is evident by the rusty brown colour on his wings; his song at present is somewhat hurried and high-pitched in tone, but possibly when his older companions commence their more deliberate utterance may influence his melody. So forward are the wild birds that unless they receive a severe check they will rush into nesting much earlier than usual. In the sheltered woodlands the spring flowers are fairly plentiful, the modest violet has been in bud all the winter, and primroses shine like yellow stars upon the sunny banks. In the evergreens symptoms of early nesting are not difficult to locate, foundations of many homes have already been laid, but they may come to nothing, as we have a very uncertain month or two to negotiate before the regular nesting time arrives.

THE WOODCOCK.

While wandering through the woodland a large bird was disturbed. It was a Woodcock. With quick, heavy flight he threaded his way between the tree stems and branches, although they grew thickly in his route. Very cleverly he steered his course, threading his way through the network of fine branches without touching them. The Woodcock is a plump bird, consequently his flight is somewhat laboured; he carries his long bill and head bent downward, not pointing straight ahead, as most birds do. He has large prominent eyes, which denote his nocturnal habits. During the day he is particularly shy and skulking, remaining closely hidden until flushed. As the sun sets and the shadows deepen under the trees and bushes he leaves his snug retreat, and flies slowly to his feeding ground, which may be some distance away. The writer has sometimes met one at dusk, moving across the low hills, on his way to the damp marsh land.

A Palace Show Sensation !

ATTEMPT TO "GET AT" ONE OF THE JUDGES.

A very foolish action on the part of a certain fancier created a painful sensation amongst those who were made acquainted with the mean and dishonest manner in which he had sought to influence a judge to favour a bird belonging to a friend. Mr. J. Hodder, who was making his debut as a judge, and officiating over the Novice Norwich Plainhead classes, received a letter (see copy below) asking him to award first prize to a bird whose cage number was stated, and hinting at an order for birds that would be likely to follow if he consented to do so. Mr. Hodder's reply was prompt and effective. He handed the letter over to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, and had the bird in question removed from the class—it was not judged at all.

Mr. Ramsden's intentions were to take the most drastic proceedings that lay in his power against the writer of the letter. On interviewing him on the Saturday, however, he was found to be a young fancier, who, judging by his explanation and obviously sincere contrition, had failed to appreciate the despicable side attaching to his action—an action, be it said, which seemed to be quite outside the knowledge of the actual owner of the bird. To Mr. Hodder he tendered a full apology, and expressed his deep regret that he should have placed him (Mr. H.) in such a false and unpleasant position. In view of these circumstances, Mr. Ramsden, after giving the young man in question some good, sound, fatherly advice, decided that though the letter must, as a warning, be published, he would spare the delinquent the shame of seeing his name in print, and of thus being exposed to the ignominy of his fellow fanciers. The distress of the young fellow was pitiful to witness; he learned a bitter lesson that will last a life-time.

Copy of Letter to the Judge.

Dear Mr. Hodder,—Just a line to inform you that I and Mr. ——— will be at the Palace on Saturday; we intend coming up for three days if we can get a suitable excursion. I am not showing myself, but Mr. ——— has ——— and a buff Norwich cock, all in novice classes. He is keen on winning a 1st, so that he can have a gold medal instead of the cash, so if you can give him a little help I shall be glad, as he is a genuine young fancier. His buff cock is No. ——, and a real good specimen. He does not know that I am writing you, so if he does win he will be in good form for a good yellow hen. Before next season he will be out of the novice section, so I hope you will give him a "leg up." He is building great hopes for the breeding season, and all he wants now, he says, is a good clear yellow hen, and also a marked yellow hen, so no more until we meet. Kind regards.—Yours faithfully, —————.

Copy of Letter of Apology.

Feb. 8, 1913.

Mr. Hodder.

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry that I wrote you such a letter, and I beg to apologise for doing such a thing. I assure you I wrote the letter without the knowledge of the exhibitor, and I hope you will forgive me for my indiscretion.—Yours faithfully, —————.

Through a Bird-room Window ❀ MY PORT LINCOLN PARRAKEETS.

This article on that charming Australian bird, the Port Lincoln, is No. 34 of the new series of personal birdy experiences related by that eminent aviculturist, the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

NINE hundred and ninety nine people out of a thousand don't care two pins for other people's aviaries, though out of politeness they all pretend to. The thousandth will find his way to them and derive much happiness from going round them alone. I generally act on this principle; but there are times when I lose my head, and overcome with pride, issue special invitations. I felt when I got my first Port Lincoln that I had arrived at such an occasion. Accordingly, I sent a letter post haste to a friend in Leeds, who shares all my avian joys and sorrows—especially the sorrows— to come at the earliest possible date to see something really worth seeing.

But "I am running on so," as Mrs. Nickleby used to say, and I must hark back a bit. Some years ago I went to a certain dealer and said if he happened to get hold of some extra fine Australian Parrakeets, he was to let me hear at once. It is hard to say after how many days, or in what manner, bread cast upon the waters may be returned to you. Sometimes it arrives at the most inopportune moment, when every place you have is full up—and more.

It was so in the present instance. One morning I received a word from my friend, the dealer, informing me that a specially fine consignment of Australian birds had just arrived; and that among them was a splendid pair of Port Lincolns. The message ended with the laconic sentence: "Wire if you want them." Of course I wanted them; the fact that I was full up was of altogether secondary import; something that, as the late Dr. Barry, Archbishop of Sydney, was fond of saying, *Solvitur ambulanda*, which rendered into English means, "might pan out as you go along." A lot of things, by the way, have to do this in the avicultural world.

"THE TWILIGHT-LOVING SOLITARY OWL."

This photograph of the Barn Owl was taken by Mr. O. Bagley, who has a fancy for these birds as pets. An article dealing with their feeding and management, and pointing out their attractiveness, is printed on this page.

They were sent off, the next thing was to find a place for the birds, which would certainly arrive punctually at nine o'clock the next morning. I spent a strenuous day in catching birds, inventing and contriving; and by a lot of hard work I managed to get a small aviary cleared for action, about two hours before the train was due at Micklefield. I had never kept Port Lincolns before, but I looked up my books and found they were reputed peaceable, so as I really hardly knew where to turn for room I determined to let them share a compartment with a pair of Red Rosellas.

Preliminary to a Funeral.

About nine o'clock a porter arrived sure enough with a box of birds for Mr. Farrar; the usual well-known formula, and the moment I returned from school at 9.40 I proceeded to unpack them. They were in an ordinary soap box, with holes at the edges, from which there protruded two particularly cruel-looking whitish beaks. I did not at all like the look of them, so I carried the box out to the aviary, and there prized off the lid. At once, two lovely Port Lincolns emerged, in the most beautiful condition; there wasn't a feather wrong anywhere. They were fit to go straight to a show. For a few minutes I stood and gazed in rapture at their wonderful beauty, as they sidled about the branching, polishing their beaks and giving their well-known note. It was just as well I did so.

The Rosella cock evidently took the remarks as personal, and he too came sidling along in the manner so well known to all who have watched Parrakeets, as if he had nowhere to go in particular. The apparent nowhere, however, led him into the immediate vicinity of the cock Rosella, and after a few preliminary remarks of an evidently insulting nature they settled down to as pretty a fight as you could wish to see, the two hens meanwhile looking on and saying, no doubt, to themselves, that the spoils would be to the victor.

The way in which these two birds went to work reminded me of an Australian horsedealer, who, speaking of the fighting qualities of certain fox terriers, said, "They fly at each other's throat, and then they hold on quite quietly, just like a prayer meeting." Well, all I know is that had I not been there, a funeral would have resulted. I rushed away, got my catching net, and after a few seconds succeeded in catching the Port Lincoln and his lady, and I transferred them to a big box wired in front, where I kept them till I could provide more suitable quarters for them. Anyone who has not seen how one Parrakeet can literally scalp another, would not credit how much can be done in a little space of time. The indignant cock Rosella was quite a long time settling down after what he no doubt considered "a gentle little scrap."

Always Secure the First Grip.

In one way it was a good thing that I had the Port Lincolns in a box, as I could examine them to far better advantage than when flying about in an aviary. Of late years Port Lincolns have been very scarce in the bird market, so that I may perhaps as well give a brief description of them. They are considerably larger than a Rosella, and may be set forth as a beautiful arrangement in green and yellow; the green is what is known as Lincoln green, what I suppose Robin Hood used to wear. The marking is very much after the style of the Rosella; the head is black, the beak horn colour, the body colour alone Lincoln green, the underparts primrose yellow. The cock can be easily distinguished from the hen by his flatter and more cruel-looking head. The hen's skull is roundish and altogether finer; the cock is considerably the bigger bird; he is better in his black, and the green on the chest where the line comes in runs a little bit to a point between his legs.

I should not advise any lady or timid person to try to handle Port Lincolns, as their beaks are like a pair of shears, and they know how to use them in the most business-like manner. As I have told my readers before, the way to catch Parrakeets is to grip them by the back of the neck; but it is a game that requires nerve and quickness, as if you don't get a hold the Parrakeet does, and then there's a nasty mess with bleeding, and much unreportable language.

Visions of Glittering Gauds.

I made the Port Lincolns a nice little outdoor aviary, and fitted it up with what Mr. Mantilini would have called two "demmed snug" nest boxes, and I hoped all sorts of things in the way of medals; but alas one morning I found the hen, that I had seen only the evening before in perfect health, lying dead on the floor without a feather ruffled. I could not think at first what had caused her death. Then like a flash the possible truth dawned upon me—she had died of poison. Too late, I remembered putting some poisoned bread down for mice. I remembered seeing the hen playing with something on the floor, but it never struck me at the time. Now I know that she had found one of these bits of bread, had eaten some, and so died. I made a solemn vow on the spot, never, never, never to lay poison again; but alas, it was too late to bring back my lost beauty. I was very thankful that the cock had not gone as well. How he escaped has always been to me a mystery.

Now I had to begin the almost hopeless task of looking for another hen. I saw several Port Lincolns advertised from time to time, but they were always cocks. At last one day, while on a visit to Hull, I hit on a fine hen, and brought her home. The conduct of my cock Port Lincoln was not such as I can commend. The moment I introduced the new arrival he sidled up to her along a branch, with a sort of "Come live with me and be my love" expression on his face that was quite nice in one recently bereaved. It quite reminded me of a story I once read of a widower, who having lost his wife, inscribed on her tombstone, "The light of my life has gone out," and excused himself to her successor by adding, "But I have struck another."

ONE OF SCOTLAND'S BEST.

This fine yellow Yorkshire cock was first at Paisley New Year Show, for Mr. T. Johnson, of Cathcart.

One often reads in books that all you have to do is to put a pair of Parrakeets and a box in close proximity, or, easier still, remove a brick from the wall and put a log in front, and the easily contented birds will go to nest at once. I wonder how the eggs keep together, by the way, on a brick, and mustn't it be a little cold, especially as Parrakeets like breeding early, when frosts are about? Such tales now remind me of the Oxford undergraduate, who wrote in his exam., in reply to a question about the life of our Lord: "These facts are not recorded in the Gospels, and there is no allusion to them in any of the Fathers, but they are fully detailed by Dr. Farrar!"

The Necessary Equipment.

I knew that to succeed in breeding these birds I should require a lot of patience and a considerable amount of luck. However, I set to work with a good courage, and I did all that I could by providing them with a separate compartment and two excellent nest boxes of my own contrivance. These are nice and deep, with a hole near the top; a lid to open—to prevent one from bursting—a very hard wood perch across the inside just below the entrance hole, to act as a staircase; a nicely scooped out hollow in the bottom, to keep the eggs from rolling about, and the hole with a small handful of rotten wood in it.

The inside perch is most important. I will tell you why. If you don't have one, the young Parrakeets when they grow up will not see how to get out of the nest, and will stay in until the parent birds will tire of feeding them, and will leave them to starve. This has happened to me, so I know to my cost what I am talking about. Port Lincolns will give no anxiety on the score of food, as they only seem to care for best canary and an occasional bit of hemp. They want plenty of green food, flowering grass for choice, or, in lieu of this, groundsel. One thing they must have, however, when nesting or going to nest, and that is a good supply of mealworms. These they eat in the most scientific manner, holding them up in one claw. It must be painful for the mealworm, as they begin at the tail and eat steadily upwards, so that the last fragment is very much alive at the finish. In Australia all these Parrakeets eat a lot of the big white fat grubs they find in the rotten logs they frequent. I believe neglect of this food often prevents success. I know from experience that all the Platycerci love mealworms.

Hopes that were Blighted.

I had the greatest hopes of bringing off a brood—the birds were feeding each other, spending a lot of time in the log and generally behaving in a commendable manner, when I was suddenly laid up for eight weeks in bed, and never saw the aviaries. During that time things had to go as best they could; and I fear the presence of a stranger feeder put the Port Lincolns off. At any rate, when I got down again they were marking time, but the season was passing away, and when I began to find stray feathers on the floor, I knew that my hopes for that year were over.

It was at this time that there came about the great sale and bargains at Micklefield; and among the birds that had to go were the Port Lincolns. They went to the balmy Isle of Wight, but although they went to a good fancier, I never heard that they bred; so that the medal for breeding them is yet to be won. May-be I shall win it yet, if only I live a few more years, and, still more important, if a few Port Lincolns come over from Australia. And now the story, like the Eastern Counties Railway, must come to an end at last.

The Barn Owl in Captivity.

By OLIVER BAGLEY (Birmingham).

TO the majority of people, Owls seem to be stupid, uninteresting birds, but when one has kept them for a time, he will think differently. Of the common British Owls, I consider Barn Owls the most suitable to keep in captivity, as with their delicately-marked plumage they are really beautiful birds. These Owls can generally be purchased for a few shillings, and, if obtained when young, will soon become very tame. Another good quality about them is that they do not hoot incesesantly all night, as the Tawny Owl often does. A friend of mine had to part with a pet Tawny owing to its noise disturbing the neighbours. The soft hiss of the Barn Owl should cause annoyance to no one.

Some Essentials to Success.

To keep him in good condition a big roomy cage, or better still, an aviary, is essential. One portion of this should be darkened, for the Owl to sleep in during daytime, and dry sand be profusely sprinkled on the floor. A plentiful supply of clean water is also greatly appreciated by the bird. Two or three natural branches should be obtained for perches.

The last, and most important item is the food. In the wild state, the Barn Owl feeds on rats, mice, and occasionally small birds, eating them entire and afterwards casting up the fur or feathers in the form of pellets. This serves the purpose of cleaning out the crop, and it is, therefore, necessary to supply the bird with its natural food occasionally. If this is not done, the Owl contracts disease, and soon dies. For the general food either cow's or sheep's lights may be given, also kitchen refuse such as fowls' or rabbits' heads, etc. My Barn Owl will also eat small fresh-water fish with apparent relish. If kept in a suitable place, and properly fed, the bird will live for years, and I hope this article may be the means of others paying more attention to this interesting, but at present somewhat neglected bird.

THE CAT AND THE AVICULTURIST.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

The names in the following narrative have been altered, for obvious reasons, and some of the happenings have been exaggerated, but in the main and in almost all its details, it is a simple record of fact to which nothing has been added.

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Peter Mysteriously Disappears.

A few days after the above events the Town Crier (one of our most cherished local institutions) stopped outside my gate, and, having solemnly rung his bell three times, in stentorian tones made the following announcement: "Lost, a black cat, answering to the name of Peter. Anyone returning the same, alive or dead, to the Misses Robinson, Cliff House, will receive a reward of ten shillings." Now ten shillings is quite a large sum of money in Salton, and a large number of cat-owners in the neighbourhood, on hearing this announcement, determined to have a try for that ten bob. Thus it came about that by 10 a.m. on the following day cats began to arrive at Cliff House in a steady stream. Nearly all the black cats in the district arrived on approval, for their owners argued that, if the particular cat they offered did not answer to the name of Peter, it probably could soon be taught to do so; and other cat fanciers thoughtfully provided themselves with a choice selection of cats of other descriptions, for they argued that if the old ladies did not succeed in recovering their own cat, very likely they might elect to purchase another of a different colour for a change.

The cats arrived in bags, in hampers, in boxes, in sacks; the carrier's cart brought a large consignment; others were tucked under their owners' arms. There were black cats, black and white cats, brown and white cats, tabby cats, and yellow cats; tom cats and female cats; big cats and small cats; cats with long tails, cats with half a tail, and Manx cats with no tail at all. By 11 a.m. the cat population of Salton had increased by nearly 50 per cent., and still they came. Salton, which is an extremely sympathetic little place, was anxious to know what was going on, and soon there was a large crowd outside Cliff House.

All Sorts, All Sizes, but not Peter!

You may imagine the fluttering with which the Misses Robinson opened the first few baskets, but, unfortunately, though the cats did their very best to please, and "miaowed" in the most ingratiating manner, none would answer to the name, and, what is more, Peter's owners declared with conviction that not one of them was the veritable and beloved lost one. When the would-be vendors alleged that they were, at all events, just as good, if not better, the maiden ladies replied indignantly that they were certainly not nearly as big, as handsome, or as affectionate, as the one and only Peter. This led to some friction and ill-feeling, for the vendors felt that it was an ungenerous and ungrateful thing to say of their cats, after they had brought the fatter so far simply to oblige. One vendor, annoyed by having offered his cat as low as two shillings, without effecting a sale, threw it down on the doormat, declaring that "they could have the dratted thing for nothing." This particular cat, being a little upset by the crowd (which was becoming demonstrative, not to say hilarious), bolted into the front parlour, hotly pursued by the Misses Robinson. Several other vendors, rising to the humour of the occasion, then released their cats—and shut the front door.

An Amazonian Onslaught.

There ensued a most sporting event. Armed with mops and brooms the maiden ladies made vigorous attempts to dislodge the intruders, but the latter, not liking the prospect of facing the crowd outside, made an equally vigorous resistance. As the chase grew fast and furious, and progressed from room to room with varying fortune, it was watched with intense interest by the crowd, who cheered either side impartially. At last the Misses Robinson triumphed, and, having locked the front door, and shut all the lower windows (to prevent the injection of further felines), announced from an upper window that they refused to inspect any more "pussies," and, in fact, that they were not purchasers of cats on any terms—an announcement which was received with groans and cries of "Shame."

The vendors, seeing that there was no prospect of doing business, decided that it was not worth the trouble of carrying the cats home again, more especially those who had brought a small, but choice, selection of dead cats (some of recent date, but others decidedly "gamey"), so they deposited the whole lot in the front garden, and went off to have a drink. There was a general rush for safety: some cats scrambled up trees, others fled down the High Street, pursued by the leisured youth of Salton, and others took refuge in adjoining houses. Naturally, the indigenous cats properly belonging to these tenements resented such a liberty, and fell on the intruders with tooth and nail, and you could hardly walk down the street without tumbling over a struggling mass of cats. In fact, there were cats everywhere.

The Sanitary Inspector Pays a Visit.

Shortly after these historic events my neighbours alleged that there was a curious odour wafted from my premises, and, being, as I have said, of an inquiring turn of mind, they sent the Sanitary Inspector round to investigate. Our inspector is a thorough good sort; he shook my hand, and said that he felt sure that it was imagination on their part—still, he thought he had better have a look round, as a matter of form. They say that there is a skeleton in every cupboard, and aviculturists who keep insectivorous birds generally have one, or, at all events, some sort of a carcase, from which trickle what are vulgarly called gentles, but which in polite society we call larvae. In my own case the "cupboard" (which we call the "fowl-house," because it sounds better) is situated, for obvious reasons, at the very end of the garden, and at this particular time there were no less than four large Cormorants in it from which the gent—I mean larvae, were trickling most prosperously.

When I thought of those Cormorants my heart sank, for a Cormorant is a bird which it is most unwise to stand to leeward side of, even when it is alive, and when it has been hanging for a week you could cut the aroma which proceeds from it with a knife. However, of course, we did not mention these details to the Inspector, and we started off most amicably. We walked up and down the garden sniffing vigorously, but the Cormorants were on their very best behaviour that morning, and everything seemed quite all right. Every now and then, however, a faint whiff of Cormorant would be wafted down from the upper air, and then we would stop and sniff hard; then it would vanish again, and we would try another place. Not being accustomed to sniffing, I became quite exhausted at the end of an hour, but the Inspector was as keen as ever, and said he would send for one of his men and a plan of the drains. I left the "sniffing" party at this point, but, when I returned home later in the day, the cook told me that the Inspector had left a message for me to say that "he had found where the smell came from"—and she further said that he was laughing heartily.

The Misses Robinson Also Call.

Apparently the Inspector never gave me away, for, a few days later, I received a visit from the Misses Robinson. They had heard the (unjustifiable) rumour about the alleged smell, and, putting two and two together, had evidently come to the conclusion that they could find Peter. They sent in a message to say that they thought that "Peter might have been accidentally shut up somewhere, and that they would be very grateful if they might look round." I said that I should be delighted if they would do so, and that the gardener should go round with them. The rest of this story I had from James, and I tell it to you exactly as he told it to me.

It seems that they first walked round the meadow, calling at intervals to the missing Peter; but Peter never answered. Then they walked up and down the garden paths, and round the conservatory, and looked into the billiard-room, still calling softly, "Peter," "Peter." But Peter never even gave the faintest "miaow." Then they tried the stable, and even looked in the aviary—but Peter was not there. At last they came to the "fowl-house," and, when they smelled that curious smell, one Miss R. looked at the other, and their looks said as plainly as words, "Now we know where Peter is!"

They rushed to the "fowl-house," dragged open the door, almost fell in, so to speak, and—came face to face with those Cormorants. Then did those two maiden ladies, with screams and shrieks, and skirts fluttering in the breeze, race down the garden path, and scuttle out of the front gate; and from that time forward we saw them no more.

What Became of Peter?

Very likely you will want to know what really did become of Peter. Honestly, I cannot tell you. There are some things it is wiser not to know! But there is a rose tree in my garden which has looked very prosperous for the past few years, and sometimes, when the breath of spring gently caresses it, it seems to nod at me, and to try to say something. I am such a duffer that I do not understand the language of flowers; but if, when summer comes again, and the heather blooms once more on Dartmoor, you should care to pay me a visit, reader, you might ask it what became of Peter. Or, again, you might ask James!

Welcome Aliens.

A correspondent to the "Manchester Courier" writes that the well-known aviculturist, Mr. St. Quintin, obtained several Continental Bearded Tits, which he acclimatised in his aviary during the winter months. In the spring they were liberated at Hornsea Mere, where there is abundance of food and cover and ideal nesting situations. To the delight of the experimentors the birds took kindly to their new surroundings and nested successfully. A charming species has thus been added to the list of Yorkshire breeding birds, and one which neither game preserver nor agriculturalist can ever regard as being injurious.

A Bird that Knew His Home.

A writer in the "Scotsman," tells the following story of a hybrid, which recently died at fifteen years of age. In the cage "Rantin" was a noisy singer, but apart from this he was a most engaging bird. It was usual for him to have his morning bath in a saucer on the parlour floor. For this purpose we had to open his door and allow him full freedom. Once out, he immediately started operations and then sat on the top of my armchair until his feathers dried, when he returned to his perch. The sequel of such liberties often resulted in "Rantin" getting out at a door or window, and being found among the garden trees. We had, however, only to hold up his cage, and he at once came down and entered. Sometimes we lost him for days together, only again to hear his well-known song up in the fir trees, and as we would then reply to his notes, he would come down, and even settle on any of our shoulders. But one day he lost his way, and seeing a woman baking at an open window he entered, and helped himself to the oatmeal crumbs. The woman closed the window, and caught "Rantin," putting him into a cage. Here he remained for weeks, until by sheer accident we learned of his capture. This woman was very loath to part with her prisoner, but she told the writer the bird had not uttered a note nor attempted to sing during the days of his captivity. Yet on being put into his old cage at home he started immediately to sing. This life he lived for fifteen years.

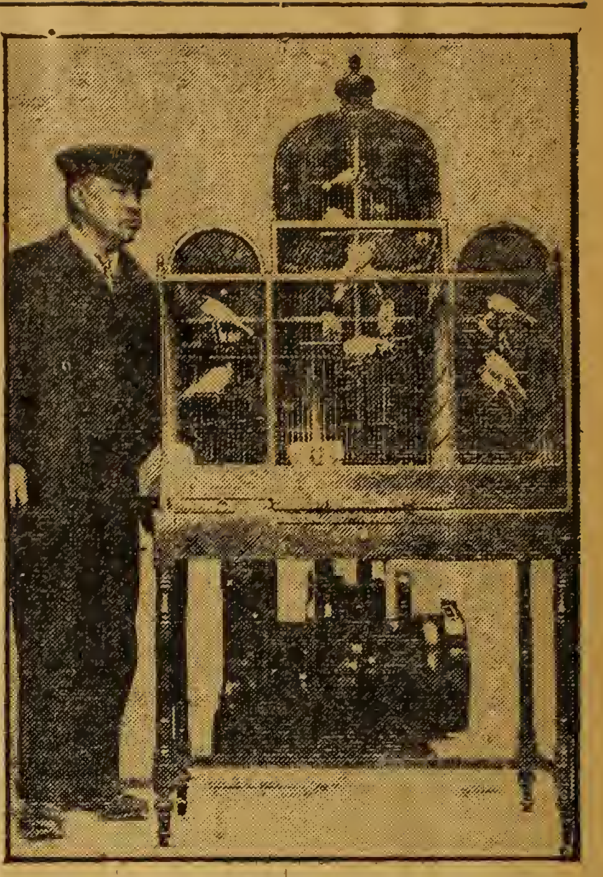

Photo. *Sport and General.*

Mr. A. Watford, engineer of the water-works at Kew Gardens, is an enthusiastic Canary fancier and Mule breeder, and keeps his birds in the power house, where they do well, despite the unusual surroundings and noise made by the engines and machinery.

TITMICE AS PETS.

A Warning Against the Cannibal Great Tit.

By A. F. BELL (Berkhampsted).

When I had first built my little out-door aviary I did not know what best to keep, so first of all I tried Tits. I procured two Blue Tits and one Great Tit. I had planted some grass in the aviary, as well as placed earth over the floor, and had hung up a cocoanut husk on the wall at the back. All went well for a time and the Blue Tits, which were a pair, slept together in the husk, while the Great Tit slept on a perch.

At length one day I saw one of the Blue Tits looking rather wretched and ill. It moped on the ground and took no notice of the food. When I was looking on that same afternoon I saw the Great Tit creep up to where the little thing was sitting, and with a quick flop leap on to its back, and with a few sledge hammer blows put an end to its life. Then he deliberately pecked open the head, picked out the brains and swallowed them. This gruesome meal he seemed to relish immensely, and the lust of blood seized him, for he rushed at the healthy tit, hoping to do murder for the second time that day. But he had no chance, for the other Blue Tit was nearly as strong as himself. The Great Tit went down to the ground again and then died, seemingly in frightful agonies from the effects of his meal.

The other Tit lived on until I introduced another Great Tit, but this time the murder was done on the first day. And again the Great Tit died ten minutes after it had eaten the brains.

The Method that Succeeds.

The best way of keeping Tits is in a three foot indoor flight, as they cannot stand the cold, with a lot of budding and leafy branches in summer. Of course, in winter this will be impossible. Every day a dish of a good insectile food should be given, with a little vegetable ingredient mixed in; also some chopped mealworms, and any live insects available. An apple should be suspended through the top bars of the cage; clinging on to and pecking at the swinging apple give the birds pleasure, also it is good for them, and they are very fond of it.

The Tits must have cocoanut husks, suspended from the top, to sleep in. It is best to have dry earth on the cage bottom, as the Tits, when the earth is put in fresh, will find tiny eggs and larvae, etc., which, being natural, will help to keep the birds in good health. A great treat for the Tits is a piece of fat which should be given occasionally. Another thing of which they are very fond is ants' eggs, and these should be supplied at frequent intervals. In winter, berries and a little seed can be given, and will fill the place of the leafy branches a little.

Blue Tits, Coal Tits, Marsh Tits, and Long-tailed Tits can be kept together, and will agree quite well. Great Tits should on no account be kept with the others. The birds become very tame indeed, and a finger tame Tit makes a most delightful pet, as may be imagined. The Bearded Tit (though not really a Tit at all) is a very interesting bird, but I find not easy to keep alive, owing to its greed, for it quickly gets too fat if left to eat as much as it likes. It ought not to be given too many mealworms, etc., as they fatten it up too much. This bird is very beautiful, being light chestnut in colour, with two black streaks under the beak in the male (these are missing in the female) hence the name Bearded Tit.

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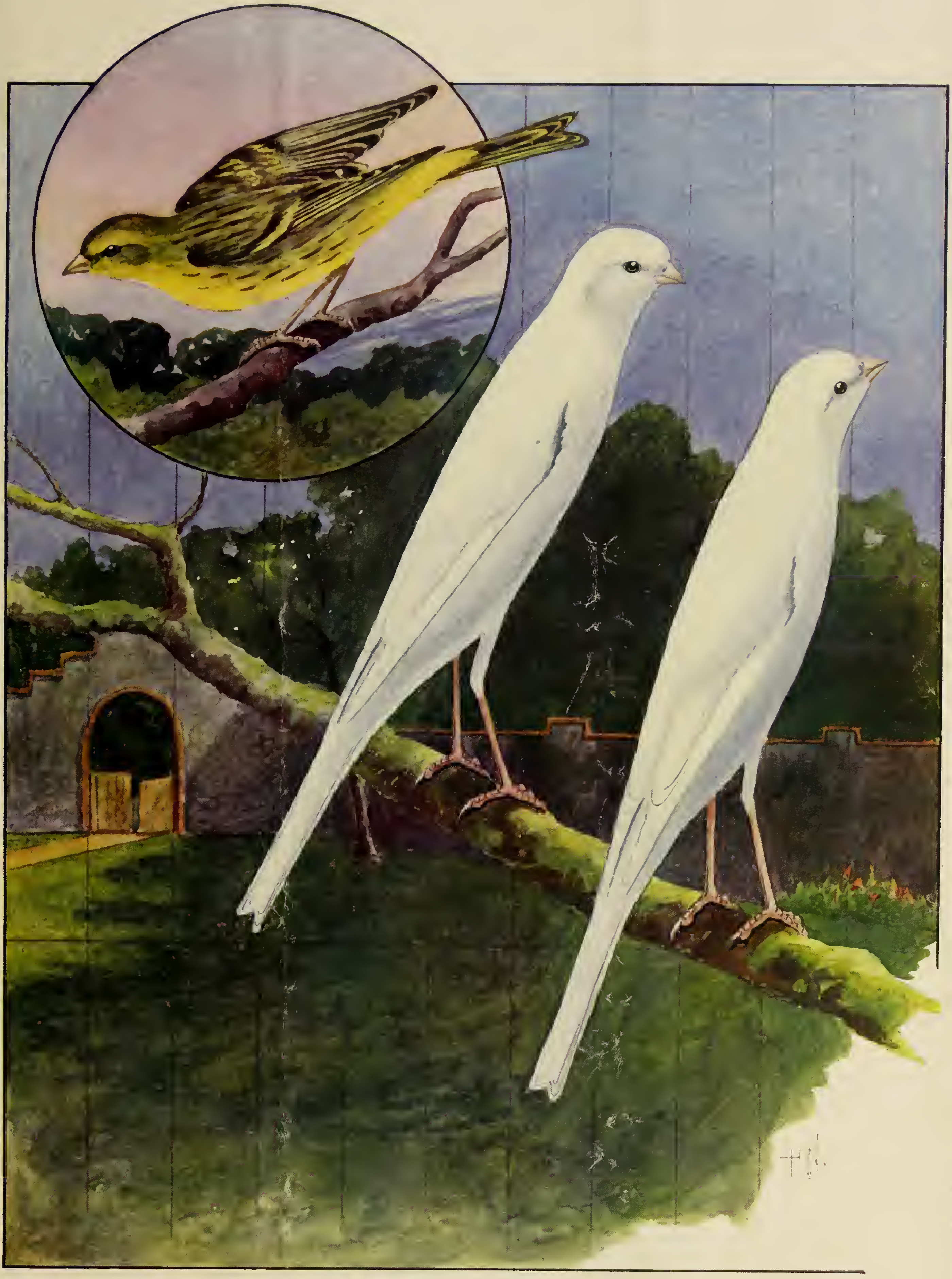
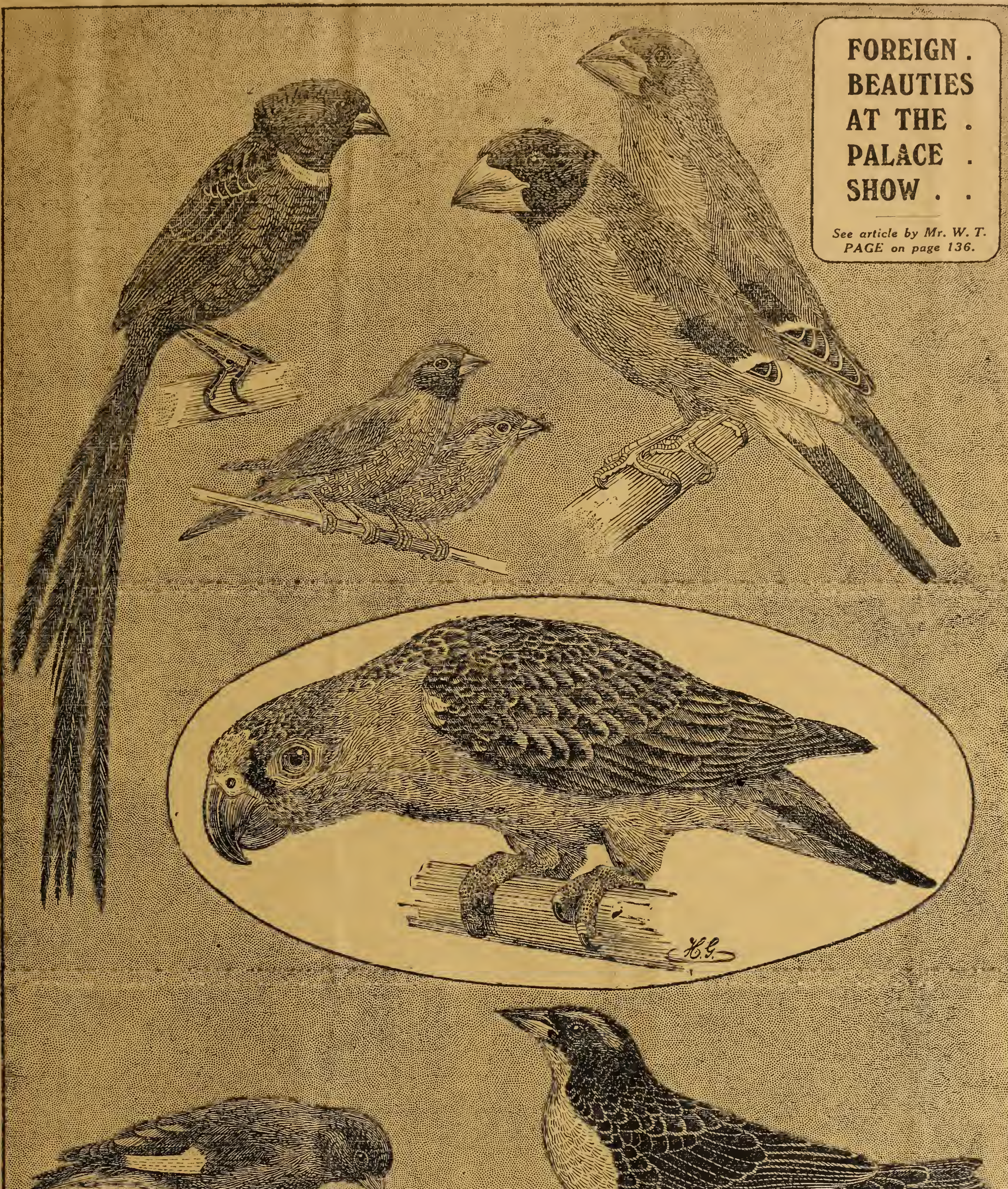


THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The all-white canary is the latest variety to be evolved by breeders. Inset is a picture of the original wild canary.



FOREIGN . BEAUTIES AT THE . PALACE . SHOW . .

See article by Mr. W. T. PAGE on page 136.

From a drawing] [by H. Goodchild.

The birds depicted are (reading from left to right, at top): Red-collared Whydah, 2nd prize for Mr. J. Chadwick (Bridlington), Japanese Hawfinches, 3rd prize for Miss A. B. Smith (Catford), Vinaceous Fire-finches, 1st prize for Mr. A. Ezra (London, W.), Aubry's Parrot, exhibited by the Rev. G. H. Raynor (Maldon), Chilian Siskin, exhibited by Mr. Ezra, and Red-fronted Marsh Bird, 4th prize for Miss Smyth.

Some Problems of Mule and Hybrid Breeding Unravelled.

A DEEPLY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE ARTICLE BY JAS. STEEL (Dalkeith):

THE amateur who takes up Hybrid breeding as a hobby will find that the books dealing with that branch of aviculture give him an insight into the best methods of procedure, to gain which by experience were a very serious task. Yet few cults present such a field for the experimenter. An idea as to this may be had by comparing the few species between which crosses have been obtained with the numerous species between which, it were reasonable to say, the production of new varieties of Hybrids were only a question of time and trying. The subject presents us with many problems, as any lecturer who invites questions on Hybrids is made painfully aware, and a study of such questions has often left me in doubt as to whether I had been the victim of a plot to "floor" me, or whether the querists had hunted through all the books ever published to find what was omitted in them!

What It is All About.

I have been asked to select a few of these said questions, and to give the solutions which a study of my own birds, and, in a greater degree, of those of many others, has enabled me to arrive at. I take this opportunity of thanking the many fanciers who by allowing me that privilege, and giving me the benefits of their experiences, have enabled me to assist others in doubt, and trust that omissions will be pardoned, on the grounds that the evidence does not justify mention of some of the weird happenings of which I have heard. Some of the questions are of a "range-finding" nature, the reason for such being better seen by reading the second, or even third. Such are very liable to prove troublesome to a lecturer. The first, which relates to Canary Hybrids, is a sample.

Query: Do you agree that it is only possible by breeding with birds which excel in the qualities of size and colour to produce a Hybrid excelling in those qualities?—Answer: This is a question unsafe to answer by a direct yes or nay, inasmuch as while deprecating any attempt to produce excellent Hybrids from mediocre parents, the fact that the parents excelled in size and colour carries no grounds for the assumption that the offspring must also be excellent in these features; possibly not one out of many may have these qualities in combination.

How do you account for Mr. X. getting superior Mules to mine, as both of his parent birds were obviously inferior to those mine were bred from?—Possibly his Canary, though inferior, was bred from a superior type, and transmitted her inherited qualities to her offspring, while with your hen it is possible that she owed her superiority to a remote generation, and transmitted her inferior qualities.

When Ancestors Obtrude.

That is the conclusion we came to, but an exchange of Finches proved we were wrong, as his hen with my superior Finch threw worse Mules than his first ones, and repeated attempts the following season showed that his Goldfinch bred better Mules than mine. An idea of the disparity may be had from the fact that mine was a repeated winner, while his was hardly worth exhibiting. Can you offer any other explanation?—As I have already stated, a bird may throw offspring either inferior or superior to itself. So well recognised is this that many breeders attach more value to pedigree than external appearance. Now, though we have no alternative, and must choose our Goldfinches by their face value (no joke intended), that they have a pedigree (inferior or superior), and that such has an effect on the Hybrid offspring is quite within the bounds of reason. Indeed, your case greatly strengthens the belief that this is so.

What Goldfinch do you prefer for Hybrid breeding?—The Siberian.

In choosing such, would you select the largest and best coloured?—I might not, as a Goldfinch only attains the full development of these features with age, and, considering that the foreigner is not so reliable a breeder (or survivor) as the British, a trait that would be intensified by a long period of liberty, I would, given a choice, prefer a youngster which showed signs of promise of developing, even though such choice entailed a slight, and perhaps only temporary, sacrifice of size and colour.

The Virtues of the Uncommon.

Do you attach any extra value to the cheveral, pea-throat, or "three-by-six" Goldfinch for Mule breeding?—No; in fact, I consider the first two marks as blemishes, and liable to be reproduced to the detriment of an otherwise excellent dark Mule. I have never seen a hen possessing either of these features.

Do you consider these features to be indicative of an albinistic tendency?—The best judges recognise, and wrong class, the first and second named as being "rare-feathered" or albinistic birds.

Would these not be likely, for that reason, to throw light Mules?—Such would be assumed by the majority, and probably accounts for the enhanced price asked for these varieties, but in practice I myself have failed to find any advantage from such a slight departure, an experience which I find is shared with many other breeders. Even pied Finches have proved disappointing in that respect.

What is the shortest interval at which you have known Finches to breed after capture?—I have known a Goldfinch to breed two months after taking, a Greenfinch at three weeks, and verified the breeding of Linnet Mules fourteen days after the Linnet was caught. But these were exceptions. That many refuse to breed, however long caged, is well known.

Is steadiness essential?—Desirable, but not essential. I have bred many Mules from very intractable Finches. I advise putting such up in the most secluded part of the birdroom.

The Presence of the Cock Canary.

Do you consider the presence of a vigorous cock Canary in a birdroom to have a detrimental effect on muling hens?—I think much depends on the temperament of the hens, as, while I have seen some which gave every indication of dislike for the Finch when they heard the song of the Canary, I have also seen copulation effected by the Finch while the hen was evincing her willingness to accept the advances of the serenading Canary, purposely placed in close proximity to her cage.

As you have in CAGE BIRDS advised the removal of the unsuitable Canary, I presume you don't approve of the "Canary in proximity" method?—I was then dealing with voice-pairing between unsuitable Canaries, while the hen was mated to another, and suitable, mate, and my reason for advising removal was that such might be detrimental to fertility, on the grounds that the antagonism displayed by the suitable cock, especially when he observed her responding to the outsider, might engender a dislike for each other. With the Finch jealousy is not so manifest, and as the song of a vigorous cock has a powerful effect in creating desire in the hen, I should have no hesitation in adopting this proximity method, especially with backward hens.

Do you think any benefit is derived by allowing Hybrid pairs to remain together during the winter?—Yes; as they will thereby get accustomed to each other's presence, and even become attached, a state which adds greatly to the chances of obtaining Hybrids. But with Canary Hybrids

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SOME FOREIGN BEAUTIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

Author of "Aviaries and Aviary Life," etc.

(See Mr. Goodchild's drawing on page 135.)

THE birds figured on our plate are not necessarily the most noticeable, but are interesting representatives of the many beautiful species staged by various exhibitors; moreover, many of the first prize winners have been already figured earlier in the season in our pages, and those now presented to my readers are all beautiful, interesting, or rare, and form a varied selection. I have not seen the finished plate, but the sketches of the individual birds I saw during the course of the show were eloquent of Mr. Goodchild's skill, and I am convinced will result in a picture worthy of the reputation of the popular journal of the Cage-bird Fancy.

The Red-Breasted Marsh-Bird.

This beautiful South American species (*Leistes guianensis*) was introduced to English aviculture by my esteemed friend, Mr. E. W. Harper, and a pair, privately imported by him, found their way into my aviary in 1907, where the male in his striking and handsome plumage was a conspicuous and interesting object for many months, and the hen, more soberly clad, but handsome for a still longer period. In the aviary they took a little insectile mixture, seed somewhat freely, were very keen after mealworms and other live food, and also took some fruit and green food. They did not appear to approve of perching to any extent, spending most of their time either on the ground or on a broad wooden shelf, and when alarmed crouched with their breast pressed to the ground, hiding the brilliant red of their underparts.

This bird was well staged and was certainly one of the steadiest I had seen under the conditions of cage life. Its demeanour showed how greatly it appreciated the liberal supply of dry moss with which the cage bottom was covered. It crouched in it almost like an incubating bird, taking but little notice of the gaze of the visiting public. Birds which spend so much time upon the ground should have their claws kept properly trimmed. This specimen lost much of its graceful free movement on the cage bottom owing to the length of its claws preventing it getting a proper grip for its feet.

A sketchy description is: Velvety brownish-black above, with an eye streak extending to the nape, bend of wings, and the body below from the throat to middle of abdomen glowing scarlet; bill black; feet deep brown. The female is brown striated with black above; below, pale brown washed with scarlet on the breast and middle of abdomen.

The Chilian Siskin.

This bird is either *Chrysomitris atrata* or *C. uropygialis*, I think the former, but have not been able as yet to compare my notes with type specimens. Though mostly clad in black, it is a handsome species, its silky black robe losing its sombreness by the clear yellow flights and ventral region. It is a typical Siskin in form and demeanour, a really smart looking bird. The Zoo. received a few last summer, but I believe Mr. Ezra's bird to be the only one in private hands. All the Siskins make charming cage-birds, and soon settle down to the conditions of cage-life. Their treatment is so well known that I need not occupy precious space by giving it here.

The Red-Collared Whydah.

This (*Penthetria ardens*) is a bird of another region, and is found in S., S.W., and S.E. Africa. While it has been known to aviculture for many years, it has never been common, and at the present time is almost rare. It is a beautiful and graceful species, but the tail feathers are stiffer and shorter than those of the comparatively common Giant Whydah (*Chera procne*). The fully mature bird in nuptial plumage is deep black, with a broad collar of vermilion across the throat. In younger specimens this collar is orange; as it was in Mr. Chadwick's handsome specimen.

This, and all species of Whydahs should have access to canary, white millet, spray millet, green food, an occasional mealworm or other insect, especially when moulting, or changing from winter to summer plumage. They require a roomy cage or their beautiful caudal appendages soon become frayed. They make handsome objects in a large aviary, and their deportment is full of interest and excites the admiration of all who witness it, but if introduced to the aviary when in full breeding plumage they cause a panic at first. Thus Whydahs should be put into the aviary before they don their summer "finery." A word of warning: They should be closely watched at first, after the assumption of the nuptial garment, as some individuals, previously amiable, at this period become aggressive, if not murderous.

Aubry's Parrot.

The *Pococephali* are an interesting group of Parrots of medium size, of which the best known representative is the beautiful Senegal. The Revd. Raynor is to be congratulated on his interesting series of which he staged three, viz., the Senegal, Meyer's and Aubry's (*Pococephalus aubryanus*) and he also possesses the Large-billed. Another uncommon, but fairly well-known representative of this genus is Jardine's Parrot, which Aubry's Parrot very closely resembles—an Aubry's in fully mature plumage might well be termed an exaggerated Jardine's. The general body pattern and colour of the plumage is similar in the two species, but the red patches in the fore crown and wing butts are larger and brighter in Aubry's than in Jardine's.

Probably the following table of distinctions noted by the Revd. Raynor at the Zoo. between their specimens of the two species, will be of general interest: "(1) Jardine's is much larger and darker. (2) In Aubry's the forehead and shoulder patches are scarlet; in Jardine's they are orange, paling to gold. (3) In Aubry's the upper and lower tail coverts are yellowish green and tinged with orange in the adult; in Jardine's they are a pure hard emerald green. (4) In Jardine's the wing is much darker, almost black, and the cheeks are tinged with grey." (Bird Notes, vol. III., N.S.).

Very few at the Palace recognised the bird for the rarity it is, some being ready to almost give a flat contradiction when told it was not a Jardine's, so they had to be smilingly told to "Wait and see" till it appeared again, if the fates' permit, in adult plumage. The individualism and chumminess of Parrots generally make them universally popular, and their power of imitating human speech increases their attractiveness; rarity only gives still greater zest to their possession, and I congratulate the Revd. Raynor on his interesting series.

The Vinaceous Firefinch.

The Firefinches are all charming birds, and the species are both numerous and beautiful, but alas! they are all very fragile on arrival, and are among the most difficult of birds to acclimatise, more especially so when they arrive during the inclement months of the year. They require careful nursing, till fully established; they must not be subjected to draught, a vitiated atmosphere, or a changeable temperature. A warmish even temperature, in some light, well ventilated room will best meet their requirements, and they should be kept not more than two in a cage during the trying period following importation. A little tepid milk, into which two or three drops of whisky or brandy have been stirred, is a good reviver during this critical period. Wholesome food and hygienic conditions will save those not infected beyond recovery. In the summer time blight and small plant insects and their larvæ of all kinds will make the task lighter; canary seed (not giant seed), white millet, Indian millet, spray millet, and green food, grit very cautiously at first, will meet their simple needs.

Of all this charming group there is no more chastely beautiful a species than the exquisite Vinaceous Firefinch (*Lagonosticta vinacea*), and I fear no contradiction from any who know the species or have been privileged to see it, not only at the Palace, but at the principal London shows during the season, and I have never seen a better pair for colour or condition than Mr. Ezra's lovely exhibit. I have omitted a description, as it is impossible to briefly describe the various soft lines of their plumage, which are various browns, purple-black, and various shades of rosy-carmine, the underparts thickly spotted with white in both sexes, but the hen is much browner, and lacks the purple-black face areas of the male.

Japanese Hawfinch (*Eophona Personata.*)

Hawfinches are handsome and well-known birds, and all bear a more or less strong resemblance to each other, and this species is as attractive as any of the group. Miss Smyth's pair, exhibited in excellent form, were exceedingly handsome and well marked. Mr. W. E. Teschemaker bred the common Hawfinch (*C. vulgaris*) in 1911, and he tells us the young were reared on gentles and tender green peas.

As regards their diet in captivity, they should have some live food, mealworms or other insects, regularly, while their seed mixture can consist of canary seed, hemp, buckwheat and sunflower seed liberally; greenfood, hawberries, green peas, apple, etc., may all be given, so there should be no difficulty in keeping up a varied menu. Given a roomy cage and good, wholesome food, this species should prove most interesting pets, and well repay the care and attention lavished upon them.

I fear this article has already outstripped the space intended for it, and I can only hope it will prove of general interest and some practical utility.

WHERE CANARY BREEDING IS CARRIED ON UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

An interesting account of the troubles and trials of an enthusiast in far-away Baluchistan.

By LANCE-SERGT. B. W. THALER (Quetta).

If I were asked the question as to what hobby I had found the most fascinating during my existence, I should at once reply "Bird-keeping." During the short span of life which has, so far, been allotted to me, I have taken up many hobbies, but I can honestly say that not one of them has brought me half the pleasure birds have done. I was always fond of birds. As a boy, a "Twopenny Greenie" afforded me as much pleasure as perhaps the rarest specimen of the feathered tribe could have done. So fond of my Greenfinch was I, that very often the "Strap" has had to be requisitioned before I could be got off to school.

In after years I became a roamer, and so hobbies of all kinds were necessarily abandoned, as one has not much time to devote to them, whilst travelling about this little world of ours. When my roaming days were practically over, the old longing for a hobby, to fill up my spare time, came back. Towards the middle of the year 1911, I came into possession of a cock Canary and a Goldfinch, and these two birds afforded me a great amount of pleasure. It was rare treat, one to which I had not been accustomed for years, to sit and listen to these two making the room ring with their music.

The Lass for a Fancier.

Soon afterwards I entered "Double Harness," and the wife promptly claimed her share of my stock; to wit, the Canary. However, I am very glad that she is a bird-lover. It was with her that the idea of my breeding birds originated. My initial attempt was at breeding Mules. This was anything but a successful venture, and for a very good reason. I tried to mate a cock Canary with a hen Goldfinch. The "Better Half" told me at the start, that I was wrong, but being a man, I knew better. As a matter of fact, her father had bred Canaries and Mules before I was born, and therefore I am entitled to double censure for disregarding her advice. Should these lines ever be read by anyone who is contemplating taking up the hobby of bird-keeping I would advise him or her not to be afraid of being told anything. "We are never too old to learn" is a saying which is very true indeed when birds form the subject of our inquiries. The lesson has not been lost on me.

I then wrote home to my father-in-law, who, as I have previously mentioned, bred Canaries, etc., before I was born, and asked his advice. Needless to say, I received it. Here let me digress again and advise some probable starter to go to a fancier who knows, and ask his advice as to the best course to pursue. I feel certain that by doing this a great many disappointments and perhaps disastrous failures will be avoided. Of course, by the time that I received my answer from the "Old Country," the breeding season was in full swing, and I had really very few hopes of doing any good at all. At any rate I did manage to get hold of a nice hen Canary which just suited the cock bird which we had.

Trouble in the Food, etc. Departments.

Now came the struggle. British Baluchistan, to my way of thinking, is not an ideal spot for Canary breeding. Fanciers at home who can obtain utensils, seeds, egg-food and green-stuff with very little trouble, have much to be thankful for. Here, on the N.W. Frontier of India, things are very different indeed. I'm afraid that you would laugh at my home-made breeding cages, constructed from Sunlight soap cases and other boxes. My patent removable cage fronts are made from strips of the same boxes and rusty iron wire painted with aluminium paint to make them look smarter and keep the birds clean. For nesting material, I am reduced to cotton-wool, dog's hair, or perhaps, if I'm lucky, a little hay. For egg-drawers I commandeer a couple of egg-cups. For drinking vessels I use Crosse and Blackwell's potted meat pots (the glass ones).

Canary seed is obtained in tins, each containing about 4lbs., at the price of one rupee four annas per tin (1s. 8d. English). Green food is often at a premium. As for egg-food; well, the eggs during the hottest months are very very poor. In fact, during last season a pair of my birds reared two youngsters entirely on canary seed and a little lettuce. From this I think that I may safely say that here in Baluchistan we breed under difficulties, but it can also be understood that our birds are thought a great deal of.

How Difficulties may be overcome.

Perhaps the foregoing remarks may help someone to remember that it does not do to be easily discouraged when trying to breed Canaries. Difficulties can be overcome, and one of my greatest helps during last season and up to the present time, has been Cage Birds, which is mailed to me every week by my father-in-law. I feel certain that I should have made a great hash of things but for this useful paper. I look forward eagerly to its coming every Monday evening. Cage Birds Annual, too, has proved its worth over and over again. When the one for 1913 is ready, along will go my modest sixpence as fast as possible. To all beginners in the Fancy, too, I would recommend "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John. Follow the instructions given in the book as closely as possible, and very few failures will result. Of this fact I feel certain, and speak from experience.

I put up my first pair of Canaries in June last. Three eggs were laid and two chicks hatched out. Of these, one was a cock. He turned out to be a little beauty, and was sold at a good price. This success led me to invest in another pair of birds of a different breed. In doing this I made a mistake. The birds were all right, but I was not. I have read somewhere that it is better to stick to one breed of bird rather than take up two or three varieties at once. For the beginner, this is excellent advice. To my mind, each breed of bird is a study in itself, and requires to be mastered before going on with another. I was not successful in rearing any youngsters from this pair. I hope for better luck next season.

By the time that my first youngsters were three weeks old, the hen showed signs of wanting to nest again. I accordingly gave the cock bird the fledglings to look after for a few days until they were able to shift for themselves somewhat. During this period, the male was allowed access to the hen bird for about an hour every other day, and by the time that the youngsters were about five weeks' old the hen had laid her first egg of another clutch of three. From this second and last nest two chicks were hatched. Both of these turned out to be cocks. These two youngsters, as I have mentioned previously, were reared entirely on plain canary seed and a little greenstuff.

In stating this fact, I do not wish it to be understood that I am advocating the "no-egg theory." My sole reason for eschewing egg was because good eggs were not to be obtained at this time. Even good hemp seed was not procurable. The two youngsters, however, are not so large as their brother and sister of the previous nest, and I blame the want of egg. In all other respects the birds are all right. After this nest, I decided to finish breeding for the season, as I was afraid of the bird having a bad time during the moult.

Draughts cause "soft" moult.

"The Birds' Annual" (as Mr. St. John calls the moult) did not put in an appearance until about the beginning of October. This, I am told, is rather late for this part of the world. I might say that it is rather risky, because the winter here is generally severe, and the cold begins to make itself felt by about the end of October. Winter in Baluchistan has been likened to that of Canada, so that it can be imagined how disastrous a late moult can be if one neglects the least precaution during this period.

However, all my stock moulted successfully, with the exception of one pair. These two birds grew their new plumage and finished their moult at about the same time as the remainder. The cock began singing again, and I was congratulating myself on having got the birds nice and comfortable for the winter. Imagine my surprise about a week later to find both birds throwing out feathers as fast as possible. At first I suspected red-mite, but on closely examining the cages I could find no signs of any. To make doubly sure, I made two new cages and allowed the birds to finish in them what appeared to be a second moult.

Again they seemed to finish off all right and again broke out into another moult. This time I began to get seriously alarmed and was afraid the strain would prove too much for them. By quite an accident I discovered the cause of all this trouble. On going into the room one evening, I placed the candle which I was carrying on top of one of these cages. All at once the candle was almost blown out. I then discovered that a fairly strong cold draught was blowing downwards from one of the roof ventilators. Needless to say, I very soon altered the position of the cages. This alteration and also by paying strict attention to the birds' diet, soon remedied matters, and both birds are now as well as ever, the cock singing lustily.

I think that from the foregoing I can safely say that, taking everything into consideration, I have had a fairly successful breeding season. True it is that difficulties have arisen, but having got over them I can afford to laugh at them now. To those who have taken up the cult of bird breeding and have dropped it because they were not so successful as they would have liked to have been, I would say "Try again." By throwing up the sponge you are missing the pleasures of one of the most fascinating hobbies known. I conclude in the hope that my remarks may be the means of drawing into the ranks of bird-breeders even one more hesitating bird admirer. If such proves to be the case I shall not have written in vain.

IN THE ALBINO CLASS AT THE PALACE.

Mr. H. Johnson's Pied Linnet, Mr. E. Teague's White Goldfinch, and Mr. D. Hamilton's almost White Hedge Sparrow.

Some Problems of Mule and Hybrid Breeding Unravelled.

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I advise a period of separation, as the Finch is generally later than the Canary in coming into condition, and to allow these to remain together would probably only result in unfertile eggs. Of course, a nest of Canaries might be obtained during the interval, and thus ensure the maintenance of a possibly valuable Canary stock. I refer to Finch-Canary Hybrids.

Can anything be done to bring the Finches into breeding condition?—While recognising that suitable weather conditions are par excellence the conditioner, I advise an increase in the supply of such wild seeds as may be procured at the dealers, in addition to rape, seedlings, and the tender leaves of dandelions. These latter may easily be propagated from seed and old roots, respectively. Keeping them in a moist, moderately warm, and semi-dark situation, forces them very quickly. All have an appreciative effect. If the backward condition is unduly prolonged, the seeding heads of the dandelion may be procurable, and these constitute, in my opinion, the most stimulating form of food.

In Defence of the Dandelion.

Have you found any evil effects follow the use of "Whiteheads," as I have read that a too generous supply has often fatal effects?—While counselling moderation in the supply of all seeds and salads till the birds have become accustomed to their use, I have quite failed to find any evil effects follow the use of dandelion heads if these precautions are taken. I have supplied various Finches with them ad. lib. in order to ascertain whether the lavish use had any evil effect, and my Finches seemed to thrive the better by their use. I should be surprised if they had an evil effect, as I know they constitute almost the [illegible] food supply of nestling Greenfinches (first round). On the other hand I have met with Hybrid breeders who were very ignorant of their value.

Do you favour a fat state of body in breeding Finches?—No, a fat or plethoric state is detrimental to reproduction, and as such a state generally becomes intensified by the lethargy (laziness) which follows, a curtailment of the supply of any seeds having an oily nature, such as hemp, sunflower, inga, flax, etc., is advisable. This is one of the reasons why space is a desirable asset in Hybrid breeding, the exercise indulged in keeping the birds in that desirable condition known as "hard and fit."

Do you approve of running the Finch with more than one hen?—This depends entirely on the Finch, and the variety of Hybrid tried for. If Finch-Canary Hybrids, the Goldie very readily accepts a plurality of hens, and as his egg breaking tendencies often call for his isolation during the incubatory period, such time may as well be utilised in getting another nest from him. The Siskin I have found, is often very spiteful towards hen number two, a remark which applies also to the Greenfinch. The Linnet seems to resent the separation, and is very prone to sulk and be of little use as a "bigamist." Of course, there are exceptions. With Hybrids between Finches, I deprecate any attempted polygamy.

Do you consider an extreme disparity in size between Hybrid pairs unfavourable to reproduction?—Yes, if extreme; but not entirely on the grounds of copulative difficulty, which is the reason generally advanced by breeders in discountenancing such mating. That an inequality in size is not a deterrent from a copulative point of view, is proved by the fact that copulation has been effective between species in which this disparity was great, i.e., between a Lesser Redpoll, and a large Russian Bullfinch. The principle objection I have to an extreme disparity in size is the overawing effect on the smaller species, as likely to increase that uncertainty which is always present in Hybridising, to the degree of improbability. In breeding the smaller Finch-Canary Hybrids, the use of those medium sized hens we at times get from large stock is advisable.

Do you favour the system of running one sex of each species together in one large aviary as likely to produce Hybrids?—While recognising that some grand Hybrids have been produced by so doing, yet a study of quite a few such aviaries convinces me that this is not the best system, the quarrelling and interferences with each other's domestic arrangements upsetting many desirable alliances, broken eggs being the rule. As a preliminary system I favour it as the best of all possible methods, as any pair which show preference for each other may be transferred to a separate cage or aviary, such mutual preference being the most propitious sign in a Hybrid pair.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLES (H. R.).—The sample sent is a nice, well-matured one of summer rape, and is quite suitable as a food for Rollers, or any other Canaries, in combination, of course, with canary and other seeds usually advised for general use.

STRINGY DROPPINGS (Edgar Berry).—The bird is a little constipated. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days. Also give a little green food, preferably a crisp young leaf of dandelion, daily for a time. If no green food is available, break open a grape, and fix it, fleshy side uppermost, on the end of a perch for bird to peck at now and again. Look into your dietary to see if this is of a too constipating character, and alter it if necessary. You say nothing at all about this matter, so I cannot be more definite. You would find a proper dietary given in the Nutshell Booklet on "The Canary," No. 5.

LICE AND SAWDUST (Tom).—(1) If you are expert at the job, or can enlist the services of a fancier friend who is good at hand-washing, this is about the best and quickest method of removing grey lice. Wash the bird in the usual way, as if preparing for a show, and to each pint of the water used in the first two basins, add a teaspoonful of Creolin and mix it by stirring. Rinse afterwards in a third basin of plain water. Whilst bird is drying, thoroughly overhaul cage, and wash it out with Creolin solution of above-named strength. If you cannot wash, or get the bird washed, catch it and dust it freely with Keatings, using a small bellows or puff-ball to work powder well into the plumage, especially around base of neck, tail, and under wings. Then roll up bird in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for easy respiration, and place it inside an old cage with the door closed to guard against accidents. Let it lie for 10 or 15 minutes, and meanwhile attend to its own cage as above. Then unwrap bird, and allow it to preen its plumage a little before returning it to its cage. Give daily for a few days a bath, in which a few drops of essence of quassia has been mixed. (2) A rather coarse cut pitchpine sawdust is best for cages on account of its odour, but at a pinch any clean sawdust will do.

CROUCHES ON PERCH (John Fallon).—You should have given some particulars of your treatment, and have said whether the bird shows any other symptoms of ill-health, such as panting or wheezing. It may be nothing worse than an over-fat condition. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better, then write again and give more details. First examine claws to see if they are overgrown. If so, trim them back to a proper length; also, if toes are loaded with hardened dirt-clots, soak them well in warm water to soften dirt, gently wash them clean, dry them, and anoint with zinc ointment. Give a diet of plain canary only as staple, with a large spray of watercress or other green food daily, and three times a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts rape, niger, and teazle. Limit diet to this for a fortnight. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel every second day.

OUT OF CONDITION (A. C.).—See that the bird is free from cold draughts. Do not hang him high up near the ceiling, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana or leaf of dandelion, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash. A mealworm a day if available will also prove beneficial. Kill worm by crushing the head, and fasten it on to end of perch by a pin thrust through tail-end and into the perch.

RECORDS (A. Baker, jun.).—(1) As far as I am aware, the highest price realised for a Canary is £75. This is the sum said to be paid for the famous clear body dark Crest, "King of Champions," when it left its last owners in this country to cross the "herring pond." That was quite a good many years ago, and "his majesty" has probably been gathered to his father long ere this time. (2) The highest price ever put on a Canary is probably the £1,000 which not infrequently figures in show catalogues as the selling price of certain exhibits. Of course no one expects to get that price, as it is merely a prohibitive price placed upon a bird the owner does not wish to sell to prevent it being claimed whilst at a show.

WHAT BREED? (Novice).—Your two very small hens, about half the size of Norwich, are in all probability either Rollers or Border Fancy. The former of these breeds is of a more nondescript character than the Borders, being chubby and trim-built, and slim and lank, with all the stages between. The colour is very pale and washed-out, and the markings as nondescript as the shape. The Borders are rather more aristocratic in appearance, slightly better in colour, finer in plumage, and of a much more uniform type in shape and markings. The two breeds are about equal in size.

SORE FEET (J. A. O.).—Follow the treatment given last week for a fortnight, Bathe the feet once daily in the first week, and every second day in the second week. Keep cage floor strewn with clean pine sawdust during this time, and provide grit in a small shallow tin. Keep perches quite clean. You might also add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water on two consecutive days at the beginning of each week. If feet are not well in this time, write again, and I will advise you further.

WHEEZY AND SNUFFLY (W. P.).—You must first of all take care that the birds are not exposed to cold draughts and damp. Keep them in a comfortable and nicely ventilated place, subject to these conditions, and do not expose them to the fumes from burning lights in the evenings. The temperature of your room is quite suitable if it is equable. Then in addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together.

DISASTER (F. H. E.).—It is not to be wondered at that the hen died on nest. You mated them a good deal too soon, and I don't think the hen was at all ready for mating. The result was slow and abnormal egg-production, and egg-binding, though the weather would help to account for the latter. The cause of death was undoubtedly egg-binding. Had you kept the hen unmated until the end of March you would probably have met with more encouragement. I would certainly advise you to move the birds to the sunny room, with no fire and no draughts. But do not do this until we have a spell of nice mild weather prevailing, and do not mate any more birds until the end of March, or beginning of April. Meantime get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" from our manager, 7d. post free, and study its contents. It should help you to avoid such disappointment. Sorry I cannot recommend any particular dealer. The one you name I always found fair dealing, and ready to rectify any error. See advert. columns in which there is no lack of variety just now.

A NON-BREEDER (H. W.).—If the bird in question is really a cock I should be rather disinclined to rely upon him for breeding. Had you not said that he mated-up all right last season, by which I take it you mean he copulated freely with the hens, I should have had serious doubts of his sex, notwithstanding that he resembles the sketch of the head of a male in "Canary Breeding for Beginners." There is another method of distinguishing the sex by shape of vent, given in the book; on page 31, I think. This should apply fully to a bird the age of yours. Treat it for a fortnight as advised to "A.K." last week, and if it shows no more signs of coming on song my advice is to replace it with a healthy, vigorous 1912 bred cock in good song for this season's breeding. You might also try mating this supposed cock with a lusty young cock in full song.

MOULTING (D. J. W. H.).—If the weather keeps nice and mild, as it is at time of writing this, remove the two birds to the room over the kitchen, and see that they are quite free from cold draughts. Should it happen that winter reigns supreme when this appears, then leave birds in kitchen, and wait for the next mild spell, but keep them well away from fire, light, and draughts. In either case treat as follows. In addition to staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful each of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and half a teaspoonful of hemp, millet and teazle. Give a morsel of green food three or four times a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of quinine and iron mixture two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. If feathers have not ceased dropping by then, instead of the quinine mixture, give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day until they do cease dropping. With luck the birds should be in good breeding condition by beginning of April, if not a little sooner, though the former will still be early enough to begin.

HEN, PERCHES, AND CAGES (Posthorn).—(1) There is no reason why you should not try this hen again in the coming season, either with the same cock or, if you prefer trying another, a healthy young 1912 bred one. Have you "Canary Breeding for Beginners"? If not, you would do well to get a copy, and digest it before the season arrives. Do not overstock hen with soft food, nor yet stint her too much the first three or four days after young are hatched, and begin to give a little fresh crisp green food twice daily from the third day. On the sixth day, if she shows signs of flagging, give a half-teaspoonful of soaked rape and a similar quantity of cracked hemp, and let hen have access to a bath. (2) A flattened oval shape is the most generally useful one for perches for any cage if of a proper size to accommodate the birds' grasp. In many breeding cages, however, the perches are nearly square, with the edges planed off at right angles. They are clumsy-looking, and in my opinion at least have no other advantage over a more decent-looking perch. (3) The correct type of show cage for Yorkshires is an open wire one, with arched top, 9in. long, 6¼in. wide, 14in. high to centre of arched top, dropping to 11in. at the eaves. You would find an illustration of one in Part XVI. of "Our Canaries." The difference between punched bar and wire wove cages in dealers' parlance is probably that a piece of punched bar is used instead of cross-wires and binding wire, to hold upright wires in position, and is of no importance in affecting the correctness of the cage. (4) Many fanciers, I believe, have reared young from the shell upon the food you name, but, personally, I have never attempted it. Still, the "possibility" seems amply proven.

A SEXTETTE (Norwich).—(1) I am not at all clear what kind of a "bad place," it is you refer to. Is it a swelling of, or under, the skin, and is it hard or soft, or is it merely a "raw," or sore, place on the skin without any swelling? It would have been helpful if you had described the appearance fully and enclosed a rough sketch, no matter how rough—to show its position. If it is simply a sore place anoint it daily with Lanocyllin, and see that insect pests are not the indirect cause of it. The occasional bleeding may be due to the bird pecking it. If there is a swelling, paint it sparingly with tincture of iodine once. It may in this case be a tumour, and possibly easily removable by operation. (2) If the bird is valuable your best plan is to ask a veterinary to examine it, and, if necessary, operate. (3) If the hen is otherwise active and healthy it should be quite possible to breed with her. Whether it would be wise to do so depends upon the real nature of this trouble. (4): I do not know any private person in your city who might perform the operation, if needed. See No. 2. (5) Cannot say. Not necessarily. (6) Carry out above suggestions, when I think there may be no necessity for putting the bird to the inconvenience of a long railway journey, which should always be avoided in the case of sick birds. If you still wish me to see the bird privately you will find my address, etc., in the forthcoming CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

TRANSFERRING TO SHED (Yorkshire).—(1) If the walls of the shed are of fairly substantial material, and the position tolerably sheltered, so that there will be a minimum of fluctuation of temperature, there is no reason why it should not answer admirably as a bird-room. (2) Take advantage of the first spell of mild settled weather—this is, of course, assuming the shed is quite ready for their reception—to transfer the birds from unheated indoor room to the shed. Then move the birds from the kitchen to the unheated room for a week or so, to gradually acclimatise them before removing them to the shed. (3) Yes, if they have been reared under normal conditions of temperature there is no reason why exhibition specimens should not thrive in the place as well as commoner birds. (4) It is impossible to suggest any plan of ventilation without having a sketch of the building, it does not matter about it being rather crude, showing existing doors, windows, and any other openings, measurements, etc.

EN DESHABILLE (A. M. W.).—It is always best in these cases of irritability to make quite certain whether insect pests are at the root of the mischief. Red mites are such unobtrusive workers that they often do considerable mischief before their presence is suspected. If you fail to discover any on close examination of cage and its surroundings, treat as follows for a month:—Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every third day give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. On the intervening days give one day a small teaspoonful of rape seed soaked until on the point of sprouting, and the next day a morsel of banana and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, linseed and teazle. Give a spray of green food three or four times a week, and allow bird to bathe as freely as it likes in mild weather. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea daily for three days. After this give six drops each of dandelion juice and glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a fortnight. Stick a piece of lump sugar in the wires for a week or two to divert attention from the plumage.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A TRIO (J. E. W.).—(1) Treat this bird the same as advised to "A. M. W." in this issue, and to induce it to eat the bread and milk, omit the sprinkling of seed, and sprinkle it with soft sugar instead. Give a pinch of the seed separately. If she still refuses it try a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with the sulphur and seed mixed in it. Also see that reply about insects. Washing perches will not keep red mites at bay. Examine cage all over, particularly in any joints or cracks. Keep bird fairly warm to hasten this moulting to a finish. If you catch the bird, grey lice, if present, are very quickly discovered. In a few moments you will find them scurrying here, there, and everywhere, about the hand holding the bird. To deal with them see another reply this week. I do not think this case needs the acid mixture you refer to. (2) I should not care about trying to rear young on this food. It is simple, certainly, and its suitability depends upon the quantity of "dripping" (fat) used in it. A much better food, which certainly will rear young excellently, is the biscuit and desiccated egg mixture advised to "M.G.C.," in this issue. If kept in air-tight tin or jar in a cool dry place this mixture will keep good a long time—certainly for six months. (3) Sorry, but I do not know anything at all about the cages or maker you name. To prevent disappointment deposit cash with our Editor and have them on approval.

LOOSE AND SHAGGY (F. W. B., Hastings).—See reply to "A. M. W." this week, and treat the bird the same for the first two weeks. If obtainable, give dandelion leaves as green food, and instead of sticking a lump of sugar in the wires, kill a mealworm by crushing the head, and fix it on end of perch with a pin each day. In the third week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day. Take heed also of hints in the reply referred to about insect pests. I am inclined to think this is the key to your bird's trouble. There is plenty of time for him to get into breeding condition ready for the coming season, but do not mate him until he is quite ready. (2) As this ailing condition does not suggest a very robust physical constitution I cannot advise you to mate the bird with his own daughter.

ANOTHER WHEEZER (Hawarden).—Continue feeding the bird and giving the sponge cake prepared as advised to "F. Clark." Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water daily until the droppings are quite free and semi-liquid. Then break open a grape and fix on end of perch, with the fleshy side uppermost. Give a leaf of crisp young dandelion daily if available. A mealworm daily would also prove beneficial. When the buckthorn is discontinued, add to the water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week or fortnight as may seem necessary. I do not consider him at all a suitable bird for stock, and you should certainly discard him unless he quickly and completely throws off this wheezy tendency.

CURIOUS SEIZURES (Jim Crow).—The seizures to which the birds were subject were merely the result of extreme nervousness, betraying an unusually highly-strung nervous system. Such a condition is by no means uncommon, especially among closely inbred birds. The two birds from same brood suffering in the same way may have been only a coincidence, or it may possibly betray a weakly taint from the cause just suggested. An overfat condition would tend to aggravate the weakness and hasten such a culmination as that which has occurred. The culmination was clearly a paralytic seizure due to effusion in the cranium, induced by the prolongation of the cause of excessive fright. Nothing you could have done would have been of any avail.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

SEED SAMPLES (S. G.).—(1) Plantain of nice quality. (3) Charlock, good. (4) Sesame, ditto. No. 2 seems to have gone astray. I can't trace receiving it.

SEX OF REDPOLLS (A. Chicken).—If you obtain a bird with a red breast and red head you will have an undoubted cock; the hen does not possess the red breast. When the birds are house-moulted, the sex is frequently difficult to decide. If you get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Redpoll (post free 2½d.), you will find in it full details of feeding and management.

COLOUR OF SHOW CAGES (Amateur).—The wires and the inside woodwork should be enamelled the same colour and the woodwork black. Bullfinch, cock, emerald green; ditto, hen, light blue or green; Linnet, emerald green; Goldfinch, dark green; Hawfinch, emerald green; Yellowhammer, ditto; Chaffinch, ditto (some like a medium blue); Budgerigars, yellow, light blue, green, warm cream.

THE DARK BEAK (Derry).—No, the dark tip to the beak does not mean that a Goldfinch is a non-breeder. As a matter of fact all Goldfinches have this dark streak after the moult and through the winter. When they begin to come into breeding condition, however, the dark tip commences to disappear, and when the beak is quite clear a bird is said to be in "rank" breeding condition. If you have bought an "exhibition bird and muler" for 4s., you are to be congratulated. To assist the bird into breeding condition, feed as advised a querist in last week's issue.

FEEDING A JACKDAW (H.T.W.O.).—The Jackdaw should be fed on the same lines as the Magpie, Jay, etc. Provide a long box cage, with the perches placed to afford him a good, long jump. As regards the food, use a good quality dog meal (such as "Melox" or Spratt's), thoroughly softened with hot water, and mixed with such table scraps (meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc.) as are from time to time available. This is the staple, and should be varied with dead mice, Sparrows, acorns, cracked nuts, berries, fruit, eggs, etc., according to season and circumstance. The Jackdaw has a very accommodating appetite; some flesh food is essential.

THE USE OF SUNFLOWER SEED (Peter Pan).—I do not invariably give my Goldfinches a daily feed of sunflower seed; often only three or four times or so a week. Siberian Goldfinches I give it more liberally. About eighteen (not less) seeds form my average offering to one bird. My Bullies I give it to practically regularly, as they get no hemp seed (except the hens up for breeding). Whether the sunflower should be cracked depends on the individual bird. Some British Goldies won't crack it; others do so readily. The same remark applies to Bullies, though they, as a rule, are devoted to sunflower once they taste it. It is only necessary to roll a jam jar lightly over it. It need only be shelled (or shelled and broken) while one is trying to coax a bird to taste of it. Safflower is a kind of small sunflower, but very hard, and must always be cracked (except, perhaps, for Hawfinches); it is a very "feeding" seed, and I have used it for years with success.

TREATMENT OF LINNET-CANARY MULING COUPLE (A. T. Penny).—The stock seed mixture of your Linnet and Canary couple (if you are keeping the two birds together) should be Canary and teazle, one and a half pint each; summer rape, half a pint. Then make up three mixtures as follows:—(a) Hemp, two parts; niger, one part; linseed, half a part by measure; (b) maw, thistle, dandelion, charlock, sesame, gold of pleasure, and lettuce equal parts of each, likewise by measure; (c) a good wild seed mixture. A heaping teaspoonful of one of these three mixtures should be given the birds every day (in a separate vessel; not with the stock mixture), taking them in turn. This treatment will bring them into the best possible condition, providing the birds are in good health, and are being kept under proper conditions. Egg bread should not be given until your Linnet is very near breeding condition, which you can tell by his song and the colour of his beak, as it will only bring your hen to nest before the Linnet is fit. All the early, young, tender dandelion leaves you can find should be gathered, likewise shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel tops, and a good feed be given the birds daily. If they don't breed under this treatment, they will never breed at all. If you are keeping the hen Canary apart from the Linnet, let her have plain Canary seed one day, and the above mixture the next. You need not give her the wild seeds, but she should have a little of the other two (a and b).

A QUARTETTE (No nom-de-plume).—(1) It is gold of pleasure. Good mixed with other seeds; note a reply given last week. (2) Feed this bird up as advised a querist last week, evidently you overlooked the answer in question. He will come into song in a few weeks' time if round in health. (3) They might be very good dark Mules, though if the hen is very finely drawn (slim) there is a danger of them taking after her in shape. On the other hand, light Mules may possibly come; this, of course, it is impossible to foretell. (4) I manage to get a few fairly constantly.

TWO BIRDS (Posthorn).—Personally I cannot say that I consider either Goldfinch or Bullfinch very "difficult" to keep. If your Goldie was not well on arrival, then you can hardly blame yourself for losing it. Have you read the "Nutshell" booklets on the Goldfinch and the Bullfinch? You would be certain to find them helpful; also Mr. Norman's book on "Hardbills." It is quite true that the cock Bullfinch is invariably a failure as a Mule breeder. Therefore if you attempt to utilise your bird in this way, look upon it as in the nature of an experiment. I have not found Bullfinches particularly wasteful. Possibly you are not feeding it to the best advantage.

A SKYLARK MATTER (Lover of Birds).—It seems to me that your birds ought to have sung before this, especially the steady one. I presume you are not certain as to their sex. However, as they were newly caught, you should wait a few weeks longer, and so give them every chance of proving themselves cocks—mild spring weather may cause them to break into song. I do not class Larks as desirable aviary birds (that is, to keep amongst Hardbills). They do better, and sing more freely, when in a cage.

MATING A GOLDFINCH (T. Bowerman).—You must possess your soul in patience, as it is useless pairing up the Goldfinch yet awhile. As I am often pointing out, May is the earliest month (especially if we have cold, backward weather during the early spring), in which the Hybrid-breeder can hope to get full clutches. In a state of nature the Goldfinch is a late breeder, May being well turned ere he is far embarked upon domestic duties. Of course, we sometimes hear of Goldfinches kept in captivity (in, say, a heated living-room), and fed on stimulating seeds, fertilising eggs in February, or even January. The beginner is often misled by such reports. He forgets that breeders who perform feats of this kind rush at once into print to let us all know about it, and that the scores, maybe hundreds, who get clear eggs through their rashness in starting early, never say a single word about their failures—to shout in success and be silent in defeat is very human. Let them get to know each other by sight, by all means, but don't put them together and give them a nest-pan just yet. Note the reply given A. Townley last week.

THREE ITEMS (T. W. H.).—(1) It is far from unlikely that the Robins would nest in the aviary you describe, if given the run of the place. They are not to be relied upon as safe companions, by the bye, for other small birds. You would only need to provide a suitable nesting site or two (an old tin, or even kettle, laid on its side at the foot of a bush would probably prove irresistible), and nesting materials, such as moss, tiny twigs, lengths of dried grass, hay, etc., dead leaves, cow hair, and wool; and to feed well, offering plenty of live food (including gentles, and live ants' eggs in season). Read "Nutshell" booklet No. 25 for information as to the latter items. (2) Give the Chaffinch two or three mealworms daily; let it also have a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower seed, and twice a week a teaspoonful of hemp in addition. If the bird is house-moulted it should be singing now. Feed on the lines laid down in the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the species. (3) You will find the management of Tits dealt with in "Nutshell" No. 25, and the best foods described. As you do not tell me how you feed them, I cannot help you to trace the cause of the failure. I can say, however, that Blue Tits are not particularly easy to accustom to cage life; even with the best of management they are apt to "go light" and succumb after a few weeks of it. I do not, in fact, look upon them in the light of "desirable cage birds."

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part* 1 *"Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part* 2 *"Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No.* 1 *"Goldfinch," No.* 2 *"Linnet," No.* 3 *"Skylark," No.* 4 *"Song Thrush and Blackbird," No.* 11 *"Bullfinch," No.* 13 *"Chaffinch," No.* 15 *"Greenfinch," No.* 22 *"Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No.* 25 *"Small Insectivorous Birds," No.* 26 *"Large Insectivorous Birds," No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No.* 9 *"Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No.* 12 *"How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

MANAGEMENT OF SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH (Tom Chambers).—A good stock mixture now would be canary and teazle three pints each, linseed one pint, summer rape a quarter-pint. A good feed of cracked sunflower (or mixed sunflower and safflower) must be given daily. Give a little maw and niger frequently. When newly-imported, I add two pints of niger (or inga) seed to the above stock mixture. Thistles, hardheads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed, wild seeds, etc., are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought, owing to the unfortunate inexperience of the buyer. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they starve or die of thirst, never before having seen a water-hole, much more put their head through one. Food and water should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Inga (niger) seed is usually their staple food during importation. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it and it is a grand food for them), gradually wean them off the niger. When the birds are "well caged," a little sound hemp can be given now and again, but make certain it is good hemp. Should a bird seem to droop at any time, give at once a dose (two, if necessary) of syrup of buckthorn, 8 to 10 drops in two tablespoonfuls of water. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron and quinine crystals as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; it is constipating when given too strongly. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

GREY PARROT LAYING EGGS (K. O'Connell).—Your bird is not a Grey Parrot, but a Roseate Cockatoo, and there is certainly no reason why it should not breed if you procure a mate for it and can give them a very large cage, or a room. A barrel, say about 12 inches diameter by 18 inches deep, is about the most easily procured receptacle, and should be hung as high up as possible.

AMERICAN NIGHTINGALE (Harry).—I am not at all sure whether your query refers to the American Mocking bird or Virginian Cardinal or Nightingale; the former is a graceful bird, a little smaller than a Song Thrush, but with longer legs and tail, and has a wagtail-like appearance, its colours are not brilliant, ashy brown, variegated with various darker browns, white and whitish-grey; the under parts are white; the song of a good specimen is a marvel for change and variety, and the voice is powerful and very musical, and if this species, the Common Mocking Bird of North America (Mimus Polyglottus) is the bird offered you, it is cheap at the price, if a cock. The Virginian Nightingale was on our last coloured plate, and need not be described; it would also be cheap at this price, but I do not think the latter is the bird offered you.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No.* 9 *"The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No.* 14 *"Gouldian Finches," No.* 16 *"Avadavats," No.* 17 *"The Grey Parrot," No.* 18 *"Budgerigars," No.* 19 *"The Pekin Robin," No.* 20 *"Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154 *Fleet St., London, E.C.*

A KING AMAZON (J. W. Harrison).—(1) Of the capacity of clearness and distinctness of utterance, as well as the length of their vocabulary, is very variable, even among individuals of the same species. I opine your bird will improve, at any rate, cutting its tongue will not help matters, and is quite unnecessary. (2) This habit is not of the least moment, save that if indulged in on cage tray it may soil its plumage—acrobatic exercise will be good for it, as also will notice and attention help to keep ennui the enemy of all caged birds at bay. (3) Watch against constipation by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the usual supply of drinking water) this foe can be kept at bay. Good, clean, wholesome food will do the rest—seed mixture, green food, stale crusts and plain biscuits, nuts and ripe fruit ad lib, will suffice and supply a sufficient range to vary the diet somewhat; grit and cuttlebone must also be regularly supplied.

IN BAD PLUMAGE (J. F.).—Continue the treatment advised in our last, but a week hence substitute Byno-phosphates for the Friar's Balsam, using double the quantity. Confine the diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, dry potato, stale crusts, plain biscuits, nuts, green food, and any kind of ripe fruit it will take. This will give you an ample range to supply a varied dietary—grit and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. An ordinary Parrot drinker can be kept always in the cage filled with water. The bread and sugar will do no harm, and you soak into the bread about 10 drops of Byno-phosphates after it has been moistened with water. Seed mixture: One quart each canary seed, white millet, hemp and oats; one pint each paddy rice, maize, sunflower seeds, wheat and a handful of chilies; the whole to be well mixed. It will take some time to undo the mischief of the previous unwholesome dietary. Report progress a month hence.

YOUNG BLUE-FRONT (J. Reid).—I should put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day for a time, but if the voidings become watery loose, then give it less frequently. On the intervening days put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water and continue this for some time. If the running at the nostrils continues, bathe them with a tepid solution of glyco-thymoline. If you cannot handle the bird, use a camel-hair brush. Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, one pint each oats, paddy rice, and maize; half-a-pint each sunflower and wheat, and a few chilies. Well mix the whole. Some kind of ripe fruit daily. It will ultimately take a little biscuit and shelled walnuts; a little green food will be wholesome. To an Amazon a little boiled maize, which only keeps fresh one day, is beneficial twice a week; supply grit and cuttlebone regularly. There is much that is common to the two species, though there are slight differences as to the dieting, as you will see from above, but the Nutshell "Grey Parrot" will be a help.

EGG-LAYING REMARKABLE (E. Bromwich).—I do not see how you can check this, nor do I consider it would be wise, and I certainly advise you to let nature take its course without interference. Your general treatment is satisfactory. What I do advise is a large cage, and get a mate for it, putting in a log or small barrel (large enough for the birds to move round in comfortably), and I should say they would successfully rear some young Eclectus for you. The Grand Eclectus was bred in a Scottish aviary last year. I should omit the yolk of egg from the dietary. The duties of incubation, etc., would undoubtedly to some extent check the abnormal egg-laying.

SCARLET WEAVERS ("Weaver.")—This name is used both for the Madagascar and Crimson-crowned Weavers, but I think most of those being so advertised at the present time are the Crimson-crowned Weaver (Pyromelana flammiceps). In colour the Combassou is a steel-blue bird, with pale beak, legs, and feet. Out of colour he is like his more soberly coloured mate—light brown, streaked with darker brown and blackish. The Cordon Bleu is mouse-brown above, with the rump, upper tail-coverts, cheeks, throat, and breast bright blue; beak pinkish-crimson, with black tip; legs and feet flesh colour. The cock bird has crimson ear patches, which the female lacks.

BIRDS FOR CAGE (W. H. B.).—Providing you do not put in any hens, several cocks will agree in one cage. Alario Finch, Cape Canary (Grey-necked Serin), Grey Singing Finch, St. Helena Seedeater, are all very fair songsters, usually obtainable for about 7s. 6d. each, and are hardy, but, like all birds, must not be subjected to draught. Lovebirds are so kept, but they really need more room than an ordinary Canary cage, unless they are let out of the cage daily for exercise. A nice cage for a pair of these birds should have a base 18 inches square and be not less than 2ft. in height, with a couple of twiggy branches as perches. The birds should then be able to get ample exercise.

PULLING OUT ITS FEATHERS (R. U. Z.).—I should certainly keep the bowels of this bird moving quite freely for a time, yet the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and twice weekly put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. Give the following seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet seeds; one pint each oats and hemp, half-pint each sunflower and paddy rice; well mix and keep a supply in the cage; supply ripe fruit liberally, any kind it will take. Vary the diet with stale crusts, plain biscuits, nuts and green-food. Grit and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. Spray weekly with quassia solution, oftener in warm weather. Report progress a month hence. Keep it occupied and interested.

AILING WHYDAH ("Whydah").—You have done mostly what it is possible to do, and it would appear that the bird has now got a turn for the better. Keep it caged separately; keep a millet spray in the cage, replacing it when it is picked clean. Keep the bowels moving quite freely by using the magnesia as required, and giving chemical food in the intervening days. See that the watercress is thoroughly swilled before being given to the bird. Continue to give the mealworms till it is in decent plumage again. Let it have all the light and air possible [illegible] draught, and do not subject it to a too chill atmosphere.

BIRDS FOR INDOOR CAGE (W. B. C.).—Get pairs of Avadavats, Orange-cheeked, Golden-Crested, and Grey Waxbills, Bib Finches (7s. 6d.), Lavender Finches; except where otherwise marked the value is from 2/6 to 5/- per pair. As regards diet, supply canary, white millet, Indian millet, and millet sprays, green food, gritty sand for cage bottom, and water for drinking and bathing. Use twiggy branches for perches. Hang up several cocoanut shells or rush nests for sleeping quarters, and stand your cage in some position where a draught cannot blow through it. If you get our Nutshells, "Avadavats" and "Waxbills," 2½d. post free from our manager, these will give all details as to food and treatment. Do not be discouraged if you have a death or two at first, as Foreign birds are more or less prostrated on arrival from the hardships of the voyage to this country, and some few succumb therefrom.

INDOOR AVIARY (Swallowcliff).—If it is only the Waxbills and the Finches that you are losing, possibly the Budgerigars and Lovebirds are killing them, but if the deaths cover all kinds, there must be something wrong with the conditions of the aviary, such as atmosphere too damp—through draught from drawing-room window to conservatory, or the floor boards become saturated with the exereta and full of germs. I do not quite care to suggest taking up the wooden floor and filling in with earth and gravel till I know a little more of the conditions. What kind of trees have you in the aviary that the birds are flying among? The above is suggestive, perhaps you can give me some further information that will enable me to form some definite opinion as to cause. I also suggest sending the body of the next bird that dies to our Mr. Yates, for post-mortem examination. See rules.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 18, Onward Hall, 8. Arrangements for social. Table show of Norwich and Yorks., open and amateur, and novices, three classes, cocks, hens and pairs. Judges: Norwich, Mr. H. Boothman; Yorkshires, Mr. E. Dooley.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 18, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show of Yorks. pairs, to count for points specials. Entry fee, 3d. per pair; staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. J. Sharples, Oldham. J. R. Colville.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Postponed annual general meeting. Election of officers; matched pairs for breeding and judging competitions. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—F. Gelder

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Feb. 20, Jolly Gardeners, 8. Arrangements for March show, and judges for 1913, etc.—John Clark.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 18, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Pair show. Classes for all varieties of Canaries, muling and Hybrid pairs; judge, Mr. J. Burns. Friends invited.—G. Morton.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Calderwood Arms, 7.30. Enrolling of new members.—James Stirling.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Victoria Hotel, 5.30. Annual dinner and prize distribution; tickets, 1/6 each. Chairman, Coun. P. L. Craven.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 18, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' pair class show and judging competition; judge, Mr. L. Briggs. Yorks. Union ballot paper and other important business. Three prizes given in judging competition; entrance free.—H. Hill.

Camborne C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Ordering closed rings, and fixing date for first feather show. New members to be proposed.—A. Scoble.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Maskell's Hotel, 3. Nomination of officers for 1913, and other important business.—E. Thomas.

Crewe C.B.—Feb. 18, Brotherhood Institute, 8. General meeting.—E. Jazcott.

Cheltenham.—Feb. 19, The Lamb Hotel, 8. Table show. Norwich judge, Mr. Williams; Linnets, Mr. Easton.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester-le-Street.—Feb. 15, Butchers' Arms, Middle Chare, 7. Table show, judge, Mr. Bewick. Special business re open show for 1913, and nest feather show date.—Robt. Ward.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Club Hall, 6. Election of judges, auditors; open show schedule.—W. Tomlinson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Committee meeting.—J. H. Jones.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Feb. 22, Higgins Hall, 2.30. Pairs show. Birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. C. Campbell.—William Kane.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Black Bull, 7.30. Final arrangement stock pair show, tea, etc.—Geo. Hunt.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Novel judging competition.—Robert T. Campbell.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Financial report of smoking concert and report of committee re syllabus; enrolment of new members; table show for British birds (novices), and other business.—J. Charlton.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 18. Table show, 8: British birds (confined to novices), four classes: 1, Linnet and Goldfinch; 2, Any Variety Bunting; 3, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 4, Any Variety Finch. Mr. A. W. Watson has kindly consented to judge them. Entry fee, 2d. per bird.—J. C. Charlton.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 19, St. George's Hall, 8. Annual pair show. Visitors welcomed. Judge, Mr. E. Woodhead.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Spencer Hall. Sixth annual show of pairs matched for breeding open at 2; judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare. All bird-lovers invited.—J. Hyde.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 17, White Hart Hotel, 8. Election of officers and revision of rules for 1913 for the Yorkshire Union C.B.S., and monthly table show of matched pairs Yorks. and Nor. Feb. 15, members' winter show.—Arthur Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—Feb. 17, St. George's School, 8. General business and discussion night.—T. Allsop.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Feb. 15, [illegible] Hotel, 7. Election of officers, balance-sheet, and arrangements for open show.—T. Smith.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb 2?, Y.M. Hall, 7. Table show, Greenie hens, variety British cocks, ditto hens and Siberian Goldies and Bullies, F.M.; also discussion on the advisability of holding an open show next year.—James Pollock.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Pair show, 6d. per pair, staged 7.30.—R. Charleson.

Lancashire C.A.—Feb. 22, Rochdale O.C. Rooms, 7. Re specials, etc. Please forward overdue subs., so that I can get balance-sheet ready.—J. [illegible].

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. [illegible], White Swan, 8.30. Cl. or tkd. buff, mkd., or varieg. buff., Chaff. or Bramble.—A. Freestone.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show: Nor., heavily varieg. or green, open and novice; A.O.V. Can., open and novice; pairs for hyb. breeding between Brit. or Foreign and Canary. Fanciers invited.—J. Cook.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb 15, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 5. Eighth annual pair show.—G. G. Stubbs.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 14, Railway Hotel, 8. Voting on Union ballot paper.—J. E. Hudson.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Feb. 15, East Grey Hotel, 7.30. General business.—E. Cowling.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—March 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Washing competition. Gold medal for best handled and washed bird; special for best washed bird by a novice.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 15, headquarters, 5.20. Annual dinner and prize distribution; social 7.30. Fanciers and friends invited; talent engaged.—R. Grange.

Midland Counties Y.O.C.—Feb. 20, Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 8.30. General meeting; additional rules, presentation of cups and medals.—J. Sheppard.

North London C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Headquarters, 8. Pair show.—P. W. Jellries.

Northern Counties N.C.—Feb. 19, Lockhart's, Granger Street, 7.30. Table show, three classes for pairs; judge, F. Wyndham. Fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Feb. 19, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Annual meeting; balance-sheet, election of officers; other important business.—R. Tindale.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich. Show of matched pairs for breeding; birds staged 7.30. Mr. J. Robson judge. Fanciers intending to join should do so now. There is to be no nomination fee for joining on Feb. 20th.—E. Meades.

Portobello C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Masonic Hall, 7.30. Appoint secretary, etc. Pairs exhibition. Intending members invited.—J. Davidson.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Fleece Hotel, 7. Annual presentation of prizes. Mr. W. A. Wilson (Leeds) will present the prizes. Special meeting Feb. 17, at 8; Yorks. Union ballot paper.—Hugh Ralstrick.

Sale C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Special business.—A. Royle.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 18, Barber's Shop, 6.30. Consideration of new rules, washing competition, and coffee supper.—J. Hird.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Mr. Bamford's, 7.30. Committee meeting; pair show report, etc.; list of vice-presidents. Every committeeman is requested to attend.—J. T. Cheetham.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Headquarters, 8. General meeting.—John Bumford.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—Feb. 15, Club, 7.—H. Briggs.

Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 15, Crown and Anchor, 8. Important matters will be brought forward.—J. Isherwood.

Watford C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Conservative Hall, Clarendon Road, 7.15. Judging competitions for matched pairs. Members are requested to try and attend and bring one or more pairs.—W. Rackley.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Yorks. Union ballot paper, etc.; judges for members' shows.—Taylor and Ellis.

York C.B.S.—Feb. 19, headquarters, 6.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford).—H. Sayles.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Market Tavern, 6. Meeting of Council. Selection of novice medals, and other business.—Horatio Hill.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. Martin.—We think you will find that all birds are protected the year round in Greenwich and Woolwich, and the immediate neighbourhood.

R. T. Campbell and "Exhibitor of Bullfinches."—Your letters have been duly forwarded.

Jim Crow.—Your letter has been sent to Mr. St. John, who will give you advice upon the matter.

A Half-hearted Novice.—We cannot take notice of anonymous communications. If you want your letter published you must supply us with your name and address as a guarantee of your bona-fides.

John Ford, Sen.—Some of your statements are too much for us, and we have reluctantly had to consign your letter to the W.P.B. Where did you learn that the Goldfinch lived in the spring on the seeds out of fir cones, and all the winter on groundsel?

Correspondence.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—I still hold that shows held on week-end dates spell short entries, and that societies holding their shows in mid-week are better supported. Take, for instance, the show of the Cork C.B.A., held last January on Wednesday and Thursday. My birds were dispatched to me at 7.30 o'clock on Friday morning, and I received them at 11.30 the same morning. Now contrast that with the return journey from Holyrood show (whence the birds were dispatched on Saturday) when the birds were on rail for fifty eight hours. Now all exhibitors fight shy of week end shows on the off chance of having their birds detained in some draughty goods store on the railway on Sunday. Another cause, which I think is responsible for short entries is the fact that nearly all the Irish societies fix the dates of their shows in the month of November. Surely the show season (from November to February) is long enough, without everyone trying to have his show in November. We could thus avoid a lot of clashing of shows and friction between the members of the various societies.

J. F. Morgan.

Scotch Fancies at the Ulster O.A. (Belfast) Show.

Sir.—In reply to Mr. W. H. Gillespie in your issue of Feb. 8th re the alleged unfair report of Scotch Fancies at the recent Ulster O.A. show. He says if the "bird of circle" was left to the mercy of the reporter it would come in for a small share of the loaves and fishes. Now I think the Yorkshire would have absolutely no share of these if left to Mr. Gillespie, as his figures go to show, when finding a loss of 8s. 6d. on these classes, which is quite incorrect. He is also wrong in stating the difference between the entry fees and prize-money in Scotch Fancy classes shows a small credit balance, taking his figures from the published catalogue. In support and fairness to the Yorkshire Fancy I herewith give a complete summary of the various classes: Yorkshires 4s. gain, Norwich 10s. gain, Mules 4s. gain, British 4s. gain, song bird selling class 10s. gain, Scotch Fancies 6s. loss. These figures are taken from the catalogue which I enclose herewith for you, Mr. Editor, to check.

A. E. Winkup.

[Our reporter of the show, and "Moonface" write to the same effect as Mr. Winkup. A letter from Mr. Barclay is held over.—Editor.]

To Prevent the Stealing of Show Birds.

Will Small Doors Solve the Problem ?

Sir,—I see another correspondent is interested in birds stolen Every show season we hear the same tale, viz., some valuable bird or birds stolen either at show or else on the journey to and from the shows, and yet exhibitors keep on sending birds to show in the same style and running the same risks year after year. We hear of show cages with bells fixed on, or with locks, or the same as your correspondent says. Locks and bells are out of the question. We all know it is the work of a moment to snip a lock off or to stop a bell ringing. Your correspondent, Mr. Ousman's idea is all right, but I think myself it is not a clue to where the bird was stolen; what is wanted is a preventative against birds being stolen and to place every obstacle in the way of the thieves. It is not an extraordinary sleight-of-hand trick, when you come to look at it, for a person to calmly wait his chance until the show room is not overcrowded, or the particular bird he is after is a bit secluded from the view of the show officials—we know they cannot have their eyes on every bird at the same time. How easy then for the thief to bob his hand in and out of the cage and secure a bird worth more, probably, than ten times its weight in gold, and then calmly walk out of the show-room. We all know it is done, as valuable birds don't always melt into the air, and it is always the same way they have gone, viz., through the cage door. Exhibitors, why do you let the thief, whether it be on a station platform, or in a show room, or anywhere else, put his hand in your show cage? Stop his hand from going into the cage. How? you perhaps may ask. Well, I have had the idea some time now, and I have placed the idea before other cage makers. Let us now see what is the exhibitors' opinion. I think they will find my idea of a cage-door the best. If any reader can find a better idea, I will raise my hat to him as the more ingenious a cage can be, the better for the exhibitors, and the worse for the thief. To this end fanciers should direct their inventive genius, and give to the Fancy the benefit of their ideas, and not wait until another show season comes and goes, and more valuable birds go astray. Well, my idea is, as I said before, to stop a hand from going into the cage. Why have a large door to your cages, which you can nearly put your head through, let alone your hand? Why not have a small cage door just large enough for the bird to pass through comfortably, and yet keep the long fingers out? Some will ask, what will the Judge do when it comes to examining a bird? Well, it is not a large order for show officials to provide a cage with a large door to run birds into which require handling, for examination. Now, for the advantages of a small door. A man can calmly unfasten a show-cage and slip his hand into a cage while the case is left for a few minutes on a railway platform, especially when the birds have to change; for instance, a case travels by a fast train, and has to change on to a branch line, and probably by the next train in. The case is left unattended a few minutes, and that is the time, I fancy, the deed is done. If you have a small door to your cage, he will require another cage and plenty of light to run the bird into the latter. Not quite so easy as putting his hand into the cage—without he takes the lot, and then the railway officials would miss them, and he would soon be traced. How would the thief fare in a show room? Worse, I should think. He would soon be detected running a bird out of its show cage. Even if he got the bird into his cage he would have a hard job to conjure the cage up his sleeve or into his pocket, or under his hat, when passing out of the show room. Another point, you could let your mind rest content that no one but the show officials would be able to handle your birds.

J. Barber.

Canaries and their Colours.

Are Buffs Yellows and Yellows Buffs ?

Sir,—It has interested me very much to hear how fanciers in general call Canaries by their colour, and in dealing with yellow and buff, I think they are wrong. According to all recognised books of colours a buff is deeper in shade than a yellow, yet all the fanciers whom I have met call the light yellow Canary a buff, and the darker Canary a yellow. I was at a bird show some time ago and drew my friend's (a bird fancier) attention to how the tickets described the birds. Then I gave him my opinion, but he could not see eye to eye with me in my argument. So I promised to show him a colour book to prove my statement, and he then admitted I was right, but could give no reason for the fanciers mis-naming the colour of the birds. However, he assured me that your valuable paper would open a discussion. I am not a bird fancier, and know nothing about the breeds, but have, in the course of my business, been dealing in colours daily for the past twenty years, and in my opinion colours, starting from white, read thus: Yellow, buff and cinnamon, or dark buff, instead of buff, yellow and cinnamon. Perhaps you would be good enough to give this letter space in your columns, so that an explanation of how the fanciers consider a buff Canary is lighter in colour than a yellow Canary may be forthcoming..

Vice Versa.

The Blackcap Warbler in Ireland.

Sir,—In answer to "A Subscriber," re the feeding of a Blackcap Warbler in Ireland, I make my food as follows:—Get 2 or 3 lbs. broken biscuits (4d. lb.), grind up fine in old coffee mill (or roll with bottle), and add ½-lb. best ant eggs, 4 oz. dried flies, 4 oz. ground meat meal, 4 oz. ground silkworm pupæ, and mix well. Then I take sufficient of this mixture and mix it well with a fork with a piece of banana, instead of water or grated carrot. I find they do well on it. I also give a piece of banana in addition to his stock food, and he cleans the skin of banana out quite clean daily, not a scrap of fruit left. I also put a mealworm cut into 3 or 4 pieces, on top of his food, daily, once about 8 or 9 a.m., and next time about 2 p.m. My bird is singing A1, and has been doing so for about 6 weeks or more. He moulted out clean, and without any trouble, on this diet, and is always as lively as if he was out in the open He is in a breeding cage, 20 by 18 by 10, and is continually flying about and flapping his wings. My Blackcap sung right through last summer up to the moult (end of August), and commenced singing, low at first, about middle of October, and is in first-class fettle. Of course a piece of cold potato, given occasionally is good, also a little sponge cake, size of cracker nut, also sweet apple or pear: nothing like giving a change with Softbills, or Hardbills, for the matter of fact. Of course, if "A Subscriber" hasn't got more than one bird (Softbill), he can halve the quantities given above, or buy a good insectivorous food for about 1s. 6d. lb. But I like making my own, then I know of what it is composed. Don't forget the order of the bath

H. E. Hedges.

The Date of Hartlepools Show

Sir,—Re Hartlepools C.B.S. show date, we should like to state in reply to the letter in your last issue that the date of our next open show was allotted to us at the annual general meeting of the North Yorkshire and South Durham Federation of Cage Bird Societies. The delegates attending desired that at least a fortnight should elapse between each show, and after much discussion, Middlesbrough were allotted our late date, viz., the last Saturday in October, therefore in order to allow the agreed fortnight to elapse we were compelled to let our show fall on the 8th November.

Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

Sir,—In your issue January 18th, I see the hon. secs. of Hartlepool Show are asking societies not to clash. A while ago they stated that the October date was their own; now they have taken November 8th, well knowing that was the date of West Stanley Cage Birds Show. We held our annual meeting December 28, and in the following week's Cage Birds it was reported. Now they are the first ones to clash. I hear they are members of the North Yorkshire and South Durham Federation, and this is what they do! If my memory leads me right, they once wrote re South Shields and Derwent Valley clashing!

W. Elliott,
(Sec. West Stanley C.B.S.).

Short Entries at Scottish Shows.

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—I have been interested in the above correspondence. I have reason to believe there are cliques in the Fancy. I am of opinion that no matter who judged such shows as the Scottish National, the Crystal Palace, etc., a good entry would be obtained. But let some of the judges be at smaller shows in the country and fanciers refuse to follow them. Funny things exist in Border Fancy circles. One show with a specialist Border judge had not one class full. Further, I showed a few at one of the biggest exhibitions, and really was surprised at some of the classes. But I don't wonder now at the placing of the tickets, for I learned last week that the judge stayed overnight with one of the most successful exhibitors, and also went on to the show with him on the judging morning. Now everything may have been above-board, but I ask, can judges wonder at novices being jealous or suspicious when they learn these things? They naturally think the birds would be talked about. I venture to say, too, that this judge knew that a certain even-marked yellow was standing its first chance in an even-marked class, this bird being a great uneven of last year, as I pointed out to many in the show. I say that it is an uneven yet. Surely the B.F.C.C. will take action? Shall we ever get the Fancy pure?—

A Disgusted Exhibitor.

Sir,—It is with pleasure I read the letters in your valuable paper re short entries at Scottish shows. Being the writer of the first letter, I would like to rub it in a bit harder on the clique judges, for the benefit of the Fancy and next show season. I will give you a few of the mean things done by some of the clique. One judge, when a fancier asked him about a well-known winner he had put out of the money tickets, said, "It is a good yin, but, mon, I hae yin that wid bring ye tae the fore." It was not a matter of bringing him to the fore, but to get sale for a few birds he had. Another of the many mean tricks done by a well-known judge was, after he had finished judging and had seen the catalogue, he went over to the birds he had made a mistake with and wrote "soft" on their cages. A trick done by honest fanciers which I was proud to see, was to put sand in their cages, and so puzzle the judge in giving his awards. I could give a few more tricks done by the clique, but I think that is enough to convince "Plainhead" that there are cliques existing in the Fancy, more especially in Borders. I am pleased to see the same judge got very poor entries at a show with the best of classification, and hardly any other shows on that date. The meanest trick of all is one of the most prominent of the clique buying up all the Greens, Clears and Cinnamons he can get hold of, and fanciers buying them expect to breed winners, when they are not related to his winners at all. Next year will prove it. Having shown a good bit over 220 birds last show season, I am not downhearted yet, as if I am spared to next show season and get a breeding season at all, I hope to show as many again, but not under the clique I am referring to. I hope by that time they are all wiped off the carpet, and we have honest judging, also fanciers who can take beating when their birds are honestly beaten. I may say that I would not like to imitate the staging, as some of the birds were neither worth staging nor worth keeping, even for songsters. I hope that next show season will be a record one, and that instead of grumbling when we go to the shows we shall be able to congratulate our fellow fanciers upon their honest wins, and before we part have a wee dauch in doras, with the expectation of beating him at the next show.

Lover of Justice.

Sir,—I think it is about time that some steps were taken to try and alter the present manner in which judging is being carried out at our shows. I know fanciers who will not exhibit under certain judges, because they say that they won't get a run for their money. For instance, a certain judge came to judge a show near Glasgow, and got a poor turn-out o fbirds, and I am sure that if the reporter had only heard a little of the remarks passed, his report would have been different. Again, those fanciers who were at a big show near Glasgow, and heard the remarks passed between the Judge and a well-known exhibitor of Border Fancies, would have cause to open their eyes. The Border Club rules say that Borders must not be more than five and a-half inches long, and that there must be no colour-feeding. Now I understand the judge, when questioned, said that some of the birds were too small, and that he was judging for size and colour. What a chance for colour feeding! If we are going to exhibit birds, let us show fairly, and let those who judge the birds give their candid opinion. If they make mistakes, let it be for the benefit of the novice, and not the well-known exhibitor. In conclusion, let me say, do away with some of the present judges, and let others have a chance.

Just a Novice.

We have also received a letter, signed "Fancier," which bears on this topic, but the present state of the law of libel precludes its publication.—Editor.

The Keeping and Feeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent I would advise him in the first place to get his Goldies from the catcher or dealer as soon as possible after they are caught, then give soaked or scalded seeds for a few weeks, gradually weaning them on to hard seed. I am certain a great many birds are lost through fanciers giving them hard and unsuitable seeds too soon. During the latter months of last year it was exceedingly wet, all seeds were in a very soft state, and no bird, however healthy, can stand to be put on hard seeds right away. They sometimes do well for a week or two, then the digestive organs give way, diarrhoea sets in, and death soon follows. To begin with, fill a dish of hemp, teazle, canary, and any other wild seed you may have; put in only as much as you need for the following day, and pour boiling water over same; let the seed soak till morning, then put into a sieve, place in front of fire, or in slow oven, for a minute or two to dry up the excessive moisture, and it will be ready for use. Add a little crushed hemp and sunflower. Watch the birds carefully for a few weeks, to find what seeds they are partial to; if they are doing well on any particular seed, let them have it. I find some Goldies do well on one seed, while others do better on another. For example I had a Goldie that would eat nothing but a packet mixture, and he moulted out a grand bird with as nice a blaze as I ever saw on a Goldie. Others again were very fond of teazle, and at the present time I have two Goldies in the pink of condition, and in full song, who will eat nothing but hemp seed. I don't doubt for one moment the fanciers who wrote to Cage Birds some time ago, saying they had Goldies doing well on canary seed alone, but, personally, I have never had one to live for any length of time unless it had a supply of hemp seed daily, and other wild seeds in season. Linnets and Twites should be treated in the same manner, adding rape and a little linseed to the menu. In cases of diarrhoea I have found a few drops of brandy and the sediment of port wine very useful. Tormentil root is also very good.

James B. Clarke.

Sir,—"Goldfinch Fancier's" hope that his letter should meet my eye has been realised, and I am happy in informing him that my theory and practice of feeding Goldfinches on plain canary seed still holds good. I have not lost one since I wrote that letter, and I am still pursuing the same method, and am convinced that if (after once having meated them off) he adopts the same plan, he will have no cause to regret it.

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New Society for Hucknall Huthwaite and District.

Sir,—A new society was formed on Feb. 8th for this district. The headquarters are the Shoulder of Mutton Inn. A good number of fanciers put in an appearance, and 15 members were enrolled. The society will fill a long felt want, and a good sec. has been found in Mr. Taylor. Mr. Burton was elected chairman, and Mr. Marshall vice-chairman. Mr. Sam Platts, host of the Shoulder of Mutton, has consented to become the treasurer. Will all members and intending members roll up to the next meeting, which is held on the second Saturday in March. Entrance, 1s., and sub. 3s. per annum.

Bernard Gabbitass, Press Corres.

Sale C.B.S. Loses £10

But Pays All Prize Money.

Sir,—The Sale and District C.B.S. would like to inform members and friends that although they had a loss of about £10 on their open show, which, by the way, was a record one in entries, they have been able to pay all prize money and settle all accounts. We are starting the new year free from debt, and are making new members, but the committee would like to see more of the old members giving us their presence and support at our meetings. We also extend an invitation to the members of the late Altrincham Society to come in and join us to make this the cage bird society of the district. Our next meeting will be held at our headquarters, The Volunteer Hotel, Sale, at 8 p.m., Monday, February 17th, when we shall be pleased to receive as many applications for membership as possible. The subscription is 4s. per year.

Royle and Wood, Secretaries.

A Broken Wing Mended.

The Bird Survives for Eighteen Years.

Sir,—A friend near here a little over 18 years ago picked up a Greenfinch cock with a broken wing. He took it home, bound the broken wing to the body, and carefully tended the bird till well. After he got all right, they opened the door for the bird to fly back to the kind Nature that our critics talk so much about, but Master Greenie would not go, and he has preferred to stop with these "cruel" people all these years, who have kept him in a cage. To-day he is still merry and bright, although so old, which he would not be if he suffered in any way through being "behind the bars." This same friend has just had die a favourite Skylark that had seen 15 summers; he will be greatly missed by his master, and his neighbours, for in the spring and summer his lovely song was greatly appreciated by the many whose privilege it was to hear him. I thought these facts were worth noting, as they can be verified any day.

F. Thomas, Local Hon. Sec., C.B.L.
Ramsgate.

The Norwich Plainhead Club Competitions.

A Suggestion for Amateur Classes.

Sir,—I noticed a communication from Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe relating to the N.P.C. winners. I don't know whether the names of the fortunate winners of the various specials have yet appeared in the Press, but certain it is I haven't seen any report giving them, unless it is that I have overlooked it somehow. It is nearly two months since the competitions finished. Surely the secretaries have had time to give the members who were so unfortunate as not to be present at the dinner the results through the Press; or is it that the N.P.C. is not of sufficient importance to have the winners of its competition advertised? In the announcement of the dinner that you gave Mr. Davies is reported as having asked what became of the novices after they had won promotion, and added that they couldn't expect societies to give extra classes for amateurs—by which I suppose he means a kind of half-way stage—in addition to the already big classification demanded. No one knows better than Mr. Davies that, because a novice has won his three firsts, it doesn't follow that he can hold his own, or compete with teams put down by himself and a few others. It is all very well to appeal to the members' patriotism for support. Patriotism is all right for those with a well-lined pocket, but that will not reimburse the working man, who keeps on sending to shows, for his entry fees and heavy railway charges. No; he just either keeps his birds at home, or otherwise sends them to a show where he knows, or hopes, Messrs. "Champion and Co." will not appear. There he has a chance of paying his expenses. If the N.P.C. could see their way to granting, say, four classes to the middlemen, it would be one of the best things they have ever done. But how is it to be done? I have no doubt the pros. will kick at having their classes reduced, while I should never suggest reducing the well paying novice classes, and, as Mr. Davies says, the societies can't be expected to grant more. What about the natural colour classes? If I remember rightly, those classes were put on for the benefit of a few members who objected to colour feeding their birds. I may be wrong, but that is how I understood it. I never remember them filled at any show. Many a time—notably the last season—they have been cancelled, and nearly always they are a loss to the societies. Why keep them on? As I said, they were put on for the benefit of the anti-colour feeder, and they have degenerated into a happy hunting ground for the deck-sweeper. I suggest drop them. That would account for two classes for the middlemen. Where are the other two to come from? Yellows are scarcer than buffs. Show the yellow cocks all in one class, i.e., clears and marks. That would be three classes. Surely societies would risk another class. If not, let the N.P.C. guarantee the fourth. I expect I shall have a host of the pros. on my track when they read this. I don't mind how many, so long as it will promote discussion on this interesting subject. Perhaps Mr. Davies himself has a scheme?

Member.

The Capture of Birds Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—Enclosed is ring that was on a Greenfinch's leg when caught at Kirton Lodge fully one mile from Bathgate, by David Watson on 1st February. We hope to hear where and when rung. The ring is marked Witherby, and the Number is M660.

George Haldane.

Remarkable Journey of a Swallow.

Sir,—In sending you the attached extract from "British Birds" for February, which I think cannot fail to prove of interest to your readers, I may mention that over 32,000 rings have now been placed on wild birds of many kinds, and that this is leading to results of great interest and importance in connection with the study of birds. Should ringed birds ever come into the hands of your readers, I hope they will notify the same at once, stating the name on the ring and the number, as well as the date and place where the bird was found. I will then at once inform them when and where the bird was ringed.

H. F. Witherby.

SWALLOW RINGED IN STAFFORDSHIRE, RECOVERED IN NATAL.

On December 23rd a Swallow was caught in the farmhouse of the farm "Roodeyand," 18 miles from Utrecht, Natal, with a metal label round its leg, with the words: Witherby, High Holborn, London, and on the other side B.830. The farmer, Mr. J. Mayer, took the label off and has it in his possession. The ring B.830 was put on an adult Swallow by Mr. J. R. B. Masefield, at Rosehill, Cheadle, Staffordshire, on May 6th, 1911. This bird was one of a pair (Mr. Masefield thought the female) which nested in a porch. Its mate was also caught and ringed. At the same time Mr. Masefield ringed another pair nesting in the same porch. In the summer of 1912 he again caught the Swallows which had come to nest in his porch and found that only one of them had a ring, viz. B.827, which was one of the birds nesting there the year before. Neither its mate nor the other pair of which the present B.830 is one had returned to this particular spot. That this Swallow breeding in the far west of Europe should have reached so far to the south-east of Africa as Natal, seems to me extraordinary. Unfortunately the few records we have as yet of ringed Swallows recovered during migration do not afford a clue to the routes taken, and it seems to me unreasonable to suppose that our birds proceed southwards down the east side of Africa as might be inferred from this Natal record. It is, indeed, quite impossible to theorise on a single recovery of this kind and we must be content at present with the bare fact—perhaps the most startling fact that the ringing of birds has as yet produced.—H. F. Witherby.

Sir,—Replying to note re ring on Bullfinch caught at Lochussie, sent by me, I may inform you the date was January 30th, 1913.

J. McLeod.

Arranging the Perches in Box Cages.

Sir,—I am well aware that box cages would be more suitable than open wire ones for Canaries in the way of keeping off draughts, but the worst of the former kind is, the bird has to spend so much time on the floor while feeding and drinking that the feet get dirty, and next the perches get soiled so quickly that they have to be cleaned frequently. That is a trouble if one has not much spare time. My Canaries take little notice when I am giving them food and water, and cleaning the sand drawer every morning, but the removal of the perches would not be to their liking at all. I've been trying to think of some way to arrange box cages so that the birds could feed and drink without having to go on the floor, but up to the present have failed to make out any satisfactory way. Would some cage-maker give an idea about it?

S. G. Ruby.

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A NOTABLE GATHERING AT THE JUDGES' LUNCHEON.

Mr. Ramsden thinks it time he retired: His audience expresses an emphatic opinion to the contrary.

There was an unusually large attendance at the judges' luncheon, which was held immediately after the conclusion of the judging. Mr. G. Crabb presided, and was supported by Dr. and Mrs. Anningson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. Law, Madame Feist Madewell, Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Griffiths, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Capt. J. H. Hall, Wesley T. Page, T. Heath, E. S. Lugg, G. E. Weston, W. A. Dickins, T. C. Pickard, John Andrews, W. Shepherd, F. J. Andrews, H. J. Fulljames, Allen Silver, W. A. Lott, J. Roast, J. Wones, Walter Swaysland, H. Prentice, F. Greenway, H. W. Sheldon, H. Norman, W. Kiesel, H. W. Battye, Fred Matthes, W. Mundell, C. Roehl, L. Matthes, F. Oldroyd, H. G. Parkinson, H. T. Camps, R. Bamber, C. W. Law, G. Ramsden, F. J. Day, Wm. Shakespeare, G. Halliday, Geo. F. Crawford, A. Cooper, F. Lathleiff, R. A. Newley, J. Hodder, Geo. Gardner W. R. Miles, J. B. Kerr, A. W. Bacon, J. Robson, F. J. Green, James T. Dewar, R. J. Pretty, T. R. Trower, F. J. Wickham, T. Ward, J. Thomas, C. R. Bullen, Geo. Graham, G. H. Couzens, Geo. Mortlock, W. H. Butler, A. Holden and C. A. House.

"Jimmy" Dewar responds for the Judges to the toast of their health.

In proposing "The Judges," Mr. Crabb said he was not going to detain them long, because he knew they were all anxious to get back to the birds, but before he said anything about the judges, he was going to read a telegram from one who in the past had been with them on many occasions, and who in his retirement had never forgotten them—good old Joe (cheers) had again thought of them. In his telegram he said: "My love to you all. Hearty good wishes." It was nice to be remembered by old friends, and their old friend Joe always remembered. He had also to speak of another of their old judges, and it was with a note of sorrow that they heard of the passing away of their good friend, Joe Bexson. Mr. Crabb went on to say that he had stood before them so often on the occasion of the Palace judges' luncheon that he really had nothing new to say. He was pleased to see so many present, and gave them a most hearty welcome. They had got a remarkably good show together again, and although the entries were short in some classes, they were made up in others. The quality was grand, the exhibits being quite the best that the country could produce. As to the judges, we know that they are good men and true, some of the best, and although we cannot always agree with them, we reckon they do their best to find the birds which are most deserving of the prizes. In their modesty they perhaps would not agree with me, but it is so. I intend asking Messrs. Dewar and Hodder to respond to the toast. Mr. Dewar was one of their oldest judges, and his work was well known, even as his experience was great. Mr. Hodder, however, although not young in years, was young as a judge, and was, he believed, making his first appearance. He had now made his first attempt at the Palace, and he hoped it would give satisfaction to the exhibitors. One thing Mr. Hodder certainly knew more about judging than he did before, and perhaps when he met the exhibitors he would know more still.

Mr. Dewar, in his reply, said Mr. Crabb had made a great mistake in calling upon him—he was not a speaker. The man who should have been called upon was Mr. Mundell, and he knew, for had he not slept in the same hotel as Mr. Mundell, and had he not heard him practising his speech up till three o'clock in the morning. He thanked them for associating his name with the toast, and would ask Mr. Mundell to reply, because he knew that he was bursting to speak.

Mr. Hodder said he was quite a novice at judging, and he had been put amongst the novices. He had found a grand lot of birds in his classes, and had been particularly struck with the winning yellow in class 70. It was a regular stormer, and the winning yellow hen was also a gem. He had done his best; he did not know if he had given satisfaction to the exhibitors or not, but one thing he could say, he had asked Mr. Heath to look over the classes. Mr. Heath had done so, and had expressed satisfaction with the awards that he (the speaker) had made. He was glad he had been appointed, and hoped the L.P.O.S. would not drop him, but give him another chance.

Mr. W. Mundell, in proposing the health of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, said that the judges were all right, and so were the birds; they were a jolly good lot. Mr. Ramsden, he thought, was the most capable show manager he had ever met. He was a bit keen on the judges, and expected a lot from them, but he (the speaker) had always found him straight, and a perfect gentleman. There was a lot of work in connection with a show like the Palace, and it required a good business man to carry it through.

Mr. Ramsden thanked the company for the kind way in which the toast had been received. He thought that sometimes they were rather inclined to exaggerate the value of his services, and as he was getting older and business pressed, he hoped they would appoint a younger man. (Cries of "No, no," from all over the room met this remark). If they did he hoped they would extend to him the same kindness and courtesy as had always been given to himself. He would like to thank the exhibitors who had done so much to make the show a success, and had helped considerably in lessening the work and worry of the show by sending their entries in at the appointed time. He could not convey to them any idea of the difference it made in the working of the show when all the entries were in, as they were on this occasion, at the proper date of closing.

Mr. Heath proposed "The Chair," a toast that was most heartily received. In a few brief words Mr. Crabb replied, and then the company wended its way back to the show.

For the Next Palace Show.

Sir,—A few fanciers, members of the Derwent Valley C.B.S., who have the desire to visit the Crystal Palace Show of 1914, have proposed to form a small club. If there are any fanciers in the district who would like to join same, would they kindly send their names to sec., Mr. E Jameson, 59, High Westwood, Hamsterley Colliery, and we will try and arrange about same at our next meeting. We could pay a small contribution every fortnight. Hoping this scheme turns out successful.

Jamieson and Johnson.

The Marauding Cat.

Sir,—Yesterday a curious incident occurred in my outdoor aviary, which is about 14ft. long, and half-covered by tarpaulin. At the time I had only a newly-caught hen Robin and a cock Chaffinch outdoors. When feeding them I was surprised to see a second Robin. I looked to see how it could have entered, and where the previous day had been a minute cut in the tarpaulin I saw a hole almost large enough to admit a cat. As I had that morning frightened two cats from off the roof I know it was their doing, but, curiously enough, the birds confined inside had not escaped. The second Robin can only have got in there. All this must have happened before 8 a.m. Can any reader tell me an efficient way of preventing this being repeated?

T. W. Huddle.

Late Entries at the Palace Show

Sir,—I, like Mr. Godley, had my entries returned as too late, and being a member of the L. and P.O. Society, I also enclosed my subscription for 1913, which also was returned. Now I don't know who is to blame but myself for not properly taking note of date when the entries finally closed. But surely a National show of such calibre as the Palace ought not to enforce the final date of receiving entries thirteen days before the show takes place. Of course it can be argued that some are always behind, even to the last day or two. That, I admit, wants putting a stop to. But thirteen days prior to the show, is, to my mind, perfectly ridiculous.

Jno. Nason.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.—Editor.)

Gossip from the Palace

A. MISUNDERSTOOD MATTER.

Is the Fieldfare a Thrush? was another much discussed topic. The answer, of course, is "yes." Who said a Ring Ousel was not a Thrush?

NOT AN EASY MATTER.

A gentleman representing some Humane Society button-holed Mr. Ramsden to know if it was possible to make a rule for all exhibition birds to have their seed and water vessels placed outside the cages, to prevent possibility of fouling.

'WARE THE BAR!

The notices on the secretary's office of specialist club meetings, and giving directions how to get to the meeting place, were written, it is said, with an eye to full gatherings by carefully following the directions one got there without passing too near the bar.

CONSULTING (?) THE JUDGE.

Mr. Heath did not shirk his responsibilities as judge of Norwich and Crests. He was among them every day of the show, always ready to give his reasons for placing one over the other, and we have every reason to think he satisfied most of the enquirers even the inveterate grumblers.

GETTING MORE THAN YOU WANT.

One met fanciers on all sides seeking birds; some found them, others did not. One or two we met looked all through the limit and other classes, only to eventually find what they required among the pairs. It sounds quite sporty to buy a pair to get a single bird! Time is getting on, however.

STILL WINNING.

Mr. Binn's buff cock was greatly admired. He has a wonderful reputation. He won at the Palace as an unflighted bird four years ago, and has scored no end of premier awards since. Although he was not staged in the best possible condition, he won well in his class.

THERE WHEN WANTED.

"J.W.R." is nothing if not thorough. We noticed a big fishing net handy to land lost birds with (fortunately it wss not required). At many shows this necessary article is frequently not to be found when most needed, and there is generally a good deal of chaff while a steward hunts the bird!

A LONG PRICE REFUSED.

Among the Norwich perhaps Mr. Joe Thomas' third prize buff cock was as much admired as any. He is certainly a grand bird, and we were informed that during the show one admirer offered Mr. Thomas £18 for it. A long figure, certainly, but not surprising to those who know the difficulty of getting a real good one.

BACKING THE WINNER.

There was a good deal of wagering Yorkshire way, on the winner of special for best bird. One gentleman planked a golden coin of the realm on Mr. Binn's buff cock, and another on Messrs. Ogden Bros.' unflighted buff. As a matter of fact neither won, for "Jimmy" Bailey once more held the trump card.

THE 36th VISIT.

Said veteran "Jimmy" Howard: "How many Palace shows have you been at, G.?" "Oh! don't ask me to feel old!" replied "G.G." "Well!" said Jimmy, "this makes my 36th show, and I have never missed one. And, what is more, I have been in my time one of the largest individual exhibitors at the show!"

A GREAT RECORD.

In the course of a few minutes' cheery chat with the great little "Jimmy" Bailey, who naturally was delighted at winning the championship diploma in the Yorkshire section, he mentioned with pardonable pride that this made the twelfth time out of sixteen years that his birds had secured this high honour for him.

WING BAIL.

On the last day of the show one bird (a Parrakeet) managed to escape. He was sent to the show in such a cage as compelled the attendant to open the door to give him fresh water daily. He managed to squeeze by, and soaring away to the roof, shrieked to his companions below. The replies were certainly audible, if not understandable.

SIGNALLING.

We were surprised to see a Yorkshire lad flourishing a fiver like a boy scout signalling. We wondered at first what the trouble was. But he was only attracting J. W. R.'s attention, who, you may be sure, was soon on the spot for fear it should go into the pocket again. The lad only wanted that clear buff out of the novice class. "Eh! it's a right good —," he said.

UNCONVINCED YET!

We heard of a heated discussion between an old fancier and various other old fanciers as to which was the larger—a Tree Pipit or a Meadow Pipit. The majority who had had practical experience said there was not a shadow of doubt—the former. Notwithstanding the view expressed by several authorities, we heard talks of "Fivers" and "Fresh Air Funds" from the unconvinced starter of all the trouble!

NOT ONE SICK BIRD.

The birds had the very best of attention, Mr. Ramsden, with his usual thoughtfulness, having engaged Mr. W. Shakespere specially to look after any sick or ailing birds, but so healtby was the whole gathering that his services as medical attendant were not required. The only casualty was that of a moody Budgerigar, who was either tired of this life or feared the interference of the suffragettes, and so managed in some manner to hang himself to the wires of his cage. Unfortunately, no one noticed his "suicide" until too late. One of Mrs. Deacon's grand Cinnamons arrived at the show dead —hard lines.

BILL SYKES—BUNGLER!

On the day upon which entries finally closed burglars paid a visit to the show manager's house! Evidently they thought they were timing it nicely to make a fat haul of exhibitors' postal orders and cheques. And it was only by sheer good luck that some, at any rate, of the cash did not disappear. What postal orders, etc., Mr. Ramsden had in the house were lying on a sideboard in the centre of a loosely-folded copy of the "Daily Telegraph"! Bill Sykes passed them by! They were too "obvious" to attract his professional eye! Unfortunately, however, he "pinched" all J.W.R.'s best cigars, and drank his whisky (to the annoyance of our representative who called on him next day to obtain details of the entry), and, worst of all, decamped with some valuable items of clothing, Mrs. Ramsden, unfortunately, suffering the most seriously.

ROUND THE STALLS.

A very prominent feature of the show—and now quite a "hardy annual"—was the stall of Mr. Joe Thomas, of Amblerthorn. Upon this could be found high quality Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Borders, Mules, and other birds. He had a good steady demand for them, disposing of most of his stock during the time the show was open. He brought a few Cinnamons with him, but these were snapped up almost at once. Cages of all kinds were also much enquired for, and altogether business was quite satisfactory. Two pairs of Lizards, Mr. T. informed us, had just been bought to take to Australia.

Mr. Chas. Roehl (of Edgware Road, W.) was in his usual position to the left of the secretary's office. He had on view all requisites for bird breeding, and particularly for Rollers, of which he makes a speciality. At this stall could be seen special breeding cages, basket nests, baths, etc.; also the necessary mechanical organs for training the budding champions. Some of his small aviaries and drawing room cages (particularly those upon stands) are wonderfully handsome, and would make charming ornaments for any home.

Carter's stall was, as usual, just inside the entrance, and there the choicest specimens of all varieties of seeds used in the Fancy were on view. Upon enquiry, we heard that the business done was quite up to the usual, there being a steady demand for this firm's exceptionally fine seeds.

Just at the entrance, so as to catch the visitors before they got to the birds, Messrs. Spiller and Baker, with Mr. E. S. Lugg in charge, had a very tastefully arranged gathering of all the specialities of this enterprising firm. Their Finch and wild seed mixtures are now well known to the Fancy, and many well-known men use these continually. Although Canary seed has risen greatly in price, Mr. Lugg informed us that fanciers still prefer the best. The samples we saw were as good as one could possibly desire. We were particularly struck with some good hemp, very clean, of fine colour, and evidently well ripened. Fanciers will need some like it pretty soon.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden had a neatly arranged show of his pure tasteless pepper, showing the raw pod and the ground powder. The colour was wonderfully deep and rich. Quite dazzling, his silversmith's show of special prizes attracted a lot of attention, and we overheard more than one remark "which on 'em they'd like." Mr. Ramsden is putting on the market a new tonic food (named "Lacphos"), which promises to equal in popularity his famous sweet pepper. It is a grand thing to ensure vigorous stock birds, plenty of young, and a good and quick moult, while it is economical in use.

Trower and Co. (Caledonian Road, N.) had a splendid collection of seeds, both loose and in packets, baths, drinkers, nest pans, etc., on view. They tell us they have a steadily increasing demand for both "Cecto" and "Softbilo," two fine mixtures put up by the firm for the feeding of softbill birds. Trade was brisk, particularly for Canary seed, many fanciers getting in a decent stock while the price is fairly reasonable. Messrs. Trower had some grand samples, also, of the choicer seeds, such as maw, hemp, niger, etc., which are always in good demand at the Palace. The business done by this firm on Saturday was somewhat above the average, most of the visitors this year being genuine bird-keepers.

Messrs. Hyde and Co.'s stall was, as usual, tastefully arranged with their specialities. The majority of their goods are put up in packets for all varieties of cage birds, and sold at all seed and corn stores, etc. Their foods and remedies keep wonderfully to the front and command a ready sale, which is the best evidence of their excellence.

Cage Birds stall came in for a fair share of attention, which, we hope, was merited, and our various handbooks were in steady demand. It is pleasing to find them so widely recognised as just the practical, thoroughly informative works needed to help fanciers through the breeding season, with its joys and its troubles, and to assist them in keeping all kinds of birds to the best possible advantage.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Feb. 4, at the Broadway. The entry was good, although hardly up to last year. Yorks. and Borders were the most numerous, some of the pairs being all that one could desire for future stock purposes. Norwich were a grand lot, Mr. Saunders, Sutton, sending in a strong team, his winning pair, a buff ticked cock and yell. hen, were of grand type and quality of feather. This magnificent pair took the special for best in section and best in show. Mr. H. Smith managed the show with his usual tact and ability, assisted by Messrs. Thynne, Stoakley, etc. Mr. J. Robsou judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, c, Saunders; 3, hc, Mrs. Thyune. YORK., BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN.: 1, vhc, c, Owen and Son; 2, Stoakley; 3, Smith; hc, Truelove. YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN: 1, 2, hc, Owen and Son; 3, Smith; vhc, Whittome; c, Truelove. BORD.: 1, 3, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Saunders; vhc, hc, c, Owen and Son. NOV. NOR.: 1, Warner; 2, vhc, Shipton; 3, Mrs. Hobden; hc, Miss Edwards; c, Randall. YORKS.: 1, 2, Harris; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc, Randall. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Harris; 2, Clarke. BORD.: 1, vhc, Hobden; 2, 3, Harris. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Edwards; 2, Mrs. Thynne. PAIRS, HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Hobden; 3, Gibbs. FINCH: 1, Hobden; 2, 3, Gibbs.

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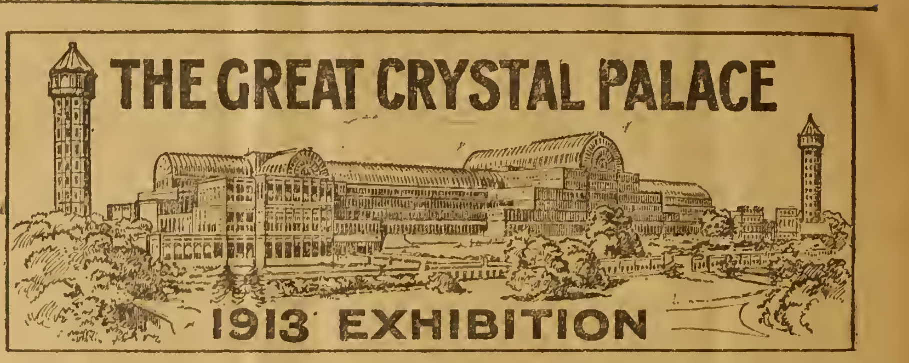

THE SHOW THAT LEAVES PLEASANT RECOLLECTIONS

The 54th annual Great National Show was held at the Crystal Palace on February 7, 8, 10, and 11, under the auspices of the London and Provincial O.S. It may be summed up as a thoroughly successful, splendidly managed, and very enjoyable function. That the Fancy generally has complete confidence in the present management is evidenced by the exceptionally good entry which results year after year at this historic fixture. On the present occasion close on 2,200 exhibits graced the benches —three less than in 1912, though the average entry per class, as 12 classes had been removed from the schedule, was actually a better one.

There were some strange fluctuations in certain of the sections—or fluctuations that seemed strange at first glance. But this happens almost yearly, and though wise-acres are generally to be found who can tell you the precise cause in less time than it takes to wink your eye, the real reason, we think, is not so easy of location. For instance, who would have dreamed that an entry of 119 birds would be received in the three novice British classes, when, under the same judge last year, only 49 put in an appearance! The "slump" in the Norwich Plainheads was generally regretted, but the majority of the "old hands" we conversed with put this down as being merely accidental, one of those reverse turns of fortune's wheel which few sections succeed in entirely escaping. Let us hope that in 1914 the wheel will be jammed over the other way—and jammed right hard. We do not like to see the "chubby ones" under water, so to speak, to keep up the nautical simile.

No Sensational Birds.

There was no bird on view that could be termed "sensational." The nearest approach to this, perhaps, was the black and white Canary exhibited by Mr. Kiesel. This, however, was something of a disappointment, the black areas of the plumage being very small and somewhat unconvincing. We may say, however, that Mr. Kiesel lost two birds when young, which were a very near approach to what promises to be the next novelty, i.e., the black Canary. May-be, we shall have the pleasure of seeing it on view in 1914. Some wonderful Crests attracted a deal of attention, and everyone seemed delighted that these noble and valuable examples of the skill of the modern Canary breeder should once again be present at the Great Glass House in such considerable number.

A Frolic with the Suffragettes.

Although we were vouchsafed nothing sensational in the birdy line, the show was not allowed to pass without at least two incidents of a startling nature. One is the attempt to "get at" a judge (dealt with on the "Twitterings" page), and the other concerned those formidable persons known as Suffragettes. It will be remembered that on the Saturday they amused themselves by damaging the orchid houses in Kew Gardens. Well—would you believe it?—it was seriously thought that they intended to visit the Palace Show and let as many birds as possible out of their cages! The police authorities in London warned the Crystal Palace Company, and, further, sent down detectives, while the Palace Company's servants also rallied to the defence. Every visitor—though he or she little suspected it—was closely scrutinised by a Scotland Yard official on entering the show enclosure. Luckily, nothing transpired. Maybe, luckily, too, for the Suffragettes, as the word had been passed quietly round to numbers of the fanciers present, and the misguided females would have had a decidedly unpleasant time had they tried any of their pranks upon the birds. We even heard regrets expressed at their absence!

The Magnet that Draws.

The attendance was well above the average. There was a good sprinkling of visitors on the Friday, Monday and Tuesday, and on Saturday the show enclosure presented a very animated and attractive appearance, the aisles being packed with sightseers. Excursions were taken advantage of by many hundreds of provincial fanciers and most of the "heads" from North, South, East and West were to be seen enjoying the display and, above all, seizing the opportunity to exchange greetings and experiences with old and new friends from far and near. It is this social aspect of the function, indeed, that is perhaps quite the most enjoyable feature of the National show. Next week we shall publish the list of signatures in our "Visitors' Book," which will be found lengthier than ever, and to include the names of a great number of our leading exhibitors and breeders. As a natural consequence of the fine attendance, Mr. Ramsden had the satisfaction of seeing the sales reach a very satisfactory total—over £30 more than last year!

The weather was delightfully mild and open throughout, and this contributed largely to putting everyone, including the birds, on good terms with themselves. The Palace Co. had made the best possible arrangements for the exclusion of draughts, and the temperature of the enclosure was at all times suitable and agreeable. It was quite a treat to be able to walk about unencumbered by a topcoat.

The "Boss of the Show."

The presiding genius—in other words, the "boss of the show"—Mr. J. W. Ramsden, proved to be in fine form. We have in the past said all that there is to be said concerning the superlatively excellent manner in which he conducts the affairs of the show, about his wonderful mastery of and attention to details, and about the courteous and genial fashion in which he deals with those of us mortals who are brought into contact with him in his official capacity. We can only add that the 1913 show was quite one of the best of the whole long series we can call to mind. And we will let it go at that. The Fancy will appreciate to the full what such a statement means. May it be long years before J. W. R. deserts bird-shows and birdy-men. He once again enjoyed the valued and able assistance of Mrs. Ramsden, and Mr. Ramsden, junr—George of that ilk—the latter a true "chip of the old block" (except that he says little) in coping with the details of a bird-show.

There is no better committee in the kingdom than that possessed by the L. and P.O.S., everyone an enthusiast in the matter of birds, and the way in which they stewarded the judges and assisted in the unpacking and re-packing of the birds redounds greatly to their credit. The hall was absolutely cleared by 10 p.m. on the closing night. The officials this year comprise Madame Feist Madewell, and Messrs. W. Laskey, J. Oldaker, G. Mortlock, F. S. Matthes, G. A. Harris, C. R. Bullen, A. Cooper, G. H. Couzens, J. Hedder, R. J. Pretty, J. W. Ramsden, W. Salter, T. Ward, G. Graham, W. Kiesel, R. Bamber, F. J. Day, J. E. Graves, F. Lathlett, G. Thurling, and C. W. Law, the latter the able hon. sec. of the Society. In Mr. Geo. Crabb they have one of the most popular presidents in the Fancy, a gentleman of wide experience and large views, while his genial disposition makes him a favourite and friend of everyone. Other fanciers to render most useful help were Messrs. Greenway, R. J. Pretty, R. A. Newley, J. B. Kerr, and H. W. Warner.

A Triumph for the Feeders.

The arrangements for the feeding of the birds were once again par excellence. This is a feature upon which Mr. Ramsden prides himself. In Messrs. Small and Crutchfield he has two able lieutenants, with an experience of half-a-century behind them, and needless to say they take very great interest in their charges, and leave nothing undone that could contribute to their welfare. The seeds were supplied by Messrs. Carter and Co., of High Holborn, and this firm always do things well, while Messrs. Trower and Co., of Caledonian Road, N., provided the insectivorous birds with insectile food and yolk of egg, and the grand condition of the birds spoke volumes for the excellence of their wares. Not an ailing bird—what a triumph!

Old Friends and How They Got On.

The judges (many of them quite "old friends" now) were: Messrs. H. W. Battye (Yorks), H. T. Camps (For.), J. Dewar (Belg. and Mules), H. J. Fulljames (Brit.), G. Gardner (Canaries), T. Heath (Nor. and Crests), J. Hodder (Novice Nor.), C. A. House (Green Canaries and Lizards), W. Mundell (Yorks), H. Norman (Novice Bords., Hyb. and Brit.), J. Oldroyd (Rollers), J. Robson (Bords., Lancs. and Scots), A. Silverd (Brit.), W. Swaysland (For.), J. Wones (Cinns.), and G. E. Weston (Brit.). They all got through their tasks in good time, being very ably assisted by a band of excellent stewards, and we can conscientiously say that we heard very little grumbling at their decisions, considering the magnitude of the show and the fact that they were faced with classes often containing several "champions" in each.

The very handsome cases of stuffed birds—notable champions and rare exhibits of former days—which had their origin in a happy idea of Mr. G. Crabb's, were inspected with the keenest interest. Another exhibit to attract considerable attention was the excellent drying cage placed on view by Mr. A. Wilson, of Glasgow, the general opinion being that it was a decidedly "good thing," and likely to be a great help to exhibitors.

At the Sales Office.

Once more the sales were wonderfully good, making the magnificent total of £255, about £33 more than last year. To dissect them is somewhat interesting. The highest price was given for Messrs. Ogden Bros.' cinnamon-marked cock—a real gem, which fetched £6 10s. Another grand Yorkshire exhibited by Mr. J. Grange, first in the unflighted buff class, was claimed at £5 by a well-known Yorkshire judge, who is reputed to "know one when he sees it." Two charming hens found new homes at £2 10s. and 3 guineas. In the Green classes, there were only two birds secured—a cock at £3 10s. and Mr. Naylor's buff hen at three guineas. In the Norwich section, the highest price given was £5 for Mr. J. Peter's yellow cock, a very fine specimen. A hen belonging to the same owner changed hands at £3, and another one at £2, all grand birds and admitted by everybody to be "sound goods," and well worth the money. Another good hen purchased was Mr. Sheldon's, which changed hands at three guineas. The only sale of note in the Crested section was a C.B. cock, exhibited by Mrs. T. Taylor, which went for £5. In the British bird classes, Mr. Prior lost his vhc Goldfinch and his first prize Siskin, the former at £3 and the latter at £2. Mr. Pickles sold his two-guinea Redpoll, standing second in its class, and winner at Scottish National, and Mr. Raine lost his charming Cirl Bunting, but the best sales in this section was Mr. Sykes' winning Twite, which changed hands at £4. The demand for foreign birds was hardly up to the average, a Grey Parrot at £5 and a Sugarbird at £3 15s. being the only ones of any note, although at the last moment a lady with tears in her eyes induced Mr. Ramsden as a special favour to let her have that lovely Siberian Bullfinch for five pounds, and Mr. R. graciously obliged. At this stage in the proceedings the curtain was lowered. It was noteworthy that there were no sales in the Novice British Bird and Mule classes, excepting a Greenie at 8s. 6d. Of course, there were many birds, single and pairs, that changed hands at prices under £2. We think the sales would have been much higher had exhibitors stated the lowest possible price when sending their birds. Mr. Ramsden showed our representative quite a long list of letters received on the Monday, asking for a reduction in the prices of birds. However willing Mr. R. may be, there is a limit, and when a man is up to his eyes in work it is impossible to do more. Had many of these prices been in the catalogue on the Friday and Saturday, more birds would have changed owners.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Taken collectively, we did not think the champion Norwich Plainhead Section up to many previous years either as regards quantity or quality, several of the most notable exhibitors not being represented. This year only one first prize went to a Northern exhibitor. The exhibits of Mr. E. Baker and Messrs. Gill and Pethick did well, and deservedly so, the clear buff cock of the former capturing the championship diploma for best Norwich, the L. and P.O.S. challenge cup, and the Victorian Society special. We thought this was, in racing parlance, quite "an armchair ride," and it could not be otherwise than a popular win. The bird is a grand all round exhibit, one of the evenly balanced sort, and the sort to gladden the heart and eye of any Norwich enthusiast. We offer our hearty congratulations to its deservedly popular owner, one of the pillars of the Norwich Fancy, to know whom is a real pleasure. The unflighted yellow of Messrs. Gill and Pethick took special for second best. This again is a good one, and quite one of the western sort. Mr. Hodder put down a clinking yellow hen, which got to the top of the class quite comfortably. This was a good class for quality, and although it was hardly to be expected, beat the buffs in numbers. The specials for best vhc and best hc went to Messrs. Chedgey and Turner respectively, and Mr. Ramsden's special for best fed, Mr. A. Hirst.

Novice Norwich classes were well filled, and many good birds were staged, most of the winners being of sterling merit. Type was well maintained, and there was an absence of the big, coarse feathered and long-sided birds we used to see in these classes a few years ago. The winning yellow cock was undoubtedly one of the best yellow Norwich in the show, and had it been in the champion section must have stood near to the top of its class. The winning buff cock is also a real good one, and quite one of the best in the show. The winning hens were capital specimens, well up in size, and good in type and feather. Altogether the novices are to be congratulated on the good display they undoubtedly made. Mr. Hodder handled these classes in a painstaking manner, and did well. Special for best in this section went to Mr. Booth's yellow cock, best vhc to Messrs. Handley and Sons' unflighted, best hc to Mr. J. Fox's unflighted, and that for best c to Mr. C. Brooker with his yellow cock.

The Norwich Greens, although showing only a small increase in numbers, exhibited a decided advance in quality. They were quite the best lot we have seen at Sydenham. Yellows were good, but Buffs quite outdistanced them, all the specials going to exhibits in the Buff class. The Championship Diploma was secured by a magnificent bird from the stud of Messrs. Metcalfe and Sons. In type, colour, and feather it led the way in grand style. In a word it was a Green, and a Norwich Green. Need more be said? Special for best 2nd bird was won by Mr. T. H. Neale with a grand bodied bird of most excellent colour, but pied in tail; still even with this handicap he was very close on the heels of the champion. That good fancier, Mr. J. Walker, secured special for best third with another beautiful Green, a rare bodied bird, but losing a trifle in head. Mr. Dyer's vhc, special winner was a topping exhibit, so far as colour and type are concerned, but it lacked the finish of the leaders. Buffs were wonderful. Hens were an improvement on last year, but are yet far from what they should be. Most of them failed, as they did twelve months since in general finish and quality of feather. Some of this might have been altered with a little attention. Greens, like all other breeds, are improved by preparation. Mr. Godfrey staged a nice pair of yellows, and they held their own well. Type and tightness of feather placed Mr. Dyer's buff at the top. Had the second, Ball, been tight in feather, she, doubtless, would have stood at the top.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

NOR. CHAMP., CL. YELL. (12): 1, Wilson, plenty of subs., full neck, nice back, level and rich col., good head, crosses wings at times; 2, Thomas, grand col., nice back, good shape and fair subs., neat tail, not quite the head of the winner; 3, Peters, round chest and neat head, short thickset body, good flights, bit heavy behind, and not quite tight on back; 4, Silk, C. W., junr., grand col., full of qual., nice level back, wings and tail well packed, just a bit on the leg; vhc, Baker, Mrs. E., nice cobby shape, good head and full neck, short flights, well packed, capital qual., loses in col. to others; hc, Proctor, good col. and qual., neat head, nice back; c, Gill and Pethick, hottest col. in class, grand feather and qual., clean cut and shapely, neat tail and wings, bit on the small side and slips left foot. BUFF (15): 1, sp. best Nor., Baker, real good one, grand shape, feathered like boxwood, deep round front, wide shoulders, good head and neck, short and tightly packed wings and tail, teems with quality, rich deep under col., set off with a nice distribution of mealing, and put down to the minute; 2, Mason, short body, well packed flights and tail, nice col. and qual., a little slack at left side, some thought should have made way for 3, Thomas, a grand one for shape and subs., full round front, lovely back, good head and full neck, beautiful qual., gets well across perch, we liked much; 4, Houghton, good shape and size, lovely feather and well up in col., good back, head and neck, nice carr., not quite so short in flights and tail, we liked for 3rd; vhc, Kilby, nice col. and well mealed, good back; hc, Proctor, capital qual., gets well over perch, shade longer; c, Silk, C. W., junr., good shape. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Fox, mkd. eyes, neck and left wing, well up in col. and qual., short flights and tail, wide at shoulders, shade weak in neck; 2, Baker, mkd. on head, rich level col., nice round head, good shape and carr., clean cut, well packed flights and tail, must have pressed; 3, Houghton, mkd. right eye and wings, magnificent qual. and rich col., good shape and nicely cut away, lovely back, wings and tail; 4, Thynne, Mrs., nice shape and qual., neat tail; vhc, Hodder; hc, Leng; c, Thomas. BUFF (11): 1, Gill and Pethick, tkd. on cheek, nicely rounded front of good depth, well up in qual. and teeming with col., short full neck, good back and wings, good mover; 2, Fox, thigh tkd., lovely shape, feather and qual., well over perch, good back, neck and flights, not the depth of colour; 3, Follwell, ticked on neck, nice shape and substance, well packed wings and tail, nice col., not quite so clean at waist; 4, Houghton, saddle mkd., lovely col. and qual., clean cut, nicely packed wings and tail, clean skull, unflighted; vhc, Hodder, mkd. head, neck and wings, grand subs. and shape, nice head, shade longer behind; hc, Miles, mkd. eyes, neck, breast and left wing, nice feather, capital head, well mealed; c, Elliott, neck mkd., lovely col. and mealing, good shape and subs. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Gill and Pethick, mkd. left wing and tail feather, lovely shape, col. and feather, nice flights and tail, just a bit weak in head; 2, Parlett, hot col., good shape, nice head and neck, well braced wings, shade on the leg; 3, Baker, grand shaped one, lovely head and neck, good wings and tail, well up in qual., level, but not hot, in col., should make a topper next season; 4, Hodder, grand qual. nice back, wings and tail, good shape and subs., shade flat on head; vhc, Chedgey, magnificent col. right through and full of qual., good shape, flights well packed; hc, Turner, close up; c, Baker, lovely shape, full front, grand head, full of col., short flights and tail, we liked much. BUFF (17): 1, Baker, grand qual., nice back and wings, good subs., level col., shade browy over left eye; 2, Mason, short cobby body, nicely rounded front, well packed wings and short tail, not quite the qual. of leader; 3, Parlett, good shape and subs., well up in col., full neck, not quite so tight in feather; 4, vhc, Houghton, good shape and subs., well packed flights and tail, good head and neck, must have pressed hard (all the winners clears); vhc, mkd. wings and right eye, model for shape, close feather, short flights and tail, nice round front and good back; hc, Baker, cl., nice shape, good front, capital qual., loses a little in head; c, Elliott, grand col. and qual., nice back, bit slack behind. HEN YELL. (16): 1, Hodder, mkd. back of head, romper for size, shape and col., short flights and tail, good head, neck and back, a good one; 2, Peters, cl., good shape and qual. of feather, nice back, level col., shade weak in neck; 3, Gill and Pethick, lovely shape, well filled in all over, clean skull, neat wings and tail, good style, mkd. head and neck, unflig., quite a nice young lady; 4, Hirst, mkd. eyes, neck, waist and left wing, grand shape and subs., lovely feather, good back, head and neck, beaten only in col.; vhc, Williams, P. V., cl., lovely col. and qual., good shape, nice head and full neck, wings and tail well braced, we liked much; hc, Wake, mkd. head, neck and left wing, good size and shape, fails a bit in col.; c, Miles, cl., nice level col., capital qual. of feather, good size and shape. BUFF (11): 1, Baker, rare shape, full, nicely rounded front, good head and neck, lovely back, short wings and tail, well mealed, a shade heavy behind; 2, Fox, nice head and back, short flights and tail, good shape, bit patchy on breast; 3, Chedgey, gem for shape, feather and qual., smooth round chest, nice head, rich col., well across perch, we made second; 4, Thomas, hot col., nice shape and close feather, good back, beaten in head; vhc, Houghton, unflig., good shape and feather nicely cut away behind, round chest, good wings and tail; hc, Houghton, nice shape, feather and qual., wings well braced; c, Gill and Pethick, good shape, nice round front and head, full neck and short wings and tail.

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Mr. J. Hodder's Classes.

NOV., NOR. YELL. (19): 1. Booth, cl., good shape, well up in size, grand quality of feather, good col., nice wings and tail, romps home; 2, Coombs, varieg., nice close feather of good qual., neat tail and well packed flights, rich col.; 3, Phillips, good shape, short wings and well packed, neat tail, good head and neck, beaten col. by the others; 4, Greenaway, mkd. neck and wings, good shape and subs., nice head and back, well up in col.; vhc, Handley and Son, nice shape, good head and back, loses in col.; hc, James, level col., nice shape; hc, Hattersley, good shape and col., nice qual., a few light feathers round left eye; c, Brooker, grand col., beaten wing carr. BUFF (19): 1, Dawe, cl., rare shape and size, grand col., full neck and nicely rounded skull, wings well packed, and closely folded tail, a clinker; 2, Brown, cl., good shape and feather, short flights and tail, good col., not the subs. of the leader; 3, Kerr, mkd. eye and left wing, well up in col., good head and back, bit slack at right thigh; 4, Harris, grizzled on head, good shape, nice wing carr., loses a bit in qual. and col., just a bit lucky; vhc, Nolan, good shape and subs., nice back, wings and tail; hc, Hattersley, good shape, neat tail and wings, not quite level in col.; c, Cornelius, nice shape, col., and feather. HEN (26): 1, Peters, cl. yell., nice shape, well up in size, nicely rounded head and chest, level col. and good qual.; 2, Fox, rattling shaped cl. buff, nice round front, good feather and carr., takes perches well, nicely frosted; 3, Parker, cl. yell., nice shape and col., wings well braced, good back and neat head; 4, Fox, cl. buff, good shape, lovely back, full neck and nicely mealed; 5, Mitchell, cl. yell., good col., nice back, not so neat in wings; vhc, Harris, buff, nice size and shape, soiled, or might have gone up; hc, Cooper, buff, mkd. head, eyes, neck, and left wing, good size and shape, nice deep chest and short flights; c, Hattersley, cl. buff, nice shape and feather, neat head, wings and tail. UNFLIG. (16): 1, James, neck tkd. yell., good shape, col., and qual., well up in size, nice head and neck; 2, Harris, cl. yell., good shape, nice round head, good col., nice wings and tail, beaten in subs.; 3, Mitchell, cl. buff, good shape and feather, neat head, wings and tail, good back, full of qual.; 4, Wade, hot col. buff, well up in subs. and good shape, nice wide shoulders and full short neck; vhc, Handley and Son, wing tkd. buff, good size and shape, well up in col., nice head and neck, short tail and flights, must have pressed hard; hc, Fox, nice shapely good headed cl. yell.; c, Dean, cl. buff, nice back, good feather.

Mr. House's Classes.

NORWICH GREENS, YELL. (11): 1, J. Walker, pied throat and tail, beautifully finished right through, lovely col., grand qual., splendid full skull, chubby face, and stout, well-carried body, magnificent rich grassy tone running right through it, full of sheen, grand wings and tail; 2, Malone, pied tail, not quite so large, but most beautiful rich grass green col., very tight close-fitting silky coat, neat head, splendid shape, short, well-carried wings and tail, nicely put down; 3, Handley, another pied tail, splendid shape and carriage, nice full skull and face, good neck and shoulders, short and compact in wings and tail, really good all round, hard to get away from, and yet it lacked just that little bit of bloom and sheen to make it a topper; 4, c, Harding, broken in throat, vent, neck, and thighs, splendid rich grassy col., very showy and stylish, not so stout in body and shoulders, and a trifle longer in wings and tail; vhc, McAndrew, pied tail, most lovely col., capital shape and style, nice head, back, wings, and tail, bit slack round the thighs; hc, Metcalfe and Sons, gem for col. and qual., given a bit more size it would take some stopping; No. 117, L. Hodgson, a clr. Yorks. in the "wrong class." Who would have thought it? Our old friend Hodgson making such a bloomer. BUFF (14): 1, Championship and sp., Metcalfe and Sons, real gem, wonderful combination of all the good properties which go to the making of a high-class green, grandly moulded body, clothed with a tight-fitting green silky coat, rare style, and staged to the minute, 2, sp, Veale, pied tail, grand feather and style, shapely chubby head, capital shoulders, grand back and chest, neat wings and tail, beautiful green grassy col., very cleanly cut in its markings, in tip-top form; 3, sp, J. Walker, pied tail, excellent in body shape and carr., magnificent rich sound col, full of sheen and lustre, capital wings and tail, lovely body feather, not so full in skull, in the pink of condition; 4, Ball, very sound rich grassy col., lovely close silky feather, full of sheen, nice head, very shapely body, well carried, but not quite so stout in chest; vhc, sp, Dyer (120), splendid shape and style, lovely rich col., nice wings and tail, a bit untidy at thighs; vhc, Dyer (119), grand shaped, sound coloured, neatly feathered body, slightly horned; hc, Harding, capital shape and col., nice silky body feather; hc, Handley, neat body, silky feather, good col., not so stout in head; c, Harding. HENS, YELL. (6). 1, 2, Godfrey, very neat natty cob, capital shape and style, lovely rich grassy col. on top, runs a trifle light round thighs, in very good form, neat head, smart carriage of wings and tail, well shown; 2nd, grand coloured self, not quite so sound in throat as her stable companion, splendid shape and style, just a bit slack in feather round thighs; 3, Ball, deep sound col., not quite so rich and bright, splendid head, chest, and back, neat wings and tail, grand silky feather, hardly so tight on chest; 4, Handley, capital shape and style, good head and shoulders, nice sound grassy col., very fine and silky in feather; vhc, Barnett, capital col., good back and chest, trifle soft in feather underneath; hc, Harding. BUFF (5): 1, Dyer, grand head, rare neck and chest, lovely shoulders, neat and compact wings and tail, stands well across perch, rare depth and soundness of col., soft and silky in feather, grand style, in good form; 2, Ball, full of style and swagger, rare head, neck, and shoulders, splendid silky feather, smart in wings and tail, sound rich col., in rare fettle; 3, Harding, bonnie hen, nice shape and style, stands on a good pair of legs, and shows well, grandly feathered, a most useful hen, hardly so bright in top col.; 4, J. Walker, capital shape, nice head and neck, good wings and tail carriage, a shade longer, but a very smart useful hen; vhc, Malone.

THE CRESTS & CRESTBREDS.

It is some years now since the Crest section at the Crystal Palace reached such a high degree of excellence, either in numbers or quality. An average of over eleven per class in the eight guaranteed classes of Crested Canary Club's classification is a result which must give the greatest pleasure to all who wish to see this grand variety make the progress it should in popular estimation. It was somewhat of a daring experiment to put on a class for Cinnamon Crests and Crest-breds, and the fact that it only received two entries proves that it was hardly warranted. When one considers how exceedingly beautiful are the Cinnamon Crests it seems strange that more fanciers do not turn their attention to them. The championship for crests, and the Victorian Canary Society's special for best Crest or C.B. was won by Messrs. Greenwood and Burson's handsome variegated buff hen. A lovely exhibit this, full of quality and yet carrying a tremendous wealth of feather, both of crest and body. When one thinks of the many good birds which are now being turned out from Swindon, Exeter, and Barnstaple, one cannot but think of those olden days when the West was quite on top. Cheltenham, Gloucester, Plymouth, Exeter, and Torquay have all played a big part in the fortunes of the Crest Fancy, and the work which is now being done in the West revives many old memories. Mr. Smith scored his second notch in the L.P.O.S. challenge cup for Crests and C.B., by the aid of a beautiful clear-bodied dark crest. Mr. Ley's handsome young yellow was the cynosure of all eyes, and was quite the talk of the show, at least that portion of it interested in the turncrowns. Speaking of this bird reminds us of the wonderful condition in which the whole of the Nottingham team were staged. Their condition alone attracted attention, and the same could be said of the Barnstaple cracks. Mr. Brotherton's old champion scored well, and was looking as fit as a yearling, in spite of his six seasons of hard work. Mr. Colledge staged a young crest which stood well to the front. It is a real charmer—type, quality, and substance all combined. It looks like a bird that should improve considerably, and in congratulating the plucky Derby enthusiast on producing such a specimen we hope it may go on to many and greater victories. Mr. Bale's grizzle in this class was a charming example of the breeder's art, "Away to the West" went the leading positions in the young Crest-breds, and the Barnstaple and Swindon representatives did win too. They are a couple of gems. At the Crested Canary Club meeting held on the second day of the show one of the motions on the agenda read: "To discuss ways and means of awaking the interest in the variety from its present dormant condition." As we glanced down the benches at the Palace we thought the awakening had come, that Crest fanciers were arousing themselves from their lethargy. The entry and the merit of the exhibits told us this, whilst the fact that average excellence was higher than usual without any startling monstrosity, or exceptional exhibit, led many to take an interest in and admire the section. The entry was a compliment to Mr. Heath, who handled the birds in the most careful and thorough manner, and little fault indeed could be found with his decisions. May the spurt of 1913, the fateful year as the superstitions tell us, be maintained. If it is there will be no more need for pessimistic motions at C.C.C. meetings, but everything will be fair and beautiful, and altogether lovely.

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Mr. Heath's Classes.

CREST CK., BUFF (14): 1, Bale, cl. body with dark tail, very dense crest, with tremendous length and width of frontal, neat centre, wonderful radiation and droop, full of qual., beautiful body covered with very dense feather of great length and width, grandly finished, and beautifully staged; 2, and L.P.O.S. Challenge Cup, A. J. Smith, very handsome cl. body, great spread of crest, well radiated from a nicely defined centre, splendid droop, excels in length, width, density, and qual. of crest feather, most beautiful body feather, very nicely shown, spoilt by a run at rear of crest; 3, Todd, massive, heavy feathered wing-mkd., capital length and width of body feather, nice spread and shape of crest, radiates well all round, but is not so heavy in crest, and centre is not quite so clearly defined; 4, Ley, splendid qual., cl., very shapely in body, and covered with an abundance of high-class feather, beautifully radiated and drooped, grand shape and carriage of body, good crest formation, but is spoilt by a few refractory feathers in the centre; vhc, Greenwood and Burson, very nicely spread grey, well radiated, carries a lot of feather, fairly well drooped, but was not shown to the best advantage, and thus lacked finish; hc, Woollard, very pretty varieg., but not enough of it; c, Horton, grand radiation and spread, well drooped, but irregular in centre, still we thought it deserved a bit more; absent, 152, Broad. BUFF, HEN (10): 1, Victorian Canary Society sp. and championship, Greenwood and Burson, an immense varieg., tremendously dense in crest, grandly radiated and drooped, superb front, well-finished sides and back, neat in centre, capital body clothed in a very thick suit of long feather of great width, but yet not coarse; 2, Brotherton, wing-mkd. grey, a magnificent-bodied hen, superb shape, stands well over her perch, and is splendidly feathered right through with feather of great substance and qual., her head supports a complete mass of feather of extraordinary length and density, but it is not very regularly put on, a wonderful hen for breeding purposes, but is hardly finished enough to secure the highest show honours; 3, Brundell, varieg., wonderful frontal of great width and density, nice spread and radiation, droops well all round, but is a bit open in centre, body is of nice shape and well clothed with dense feather of good length; 4, Woollard, heavy mkd. bird, wonderfully neat centre, very pretty at front and sides, radiating and drooping well, rather inclined to be coppy-backed, and is also a bit long and straight in body carriage, beautiful qual. of both crest and body feather; vhc, Ley, wing mkd., very densely feathered on a nice shaped body, large well radiated, densely feathered, well drooped crest, but is a bit mixed in the centre, profusely feathered on body: hc, Pickard; c, Evins Bros.; absent, 163, Campbell. CRESTBRED, BUFF (17): 1, and championship, Gilbert, varieg., rather coppy-shaped body, but covered with a wealth of long dense feather of great width, nice width of frontal, very shapely skull, covered with very long dense feather, grandly browed; 2, Ley, grand shape and style, tkd. in neck, far better shape of body, wonderfully profuse in body feather, rare shape of skull, splendid front and rise, well browed, and carries an abundance of high-class feather; 3, Twigg, pied tail green, splendid body shape and carr., good rise of skull, plenty of width and substance, neat beak, nicely browed, and skull, carries a good dense thatch, in very nice form; 4, Evins Bros., varieg., splendid shape and body feather, nice frontal and browing, not so densely feathered on skull; vhc, Mrs. Taylor, heavily mkd., of superb qual., great width and substance of skull, also well domed on top, hardly so heavily feathered; hc, Ley, very nice pied tail green, good shape and feather, not so much substance of skull; c, A. J. Smith; absent, 177, Campbell. BUFF, HEN (11): 1, Bale, varieg., shown in the pink of condition, and this no doubt pulled her through, the manner in which she was toileted would have done credit to a Yorkshireman, but in crestbred properties she was hardly so good as some behind, she possesses plenty of feather of very high-class quality, her head is of nice shape and width, and she is well browed, but in shape of skull she does not excel, and is a trifle long in body; 2, Bewick, a green, one of the finest-shaped crestbreds we have ever seen, she carried our thoughts back to the famous "Devastation," so successfully shown by the late Mr. Pine in the years of long ago, in formation of skull and body this hen is almost perfection, she has abundance of feather both on head and body, and she carries herself like the beauty she is, the sole reason she was second was because she was not shown in the lovely condition which pulled the winner first past the post, Mr. Heath certainly had reasons for his action, he loves condition, and he reluctantly had to put this hen second to a hen which he recognised was her inferior on points; 3, Ley, cap, wing, and tail mkd., grand shaped skull, covered with a mass of dense feather of great length and width, splendid body shape and carriage, carries a wealth of body feather, does not carry her wings well, and this goes sadly against her; 4, A. J. Smith, splendid shape and carriage of body, nice width and shape of skull, beautiful qual. of feather, a neat sweet hen; vhc, Groves, very shapely, nice skull, not so heavily feathered; hc, Broad, green with pied tail, a very useful sort, capital skull, and plenty of feather; c, Memmott. YELL. CRESTS (7): 1, 3, Ley, green with pied tail, beautifully centred, with almost perfect radiation and droop, capital length of crest feather and plenty of it, well-filled front, neat back, grand finish all round, lovely silky body feather, very shapely, and well turned out; 3rd, another very high qual. green, pied on vent, and in tail, neatly centred, nice spread, droop and finish of sides, loses in length of frontal and density; 2, Mrs. Taylor, very nicely feathered grey, capital length, width, and density of crest feather, plenty of body feather, good radiation, droop, and spread of crest, not so neat in centre formation, and hardly so well put down as the Nottingham crack; 4, Todd, very nice

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The Crystal Palace Show.

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varieg., good shape and finish of crest, not so long or dense a feather, and rather more coppy shaped in body. CRESTBRED, YELL. (9): 1, Brotherton, grand shaped varieg., stout deep chest, rare back, splendidly domed skull of great width and substance, and covered with a dense thatch of long broad feather, grandly browed, carries an abundance of body feather of great width and length, shown in grand form, notwithstanding the work he has done this season; 2, Colledge, another varieg., with tremendous length and density of body feather, some of which he was casting freely when we saw him, not so short and chubby in body as the winner, but owns a magnificent head of the approved shape, and it is also of good width and substance, is well browed, and has a very nice "turn back"; 3, Pickard, rather more Lancashire shaped in body, but carries an abundance of feather of very high-class character, good shape of skull, very nicely browed, and turns back well; 4, Wright and Son, very shapely cl., showing a lot of qual., but is not so heavily feathered either on head or body, good width and shape of skull, and if it only had a bit more feather would be indeed a beauty; vhc, Ley, grand silky feathered varieg., not quite so massive and stout in skull, but grandly put down, and possesses plenty of feather both on body and skull. BUFF CRESTBRED, 1912 (12): 1, Colledge, very handsome wing and neck mkd., lifts just a trifle in centre, but is not ragged, the centre being clear and well defined, very nicely radiated all round, splendid droop and finish, magnificent front and sides, and grandly finished back, crest is very long and wide in feathering, and closely packed, splendid silky feather, a most handsome young bird, and very grandly shown, a most popular and deserving win; 2, Bale, most charming grizzle, full of qual., neat clearly defined centre from which radiates in the most approved manner, very densely feathered with long wide feather which droops well and evenly, splendid finish of front and sides, grand shaped heavily feathered body, shown in the pink of condition, a lovely bird indeed; 3, Ley, a very handsome even-mkd, a bird which took our eye immensely, the true Nottingham stamp, all qual., beautiful centre, most excellent radiation and droop, well formed front, lovely body feather of true silky character, and yet very close and weighty, a splendid combination of type, qual., and substance; 4, Colledge, another grand-bodied bird, short and compact, with an abundance of body feather of grand length and width, very neat, shapely, well-formed crest, nicely centred and radiated, but not so long in feather as the leaders; vhc, Greenwood and Burson, heavily mkd., nice body, carrying an abundance of feather of good substance and qual., large well-radiated crest, but is not so neat in centre as the others, and loses a bit in general finish, a most useful bird for the breeding cage though; hc, Broad, very neat body and crest, a charming type of bird, but it needs length and width both of body and crest feather, what there is is nice, but there's not enough of it; c, Bewick. BUFF, CRESTBRED, BRED, 1912 (12): 1, Bale, most lovely green, magnificent qual. or featber, whicb is very heavy and profuse on body and skull, the skull is nicely domed, and is of great width and substance, the browing is good, and the "turnback" is such as to satisfy the most exacting of critics, added to all this was the splendid condition in which the bird was staged; 2, Greenwood and Burson, very heavily feathered cap, wing, and tail mkd. hen, and a real good one for a hen too, taking sex into consideration, it is a moot point if she was not the better bird of the two, for a hen she has a most lovely head, it is wide, massive, and well formed, she carries a grand thatch, is most excellently browed, in body shape she is not quite all she ought to be, and would be better if a trifle stouter, but she does carry a wealth of feather; 3, Barker, beautiful bodied green, and his grand figure is clothed in a suit of dense long feather of grand qual., he also is nicely browed, the skull, although carrying a lot of feather, does not possess the width and massiveness of the leaders; 4, vhc, Mills, two grandly feathered varieg., nice shaped, well browed skulls, with plenty of feather of high-class character, given a bit more substance, which may come with age, they should do well; hc, Evins Bros., very handsome saddle-mkd., nice shapely bird, carrying an abundance of long wide feather; c, Groves. CINN. CREST, OR C.B. (2): 1, Mrs. Thynne, wing-mkd., splendid shape of body, which is covered witb a mass of high-class feather, the crest is heavy, shapely, and of capital width in front, but fails somewhat at the sides, it is a very nice bird, and full of qual., in some exhibitors' hands more would be made of its undoubtedly good properties; 2, Todd, self-coloured, neat, but small crest, and smaller n body, nice qual. of feather, but not enough of it.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

In the novice Crests and C.B.'s Mr. Robson had the exhausting task of judging thirteen birds in two classes! Nine Crests and four Crest-breds, in the year of grace 1913, after years of toil by the C.C.C.! Are we down-hearted? Not half! At the number of birds, particularly so! At the number of exhibitors, perhaps not, for there were six different exhibitors to account for the thirteen birds. Still, the Crest is usually considered a poor man's luxury, for it does not come any too frequently within the province of the man with a limited purse. Anyway, despite the apparent dearth of novice Crests and Crest-breds—a dearth possibly more apparent than real—we will adopt the late Harry Clifton's motto, and "hope for bright and better days, but never look behind."

CRESTS (9): 1, Cage Birds plate, Lightbown, rather small body, neat, well formed crest, leafy, nice at centre, comes well over the beak, with good vein, radiation, sides, and back, very uniform; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Miss Onslow, congratulations to this lady upon staging such a nice team, 2nd scarcely the length of crest feather of the winner, and just a wee bit open at centre, marked on wings, good body, 3rd close fitting crest, just a little less perfect in formation, nice droop and vein, 4th wing mkd., good droop, just a little hairy, nice; vhc, spls, hen, not the length or fulness of crest, but neat and well formed; hc, Mayhew, good length of frontal, fails to others in formation; c, Mrs. Gould, clear crest, how few we see nowadays, and yet they are beautiful when good; not so long in frontal, neat,and nice. C.B. (4): 1, Pettit, varieg., nice length of skull feather, not so wide at entrance as some, but good cushion and nice body; 2, Miss Thorburn, lightly varieg., fails lashing, neat head, fairly good length and density of head feather; 3, Mrs. Gould, needs more length of turn back and width of skull, nice body.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Although the entry in the Yorkshire section again exhibited a drop, the average came out in a manner which easily placed the birds of the Broad Acred county far ahead of any others. The average per class was fourteen and a half, comparing most favourably with the thirteen and a bit of the Norwich section. Yellows were a very hot lot and fitting indeed was it that out of such a good class should come the winner of the championship, the L.P.O.S. Challenge Cup, and the Victorian Canary Society's special. The fortunate winner was the veteran Yorkshireman from Sandy Lane—Mr. J. Bailey. The bird is indeed a beauty. It is quality from head to tail, whilst for type and carriage it would be difficult to fault it. Added to all its good properties of structure and feather was the magnificent manner in which it was shown. Mr. Clegg headed the buffs with a bird of most excellent finish and grand style. A bird we liked much was Messrs. Ogden Bros. third prize, but it was not quite so level in colour, and this doubtless pegged it back. Mr. Binns stood at the top in both the ticked classes with very representative specimens. Mr. Towers' highly commended yellow was a bird which took our eye immensely. Messrs. Dykes, Whitley, and Ogden each staged birds of great merit, and it may truly be said that if the ticks were few they were good. Both the firsts in the unflighted classes went to Windhill, and there was not much doubt that Messrs Sutcliffe's and Mason's exhibits well deserved the positions they held. These two classes contained a magnificent lot of exhibits, and the task of sorting them out was not at all an easy one. In addition to the winners Messrs. Dykes, Stonelake, Townsend, Helliwell, Kearns, Bennett, and Thomas, all staged birds of most lovely quality and type. Hens made two good classes, the buffs being extra good, amongst the latter so close was the competition that one could have easily picked out half-a-dozen good enough to win, so close was the competition. Wonderful indeed is the progress which has been made amngst the green-marked Yorkshires during the past few years, and whereas not long since they were the weeds of the Fancy, they are now well able to hold their own with the rest of the variety. The birds shown by Messrs. Higgie, Morrison, Brown and Son, Whitley, Hall, Bailey, Dykes, Mason, and Thomas, were most beautiful in breed characteristics, and well fitted to hold their own in any company. Mr. Higgie's yellow which won the championship is a very nice bird, and looked well, but we thought it just a trifle lucky. Cinnamon marks came up well, both in numbers and quality, and there was no denying the right of Mr. Bailey's handsome yellow to the claim of champion, he won that position well, a wonderful bird indeed. Messrs. Ogden Bros. won in the buffs with a Yorkie all over, a gem indeed for type, colour, quality, and carriage, its only marking is a slight grizzle on one cheek. The hens of Messrs. Dykes and Towns were beautiful, especially the buffs of the latter.

One of the most handsome varieties of the Yorkshire family is the Green, and it is indeed remarkable that its popularity does not increase outside of the immediate neighbourhood of Lancashire's great seaport, whilst in Liverpool, and across the river in Birkenhead, and its district, it is continually extending its influence. The birds staged at the Palace on this occasion were quite the elite of the Fancy, and a real "gradely" lot they were; there was also, we are pleased to say, an increase in the number compared with last year. Yellows made a splendid collection of a baker's dozen, and a very typical, grand coloured lot they were on the whole, although many of them showed signs of having seen much hard work during the season. Mr. Morement's representative got home quite as much for its smartness and freshness as for its colour and shape. Buffs, like those in the Norwich section, beat the Yellows for general all-round excellence, whilst in numbers they were half as many again as their brighter hued brethren. That old and highly successful breeder, Mr. T. Rowlands, had the satisfaction of securing the first two places in this magnificent collection, undoubtedly the best of its colour ever staged at Sydenham. In type they were excellent, whilst the colour was just immense, there being very little signs of that detestable bronziness and smokiness which has handicapped the Buffs so much in the past. Hens made two very nice classes, and taking each as a whole, there was not much between them. Several of the exhibits, good in shape and style, had to give way to others which looked smarter and fresher. Looking at the classes it seemed as though not a few Green men are afraid to toilet their hens in the same manner as they do the cocks. It is a paying policy, perhaps, looked at from a breeder's standpoint, but it does not pay from the exhibition point of view, because, no matter how good a bird may be, if it is not well staged, it is handicapped. Mr. Robinson's yellow was in rare form and looked very smart and dainty, and her freshness gave her the pull over more than one. Mr. Mockridge's buff looked in rare form, and handled remarkably well, as did Mr. Robinson's runner-up.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

YORKS., CL. BUFF (15): 1, Clegg, smart, upstanding bird, lovely finish right through from head to tail, neat head, close, well fitting shoulders, very compactly braced wings, and well piped tail, nicely tapered body, grand legs, plenty of swagger and style, nice level back, in rare form; 2, Mock, beautifully proportioned, neat back and bead, splendid shoulders, grand level back, beautiful carr. of wings and tail, nice even col., full of qual., not quite so long as winner, but very smart, and full of nerve; 3, Ogden Bros., smart, typical bird, with good clean run through, neatly feathered underneath, grand legs and feet, splendidly braced wings and tail, not quite so level in col., full of qual.; 4, Thomas, greater length, strength, and col., very nicely feathered right through, plenty of style and nerve, grand carr. of wings and tail, nicely shown; vhc, Matthews, good style and shape, capital qual., nice even col., but not so clean and smart in feather; hc, Dyson, smart, stylish, well feathered Yorkie, bit pale in col.; c, Salter. TKD. BUFF (12): 1, Binns, rather strong in build, but grandly proportioned and finished, beautiful silky feather, very smart and stylish, rare wing and tail carr., does not carry an excess of col.; 2, Whitley, thigh tkd., neat head, grand shoulders, smart and stylish in body carr., well braced wings and tail, good level back, stands well up to his work, but loses to winner in cleanness of feathering in front; 3, Dykes, handsome head tkd., capital head, neck, and back, rare wing and tail carr., very smooth and silky in feather, nice level col., stands well up on leg, very nicely finished right through; 4, Dyson, tkd. head and neck, not quite so fine in feather, shapely, shows plenty of style, carries his wings and tail in grand form; vhc, sp, best vhc, Ogden Bros., clinking wing tkd., grand head and neck, neat shoulders, tightly piped tail, neat wings, capital col., feathered like a Java, and shown in grand form; hc, Pyman, smart, stylish, neck tkd., good carr., nice col., not so well put down; c, Stewart. UNFLI. BUFF (28): 1, Mason, one of the correct pattern, grandly finished right through, hard to find fault with, imagine all that a really tip-top Yorkie should be, and here you find it, a splendid bird, well selected; 2, Kearns, another really tip-top Yorkie, spoilt by one fault, neat head, grand shoulders, wings, and tail, lovely col., and feather, has plenty of nerve, but his one fault, shortness of leg, prevents him from showing his other excellent parts to the best advantage; 3, c, Bennett, head, eye, and wing tkd., a really good one, lovely col., grandly feathered, full of style, neat in head, close, well fitting shoulders, grand wing and tail carr., a long raking bird, shows for all he is worth; 4, Dykes, neck tkd., sweet head, neck, and shoulders, splendid carr. of wings, was spreading his tail a bit when we handled him, beautiful shape and length, grand legs, and feathered like a Java; 5, Thomas, neck tkd., very handsome exhibit, and one we liked much, full of qual., capital col., neat in head, fine close fitting shoulders, good clean run, stands like a soldier; vhc, Sutcliffe and Sons, all there in col., beautifully firm and silky in feather, grand wing and tail carr., but just a shade too stout for our liking; vhc, Rayner, slim, racy, nervy, cl., lovely head, neck, and back, grand wings and tail, beautifully feathered, full of qual. and style; hc, Myers and Lamb, tkd. over back, smart little bird, grand shape, style, and feather, straight as a gun barrel; hc, Atkinson and Firth, slim and finely built, grand wing and tail carr., hardly so silky in feather; c, Binns. HENS, BUFF (22): 1, Ogden Bros., magnificent neck and wing tkd., lovely head and neck, grand level back, close fitting shoulders, and tightly braced wings and tail, gets well up on her legs, plenty of style and swagger, the more one handles her the better she gets, beautifully feathered; 2, Clegg, real top-notcher, magnificent shape and style, full of qual., nice col., grandly proportioned right through, gets well hold of her perch and shows the beauty of her contour to perfection, in rare form; 3, 4, Bailey, most lovely wing tkd., neat and smart as a new pin, perfection of feather, grandly tapered body, splendid carriage of wings and tail, sweet head, grandly finished right through; 4, a Yorkshire from end to end, style and type to perfection, gets well up on legs, but does not display quite so much nerve as the leaders, and is hardly so fine in finish of feather, still a gem, four wonderfully good hens, and a clever man indeed is he who can really say which is the best of the quartet; vhc, sp, best vhc, Radley, another real gem of a hen, just a bit pale in her colouring, but in shape, style, and feather, she is lovely; vhc, Brown and Son, tkd. wings and head, very shapely and stylish, nice col., gets well up on legs, and shows for all she is worth, not quite so fine in finish of feather as the leaders, still wants beating; hc, Boyes, grand style, gets up well on perch and handles very nicely; hc, Dykes, really grand hen, full of qual. and style, grand wings and tail, in nice form; c, Clegg. GREEN-MKD. BUFF (15): 1, Whitley, mkd. on eyes, cheeks, chest, and wings, capital length, grand style and shape, beautifully feathered, and lovely col., rare carriage of wings and tail; 2, Bailey, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, lovely qual., stands well up to his work, grandly braced wings and tail, shapely and well finished; 3, Hall, cap mkd., loug, slim, racy bird, gets well up on a good pair of legs, and handles in grand style, not quite so nicely finished in feather; 4, Dyson, very charming eye and wing mkd., wonderful qual., carries abundance of col., most excellent shape, and plenty of style and swagger; vhc, sp, best vhc, Dykes, mkd. eyes, cheeks, breast, and wings, wealth of col. and qual., neat head, grand wings and tail, beautiful carriage, handles well, a good bird; hc, Dugmore, check and wing mkd., plenty of col. and qual., but rather stouter in body; c, Foster. CINNAMON MKD., YELL., (7): 1, championship, Bailey, eye and wing mkd., magnificent length, grandly proportioned rigbt through, teems with qual., wonderfully steady, yet full of style and nerve, splendid wings and tail, grand finish of feather, in rare form; 2, Thomas, grandly shown, eye and wing mkd., superb silky feather, very neat and smart in general outline, gets well up on a good pair of legs, neat shoulders and well carried wings, a bit inclined to spread tail when handled; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., eye, cheek, and wing mkd., very hot in col., beautiful silky feather, grand wings and tail, firm, slim, well carried body, served up in the very best of condition; 4, bead, eye, and wing mkd., grand shape, full of nerve, very fine, silky feather, beautiful col., grandly carried wings and tail; vhc, Grayshon, mkd. head, eye, and wings, grand shape and length, plenty of style, but looked as though it thought it time the show season had come to an end; hc, sp, best hc, Hall, smart, little, wing tkd., plenty of col. and qual., nice style, not so much length; c, Brown and Son. HENS, YELL. (9): 1, Dykes, grizzled head and wing, lovely hen, grand shape and length, rare style and nerve, very nice col., stands well up to her work, nicely finished all through; 2, Myers and Lamb, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., beautifully proportioned, lovely silky tight fitting coat, stands well up on perch, and shows plenty of style, not so warm in col.; 3, Morrison, head, cheek, and wing mkd., very racy and stylish, capital head and shoulders, excellent wing and tail carriage, grandly feathered, shown in good form; 4, Thomas, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., carries abundance of col., stands in rae style, beautiful silky feather, nice length, handles well; vhc, Myers and Lamb, eye, neck, and wing mkd., very smart and shepely, full in feather, does not carry so much col., showy and stylish; hc, Towers, pretty heavily mkd., grand type and feather, rather pale in col.; c, Pyman.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (15): In this class some clinking birds were bencbed, and tbe competition was very keen, the winner taking the championship for best Yorks. in the show, also winning the L. and P.O. cup, 10s. 6d. presented by Frank White, Esq., Melborne, and 5s. for best bird given by the L. and P.O. for best in classes 22 to 40, a most wonderful performance: 1, champ., etc., 3, Bailey, 1st stands well up on leg, lovely qual. of feather, rich level col. throghout, good head and neck, clean on beak, grand pair of wings, piped tail, and put down in the pink of condition, 3rd lovely feather, nice head, clean on brest, rich level col., well up on leg, position A1, well put down; 2, Radley, rich level col., very typical, full of quality, good head, nicely placed wings, piped tail; 4, Ogden Bros., neat round bead, nicely placed wings, pipe tail, full of qual., nice level col.; vhc, Binns, rare qual. of feather, long flights and piped tail, position A1; hc and spl., Higgie; c, Stewart. TKD., YELL. (10): This class ran very level throughout in type and qual., winner bird of great length, and one we think will make a great name at the stud: 1, Binns, mkd. head and wing, rich col., full of qual., long flights, well placed piped tail, stands well up on leg, position A1; 2, hc, Towers, wing mkd., nice silky feather, level col., long flights and tail, position A1; 3, Morgans, wing mkd., neat head, clean on breast, very stylish, piped tail, in tho pink of condition; 4, Dykes, bit stout, nice pair of wings, piped tail, full of qual., position A1, very steady; vhc, Foster; c, Ogden Bros.; 277, Walker, absent. UNFLIG., CL., ETC. YELL. (24): Some clinking birds were put down in this class, and we have no hesitation in saying that two sets of winners might have been found, so near did the competition run: 1, Sutcliffe and Son, wing mkd., blaze of col., neat round head, nice breast, good wing carr., piped tail, well up on leg, position A1; 2, Dykes, cap on head, rich level col., grand wings and piped tail, pair of good legs, very typical, nice condition; 3, Stonelake, eye and wing mkd., boxy feather, long placed flights, piped tail, good head, rich col., nice position; 4, Helliwell, cl. rich col., nice round head, well filled in neck, boxy feather, wings well placed, stylish; 5, Townsend; unevenly mkd., full of qual., nice wings and tail, well on leg, very stylish; vhc. Bennett; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Mock. HEN, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): Some beautiful ladies were to be seen here, type and quality running through the whole class, the winner being one of the finest hens ever benched; 1, Thomas, rare length, full of qual., rich col., long flights, well placed, piped tail, position A1, a gem; 2, Bailey, tkd. head, feathered like wax, good wing and tail, stands well up, shade pale in col., a good one; 3, Drydon, pale col., very typical, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, neat round head, we liked much; 4, Thomas, grizzled on head, a shade strong, nice type and qual., good wing carr., piped tail; vhc, Jeffries; hc, spl., Ogden Bros.; c, Parrot. GREEN, MKD., EVEN, ETC., YELL. (13): Some very fine stud birds were to be seen in this class; in many instances, size, qual. and rich sound colour were combined in making an ideal breeding bird; 1, spl., Higgie, eyes, wings and neck mkd., pale in col., feathered to perfection, beautiful wings and tail, position A1, fails a little on leg; 2, Morrison, cheek and wing mkd., full of qual., nice type, rare length, rich col., well placed wings, piped tail, we liked; 3, Brown and Son, eye, cheek and wings, rich col., boxy feather, well on leg, grand wings, piped tail, rare length, position A1, a good one; 4, Hall, eye and wing mkd., short rich coloured feather, well on leg, grand wings and tail; vhc, Thomas; hc, spl., Leaver; c, Atkinson and Firth; 387, Thornton and Bower, absent. EVEN, ETC., HEN (11): In this class were some fine long drawn out hens for breeding purposes. Mated with clear cocks, the produce should prove fine clears and also some good marked birds; the 1st prize yellow marked hen is an ideal stock bird, full of qual. and a great length; 1, Dykes, yell., eye and wing mkd., feathered like wax, great length of flights and tail, well up on leg, neat head, position A1,; 2, Mason, buff, wings mkd., rich salmon col., boxy feather, neat round head, nicely balanced wings, piped tail, stands well up on leg, position A1; 3, Thomas, eye and wing mkd., yell., lovely qual. of feather, neat head, position ,nice compact tail, gone a little in neck; 4, Sutcliffe aud Son, buff, feathered like wax, wing mkd., rich level col., stands on good legs, neat round head, grand wing carr., piped tail, would do with a little more length, a grand bird; vhc, Ogden Brs.; hc, c, Stobart. CINN., TKD. OR VAR. BUFF CK. (11): In this class we are afraid the birds were not up to tbe usual standard. For some years we have noted a downward move as regards the length of tbis most beautiful variety. Something should be done by the club to bring this variety more before the fanciers, and fanciers themselvs should try to gain size and quality in their stock birds: 1, sp., Ogden Bros., tick neck, rich level col., feathered like wax, lovely wing carr., piped tail, stands well up on leg, neat round head, position A1; 2, Bailey, eye and wing pale col., feathered like wax, nice position, neat round bead, nice wing carr., piped tail; 3, Brown and Son, cap, eye and wing mkd., lovely qual. of feather, long wings and tail, neat head, position A1; 4, Atkinson and Firth, grizzled on back, pale col., full of qual., good head, piped tail; vhc, spl., Allen; hc, Grayson; c, Morrison. HEN (13): Some nice quality birds were found here, with a little more length, which is much needed; some nice young should result: 1 2, Towers, 1st cap, eyes and wings mkd., blaze of col., grand wing carr., piped tail, neat round head, well on leg position, 2nd eye and wings, rich level col., nice wings and tail, well on leg, very typical; 3, Allen, eye and wing mkd., slim and typical, piped tail, bit open on breast when we saw it; 4, hc, Morrison, cheek and wing mkd., blaze of col., boxy feather; vhc, Allen; c, Matthews.

Mr. House's Classes.

GREEN YORKS, YELL. (13): 1, Morement, real gem, very rich, sound, and bright in col., beautiful depth and sheen, grand Yorkshire type, neat head, shoulders, wings, and tail, very silky and soft in feather, shown in grand form, and handles remarkably well, a smart stylish bird; 2, Benson, really smart Yorkie, neat head, well-set shoulders, smartly carried wings and tail, stands well up on a good pair of legs, beautiful close well-fitting coat, rich bright col., but not quite so much depth as the winner; 3, vhc, Robinson, very shapely, well carried body, neat head and shoulders, good level back, stands well up on his legs when handled, beautiful tail carriage, but does not use his wings quite so well, sound rich bright col.; vhc, clinking good all-round bird, full of style, lovely silky feather, grand shape, rare wings and tail, not quite so tight in front; 4, W. Walker, grand shaped pied, stands well on a splendid pair of legs, lovely head and shoulders, neat well-piped tail, just a trifle slack in wing carr.; vhc, c, Rowlands, long, raking, stylish bird, real beauty for col. and compactness of wings and tail, but just a bit too fit, and pulled himself too much; hc, McNulty, capital shape and style of body, nice tail, sound rich col., nice body feather, drops his wings; hc, sp, McDermott, magnificent col., rare shape and style, fine head, shoulders, and wings, pulls himself too tight in front; 463, Rewlands, lovely coloured shapely bird of good feather, hut dead out of form at judging time. BUFF (19): 1, championship, 2, Rowlands, wonderful shape, grandly proportioned and tapering well away from shoulders to vent, beautiful clear grassy col., very tight and close in feather, gets well up on a good pair of legs, in grand form; 2, not quite so neat in head, very close well-fitting shoulders and wings, neat well-piped tail, rich sound grassy col., fine silky body feather, handles well, and shows plenty of nerve and style; 3, Robinson, splendid sound col., plenty of depth and richness, good head, well proportioned, and nicely finished body, plenty of style and swagger, grand flights and tail, handles well, not quite so well finished in neck feather; 4, W. Walker, wonderful shape and style, very neat shoulders, flights and tail, bright in col., not quite so much depth, especially underneath, grandly feathered body, loses a bit in cheeks; vhc, sp, (467), W. Walker, splen-

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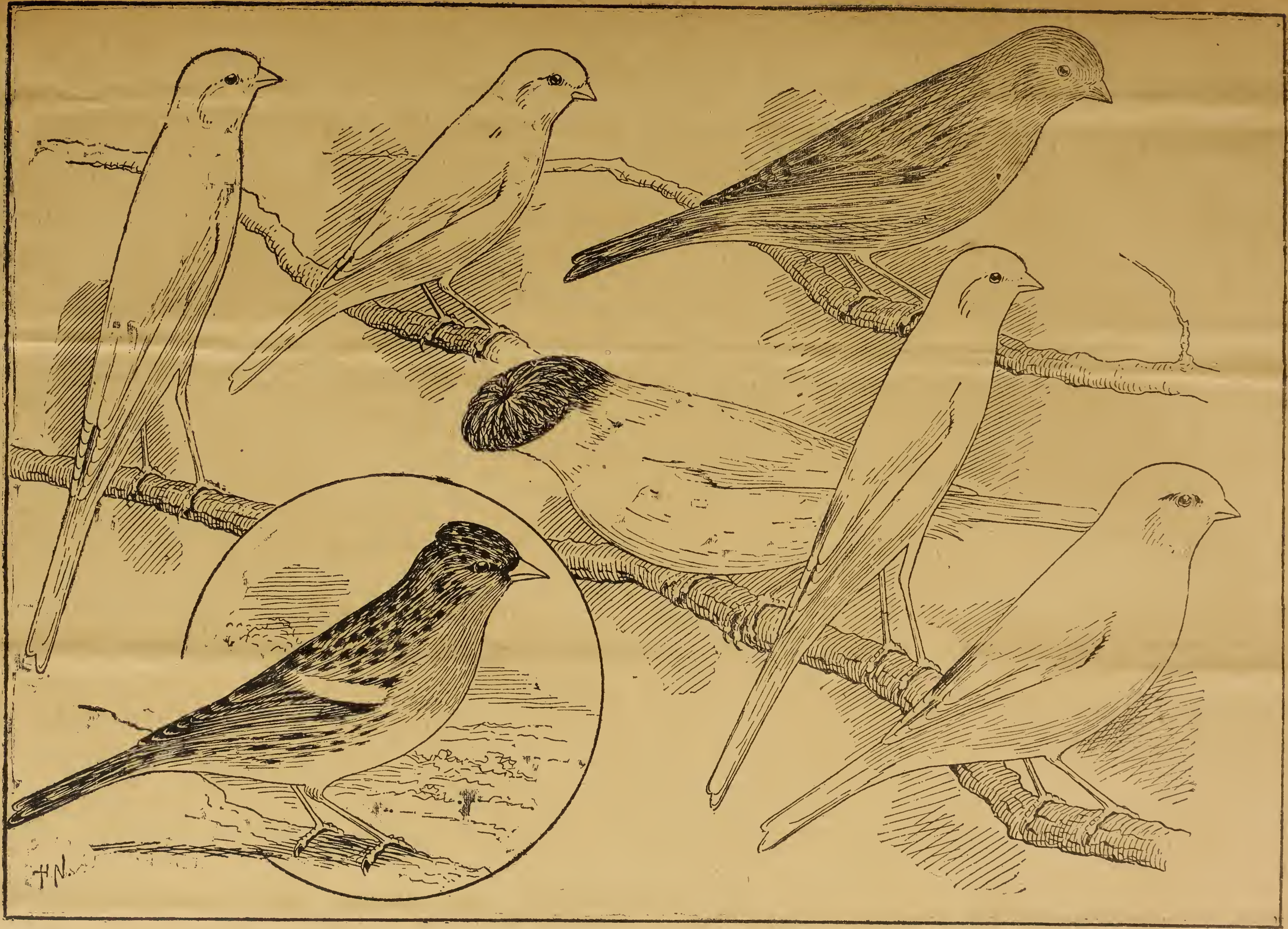

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A GROUP OF FEATHERED NOTABILITES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

Reading from the top, left to right: Buff Yorkshire (Mr. P. Mason, Shipley), Yellow Border Hen (Mr. W. Mossie, Ayr), Green Norwich (Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool), Bramblefinch (Mr. J. Sykes, Musselburgh), Dark Crest (Mr. G. Colledge, Derby), Ticked Yellow Yorkshire (Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, Shipley), Unevenly-marked Norwich (Messrs. Gill and Pethick, Plymouth). All are first-prize winners, and all the Canaries are young (unflighted) birds.

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did shape and style, neat head, capital shoulders and tail, rich col., not so clever with his wings; vhc, (469), W. Walker, one of the best-coloured birds in the class, capital head, nice silky feather, but a bit out of sorts; vhc, McNulty, nice shapely good-feathered bird, rich and sound in col., but would not stand when handled; hc, Handley, fine bold shapely bird of good col., but somewhat wild and restless; hc, Simpson, capital col. and feather, nice shaped body, standing on a good pair of legs, bit slack in wings; c, McDermott. HENS, YELL. (14): 1, vhc, hc, Robinson, handsome stylish lass, full of col., rich grassy tone, with plenty of sheen and finish, very neat head and shoulders, well-braced wings and tail, stands well up on a good pair of legs; vhc, pied head and vent, very shapely and stylish, neat head, grand wings and tail, not quite so long, rich sound col., nice feather; 2, Rowlands, pied back of head and vent, very slim, and well-tapered in body, lovely head and shoulders, compact in wings and tail, well up on leg, soft silky close-fitting feather, good depth of col., needs a bit more brightness; 3, McNulty, lovely rich grassy tone of col., close well-fitting coat of beautiful silky feather, grandly braced wings and tail, stands well on perch, and handles well, just a shade stouter in build; 4, W. Walker, lovely right through, but does not clip her wings up quite so tightly as she might, sound rich col., very soft silky compact body feather, good head and shoulders; vhc, hc, Benson, grand shaped stylish hen, nicely moulded body, stands well up, just a bit rough in head, capital col., feather, and shape; c, McDermott. BUFF (13): 1, Mockridge, beautiful sound tone of col., well distributed right through the body, close compact silky coat, very neat wings and tail, stands on a grand pair of legs, very nicely finished, put down in nice condition; 2, Robinson, beautifully moulded body on a well-set pair of legs, very close and compact in wings and tail, grandly feathered right through, sound col., not quite so rich and bright, handles well; 3, 4, Riley, very rich sound col., plenty of depth and richness, neat head and shoulders, grand carr. of wings and tail, well-set legs, nice back, very silky feather, not quite so tight in front; 4th, another beautifully rich sound-coloured bird, grand head, shoulders, wings, and tail, excellent style and feather, just a shade deeper through the chest; vhc, W. Walker, grand shape and style, neat compact wings and tail, lovely body feather, loses in col. on back; vhc, hc, Rowlands, capital col., nice silky feather, good legs, well-braced wings and tail, not quite so well-tapered in body; hc, shapely and stylish, nice col., not so compact at thighs; hc, Simpson, very shapely and stylish, nice feather, just a wee bit smoky in col.; c, Benson.

NOVICE YORKS. CLASSES.

Judges, Messrs. Battye & Mundell.

Novice Yorkshires made a brave show, entries coming up strongly, and quality was tip-top. Nearly all the exhibits were of good type, well up in colour and capital feather, and most of them nicely staged. Altogether it was a good display, and quite a credit to the novices. Special for best went to Mr. E. Grange with his unflighted buff, Messrs. Marshall securing special for second best, best vhc Mr. L. Binns, best hc Mr. W. J. Kent, best c Mr. O. E. Naylor. Mr. J. Snead captured Mr. Ramsden's special for best fed bird.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (24): 1, Snead, rare length, with a good clean run, well on leg, good col., wings well braced and closely folded tail, lovely col.; 2, hc, Chew, well on leg, nice length of side, good quality of feather, nice flights and tail, not quite the col.; 3, Jones, wing tkd., slim built, good length and stand, nice narrow, well filled shoulders, beaten in wing carr.; 4, Sunderland, cheek tkd., nice and straight, good qual. of feather, well on leg, slim built; 5, Limbert, fair length, nice qual., shade short in neck; vhc Jones, Midgley; hc, Kent; c, Naylor. BUFF (21): 1, Marshall Bros., straight as a gun barrel, lovely feather and col., well on leg, neat head, nice narrow shoulders, and well braced wings; 2, Gledhill, grand feather and position, neat head and well braced wings, not quite so neat in tail; 3, Powell, stands well up on good legs, slim built, good col. and feather, nice pipe tail; 4, Fowle, well braced wings and neatly folded tail, good feather and position, not quite so long on leg; vhc, Kent; hc, Etheridge, Snead; c, Goodwin. VARIEG. (15): 1, Kent, cinn., wing mkd. yell., nice boxey feather, capital position, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Binns, buff, mkd eyes and right wing, grand feather, nice length and position, neat head, nice flights and pipe tail; 3, Fowle, varieg. yell., stands well up, lovely feather, nice pipe tail and length of leg; 4, Fergusson, head and left wing mkd. buff, nice feather and position, good back, and well braced wings, not so smooth underneath: vhc, Walker; hc, Wood; c, Jones. UNFLIG. YELL. (26): 1, Ireland, slim built, good length and position, narrow shoulders, good col., well braced wings; 2, Snead, nice feather, length, and style, good feather, well on leg, wings well braced, neat tail; 3, Naylor, wing mkd., good length, close feather, of good quality, nice col., stands well; 4, Haytor, slim built, nice length and style, good col. and feather, pipe tail, not so neat in wing carr.; 5, Fowle, mkd. eyes and wings, good stand, neat head and tail, wings well braced, nice feather and col.; vhc, Binns, Clarke; hc, Kent; c, Powell. BUFF (21): 1, Grange, cl., stands well on good legs, grandly feathered, neat head and tail, narrow shoulders and pipe tail; 2, 4, Midgley, straight as a pencil, lovely qual. of feather, neat wings and tail, slim built, close on the leader, 4th nice narrow shoulders, good feather and position, pipe tail, not quite so neat in carr. of wings; 3, Walker, cheek tkd., good position and feather, nice back, and stands well; vhc, Taylor, Binns; hc, James, Etheridge; c, Misom. HEN, YELL. (22): 1, Naylor, neck and cheek tkd., straight as a gun barrel, well on leg, neat head, and stands well, capital feather; 2, Walker, cinn., mkd. cheeks and wings, close feather, of good qual., nice length and position, good wings and tail, and nice length of leg; 3, Bainbridge, tkd. on head and wing, nice feather, well packed flights, neat head, not quite so good in position; 4, Sunderland, wing tkd., straight as a pencil, nice feather, piped tail, and well on leg: vhc, Percival, Clarke; hc, Hodgson, Nolan; c, Elks. BUFF (22): 1, Naylor, cl., grand qual. of feather, neat wings and tail, position A1, nice narrow shoulders, and neat head; 2, Ireland, capital feathered cl., nice back and wings, capital position, not quite so narrow in tail; 3, Miss Cross, beautiful feather, and stands well, nice pipe tail and neat head, nice length of leg; 4, Carpenter, mkd. cheeks and right wing, nice position, good back and wings, piped tail, nice back, not quite so tight at thighs; vhc, Hodgson, Fowle; hc, Gledhill, Boulton; c. Kent.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

The "wee gems" were once again well to the front in numbers, especially the yell. and buff cock classes, and even the even mkd. had several representatives of this charming variety. The Cinnamon class also came up well, over twenty birds being staged. Quality all through was well up to the standard of the Palace, particularly in the buff cocks. All through the class there was an evenness of type and quality of feather that made them most difficult to separate. Yellows were also of very high merit, some of the leaders being particularly charming. Practically all the birds in the cards were owned by northern men. Although the variety is certainly increasing in the south the best produced cannot at present hold their own with the birds from the north, or is it that the southerners cannot stage them in quite that perfection of bloom required in such keen competition? The names of the principal winners are mostly well known at the Palace, and include Messrs. Mossie, Munro, Hay Bros., Sampson, Wilson, Beard, etc., whose birds one and all were staged to the hour. The novice section did not quite come up to previous numbers, but the type and quality of the birds were a distinct advance on previous gatherings. The two leaders were lovely specimens owned respectively by Messrs. Claydon and Pepperell, the latter's buff winning special for best in section. The southern men managed to get in in these classes, some of the winners being owned by Messrs. Claydon (Weybridge), Warner (Wood Green), Hobden (Wallington), and Jones and Sons (Penygroes). The Champion Diploma for best Border was won by Mr. W. Mossie with his charming yell. hen, the same bird winning the special presented by the Victorian Canary Society, per Mr. F. White, of Melbourne. Palace medal for best vhc, to Mr. Wilson's yell ck., and best hc, Mr. Halliday's buff ck., best c bird also went to Mr. Wilson for another yell. ck.

With an entry of sixty-two in four classes the Green Borders out-distanced the Greens of the Norwich and Yorks. types in numbers, but not so fully as they did in type. They were a wonderfully even lot, and of a very high average of merit. It was a most strange coincidence that the championship in each of the three green sections should go to a buff. No clearer indication could possibly be given of the wonderful advance of the Greens. Championship Diploma and the Victorian Canary Society's special fell to a magnificent buff shown by Mr. E. C. Little, it had not a lot to spare in beating Mr. Middleton's yellow, Mr. Johnston's yellow hen is a smart stylish lassie indeed; she excelled in colour, as did Mr. Whitelaw's exhibit, which stood at the head of the buff class. As evidence of the keenness of the competition, and also of the increased excellence of the exhibits, it may be said that right through the three sections for greens no one stud secured more than one first prize, whilst the remaining awards were also widely distributed. Greens, of all varieties, are undoubtedly improving at a great rate, and the season 1912-13 will be remembered as the one which excelled all others.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

BORD., YELL., CK. (26): 1, Hay Bros., magnificent exhibit, perfect type, sweet head, beautifully rounded front, grandly braced wings, neat tail, nice even col., lovely qual., in the pink; 2, hc, Craig, another beauty, must have pressed, lovely type and style, moves well, perfectly braced wings, nice clear run, with a good tail, grand col., tight as wax; 3, Munro, smart taking bird, lovely type, nice neat round head, well-moulded back and front, good wings and tail, put down in fine form; 4, 5, Sanderson, grand position and style, neat head, well-filled front, nicely braced wings, good col., tight-fitting jacket; 5th, smart bird, shade longer in body than some, neat head, grand wings and tail, A1 feather; vhc, c, Wilson, Kerr and Smith; hc, Mossie; c, Pratt. HENS (21): 1, hc, Mossie, smart jaunty little lady, rather full type, but nice poise of head and neck, grandly braced wings, the neatest of tails, in the very pink of condition; 2, Beard, neater in type, smart, with plenty of movement, grand head, beautifully moulded body, clear close wings, A1 qual., and sound col.; 3, Craig, tight as wax, and sound in col., smart bird, with good head, nice free neck, beautiful clean run, put down in the best possible condition; 4, Munro, another real beauty, we liked as well as any, as near perfection as they make them, faultless condition, a model; vhc, Sampson, Wilson; hc, Allan; c, Connochie, Purves. BUFF, CKS. (32): 1, 2, Craig, grand position and style, full of swagger, beautifully moulded all round, good head, tight-fitting wings and neat tail, shown in the best possible style; 2, similar for qual., but hardly so nicely proportioned, grand wings; 3, Beard, smart bird, of good type, neat head and neck, well-rounded back and front, good wings, nice qual.; 4, Munro, magnificent bird, perfection of type, beautifully proportioned all through, grand head and neck, nicely moulded body, tightly-braced wings, feathered like wax, we liked immensely, must have pressed leaders; ex. 4, Ellwood, another good one, capital type and qual., neat wings; 5, Lewis, good smart bird, shade fuller in neck, but tightly feathered; vhc, Wilson, Roberts; hc, Davis, Halliday; c, Mrs. Thynne. HEN (22): 1, Espie, charming little lady, nicely proportioned, beautifully drawn and filled in, good head, the best of wings, full of qual. and condition; 2, Craig, another good one, very close up, neat head and neck, nicely rounded, smart wings and tail, closely feathered; 3, Mrs. Harrison, grand type and style, moves well, grand wings, well put down, in the pink of condition; 4, Mossie, still another charmer, hard to separate, lovely qual. and condition; vhc, Madagan, Arnott; hc, Easter, Pool; c, Higgins and Gill. EVEN-MKD. (7): 1, Watson, charming type, beautifully drawn, almost perfect eye marks and nicely balanced wings, meeting well, good tail, in the pink of condition; 2, 4, Smart, grand type and style, eyes and wings well balanced, nicely rounded, very fine quality feathers; 4th, neat eyes and wings, charming style, close-fitting wings, neat head, free neck, very sound qual.; 3, vhc, Gilchrist, grand type and style, moves well, well-balanced markings, hardly so smart in wing carr.; hc, Mrs. Salter. UNEVEN (24): 1, c, Nicholson, lovely four-pointed cinn., a charming bird, grand style and type, nice free action, beautifully moulded, A1 quality and condition; 2, Brown, cheek and wing mkd. yell., nice size, perfect type, neat free head, nicely rounded front, grand tightly-braced wings, put down in the pink of condition; 3, Mrs. Davidson, four-pointed buff, nicely rounded, sweet head, lovely qual., deserves its place; 4, Arnott, grand cheek and wing-mkd. well, very typical, well filled all through, the best of wings and tail, sound condition; 5, Smith, cap and wing mkd. yell., slim type, fails a wee bit throat, still a good one, nice qual.; vhc, Arnott, four-pointed buff, grand type, tight as wax, we liked very much; vhc, Clark; hc, Wilson, grand bird, good as any, hard to find fault with; hc, Espie. CINNAMONS (21): 1, Wilson, very typical, and beautifully moulded, neat head and neck, grandly braced wings, sound rich col., perfect condition; 2, Whitelaw, another beauty, hard to separate, charming type and style, good wing carr., capital head, very sound in col., A1 condition; 3, hc, Baxter, dainty and neat, yet nicely modelled type, good head and neck, close wings, A1 col. all through, tight in feather; 4, hc, c, Hamilton, shade slimmer in build, yet a good one, sound, rich col., very fine cond.; vhc, McColl Wilson; c, Johnston.

Mr. House's Classes.

GREEN BORD., YELL. (21): 1, Middleton, very fine head, neat close-fitting shoulders, well-braced wings and tail, stands well up on legs, lovely rich grassy green tone of col., magnificent soft silky coat, full of nerve and vivacity, grandly finished and well shown; 2, Campbell, magnificently proportioned, standing on the best of legs and feet, showing all its good points to the best advantage, splendid head, back, wings, and tail, lovely close-fitting jacket, rich bright col., but not so grassy green; 3, Johnston, a model for shape and style, full of nerve, fine head, neck, and shoulders, wings and tail tightly braced and well carried, very fine silky feather, good depth of col., but looked as though it needed burnishing a little to bring up the sheen; 4, Stovin, very smart and stylish, full of nerve, lovely soft silky coat, neat head and well-set shoulders, grandly-carried body, compact wings and tail, very nice bright col., but hardly grassy enough; 5, hc, Parker, splendid rich sound col., lovely silky close-fitting coat, neat head and shoulders, well-carried wings and tail, not quite so slimly built; vhc, W. Murray, very shapely bird, grand head and back, beautiful qual., rich grassy green col., does not handle over well, too nervous; vhc, Fisher, beautiful rich bright col., grand shape and style, lovely back, not quite so smooth on thighs; vhc, A. Murray, grand col., which is well carried right through, neat head, lovely qual., not quite so slimly built; hc, Long, very nice col., and shape, lovely qual., well-braced wings and tail, hardly so tight in body feather; hc, Higgins and Gill, grand shape and style, beautiful finish of feather, not quite so deep in col.; c, Halliday, Millington. BUFF (15): 1, championship diploma, sp, Little, magnificent, rich, sound tone of col. running right through, lovely soft silky close-fitting coat, shapely head, fine well-set shoulders, grand back, wings, and tail, good clear run from head to vent, stands well up on a good pair of legs and feet, and shows like the little gentleman he is, a grand exhibit, well finished, and very nicely staged; 2, Kerr and Smith, real model of a bird, finely moulded head, close fitting shoulders, wings and tail well braced, and neatly carried, nicely moulded body covered with a rich grassy green coat, which fits like a glove, and shines like a piece of silk, hardly so sound perhaps underneath, but a close race; 3, 4, Johnston, beautiful shape and style, finely moulded, well carried body, neat head, splendid wings and tail, very sound, rich col., lovely silky feather, but did not handle quite so well as the leaders; 4th, superb in his richness and depth of col., magnificent close fitting silky coat, capital legs and feet, shows better than his mate, but not quite so slim; vhc, Whitelaw, beautiful rich grassy tone of col., splendidly feathered right through, but does not show himself so well as he might; vhc, Mrs. Thynne, regular little swell, neat head, grand shoulders, back, wings, and tail, beautifully modelled, full of nerve and style, but runs a shade light underneath; hc, Campbell, magnificent col. and feather, not quite so slimly built, very stylish; hc, Mrs. Harrison, grand shaped bird of lovely col. and feather, but rather wild, pied in tail; c, Parker. HENS, YELL. (10): 1, hc, Johnston, charming little lady, neat head, grandly-moulded body, carried on a grand pair of legs and feet, holds herself like a duchess, wonderful depth and richness of col., full of bloom, her coat shines like silk; 2, Greenwell, an excellent name indeed for a breeder of greens, and well he does it, this little hen is a gem for beauty of outline and brilliancy of col., but is not quite so grassy in tone as the winner, in shape and carriage she is just lovely, and grandly finished right through; 3, Steel, pied head and tail, another real charmer, full of nerve and vivacity, sweet head, very fine shoulders, compactly carried wings and tail, lovely back, rich deep grassy tone of body col., hardly so sound perhaps on vent and thighs, in a pied class would take a lot of stopping; 4, Hamilton, magnificent, in the soundness and richness of colouring, neat shapely head, grandly braced wings and neatly piped tail, rare legs and feet, full of style and swagger, beautifully feathered and full of bloom, just a bit on the chubby side; vhc, Wilson, grand shape, full of style and nerve, very neat head, lovely wings and tail, rich, bright col., not quite so tight in body feather: vhc, Parker, gem for shape, col., style, grandly finished in feather, but just a trifle too nervous to do her other good points full justice; c, Little. BUFF (13): 1, Whitelaw, real gem, very sound and clear in richness and depth of colouring, feathered like a Java, full of style and swagger, grand head, beautifully sound in back, grand wings and tail, and well finished right through; 2, c, Parker, magnificently proportioned, full of style, lovely head and shoulders, wings and tail very tightly braced and neatly carried, rich bright tone of colouring, but hardly so grassy as the winner, well shown; 3, Middleton, splendid outline from head to tail, rich deep sound grassy tone of colouring pervades her whole body, feather full of bloom and sheen, not quite so steady when handled, or might have been higher; 4, Little, most beautifully clothed in a coat of rich silky feather of the correct shade of col., plenty of bloom, grand wings and tail, just a trifle stouter in body; vhc, Wilson, sound deep col., but hardly so much lustre, grand head, wings, and tail, splendid carriage, a bonnie hen, and with a bit more brightness would take beating; vhc, Johnston, very typical and stylish, grandly feathered right through, rare wings and tail, not quite so sound in colouring of back; hc, Clark.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

NOVICE, BORD., YELL. (23), a very fine class: 1, Claydon, a charming cl., lovely type, neat head and neck, well moulded all through, nice clean run, A1 wings and tail, very sound qual.; 2, Heslop, eye mkd. bird, very close up, nicely moulded and filled in, well braced wings, very fine qual. feather; 3, Hobden, another good clear, charming type, nicely drawn, good wings and tail, hardly so tight as winners, still a nice one; 4, Warner, good green, not so nicely modelled as leaders, still good type, head, and wings, in fine condition: vhc, Greason; hc, Jones; c, Marriott. BUFF (15): 1, sp, best Nov. Border, C. Pepperell, charming cl., lovely type, good head and close fitting wings, perfect qual. of feather, well shown, in sound condition; 2, Warner, smart green, beautifully moulded, good head, nice carr. and style, sound col., in the pink of condition; 3, Jones, nice wing mkd., typical, but hardly so nicely moulded as winners, free style, sound in feather, well shown; 4, Hobden, another good cl., typical bird, good head and wings, sound qual.; vhc, Greason; hc, Heslop; c, Ward.

LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.

Lancashires with only two classes had seventeen entries, and a good shapely lot they were; most of the exhibits possessed an abundance of good all-round Lancashire properties. It is strange that the Lancashire men do not make an effort to secure better representation of the breed at the great classical fixture of the year. In the Coppy class Mr. F. J. Green put down a grand quartet and had the honour of securing three out of the first four places, but he missed the championship, which went to a very high quality yellow Plainhead, shown by Messrs. Kay and Lee. We thought it just a bit lucky to do so, as we fancied Mr. Fitton's second Plainhead, a massive skulled, heavily feathered bird.

The good old-fashioned breed, Lizards, made a very poor show, only thirteen in the two classes, being half-a-dozen below last year's total. If the entry was poor, the quality certainly was not, for four of the five birds in the Golds had, according to the catalogue, won first prizes at four important shows, and seven out of the eight Silvers had secured a similar honour at five leading provincial shows. It is doubtful if such a record has ever been put up before. Mr. Ollerenshaw's trio of Silvers were the first prize-winners at Newcastle, Bradford, and Manchester, whilst his Gold was also 1st at Cottonopolis. Mr. Barnes' three Golds had first at Rochdale, Sunderland, and Worstdopolis to their credit. Need more be said as to the quality seen in these two classes? It tells its own tale. The championship, and the Victorian Canary Society's special fell to Mr. Ollerenshaw's Silver, whilst Ramsden's Colour Food special was taken by Mr. Barnes' winning Gold.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

COPPY (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Green, really grand team of youngsters, 1st stout in neck, shoulders, and body, plenty of length and style, grandly feathered, shapely, well spread, coppy; 2, greater length of body and tail, grand pair of legs, neat coppy, but not quite so much spread, capital style, plenty of body feather, a good and bonny typical Lancashire; 3, tkd. yell., not quite so neat in centre, nice spread, good shape and carriage of body, plenty of feather; vhc, another good bodied, stylish yell., rather short in coppy, very nice qual.; 4, Kay and Lee, shapely coppy, clean in centre, but not so much spread, nice long shaped body stands well up, good length of body feather; hc, c, Fitton. PLAINHEAD (10): 1, sp, championship, Kay and Lee, long, shapely bodied yell., lovely silky feather, very neat and compact, nice carr., good width of skull, excellent condition; 2, hc Fitton, very massive yell., wealth of feather on stout heavy body, broad massive skull, with great width of front, and good scowling brows, rare neck and shoulders; 3, c, Green, neck tkd. yell., long stylish, well developed body, on a good pair of legs, plenty of body feather, good scowling expression; c, a lovely yell., plenty of subs. and feather, shows well, good skull and lashing, we liked for a higher place; 4, vhc, Kay and Lee, big, heavy feathered yell., grand head, plenty of body feather, good legs, not so neat in wing carriage; vhc, plenty of length and nice style, well feathered, and stands on a good pair of legs, not so stout in body.

Mr. House's Classes.

LIZARD, GOLD (5): 1, 2, 4, Ramsden's sp, Barnes, very smart cl. cap, grand dark spangling put on in regular row, splendid shoulders and chest, lovely col. and qual., nice-shaped cap, shown in rare form; 2nd, rich sound col., splendid silky feather, neat cap, grand shape and style, carries plenty of work on back, but not quite so much on shoulders; 4th, grand-coloured broken cap, splendid back, well creeled on sides and thighs, not quite so shapely, beautiful qual.; 3, Ollerenshaw, grand shaped, stylish, broken cap, full of rich dark distinct spangling, beaten in shape of body; vhc, Millington, rattling good clear capped, spoilt by being in second moult on head. SILVER (8): 1, 2, 4, championship and sp., Ollerenshaw; 1st, lovely shape and feather, rich sound col., very stylish, grand shaped cap, with two small ticks on top, in splendid fettle; 2nd, rare shape and size, carries more spangle than the winner, but it is not quite so evenly put on, beautiful silky feather, very sound and rich in col., fit as a fiddle; 4th, very smart, stylish, sound-coloured cl. cap, a lot of spangle excellently put on, not so much work on sides of body, a really fine trio to come from one stable; 3, vhc, c, Barnes, beautifully feathered cl., sound rich col., not so shapely, and hardly so steady, wealth of rich black spangling; vhc, very smart and stylish, grand back, plenty of work, not so well creeled on sides; hc, Millington.

THE ROLLER SECTION.

Judge, Mr. J. Oldroyd.

Once again the Rollers received their share of admiration, and many were the appreciative remarks that were overheard, concerning the beautiful way these birds sang. The ladies in particular were delighted, and asked numerous questions bearing on the training and the general management the birds received at the hands of their owners. One gentleman in particular seemed quite surprised at the masterly way some of the birds sang their song. "Well! well! well!" he exclaimed; "I have never heard such singing before. Have these birds been bred in England?" "Oh, yes," was the reply he received from the patient and courteous official displaying a judge's badge. The room in which the Rollers were staged had been renovated, and looked quite bright and cheerful. There was an increase in the number of entries over last year. In the champion open class were some well-known winners, including that good old bird belonging to Dr. Read. The birds had met together for the last time this show season to do battle for the honour of their owners. The number of entries in the champion young bird class left much to be desired. The novice young birds turned up very well, but some of these appeared to have received no training whatever for the show bench; in consequence, the judging of this class was not completed until Friday morning. Another omission on the part of the owners was that the majority had tied their number labels on to the cage front, instead of glueing them on to the inside of one of the cage doors. The edges of the labels and the ends of the string made a perfect plaything for the birds, and they were quite interested in their new amusement, much to the annoyance of the judge, who was patiently waiting for their song. In our opinion Mr. Oldroyd would have been quite justified in passing some of these birds and marking his judging sheet, "No song." The following are the abbreviations for the names of the different tours:—Hollow roll, HR; hollow bell, HB; Bass, B; schockel, Sch.; deep bubbling water tour, DBWT; flutes, F; water roll, WR; water glucke, WG; bell roll, BR; bell tour, BT; general effect, GE.

CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS.—1, Dr. Read HR6, HB 3, Sch. 4, F 3, WR 2, WG 3, BT 2, BR 2, GE 5, total 30; 2, Dr. Read, HR 6, B 4, Sch. 4, F 3, WR 2, WG 3, BR 2, GE 5, 1 point deducted for aufzug, and 1 for sharp flutes, total 27; 3, Dr. Read, HR 7, HB 3, Sch. 4, F 3, WG 3, BR 2, GE 4, total, 26; 4, L. E. Hepworth, HR 5, B 3, Sch. 4, F 3, DBWT 2, BT 2, BR 2, GE 4, 1 point off for aufzug and 1 point for sharp flutes, total 23. Mr. Hepworth's bird was claimed soon after the show opened on Friday. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS—1, F. Hocking, HR 6, HB 4, Sch. 4, F 3, WG 3, DBWT 2, BR 2, GE 4, 1 point deducted for sharp flutes, total 27; 2, C. Taylor, HR 7, HB 2, Sch. 3, F 3, WG 4, BR 2, GE 5, total 26; 3, F. Hocking, HR 6, B 2, Sch. 4 F 2, WG 4, BR 2, BT 2, GE 3, total 25; 4, J. Gibson, HR 5, B 3, HB 2, Sch. 4, F 2, WG 3, DBWT 2, BR 2, BT 2, GE 2, 1 point deducted for sharp flutes and 1 for sharp bell tour, total 25; vhc, E. Taylor, 24 points; vhc, W. Watson, 23; hc, Miss K. E. Firth, 22; c, W. Watson, 22. The following numbers were absent:—853, 854, 857, 863. CHAMPION OLD BIRDS 1, Dr. Read, HR 6, B3, Sch. 4, G 2, F 3, WG 4, DBWT 2, BR 2, GE 6, total 32; 2, F. Hocking, HR 6, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, F 3, WG 3, DBWT 2, BR 2, GE 6, total 31; 3, J. Tomlinson, HR 6, HB 2, B 4, Sch. 3, F 3, WR 2, WG 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 5, 1 point off for sharp flutes, total 30; 4, L. E. Hepworth, HR 5, B3, Sch. 4, G 2, F 2, WG 4, DBWT 2, BR 2, GE 5, total 29; vhc, Dr. Read, 27; vhc, F. Hocking, 26; hc, L. E. Hepworth, 25; c, F. J. Allsop, 25. The following numbers were absent:—870 and 871. Dr. Read wins the champion diploma for the best Roller, also bronze medal for 2nd best, and silver medal best vhc; F. Hocking wins bronze medal for 3rd best; J. Tomlinson wins L. and P.O. Society's bronze medal for 4th best Roller.

SCOTCH FANCIES & BELGIANS.

Scots with only two classes had seventeen entries, but if the numbers were poor the quality most certainly was high. The yellow cock of Mr. Steel's which won the championship is a very high shouldered bird with great length of side and tremendous drive, and the winning hen of Mr. Willison's is a topper, she could hold her own both in structure and style with many cocks. Mr. Steel's trio did wonderfully well, and they were a good team.

Three classes were given for the "King of the Fancy," the Belgians, and they were under the patronage of the United Kingdom Belgian Association, yet the entries only totalled fifteen, and of these one failed to put in an appearance. When one remembers the many classes of a score and upwards which we used to see in days that are past, and also the times when Belgians were claimed at the Palace at £20 each and upwards, one can but exclaim "How the mighty are fallen!" Of the fourteen exhibits staged, no less than six came from the stud of Mr. F. Reddihough, and they did not go empty away, winning the premier card in two out of the three classes. The bird which pleased us most of the Baildon team was the winning youngster, a grand exhibit this, and one which should have a most successful career. The championship went to a grand shouldered buff, shown by the Barnstaple enthusiast, Mr. G. S. Baker, and it did win too.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

SCOTS FY. CK. (8): 1, championship, 2, Steel, very heavy shouldered yell., great length of neck, grand head, splendid wings, uses his tail well, nice length of side, takes well hold of the perch, brings his head down in the most approved fashion, and pulls like a champion; 2, also a yell., hardly so high in shoulder, but massive and well filled, rare back, wings, and tail, great length of side, and very quick in action; 3, 4, Thompson Bros., topping yell., grand head and shoulders, good wings and tail, handles well, gets his head down nicely, but has not quite so much length of drive; 4, very massive, well built buff, grand head and shoulders, plenty of nerve, great length of side, is not quite such a quick actioned bird as the yellows, but when played with he gets there and shows himself a true Scottie; vhc, sp, best vhc, Hunter, very long-sided, good topped buff pied, full of nerve, grand wings and tail, not so heavy in body and shoulder; hc, Willison; c, Fleming. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Willison, big slashing buff, very massive top end, grand head and neck, splendid back wings and tail, full of nerve, gets quickly into position, grasps perch firmly and brings her tail well down, a really fine hen, and well deserved her position; 2, Steel, long sided pied yell., grand head and neck, plenty of shoulder, capital wings, uses her tail nicely, and is a quick, nervy, fine actioned bird; 3, Hunter, smart, racy, stylish buff, not one of the biggest, but has the outline, and possesses just enough nerve and swagger to bring out her other good properties, given a bit more size, would be a topper; 4, hc, c, Fleming, foul headed yell., grandly proportioned, very quick in action, grand shape and style, but needs a bit more timber; vhc, Willison, very fine, long-sided yell., grand shoulders, lovely head and neck, gets well hold of her perch, and drives nicely, a hen we liked much.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

BELGIANS, YELL. (4): 1, 3, Reddihough, not one of the largest possible, but grand in shape, very fine head and neck, capital shoulders, well-placed wings, tail brought down like a plummet line, plenty of nerve and style; 3rd, rare body properties, but not quite so reachy, stands well, and shows plenty of nerve, capital wings and tail; 2, Horrill, rather more subs., capital head, neck, and shoulders, nice length of side, and good style, but not in the same excellent condition; absent, 809, Rizzi. BUFF (5): 1, championship, Baker, grand head, great length and fineness of neck, stout high shoulders, grand wings and tail, gets well up into position, and pulls grandly when handled; 2, Dart, splendid shape and reach, nice length of side, good wing and tail carr., not quite so fit as the winner; 3, Horrill, clever little fellow, full of nerve and style, grand wings and tail, handles beautifully, just needs a bit more subs.; 4, vhc, sp, best vhc, Reddihough, on the small side, but full of nerve and action, grand head and neck, takes perch well, and stands like a soldier; vhc, a rattling good bird for shape and general properties, takes longer to work into position. BRED 1912 (6): 1, 2, Reddihough, very smart shapely yell., grand head and neck, lovely shoulders and back, grand wing and tail carr., grasps perch very firmly brings head down well, full of nerve; 2nd, pied wing buff, on the small side, but a smart and clever little worker, grand position and nerve, very shapely and full of qual.; 3, vhc, hc, and sp. best hc, Horrill, grand positioned buff, good head and shoulders, nice side, wings, and tail, but does not handle so smartly; 4, Baker, long, quick-actioned yell., needs substance, but is good in stand, and has plenty of nerve.

THE CINNAMON CLASSES.

Judge: Mr. J. Wones.

Cinnamons, taken all in all, were a nice lot for quality, one or two birds, however, stood out in bold relief, notably Mr. Dormer's winning yellow, and Mrs. Deacon's buff. The yellow was the cynosure of all eyes, and friend Wones was quite enraptured with this bird, we understand. We liked Mr. Procter's unflighted yellow very much, with luck it has the making of a really grand bird. Mr. Dormer's winning hen, too, struck us as a rattling good one. She could certainly have been shown closer and brighter in feather, but for all that her points of excellence were indisputably apparent. It cannot be suggested that 34 Cinnamons in four classes is a satisfactory result for a Crystal Palace show. An average of just over eight per class, and that, too, with all the backing of a specialist club, and all its specials in competition! One thing we noticed, there was a greater uniformity of type than we have seen, and this is gratifying, as it conduces to standardise the bird more than ever. Breeders seem also to be curing in great measure an old and bad defect—i.e., light throats. It is a relief to note an almost entire absence of those long bodied, long tailed snipy headed cinnies we used to see when the go-as-you-please fashion was in vogue. Mr. Wones was generally happy in his selections. Of course, everybody would not be satisfied! The novice class only totalled eight birds, seven of which were shown by two exhibitors. Hardly a sign that the Cinnamon is "catching on!" Wherefore the reason?

CINN. YELL. CKS. (5): 1, championship diploma for best Cinn., and sp. presented by the Victorian Canary Society for best yellow Cinn., Dormer, one of the sweetest, soundest Cinnies we have seen for some time, full of col., which was pure in both depths of shade, lustrous and level, no paleness at rump or throat, nicely modelled head, free from horns, short body wings and tail, wins; 2, 3, Mrs. Deacon, former very lustrous, but not quite that deep, rich cinnie shade of leader, and showing just a shade of horning, scarcely such a bold head, but a sweet bird, 3rd loses in boldness of head, is not quite so stout in build, lustrous, a nice Cinny that would want a lot of setting back in less aristocratic company; 4, Bentley, good head and body, has a habit of dropping its tail, not so lustrous or pure in cinny feather; vhc, Oldaker, grand in silkiness and gloss, thinner in body, but very rich colour, very finely burnished head. BUFF (12): 1, sp, presented by Victorian C.S. for best buff cinn., 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, a grand team, leader sound, rich col., nicely frosted, full and deep in chest, grand head, well finished, short wings and tail, a nice one, 2nd scarcely so rich in tone of col., nor so well finished, but a sweet bird, 3rd good shape, not quite so pure in colour all over, vhc smaller in body, but nice type, not so rich in col.; 4, Dormer, bonny type, rich, full level colour, hardly free from horns, good head, paler at throat; hc, spl, Palace bronze medal for best hc, Andrews Bros., nice head, good body, not so rich or sound in col., but a bird that did credit to its owner; c, Collins, good shape of body, bold head, not quite free from horns. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Procter, yell., rich, pure and lustrous, sound cinn. tone, rare type, good head, a bird of great promise; 2, c, Mrs. Deacon, yell., beautifully burnished head, very lustrous, hardly so bold in skull or body, or so pure at thighs as winners; c, neat bird; 3, Dormer, rich and bright in col., fails just a trifle at throat, good body, not so well pulled up, seemed a little slack; 4, Hartup, buff, very nice body shape and good head, sound in colour, but hardly the life in the feather one likes to see on a buff cinny, yet a well modelled bird; vhc, medal, best vhc, Bentley, yell., somewhat thin in body, not yet developed in head, rich colour and lustrous, fairly sound all through; hc, Mills, good shape of body, somewhat free in feather, especially at the thighs, might be purer in colour. HEN (8): 1, Dormer, yell., full of rich col., rare body shape, good head, short wings and tail, carried herself a bit slack, but a gem when shown at her best; 2, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, former yell., lovely glossy feather, especially rich on head, just a bit pinched at skull, and a trifle paler along sides to thighs, a nice hen all through though; vhc, buff, good qual. of feather and shape of body, carried herself a bit slack in feather, nice col. and head; 3, 4, Hartup, leader buff, good head, col., and type, 4th yell., sound in col., well burnished head, very silky in feather, a good one that we liked better than 3rd; hc, Andrews Bros. NOV. (8): 1, 2, 4, c, Mrs. Tweddle, nice team, leader very nice bodied yell., rich and lustrous, good head and burnishing, short wings and tail, nice tone of col., a credit; 2nd yell., very like the winner, except as to lustre, 4th buff, thinner in body instead of stouter, trifle horned and not so sound in col.; 3, vhc, hc, Andrews Bros., all buffs, nice tone of feather, good head, very nice; vhc, fails a little in colour and soundness.

WHITE AND A.O.V. CANARIES AND LIMIT CLASSES.

Judge: Mr. G. Gardner.

The white Canaries were this year much enquired after by the visitors outside the Fancy, and Mr. Kiesel was almost indispensable as chaperon to the many anxious to see these pretty birds. The variety is certainly popular, it has decidedly distinctive features, and is attractive. Two distinct types were in competition this year—evidence of an extension of the variety. Mr. C. H. Goodman gave Mr. Kiesel a close run with a neat and pure coloured Border Fancy—indeed, so close that it was practically condition that turned the scale. So much for the white Canaries. But what shall we say of the black and white ones. Surely the oldest person living never saw such times before! And if Mr. Kiesel created a furore when he brought out the white Canary, he has made things hum even more loudly by bringing out the black and white. As with the white Canary, there were "superior sniffings" amongst the wise acres; but one may safely predict that, as in the case of the white Canary at its introduction, so it will be with the black and white—those who came to curse remained to bless. But just a word: The white Canary has a class of its own; it is attracting the general public; there is a "bit in it"; where are all those cast-off white Yorkshires that have been 'bred for years!"

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The Limit classes, as usual, contained some real bargains. The quality was very high in many exhibits, and the wonder is their owners were willing to part with them at the figures quoted. Sales were good in this section, most of the winners carried the well known "sold" ticket very early in the show. Norwich were well represented, and it is remarkable that there were as many as 28 crests entered in the £3 Limit. What does this point to? A surplus of crests that fall short of tip-top form, or a dearth of buyers? Yorkshires came up well, and here again business was brisk amongst the winners. On the whole the Limit classes did well.

WHITE CANARIES (10): 1, championship diploma for best White Canary, Kiesel, last year's winner, Yorks. type, shown in beautiful feather, not a soil upon its plumage, absolutely white from end to end, white legs and clean beak; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Goodman; 2nd Border Fancy, just a trifle too stout and large for the Border standard, but very pure in colour all through, and well shown, not quite so lustrous as the winner, which turned the scale, 3rd Yorkshire type, next purest and best in feather, 4th Border type, lacks condition, else nearer to type, vhc Yorks type, bit smaller, and not so pure and nice in feather, looked a little weedy, hc fails condition; c, Mrs. Gould, a very nice one when in form, but shown soiled on head, and neck feather not nice. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl, best in classes 65 and 66, Kilby, a grand hot fed yellow green, or rather foul tailed green, very fine body, head, and lustre, full of quality, short wings and tail; 2, Kiesel, the well boomed Black and White, Yorkshire type, certainly true to description, nice style and feather, white where it claimed to be white, and the black feathers certainly black; 3, 4, Fifield, two really meritorious Dutch Frills, both well shown, massive and full of frilling, leader had the pull generally; vhc, Brooks, heavily varieg. Dutch Frill, not so massive, but a good one; hc, Dormer, foul tailed yell. cinn., rare quality, bit small; c, Kiesel, black and white Canary, small and trifle slack in feather.

NOR., CK., 30s. (47): 1, Johnson, buff, short wings and tail, nicely carried flights, deep and rich undercol., good head, unflighted, and well mealed; 2, Gunnell, yell., full of qual., deep and rich col., good head for a yell., and stands well across; 3, Bolton, varieg. yell., very sweet head, good body and qual., a very useful bird, nice type; 4, Thomas, capped buff, lovely frosted feather, which fitted it closely, just a trifle longer in body than need be; 5, Senior, very good qual., just a bit weak in neck, nice stamp of bird; vhc, Kilby (2), Parker, Crawford, Folwell, Martin; hc, Hodder, L. Lawrance, Fox, J. P. Lawrence; c, Wilson, Richardson, Lee. HEN, 20s. (28): 1, Richardson, buff, full body, rare head and well-filled neck, rare qual. of feather, of which there might be just a little too much; 2, Parr, another good buff, a little closer in feather, nice undercol. for a hen, but hardly so good in body as 1st; 3, Irons, yell., rare col. and qual., sat a bit slack at judging or might have gone up a bit; 4, Tampkins, buff, very neat, nice qual. and shape, hardly so rich as leaders; vhc, Dean, A. Payne and Son, Martin; hc, Midgley (2); c, Hawkes, Cooper. CRESTS, £3 (25): 1, sp, best bird in Limit Classes, and members' silver medal for best in Classes 86 to 92, Howard Bros., good-bodied green, heavy frontal, nice drop, neat centre, a good and cheap bird; 2, Evins Bros., varieg., neatly arranged crest, not so dense or long, but a cheap and useful bird in a stock cage; 3, Cowpertwait, varieg., rather flat crest, not quite so long in frontal or neat at sides, good body; 4, Groves, varieg., neat crest, good-bodied bird; vhc, A. Payne and son, Evins Bros., Bewick; hc, Wright and Son, Horton; c, Slade, Lilley. C.B., 30s. (12): 1, sp, second best in Limit Classes, Gale, a big-bodied nearly green, rare head and lashing, turns back long and dense, good entrance and back skull; 2, Mrs. Spooner, lightly varieg., good wide entrance, nice shape of skull, beaten by winner in length of head feather; 3, 4, Evins Bros., capped bird, immense width of skull, a very attractive specimen; 4th, loses in skull and head clothing, good body; vhc, Mrs. T. Taylor; hc, Wright and Son; c, Slade. YORKS., 30s. (26): 1, Grange, cheek-mkd., full length, very smartly drawn, a fine traveller, neat waisted and plenty behind its legs, quickly claimed; 2, Naylor, varieg. yell., not the taper of 1st, but beautiful on legs, a fine mover, very neat quality; 3, Stewart, rich coloured uneven-mkd., a sweet bird in many respects, and quickly claimed; 4, Chew, not so nicely moulded, but a bird of quick action, and gets up well; vhc, Boyes, Fawcett, Snead; hc, Cooper, Frost and Rogers; c, Atkinson and Firth, Sutcliffe and Son. A.O.V., 30s. (8): 1, Procter, very fine feathered sound coloured buff cinn.; 2, Bentley, yell. cinn., not stout enough, good col. and qual.; 3, Wilson, neat little well-fed Border, just a little soft at judging; 4, Hawkes, buff Scots Fancy, wants more size and reach; vhc, Richardson; hc, Dormer; a moderate class. PAIRS FOR PLAINHEAD BREEDING, 35s. (33): 1, Payne and Son, grand pair of Norwich, buff cock and yell. hen, full of qual., good shape, and condition; 2, Wilkinson, Nor. yell. cock and buff varieg. hen, the latter lovely head and carr., well mealed—a nice little lady; 3, Pickering and Wright, buff cock and yell. hen, Nor., both of good stamp and qual. of feather; 4, Yates, ck. very rich undercol., grand qual., fails trifle head and neck, yell. hen, good type and feather; 5, Senior, also a well-matched pair; vhc, Thomas, Parr, Barber, Fawcett; hc, Proctor, Cooper, Fawcett; c, Hawkes, Frost and Rogers (2).

THE MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

Mules and Hybrids were easily the best collection brought together this season, and in all classes some well-known winners had to be content with the so-called "codding cards." The winner in the clear class, Mr. R. Jamieson's (junr.) Goldie, is truly a grand exhibit; good in size, lovely in shape, and feathered like a Java Sparrow, he can be best described in two words, "a gem." Many thought him a wee bit unlucky not to have won the special over the section. In this class Messrs. Martin and Archer's well-known clear Linnet Mule was absent; we are extremely sorry to hear that this magnificent bird is in a bad way, and that it is very unlikely he will ever grace the show bench again. The unevenly-mkd. class was well led by Messrs. Martin and Archer's grizzle-mkd. Greenie Mule, which was awarded the championship diploma, L. and P.O.S. cup, and Palace medal for best Mule or Hybrid in section. Dk. Goldies numbered 23, and not a bad one among them, condition only separating the winners. Mr. Shellam's Jonque carried off the chief award. He is indeed a real topper, having size and shape, and carrying a wonderful colour and polish. Mr. Parlett's Dk. Greenie (Mr. Somerfield's old champion) was in fine form, and stood away in his class. Messrs. Tams and Son's Dk. Greenie was winner of the spl. best 3rd. The A.O.V. Canary-Hybrid class contained some real stormers. Mr. Shellam's Canary-Bullfinch, "Freddie Welsh," is still unbeatable, but was not looking quite his best when we saw him, which, no doubt, kept him out of the running for special. He is indeed a blaze of colour, and easily carried off Ramsden's spl. for best fed bird in section. Mr. J. Lavery's Can.-Bully was awarded spl. best 4th in section, and Mr. E. J. Lamb's Can. Bully best vhc. They were both in tip top order. The Bully Hybrids also were a hot lot, Mr. E. J. Lamb's Redpoll-Bully, being a real gem. This exhibitor also put down two sweet Goldie-Redpolls and a charming Greenie-Siskin. Messrs. Martin and Archer's well-known Greenfinch Chaffinch, still the only one of its kind on the bench, seems to improve every time we see it, and again carried off premier honours. The awards of that respected Scottish fancier, Mr. J. F. Dewar, met with very, very little criticism, everybody seeming to be well satisfied.

CL., TKD., ETC., HYBRID (8): 1, Jamieson, cl. Goldie, Scotland's champion, wonderful size and shape, feathered like boxwood, a real topper, wins; 2, Shellam, cl. Greenie, lovely exhibit, grand size and shape, lovely qual. and cond., undoubtedly the best of this cross on the bench; 3, sp, Lamb, wing mkd. Goldie, another real gem, lovely feather, grand size and shape, in perfect order; 4, Martin and Archer, Greenie-Can., good col. and qual., hardly the size and shape of leaders, still a real good one; vhc, sp, Buckingham, even marked Goldie, staged to perfection, feathered like wax, grand col., size and shape; hc, Durston, cl. Goldie, the old-time champion, grand size and shape, inclined to be harsh in feather, showing age, otherwise a topper; c, Duncan, 6-pointed Goldie, very taking exhibit, lovely col. and qual., trifle on the small side. UNEVENLY MKD. (15): 1, 2, Martin and Archer, former tkd. Greenie, grand size and shape, lovely qual. and condition, latter var. buff Goldie, a real swell, grand col. and qual., feathered to perfection, splendid size and shape; 3, Tams and Sons, tkd. Greenie, very nice size and shape, trifle coarse in feather, otherwise a gem, close up; 4, Collins, var. buff Goldie, feathered like wax, grand size and shape, staged to perfection; vhc, McQuiston, var. yell. Goldie, grand col. and qual., beautiful shape, A1 order, hardly the size of leaders; hc, Lamb, tkd. Goldie, very neat, but hardly the size, nice polish; c, Collins, sweet non-fed var. Linnet-Can., in good order. DK. GOLDIE (23): 1, 3, Shellam, Jonque leading, wonderful substance, a blaze of col., the best of quality and cond., a real "top sawyer," latter good buff, fine blaze, lovely meal, nice shape, col. and qual.; 2, Martin and Archer, Jonque, close up, lovely polish, grand size and shape, not quite the col. of leader, looks like L.C.B.A. winner; 4, Gilchrist, another real good one, grand size and shape, very little behind, hardly the polish of leaders; vhc, Crone, very neat, lovely col. and qual., hardly as large as the leaders; vhc, Miss Bousfield, buff, another grand exhibit; hc, Bowler, very nice all round bird; hc, Lamb, really good exhibit, nice col., qual. and size, had damaged flights or probably would have stood higher; c, Grey, Jonque, very neat exhibit, hardly the depth of col. of leaders; c, Jamieson, very shapely and neat. DK. GREENIE (11): 1, Parlett, Jonque, stated to be the winner of 59 firsts, grand exhibit, wonderful substance, a ball of fire, lovely qual., staged to perfection; 2, McQuiston, another Jonque, lovely col. and qual., good size and shape, grand feather, real gem; 3, Craig, Jonque, medium size, splendid col. and qual., put down in lovely order; 4, Jamieson, good shape, col. and qual., a trifle on the small side; vhc, Lavery, nice size and shape, good col., hardly the feather of leaders; hc, Webster, very sweet exhibit, grand size and shape, not the col. of leaders; c, Dunlop, very neat, nice col. and qual., could do with a little more substance. DK. LINNET (18): 1, Shellam, Jonque, grand col. and qual., wonderful substance, lovely feather, in tip-top order, wins; 2, Sumpton Bros., grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual., neatly put down; 3, Metcalfe, another topper, good col., qual. and shape, hardly the substance of leaders; 4, Jamieson, lovely col., nice size and shape, not quiet the polish of leaders; vhc, Brown, lovely type and qual., good size, nice col.; vhc, McQuiston, neat exhibit, nice col. and qual., good shape; hc, Middleton, good sized buff, grand col. and qual.; hc, Ramsden, Jonque, good col. and qual., just loses in substance; c, Bell, nice type, fails col. DK. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, Master Johnston, real gem, beautifully bright col., grand qual. and cond., nice size and shape, one of the best we have seen; 2, Edmunds and Smith, Redpoll, lovely col. and qual., nice size and shape, put down in faultless condition; 3, Crabb, Siskin, neat exhibit, good size, shape and qual., not the brightness of col. of leader, but a really fine exhibit; 4, Andrews, bouncing Mealy Redpoll-Can., wonderful size, qual. and cond.; vhc, Collins, Twite-Can., grand shape, col. and qual., real bouncer for size, put down in A1 order; vhc, Middleton, large buff Siskin-Can., neat markings, lovely type and qual.; hc, Buckingham, Redpoll-Can., fine exhibit, loses col. to leader; hc, Martin and Archer, very fair Siskin-Can.; c, Miss Bousfield. A.O.V. CAN. HYBRID (8): 1, Shellam, Can.-Bully, "Freddie Welsh," aptly named, a real champion, wonder for col. and qual., marvellous size and shape, an easy win; 2, Mrs. Askham, another Can.-Bull, grand exhibit, lovely type and qual., would look a real champion in the absence of winner; 3, Griffiths, var. Twite-Can., very neat, rare, but not very taking exhibit; 4, sp, Lavery, Can.-Bully, nice col., qual. and type; vhc, sp, Lamb, still another Can.-Bully, lovely type and qual., put down in perfect order, close up; hc, Askham, Can.-Bully, good col. and qual., hardly the substance of leaders; c, Howick, very neat Can.-Bully, not quite the col. of leaders. A.O.V. BULLIE HYBRID (14): 1, 4, vbc,

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Lamb, grand team, Redpoll-Bullf. leading, a real topper, lovely col. and qual., shows parentage well; 4, Linnet Bullf., wonderful breast col., grand substance, lovely type and qual.; vhc, Goldie-Bullf., lovely col. and qual., nice size and shape, not quite the blaze of leader; 2, Martin and Archer, grand Greenie Bullf., beautiful col., grand type and qual., beaten only for rarity by winner; 3, Bell, Goldie-Bullie, real gem, grand blaze, lovely col. and qual., staged in perfect order; hc, White, Greenie-Bullf., quite a youngster, grand type and qual., lovely col. and cond., should make a topper with age; c, Wilson, Linnet Bully, nice type, lovely qual., loses in richness of breast col. A.O.V. (12): 1, sp, Martin and Archer, the well-known Greenie-Chaffinch, good size, lovely col., deepened very much in colour, looking his best to-day, a really charming exhibit; 2, 4, Lamb, Goldie-Redpolls, leader grand qual., neat size and shape, we preferred 4th, neater bird all round, hardly the depth of col. of leader, still a regular little swell; 3, c, Ramsden, Redpoll-Greenie, grand size, fine colour, shows parentage well, put down in A1 order; vhc, Edmunds and Smith, another Redpoll-Greenie, lovely col. and qual., nice size and shape, neatly staged; hc, Muscott, yet another Greenie Redpoll, hardly as rich in col. LIMIT MULE or HYBRID, 30s. (24): 1, Butler; 2, Ramsden; 3, Duncan; 4, Pitchford; vhc, Mrs. Longden, Pickles; hc, Shellam, Davies; c, Duncan. HYBRID PAIRS, 30s. (12): 1, Hobden; 2, 3, Prior; 4, c, Francis; vhc, Mrs. Frostick; hc, Parlett.

BRITISH BIRD SECTION.

The British Bird Section was once again very well supported in the matter of entries, and proved of great interest, as there were to be seen representatives of almost evey species one can fairly term "desirable cage birds," and the majority of the recognised "champions" met in competition. Truth to tell, however, we get few outstanding champions nowadays; the average standard of merit is now on so high a plane that few birds stand appreciably ahead of their fellows, a mere matter of condition—even a suspicion of "off colour"—being sufficient in the majority of cases to make all the difference 'twixt success and failure in the prize list. The new method of classification advocated by the N.B.B. and M.C. (i.e., of naming every species entitled to compete in each class) worked fairly well, though a Sandpiper and a hen Little Bunting had to be excluded, albeit entered, owing to this. The absence of a class for hen Bullfinches, however, seemed regrettable and unnecessary. In Mr. Weston's section the majority of the birds were very high-class, comprising the best of their kinds on the show bench to-day. The Goldfinches were, as usual, the cynosure of all eyes, and proved very level in quality, though we have seen better individual performers, so to speak, in the years that are gone. There is no real star shining at the present moment. The Bullfinches were simply grand, and the winner, belonging to Mr. Woods, secured the unanimous vote of the judges for the special for best in the British Section—the first time, if memory serves us correctly, one of this species has secured the honour since the days of the great Job Williams. We did not notice one bird of doubtful nationality in the whole class! In the Linnet class the judge's predilection for birds of the chubby (Norwich) type was very marked. He also did not look with favour on the very heavily streaked ("henny-marked") kind of bird. The four leading Chaffinches were beauties, the winner's forward condition just landing it home. In the Greenfinch class we saw several good birds which, in our view, were simply spoiled by the use of too much colour food, and we believe these were penalised by the judge. The winner was a really magnificent non-fed specimen, which, with Mr. Sykes' lovely Bramblefinch, and Mr. Mays' charming Grasshopper-Warbler, ran the Bullie a close race for the premier special. Mr. Burr's Linnet took special for best vhc in Mr. Weston's classes, Mr. Andrew's Goldfinch that for best hc, and Mr. Inman's Linnet that for best c.

On the whole Mr. Silver's nine classes were well filled, the average being 15 per class, and some birds of high merit were to be found amongst the Hawfinches, Buntings and small insectivorous classes. The winning Hawfinch is a real topper, as also is Mr. P. H. Harris's 3rd prize bird, and quite two sets of winners could have been found, most of them being very forward in condition. The mixed Bunting class contained specimens of six species, including the now common Meadow Bunting, which, by the way, stood cardless, as it rightly should do in a British class. Mr. Prior's natural coloured Siskin stood well away in a strong class of 26. The Chough and Magpie class contained about the usual number of entries, with the Chough as leader, as is the usual custom. Of the Wagtails only two species were represented, six yellows and two greys. The small insectivorous class was, as it usually is, an interesting one, and contained some delightful little birds among the 16 entries. Mr. May's Grasshopper Warbler and Treecreeper well deserved their places, in fact, had the class been double the size it would have been impossible to pass the "Grasshopper," for he is simply perfection of his species. We heard many expressions of approval of the new departure in the catalogue—naming the species that are eligible to compete—for where the line of size was cut at a Skylark or Grey Wagtail it was not always a simple task for the young fancier to decide which class to enter, say, a Wryneck or a Redbacked Shrike. It may he advisable another year to include three or four species not mentioned in this year's classification; for instance, the Blue-throated Warbler, the Meadow Bunting, the Black-headed Bunting and the Little Bunting. When the National B.B. and M.C. drew up its classification of desirable British birds the Meadow Bunting had not been recorded as visiting England, but during the last ten years some five or six have been recorded. Many more than this have been seen on the show bench, and they have been admitted by most judges as entitled to compete. The Blue-throat is a great favourite with Northern exhibitors, and is known in these islands on its autumn passage. The Black-headed Bunting is about equal to the Little Bunting in its recorded appearances (five or six), and it would do no harm to include all the four birds mentioned. With few exceptions Mr. Silver's awards seemed to be well received, but then judges and exhibitors sometimes differ, and of course the judge is master of the situation.

In the nine classes judged by Mr. Fulljames were to be seen many of the champions of this and previous seasons; the mixed classes produced in every case most interesting competition, and the task of deciding which was the best among such a lot of extra good birds was far from being an easy one. The Bramblefinch class, although it comprised only eight entries, contained perhaps the most level lot of Brambles ever gathered together; there was not a bird in the class that was not capable of winning in very high competition. In the winner was seen probably the best Bramble that has ever been shown. This lovely bird was put forward by the judge to compete for the spl. and diploma for best British, and made a very good fight for victory. The owner, Mr. J. Sykes, accomplished a wonderful performance throughout the British section. With four birds—Chaffinch, Twite, Bramble, and Hawfinch he took four firsts, an achievement at the Palace of which any exhibitor should be proud. It is saying nothing to remark that the birds form a team which is a credit to its owner. Four better British birds could not be found throughout the whole breadth of the country. The class for hen British Finch or Bunting was a real "teaser," and made a lovely collection. "Bevy of Beauties" puts the matter in a nut-shell. In the class was a very perfect Little Bunting, a first appearance of the species on the show bench. The bird presented a knotty problem, for the class is headed "British," and only five or six instances, we believe, are recorded of the appearance of the Little Bunting in England; more have been recorded in Scotland, but most of these appeared in one lot, nine on Fair Isle in 1907, while only one appearance in Ireland is recorded. The judge was further faced with the fact that the heading of the previous class read "A.O.S. British Bunting (5 species)," and the Little Bunting is not among these five—(the Corn, Cirl, Reed, Lapland, and Snow)—so the beautiful Little Bunting had to stand without a card. We understand that the bird was caught in the South of England, and if this is so, it should be added to the existing record. The "Woodlark, etc.," class was remarkable as containing quite a number of pairs, a very unusual occurrence in the British classes, but very commendable, at least in the mixed classes. Three pairs of Bearded Tits, and one single cock, were in competition, and a very nice lot they were. It is pretty certain, however, that there was not a British caught specimen amongst them. A lady exhibitor, Miss A. B. Smyth, was responsible for five entries in the class, and captured two of the prizes, 2nd with a perfect pair of Marsh Tits, and 4th with an equally good pair of Blue Tits. Miss Smyth exhibited also a pair of Long-tailed Tits, which were unfortunately not in the best of plumage, a perfect "Jo Ben," and a nice Hedge Sparrow, all well shown, and the Tits had natural branches and sleeping places in their cages, which added both to their comfort and their attractiveness on the bench. An uncommon exhibit appeared in the class for Woodpeckers, etc., a very beautiful and perfectly steady Sandpiper. Apart from the question whether the Sandpiper is a desirable cage bird, the bird was clearly out of competition, for the class heading distinctly mentioned the various eligible species, and the Sandpiper was not included in the list. The Pied, Albino, etc., class as usual formed one of the most interesting classes in the show, and contained some beautiful specimens of abnormally feathered Britishers. The corner in which they were staged was crowded at all times; we were sorry to see our old friend the famous Silver Starling standing down among the cards, but he is showing signs of a strenuous career and honourable old age, and could not have been justly placed higher. We shall expect to see the White Hedge Sparrow do better at some future time; at present this pretty bird is certainly not up to show form.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

BULLFINCH (34): 1, sp. best Brit., Woods, undoubtedly a gem, medium size, lovely cobby shape, ideal cap, exceptionally brilliant breast colour, very hot and level and of great purity, grand back and wings, not a feather out of place, and polished like plate-glass, does its owner great credit; 2, Thomson, also house-moulted, and another real beauty, size larger than leader, wide, bold, clean-cut cap, good back and bars, fine level breast colour, though not quite so fiery as the winners, staged in perfect order; 3, Gilbert, we heard was 4th last year when in field plumage, has moulted into a grand specimen, correct thick-set build, grand neck and head, wide jet-black cap, perfect wing bars and back colour, splendid hot even breast, beaten the merest shade in boldness of cap at front; 4, Carrier, all round a gem, loses only by a trifle in colour and silkiness of condition, lovely shape and style, grand head and wings; extra 4, Mays, perhaps hardly so bold in build, in polish and beauty of condition, however, excelled by none, good at all points, grand solid colour; 5, Evans, fine bold type, good in colour, very tight in feather, splendid condition; vhc, Griffith, Lawrence, Miss Wishaw, a trio of grand birds, very little behind several of those above them; hc, Holborow, Burr (2); c, Cheney; some nice birds had to be left out, notably Nos. 1,514, 1,545, 1,530, 1,540, and 1,533 (the latter rough at thighs). GOLDFINCH (36): J L. and P.O.S. Members' Cup, Pitchford, a noted winner, finishes the season in grand style, we believe his 21st 1st prize in two seasons, fine bold bird, very taking, cobby shape, stylish to a degree, exceptionally bold in skull, very wide face, grand top blaze, square-cut under, though not particularly expansive, tanning very rich, beautifully buttoned and mooned, perfect condition, except for slight puffiness on cheeks (may be due to soap left in at the wash), which told against it when competing for the special for best British; 2, Pringle, upstanding type of Finch, wonderfuly rich in colour all over, very fine expansive blaze both top and bottom, not quite so clean in cut as the leader's, and carrying a trifle too much black at the "muzzle," these, however, being but minor blemishes in a splendid whole, a grand bird, put down in lovely order; 3, 4, 5, hc (2), Richards, a great performance by this keen Welsh enthusiast, and accomplished by means of a grand team, staged to perfection; 3rd, a beautiful Goldie, rare big blaze, clean cut and pure in colour, rich chestnut tan, grand wings, presses close on second's heels, not quite so large; 4th, very taking bird, grand size, shape, and style, lovely pure-coloured blaze, which, however, is a trifle narrow; 5th, has remarkably square-cut blaze, rich and solid in colour, very stylish carriage, well marked all over, somewhat on the small side; extra 4, Burr, unlucky to be so low down, but lack of polish and tightness kept him back, we took to be last year's 2nd, lovely cobby shape, rare wide clean-cut blaze, we noticed plain canary seed in his cage, and if this is his diet his condition does not say very much for its efficacy; vhc, Prior, gem for colour and polish, blaze shone like a mirror, pressed the extra 4th bird hard, was claimed at £3; vhc, Bowler, another sweet all-round bird, in fine condition; vhc, Metcalfe, nice colour and polish, very good blaze; hc, Andrews; c, Checksfield; No. 1,567, Cheney, really nice Finch, unfortunately had knocked out some feathers, hard luck. LINNET (25): 1, 3, Parlett, the leader we heard was the Scottish National winner, a bird of exceptional size, very shapely, and stylish, grand head and chest, chock full of pencilling, and very sound and rich in colour, splendid flights and tail, put down in grand order; 3rd, even bigger and more cobby than its stable companion, but not quite so clearly marked; 2, Reay, real marvel for markings, grand breast, lovely rich, level colour, gem for condition, shining like satin, very thick-set and shapely body, good head, plenty of white in wings and tail, beaten only in size; 4, Tams and Son, fine bold head and cobby body, thick-set and clean cut, rich nutty colour, sound all over, splendidly pencilled at flanks, trifle weak at centre, carries a grand polish; 5, Richards, also a beauty for size and shape, full of work all over, and nicely polished, trifle dark in ground colour; vhc, sp, and hc, Burr, leader shade small, grand level nutty colour, well marked, gem for condition, not a feather out of place; vhc, Marley, noted winner, gone a trifle dark in colour, grand shape and style; hc, Douglas and Glaister, great size, splendid shape, trifle grey in colour; hc, Francis, fine type, too streaky in pencilling; c (2), Inman, both fine birds, one gone a little in neck feather, the other a bouncing big long-sided bird, fine col. and markings, weak in skull; c, Heal, very promising; some real good ones unplaced for various reasons; No. 1,588, McQuiston, refuses to face cage front, hard lines; 1,605, flights frayed; 1,599, rough at shoulder; 1,593, lovely colour and shape, but gone at neck, hard lines; 1,596, good old bird, wants legs scaling. CHAFFINCH (20): 1, Sykes, wonderfully rich in colour and carrying a lovely sheen, grand cap and bars, splendid whites and wing markings, good size, perfect style, and very shapely indeed, we liked much, put down in rare order; 2, Marley, trifle larger and bolder in build, bonny bird for colour and markings, loses a little in carriage and polish; 3, Nicholson, beats 2nd in polish, splendid bird for shape and style, lovely tone of body colour, in grand trim, fails in cap and bar, otherwise a beauty; 4, Prior, shade thinner at neck, perhaps, otherwise close up, excels in beauty of condition, wax-like in plumage and steady as a top, grand colour and markings, clinking good bird; vhc, Jeffreys, grand size, colour, and markings, shade soft when judged; No. 1,622, same owner, another very big and good bird, had small bare place over right eye; vhc, Stuart and Dalling, extra big and shapely, good colour and markings, looked a trifle coarse (not sleek) in head feather; hc, c, Francis, both real nice ones, former presses hard for higher place, trifle dull in appearance; hc, Barnett; c, Burrows. GREENFINCH (24): 1, vhc, Pickles, leader gem of a non-fed buff, ideal shape, big, very thick-set body, fine flights and tail, grand bold neck and head, splendid carriage, in wonderful condition, not a feather misplaced; the vhc we believe to be the Scottish National winning non-fed, beaten on head and in neck feather, and not looking so plump and fit as we have seen him, yet a bird of grand shape, quality, and colour; 2, Stuart and Dalling, a noted winner, lovely quality, splendid bold shape, grand head and neck, fed a nice tone of colour, not overdone, plumage shining like silk; 3, Lawrence, another gem, nicely fed, wonderful chest and head, equal to winner in type, excels in quality, unfortunately had some flight feathers not quite fully grown or would probably have gone up one notch; 4, Metcalfe, very fine stamp of bird, magnificent polish and quality, grand wing flights, splendid size and shape, but fed far too hot, we have little liking for "red" Greenfinches; vhc, Messer, another very taking non-fed, but gone in neck feather a trifle, beautiful shape, style, and quality; vhc, P. Walsh, the Sheffield, Nottingham, etc., winner, real gem for shape, tone of colour, and polish, but also a little faulty in neck feather, a pity; hc, Lavery, Marley, two very good ones, losing only a little in size; c, Godfrey, Davidson; No. 1,628 had on a marking ring, which is not wise, and only attracts comment about "distinguishing marks"; No. 1,628, remarkably hot fed, and excels in quality, but all the feathers lifting at back of skull, as though with soap left in.

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Mr. Silver's Classes.

LESSER REDPOLL (25). A strong class, and some grand specimens amongst them, many good ones perforce out of the cards: 1, Davidson, pretty little Redpoll, shows cap, nice bib and pinkish flush on breast, good flank markings, and in first-class condition; 2, Pickles, we liked much, paler than 1st, full of bloom and very shapely, good pencillings and cap; 3, Bruce, very steady, but fails in markings to leaders, nicely polished plumage and good carriage; 4, McQuiston, good size, well pencilled, capital colour, well shaped head; 5, Nicholas, capital chested bird, nice wings and cap, we liked much; vhc, Mrs. Hudd, good shapely bird, in splendid condition, as large a bib as any of the winners, well shown; hc, Reay, rich col. and a neat little chap all round; c, Webster, very neat, nice size and colour, perfect in feather. SISKIN (26). A strong class, some overdone with the pepper, and very few with the greatly-desired bib: 1, Prior, nat. col., very fine specimen, rich yellow and clear wing bars, nicely pencilled on flanks, good cap, large bib, capital carriage, shown in Mr. P's usual style; 2, McQuiston, col. fed, nice size, well mkd. on thighs, small bib, not so bright in colour as some in the class; 3, Watson, good cap, no bib, very shapely, splendid carriage, fine clear wing bars; 4, Mortlock, good size and shape, not much of a bib, nicely laced cap, well pencilled on flanks; 5, Burr, c.f., nice wing bars, smaller than leaders, well laced cap, stands well; vhc, Nicholson, hot fed, very taking exhibit, well shown; hc, Heal, hen, nicely pencilled, on the small side; c, Irvine, another good coloured bird, in fine fettle. HAWFINCH (17). A capital collection, mostly in spring plumage, but some rather spoilt by an overdose of red feed: 1, 4, Sykes, two very fine specimens, about as near perfection as one could wish, winner rich coloured head, good collar, correct tint of breast col., large clean cut bib, in the pink of condition; 4th, very little behind, shade narrower skull, and not quite such a neat shaped bib, quite equal in condition; 2, Welch, another grand bird, but fails to 1st in head and colour, a lighter built bird altogether, colours well defined, perhaps a trifle lucky to be 2nd; 3, Harris, rare size, grand head, very slight chip over beak or might well have been higher up, nice wings and collar, a bonny specimen, and very tame; ex 4, Parlett, blue bill and very hot colour, rare big bird, but not over shapely compared with others; vhc, Burr, a nice specimen, good bib and chest, on the small side; hc, Marley, undoubtedly spoilt by too much colour feed, the collar is brown instead of grey, rather on the small side. A.O.S. BRITISH BUNTING. A very interesting collection, including a Meadow Bunting, having to take a back seat as not being among the five species for which the class was given. The Snow Buntings were not as white as those we used to see from Yarmouth way: 1, Raine, capital Cirl, beautiful head markings, fine size and good carriage, the black and yellow head markings especially good, well shown; 2, Bruce, large Corn Bunting, rich col., and beautifully marked, the markings being regular in formation, capital exhibit; 3, Miss Bousfield, Snow Bunting, rather lucky some thought, too dark in plumage for a "topper," and might be steadier; 4, Francis, Lapland, not in full col., and on the small side, very unsteady when we saw it; vhc, c, Frostick, former Reed, capital head and throat, clear collar and well marked on back and flanks; latter, a grand Corn, very steady and rich col., not the size of 2nd, but in high condition, well staged; hc, Clark, Corn, good size, and well marked; 1772, Pearce, Cirl, rich yell. markings; 1778, Mays, much whiter plumaged Snow Bunting than 3rd, and seemed steadier, rather hard lines. SONG THRUSH or BLACKBIRD (17). A good class and some good birds out of the cards: 1, 3, Marley, both Blackies, 1st, well-known winner, jet black lustrous plumage, capital crocus bill and eye cere, very shapely and steady as could be wished; 3rd, not quite such good carriage, but not much to choose; 2, Bruce, large well spotted Thrush, fine bold-chested bird, we should say a hen, stands well, very tame, and lovely condition, all that could be desired; 4, Lott, another good Thrush, plenty of spots, but not so distinct as 2nd, very tame and in grand condition; vhc, Addison, Lomer, Blackbird and Thrush respectively, latter well spotted, but not distinct enough, and the Blackie struck us as a bit too slim for such company; hc, Hawkes, Blackie; c, Ford, a very promising youngster, will make up with a moult. MAGPIE, JACKDAW, ETC. (8): 3 Choughs, 4 Mags and 1 Jay; the Magpies seemed to hold quite a levy; 1, 2, Williams, Chough in fine condition, good red legs and bill, and a real good Magpie, perfect head, well polished, plenty of metallic sheen on flights and tail, perfect feather, clean cut bird, well shown; 3, McQuiston, another Chough, hardly as large as 1st, lustrous plumage and good red legs, rather better shape; 4, Bowler, Jay, nice wings, but too pale in plumage and on the small side; vhc, Kerr and Sons, Magpie in perfect feather, but on the small side; hc, P. Walsh, Chough, pale legs, looks like a young hen. SKYLARK (8). A very imposing array of brass-banded cages 1, Potts, a capital upstanding bold chested bird, good length, deep pencillings, rich colour and well staged; 2, Baseley, splendid specimen, must have pressed winner hard, very tame and in lovely condition, rich warm colour; 3, vhc, Lott, both very good birds, former very sprightly, good markings carried well down chest; latter hardly so stoutly built, but a good upstanding Skylark; 4, McVay, medium size, nice col., good chest and carr.; hc, P. Walsh, nice size and col., but pencillings not very distinct, very tame, and was singing beautifully whilst we were taking our notes, well shown; c, Smith and Thompson. WAGTAILS (8), only two of the five species being on view: 1, Collins, Yellow Wag., good colour and nice size, but struck us as rather unsteady, and we thought it lucky to get above 2, Rose, another Yellow, perfect feather, rather smoky on breast, but very tame and beautifully shown, must have been a tight thing with 1st; 3, Lund, entered as a cock, if it is a cock it is in immature plumage, and what were the "Greys" doing? can't follow the judge here; 4, Bent, again a Yellow (catalogued as a Grey), good colour, trifle rough in plumage, but might well have gone up a notch; vhc, Arnott, very good Grey, good size, moulting into spring plumage, tail feathers imperfect, but very clear white throat and eye marks; hc, Tout, young Yellow, not in colour, good feather; c, J. Bousfield, Grey, in perfect feather. FLYCATCHER ETC. (16). A very interesting class, containing a mixture of resident and migratory species, the Dartford Warbler, although entered, was not on view, having, we understand, gone into moult: 1, 2, Mays, 1st, a charming Grasshopper Warbler, in lovely order, a real gem of the first water, and shown for all it is worth; 2nd, pretty Treecreeper, looking very cosy in his baize lined cage, snow white throat and underparts, and beautifully marked on back, perfect feather, and quite at home; 3, Jeffrey, Wryneck, well laced and rich coloured throat, nice size and in splendid order; 4, Hattersley, sweet Lesser Whitethroat, undoubtedly the best of the 5 specimens present, tight as wax and very sprightly in his scenic cage, lovely silky plumage; vhc, Tout, Wheatear, nice white head marks, perfect plumage and claws, good size, not so large as some; hc, Hose, capital Redstart, perfect plumage and very steady; c, Saywell, very tame Greater Whitethroat, well shown. This class containd a topping Black Redstart, Fletcher, which seemed to be all that one could wish in size and colour, and many were surprised to see it cardless.

Mr. Fulljames's Classes.

MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (25): A grand lot, headed by one of the best Twites, Sykes, we ever remember seeing, the body col. is something wonderful, and the breast markings perfection, carries wings to a nicety, and as steady as any champion Linnet; 2, Campbell, equally perfect Mealy, extraordinary quality of plumage, beautifully steady, shows himself well, a very good 2nd indeed, very easily the best Mealy in a collection of extra good ones; 3, Crone, lovely Twite, not so very far behind the leader, perfect as that is, his breast and flank markings are not quite so well displayed, and his body colour is not quite so deep, but to say more would be entirely superfluous, the bird was only just beaten by a slightly better one of his own species, and by an absolutely perfect Mealy; 4, Metcalfe, Giant Mealy, worthy of the highest honours, but here had to stand down to one which was just a trifle better. In comparison with the 2nd he loses in texture and plumage, and in definition of markings, but it is only in comparison with perfection that any criticism could be made, a good one indeed; 5, vhc, Webster, grand Twite, and a beautiful Mealy Redpoll. The Twite loses in size to those above him, but in quality he yields nothing to any in the class, the Redpoll is the slimmest in shape of its species that we remember seeing, too slim perhaps for a Mealy, but still a beautiful bird. vhc, Pickles, extra good Twite, only unfortunate in meeting other extraordinary ones; vhc, Miss Bousfield, another good Twite, beautifully steady, loses only in definition of markings; hc, c, Heal, two lovely Twites, unlucky to be in such company; hc, Francis, very nice Lesser Redpoll. BRAMBLE (8): Eight of the best Brambles that could be gathered together, and amongst them, 1, Sykes, a bird which only the word perfection could describe; to attempt to detail the merits of the bird would be to use up all the superlative adjectives in the commendatory list; 2, Henderson, a lovely bird, but clearly beaten by a real champion, fine depth of breast col., carried well down, perfect in back markings and steady as a rock, might be a wee bit better in flank markings, but it is perhaps invidious to find a fault with so beautiful a specimen; 3, Marley, very nice Bramble, but lacks the subs. of those above it, and is not so good in flank markings, extra good polish, and no fault whatever could be found with the bird as a high-class exhibition specimen; 4, vhc, Hull, two more good ones, not so rich in breast col. as the others, and the chestnut does not extend so far down, both extra fine polish, and well shown; hc, Pringle; c, Nicholson. YELLOWHAMMER (20): A class that took a bit of sorting, but the winner, Marley, was clearly the best; nothing could be better than the cheek markings of this bird, the V on the head is sharply defined, the back markings are extra special, and the breast markings ditto, we have seen bigger but rarely better; 2, Lloyd James, a welcome return of an old exhibitor, and a worthy representative, further advanced in clearness of the head and neck yellow, and beautifully marked on the back, an extraordinarily good bird, only beaten by one that was just a bit better; 3, Livingstone, beautifully even body col., extra good back markings, cheek and head marks all that could be desired, steady to perfection, fine size, a good one all round; 4, Pitchford, beautiful 'Hammer, fine cheek markings, crown still a little mottled, and we could see nothing else that put him behind those above him, body col. and breast and back markings all that could be wished; vhc, Hawkes, nicely marked and beautifully steady, not quite the substance of those above him; vhc, Johnson, another good one, not yet clear enough in crown, and a shade small compared with the winners; hc, Evans; hc, White, both good enough to win in ordinary competition; c, Tabor; c, Gibb. Several of the birds in this class were colour-fed out of all resemblance to the natural colour of the Yellowhammer, and the judge appears to have had regard to this, for one or two of the unnoticed birds were good enough to have gone up if they had not been over colour-fed. HEN FINCH OR BUNTING (24): An extraordinarily good class; 1, 3, Francis, leader lovely Hawfinch, extra rich in body col., lovely polish, bib expansive, and clearly cut, finely shaped head, very steady, wins well; 3rd, very massive Corn Bunting, excelling in markings and polish of feather, steady beyond anything that would be expected in this restless species; 2, Jamieson, jun., the most perfect British Bullie hen it has ever been our lot to see, a lady all over, the polish of her plumage was a treat to observe, and in all the lines of her shape she displayed the utmost elegance, it must have been a very near thing that she was not placed before the Hawfinch; 4, Mays, the sweetest possible hen Bramble, a wee bit tiny, as becomes a lady, but a multum in parvo, excellence in a small package, nothing could be better; 5, Evans, a picture of a hen Linnet, markings disposed as though painted on, of the Yorkshire type, but all the more beautiful in consequence; vhc, Furley, very typical British Bullie, exceedingly rich in body col., extra fine polish of plumage; vhc, Bignall, beautiful Yellowhammer, a wee bit unsteady, or might have gone up, even in this strong class; hc, Davidson, exceptionally good Greenfinch; hc, Jeffreys, prettily marked Siskin; c, Burr, nice Hawfinch; c, Lloyd James, prettily mkd. Yellowhammer. STARLING (5): 1, Dell, one of the smaller spangled kind, marvellous lustre, the whole of the breast and under body packed with spangles, not one of which touches another, a marvel of a bird; 2, Lean and Son, an almost equally good example of the larger spotted variety, but, as usual in this kind, does not carry the high polish of the other sort, and the spangles touch in places; 3, Oliver, nice bird, but some degrees behind the others in spangling, extra good polish and shows well; 4, Alton, nice polish and profusely spangled, perhaps too profusely in places, well known winner, but we think justly beaten here; vhc, A. and O. Wellings, evidently extra good in spangling and polish, but too unsteady for close examination. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (6): 1, Lean and Son, a model, clean as a smelt, steady as a rock, extraordinary depth of chestnut on back, one of the best ever benched; 2, Miss Bousfield, Blackcap, perfect in every detail, feathered like wax, no need to describe it, ideal is the only word; 3, Welch, beautiful 'Gale, but shades lighter in colour than the winner, wonderfully steady, shows himself for all he is worth, and that is saying a great deal; 4, Mortlock, extra good Blackcap, only unlucky in meeting a slightly better one, very nice all round; vhc, J. and R. Lewis, nice Blackcap, tastefully shown in a cage fitted with natural perches and foliage; hc, Bent, nice Nightingale, well shown. WOODLARK, ETC. (15): 1, Fletcher, one of the best marked Tree Pipits we have seen, the breast markings are a picture, a lovely specimen indeed, a model of grace and beauty; 2, 4, Miss Smyth, leaders a perfect pair of Marsh Tits, healthy and lively without being at all wild, a very pretty and uncommon exhibit; 4th, an equally good pair of Blue Tits, exceedingly well shown with natural perches, and a rush sleeping place; 3, Andrews Bros., lovely pair of Bearded Reedlings, in a well furnished cage which showed them at their best. Continental specimens, certainly, but nearly all the Bearded Tits exhibited have had an assisted passage, and it would be hard to leave them out at the Palace after they have been accepted by judges all over the country; vhc, Collins, beautiful Hedge Sparrow, quite up in breeding col., a lovely exhibit, had broken a tail feather or two, or might have gone up; hc, Lott, nice Shorelark; c, Alton, Bearded Tits. WOODPECKERS, ETC. (12): 1, Wood, beautifully marked Missel Thrush, wonderful size, lovely col. and very steady, wins well; 2, Miss Bousfield, gem of a Waxwing, the "waxings" extra beautiful, marvellous texture of plumage even for this splendidly clothed species, absolutely perfection; 3, Yealland, exceptionally fine Greater Spotted Woodpecker, marvellously tame, feather perfect and well shown; 4, c, Marley, leader beautifully feathered Fieldfare, a thousand pities it has one foot slightly malformed, nicely steady for the species; c., the now well-known Missel, profusely spotted, too profusely perhaps, for the markings crowd together too much in places, very steady, takes sp. for best c. in the nine classes; vhc, Walsh, beautiful Waxwing, sp. for best vhc. in nine classes, feathered like silk, extra good one; hc, sp. best hc. in nine classes, Williams, another beautiful Waxwing, little if anything behind the vhc. bird. PIED, ALBINO, ETC. (16): 1, Ramsden's sp., Martin and Archer, the renowned cl. Yellowhammer, beautiful as ever, often described and as often praised as it deserves; 2, Mays, sweetly pretty Pied Meadow Pipit, all white except for marked wings, beautiful exhibit; 3, Teague, pure white Goldfinch, white as snow, well deserving its place; vhc, Sykes, nearly all white Blackbird, prettily marked on wings, extra good plumage; hc, Walsh, famous Silver Starling, hero of many battles, now showing age, but still a good one; c, Rowe and Richards, pretty Cinnamon Starling; the class comprised, as well as the above, a fine White Jackdaw, Price, which some thought might have been in the cards, White Hedge Sparrow, Hamilton, which could be greatly improved; Pied Linnet, Cinnamon Skylarks, Black Bullfinch, etc.

FOR. GOLDFINCH OR BULLF. (Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar) (17): 1, Henderson, the Scottish National and last year's Palace winner, we think, truly a grand Finch, splendid size and shape, finely marked wings, large, well-cut blaze of excellent colour, in magnificent condition; 2, Welsh, a really first-class Bullie, huge size, very bold chest and head, grand cap, rare rich even breast colour, very steady and stylish, condition A1; 3, Ovenstone, another exceptionally good Goldie, loses only a shade in width of chest and polish of plumage, fine big blaze, rich colour, clean in cut, very expansive underneath, nice buttons, etc.; 4, Price, Goldie, huge expanse of blaze, not quite so pure in colour or so well cut, stylish, fine wings and tan, trifle slim in build; vhc, Jenner, another really grand Bullie, wonderful size, very massive, beaten a little in breast colour; hc, Mrs. Davidson, very good Goldie, but built on smaller lines; c, Arrighi; No. 1,928, Howie, real good Goldie, we liked for a place.

BRITISH LIMIT: 1, vhc, Buckingham; 2, Frances; 3, Henderson; 4, Pickles; vhc, Ray; hc, Prior, Ramsden; c, Parlett, Pitchford.

NOVICE HYBRIDS & BRITISH.

Judge: Mr. H. Norman.

Entries in the novice British bird classes were a record, and far in advance of last year. Two of the classes (Goldfinch and Bullfinch, and Linnet, etc.) contained over forty birds in each, and we should think this is a record for any novice British bird classes. In the first class the Goldies were rather better represented than the Bullies, and although a Bullfinch led, they were not all through quite as good as the Goldies, but among them one could find some really good specimens. Taking the section all through there were several birds that could hold their own in open competition. The leaders in the Linnet, etc. class, were two really good ones. Mr. Grisdale's Mealy Redpoll, and Mr. Fowler's Linnet being something quite exceptional, as also was Mr. Oliver's Hawfinch—he is a shade on the small side, but in other respects equal to anything on view. As usual here and there among them one could find very fine birds that might have done better if a little more care had been given to the staging. A bird needing a wash and exhibited in an old cage badly in want of a coat of paint can hardly be expected to take premier honours. Novices should walk round the open section and observe the champions' methods. Mr. Oliver secured the Crystal Palace silver medal for best bird, Mr. Bryant the special for best vhc, and Mr. McKinlay for best hc bird. Hybrids were hardly so numerous as formerly, but still some good ones were sent in, and some choice crosses were represented, the light class contained a fine big Canary Bullie with a light tail, and one or two capital pointed birds. The judge wrong classed Mr. Fisher's bird, entered in catalogue as a Linnet Canary, for being, in his opinion, a clear Canary. Some very fine dark birds were to be found in the other class, Mr. Davis leading with a Goldie-Canary, and Mr. Morris-Richards winning with a Goldie-Bullie in A.V. class, another bird of the same cross, owned by Mr. Oldham, pressing it hard for premier position. Special for best Hybrid was won by Mr. Lewis; best vhc, Mr. Tanner; and best hc, Mr. Prosser-Thomas.

NOV., BRIT., GOLDF. or BULLF. (43): 1, hc, McKinlay, Bullfinch, a beauty for type and qual., lovely flush of breast col., good well shaped cap and bib, perfect wings, clear bar, full of polish; 2, Miller, rare size Goldie, good full face, hardly so clean cut as some, but grand top, and sound rich col., well tanned all over, capital wings, put down in tip-top condition; 3, Sadler, very fine Bullie, bold rich col., good cap, and nice full neck, chubby build, grand silvery back, good wings; ex. 3, Stephens, charming Goldie, bright clean blaze, good top, dense blacks, nicely tanned, stands well, nicely polished; 4, Allison, very chubby Bullie, with good front, of capital even col., richly polished cap, of good shape; ex. 4, Plummer, topping Goldie, rare size and shape, lovely clean cut blaze of sound col., well tanned, hardly the finish of leaders; 5, ex. 5, Dawson, grand shapely Bullie, good bold fronted bird, capital depth of col., beaten in polish here; ex 5, charming Goldie, beaten in size, clean cut face, in A1 condition; vhc, Parker, Kemp and Govier, Bryant, Murrell; hc, Stephens, McKinlay, Nott, Grisdale; c, Holden, Hardie; a fine class. LINNET, ETC. (45). 1, Grisdale, real good Mealy Redpoll, grand size, shape, clean cut with frilling, beautifully laced, nice clean bib and good wing; 2, Fowler, grand up-standing Linnet, lovely tone of col., well proportioned all through, wealth of pencilling, very distinct whites, shown in the pink of condition, close up; 3, Lewis, bonny Siskin, good size and shape, nice depth of col. and well laced, hardly the polish; ex. 3, Shearmur, fine, bold Linnet, big bird, of good col. and shape, hardly so distinct in pencilling as second, capital wings; 4, Miss Smyth, beautiful Linnet, grand shape, stands well, as good as any in class, unfortunately lost a feather in one wing; ex. 4, Raine, good Mealy, capital all round bird, but falls a bit in size, well shown; 5, Dr. Sprawson, bonny Linnet, grand shape and col., hardly staged to the best advantage; ex. 5, Dawson, smart Siskin, lovely cap, bib, wings, and lacing, nice tone of col.; vhc, Bryant, Tanner, Hardie, Sadler; hc, Kemp and Govier, Holden, Aldous, Woodcock; c, Holden, Alexander. A.O.V., FINCH or BUNTING (31): 1, Oliver, grand Hawfinch, leading, clean, smart feathered bird, very pure col., grand head and bib, good wings, beautifully staged, not a big one, but wins; 2, Plummer, very fine Chaffinch, grand size, shapely, very rich cap and breast, capital wings, in very fine condition, a credit to its owner; 3, Walker, beautiful Yell. Bunting, lovely shapely bird, nice deep rich col., grand well mkd. head, good flanks, back, and wings; 4, Griffin, very fine Greenie, grandly proportioned, rare rich wings, as tight as wax, well put down; ex. 4, Edgley, very nice Corn Bunting, capital size and shape, and well marked; 5, Johnson, big, bold Hawfinch, grand head and front, good depth of col., very expansive blaze, in good condition; vhc, Orange, Bostock, Bryant, Dawson; hc, Lomas, Holden, Cooper; c, Allison, Wade. HYBRIDS, CL., ETC. (9): 1, Lewis, bonny cl. tailed Can.-Bullie, good size and shape, grand full head, perfect wings, sound col. and qual.; 2, Morris, Richards, lovely four-pointed Goldie, grand size and shape, put down in the very pink of condition, a good bird; 3, Morrine, highly fed var. Greenie-Canary, not over large, but full of qual. and col., well staged; 4, Prosser Thomas, good four-pointed Goldie, grand shape and qual., perfect wings, nice touch of blaze, beaten size; vhc, Tanner; hc, Alexander; c, Frost. DARK (16): 1, Davis, grand bold Goldie, nice size and lovely type, good rich, even tone of col., nice touch of blaze, rich breast, very smart; 2, Bryant, big Linnet, rare subs., grand shape, good full head and front, stands well, nicely mkd., in good order; 3, Shipton, lovely Redpoll-Can., capital size and type, sound rich col., good wings with nice distinct bars, bit rough at thighs; 4, Lafbury, bonny Siskin, shapely smart bird, lovely type and style, in A1 condition; vhc, Cornelius; hc, McKinlay; c, Kemp-Govier. A.V., BRIT. HYB. (5): 1, Morris-Richards, real good Goldie-Bullie, bold fronted bird, stands well, lovely col., grand deep rich black, good wings, in very fine condition; 2, Shipton, lovely Siskin-Greenie, smart taking bird, good col. and qual., a charming spec.; 3, Oldham, another good Goldie-Bullie, hardly so big as winner, but very shapely, capital col., well shown; vhc, hc, Prosser-Thomas.

FOREIGN BIRD SECTION.

The foreign birds were small in numbers, yet formed a section which received a large share of the attention of the visiting public, and while one regrets that the efforts of the L.P.O.S. did not meet with a larger entry, yet the absence of entries from one or two prominent exhibitors is a full explanation and not an indication of waning interest. The beauty and quality of the exhibits left nothing to be desired, and the evidence of the excellence of the organising abilities of Mr. J. W. Ramsden and his colleagues met one on every hand throughout the period of the show. The changing cycle of fortune brings at one time overflowing, and at another meagrely filled classes, and though the latter ruled this year, the foreign section of the National Show for 1913 will not rank as the least successful of L.P.O.S. achievements. It has brought many rare and beautiful foreign species before the visiting public, and we congratulate both the society and the exhibitors on the result. The ten classes provided secured some ninety entries, including rare and beautiful species from many climes, the more notable of which winning many specials, as well as premier honours in the respective classes. The championship diploma, the Abrahams' Memorial trophy, L.P.O.S. members' silver challenge cup, and F.B.C. silver medal, were all secured by Mr. A. Ezra's rare and beautiful Minivet, the trophy for best Australasian bird and F.B.C. silver medal going to Miss Lydia Clare's lovely Queen Alexandra's Parrakeet. Mr. Ezra also secured the C.P. silver medal with his exquisite Amethyst-rumped Sunbird. Other rare and beautiful exhibits were: Mr. Ezra's Abyssinian Lovebird, Blue Chaffinch, Chilian Siskin (failed to catch the judge's eye!), Sepoy Finch, Japanese Redbreast and Loo-choo Robin, which, with the others named above, constitute a team of which any exhibitor may well be proud. Miss Clare's Hooded Parrakeet was another gem, which came in for almost as much admiration as her Queen Alexandra's Parrakeet; in fact, with these two birds one might well call the honours even. The Rev. Raynor's *Pococephali* triplet, Aubry's (very rare), Meyer's and Senegal Parrots, made an interesting group, the former will not do itself justice till it has been through another moult. Mention must be made of an exquisite Rainbow Bunting (Miss E. M. Dooly) and a gorgeous Hunting Cissa (J. Frostick). Mr. H. T. T. Camps, F.Z.S., judged the Parrot classes, and Mr. W. Swaysland the remainder. Their awards met with but little adverse criticism.

Mr. Camps' Classes.

BUDGERIGARS, LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (4): 1, A. Ezra, Abyssinian Lovebird, probably the only one of its kind in captivity, it is larger and stouter than a Budgerigar, and it (a hen) is all green with a crimson beak, the cock has a rich crimson beak; 2, Miss A. B. Smyth, good pair Black-cheeked Lovebirds; 3, S. W. Davis, Yellow Budgerigars, the greenish undulation very distinct; 4, Colville and Son, Yellow Budgerigars, not so pure a yellow as we used to see. A.O. PARRAKEETS (12): A very interesting class, all the exhibits being in excellent trim: 1, 2 sps, 2, Miss L. Clare, Queen Alexandra's Parrakeet, in exquisite colour and perfect condition, deserves its position, but run very close by the same owner's Hooded Parrakeet, equally beautiful and rare, and it must have been difficult for the judge to separate these—almost a case of "honours even"; 3, W. Edmunds, Many-coloured Parrakeet, one of the richest coloured and sleekest we have seen; 4, Christer and Sons, Red-naped Lorikeet, rich colour and very sleek, an interesting species; vhc (2), G. Fletcher, Barraband's (lovely colour) and King Parrakeet, both perfect, and a marvel of gorgeous colouration; c, W. Baxby, good pair of Alexandrine Parrakeets. Good specimens of Barnard's, a hybrid Pennant's and Red-rumped Parrakeets, were also staged. A.O.S. PARROTS (9): 1, 2, hc, sp, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Meyer's, Senegal and Aubry's Parrots, a fine trio of the same genus, the latter very rare, probably the only one in private hands, but needs to pass through another moult to bring it into exhibition trim; Meyer's, now quite a veteran, yet we have never seen it in better trim, the Senegal quite one of the best we have seen; 3, vhc, Schluter, Leadbeater Cockatoo, grand bird, very clean, lovely colour and bloom, and a good Grey Parrot; 4, Wade, Red-vented Parrot (catalogued as Blue-necked Parrot), a nice bird, with plenty of colour, but looking a wee bit dull; vhc, J. Ditchfield, Blue-fronted Amazon, perfect plumage and very loquacious; c, Ballington, another good Blue front.

Mr. Swaysland's Classes.

AVADAVATS, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Young, Diamond and Parson Finches, both perfect, very tight and silky, good colour and markings; 3, Miss M. Bousfield, St. Helena Waxbills, good colour, very tight; 4, Hose, good pair Golden-crested Waxbills; vhc, Hattersley, smart pair Zebra Finches; hc, Leavers, Diamond Finch; c, Frostick, another Diamond Sparrow. A good class, but not so large as it ought to be, not so representative considering the numbers of really beautiful "Freely Imported Species" that are now continually on the market. WAXBILLS, ETC. (10): An interesting class in which Mr. Ezra's exquisite Vinaceous Fire Finches were an easy first, and Mr. Chadwick's uncommon Red-collared Whydah, though the ends of the tail feathers were somewhat frayed was a good second, but run very close by some perfect Black-headed Gouldian Finches; 1, Ezra, Vinaceous Firefinches, uncommon, exquisitely beautiful, perfect; 2, Chadwick, Red-collared Whydah, uncommon, tail a bit frayed, but otherwise in excellent plumage; 3, Miss Bousfield, Black-headed Gouldian Finch, beautiful colour, very tight and sleek, never seen better; 4, Miss Backhouse, good pair, B.H. Gouldian Finches, not quite so tight as the 3rd prize bird; vhc, Andrews Bros., Ruficauda Finches, a handsome pair, rich col. and very tight; hc, Mdm. Feist-Madewell, Red-billed Weavers; c, Andrews Bros., pair Red-headed Finches, cock, nice bird, but hen quite soft, possibly caught a chill travelling to show. A good pair of Blue-breasted Waxbills were also shown and might have had a card. A Red-breasted Marsh bird entered as a South American Finch should have been marked wrong class. TRUE FINCHES, ETC. (11): The best filled class in section, and containing some really rare and beautiful birds, Mr. Ezra having a grand trio out, in our opinion the first and second prizes should have been transposed, and we cannot understand how the judge came to overlook the rare and perfect Chilian Siskin, one of the rarest birds in the show. An exquisite Rainbow Bunting, and a good pair of Japanese Hawfinches were other notabilities in a good class; 1, 2, Ezra, Sepoy Finch, rare and beautiful species, which unfortunately does not retain in captivity the lovely scarlet plumage, but moults out orange-yellow, and Blue Chaffinch (Fringilla teydea), beautiful and rare, a typical Chaffinch in contour but a lovely deep blue colour; 3, Miss Smyth, Japanese Hawfinches, a handsome pair of birds, very fit and a good colour; 4, Miss Dooly, Rainbow Bunting, a gem, one of the best we have seen; vhc, sp, Mrs. Greene, very good pair of Black-headed Siskins; hc, Frostick, Virginian Nightingale, tight and rich colour; c, Arrighi, Cape Sparrow, well-known bird and beautiful, the sharply defined markings being very clean and distinct, and the colours pure, quite one of the best we have seen. Red-crested and Green Cardinals also staged. TANAGERS (5): contained nothing new, and very good White-capped, Festive, and Maroon Tanagers, were the more notable; 1, 2, Miss Bousfield, Festive (a hen) and White-capped Tanagers, both good birds, but the former not so tight as it might be, the position of these two birds might have been transposed; 3, Mrs. Thynne, Maroon Tanager, in good trim and grand colour, but wild; 4, Arnott; vhc, Frostick, both tri-colour Tanagers in splendid order. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (4): 1, sp, A. Ezra, Amethyst-rumped Sunbird, beyond praise, a living gem, scintillating like a ruby, and its owner is to be complimented on his skill in having thrice moulted this bird in captivity; 2, Arnott, Yellow-winged Sugarbird, a beauty, rivalling in the richness of its hues the renowned specimen which Mr. S. M. Townsend (we regretted to learn that ill health had prevented Mr. Townsend sending any birds this year) staged so successfully for several years; 3, Miss Bousfield, Yellow-winged Sugarbird, good colour, but not so tight as the 2nd; 4, Meager, Red-eared Bulbul, a handsome exhibit, really smart bird in perfect trim; vhc, Yealland, good pair of Yellow-winged Sugarbirds, but a little soft. The Tanagers and Sugarbirds provided an array of silken tropical colouring that was worth a long journey to see. A.O.S., SMALL (8): 1, 4 spls, 2, 3, Ezra, short-billed Minivet, beautiful and rare Indian species of graceful form, shining black with bluish sheen above, and flaming red beneath, while its elegant form and graceful deportment rival its exquisite plumage; it may fairly be termed an all round exquisite; 2, Loo-choo Robin; 3, Japanese Redbreast, both grand birds in perfect plumage and with all the attractiveness of the Robin-tribe, a grand trio; 4, Miss Smyth, Red-breasted Marsh Bird, very steady for such a species, but with claws much too long, it is a young bird and will yet show more red in its plumage, the red areas will become more intense in colour; vhc, Fordred, Pekin Robin, exceptionally well-coloured, looks to be colour-fed; hc, sp, Yealland, Hangnests, rather rough plumage, and, though very probably cock and hen, the birds were of two species; c, F. R. Tatten, Silky Cowbird. A pair of Hill Mynahs in rough plumage, should have been marked wrong class, their proper place being in the next class. A.O.S., LARGE (5): A small class, containing two uncommon birds, and other beautiful and interesting species. Most of the visiting public paused before the winner, Mr. Frostick's Hunting Cissa, and exclaimed at its beautiful plumage, and it certainly merited all the admiration it received; alert yet steady, its silky garment of soft pale blue and warm brown, red bill, and flesh coloured legs made a most effective combination, which would have shown to even greater advantage against a darker background. Mr. Simpson's Cuban Trogan 2nd is a species which does not show to advantage within the limits of a show-cage; in roomier quarters the beautiful coloration of the plumage and interesting demeanour are displayed, but it is a lethargic species, this specimen approached very nearly to the full coloration of the wild bird, the plumage is soft and easily damaged; 3, Hattersley, long-tailed glossy Starling, a perfect specimen of this beautiful, but well-known species, the same remarks apply to Messrs. Andrews Bros., Green Glossy Starling (vhc), a perfect specimen, but the glistening and changing metallic hues of this lovely species, are too well known to call for description; 4, Hon. C. Agar-Robartes, Greater Hill Mynah, very sleek and perfect plumage.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

An appreciation of Mr. Tyson's services: The Club now financially sound.

It was half an hour after the advertised time that the annual meeting commenced of the Crested Canary Club in the Board Room at the Crystal Palace on Feb. 8th, and even then the attendance was only small. In opening the meeting, Mr. J. Tyson, the hon. sec., said he had received a letter from the President, Mr. Rhodes, informing him that much to his regret he was unable to be present, but that his interest in the Club was as great as ever, and anything he could do to promote its work he should be at all times pleased to do. On the proposition of Mr. T. Heath, seconded by Mr. J. Robson, Mr. G. Crabb was voted to the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Litchfield, Dr. Twigg, Messrs Heath, Robson, Ley, Horton, Dawn, Broad, Framp, Burrows, Greenwood, Burson, Barnett, Sheppard, Brotherton, and J. Tyson, hon. sec.

The balance sheet was taken as read, all the members having received a copy. In his annual report Mr. Tyson spoke of the liberality of the members in assisting in the work of reducing the adverse balance which was in existence when he took office two years ago. It had now been not only wiped out, but transformed into a balance in hand of £7 7s. 5d. He emphasised the fact that the work during the year had not only been onerous and arduous, but it had been depressing owing to the loss of old members, and the absence of new ones. He had tried hard to secure new members, but the result had been very poor, and not worth the effort made. The result was seen in the lack of demand for stock, and this was due also in some degree to the lack of enthusiasm among the members. The membership, in spite of all his efforts, had decreased. He deeply regretted the loss of four members by death, amongst them two of their oldest and best, Messrs. T. Taylor and J. Dobson. In speaking of the club competitions he pointed out that owing to the absence of novice members there had been no novice competition, as, according to the rules, the number competing had not been large enough. During the year the sub-committee appointed to deal with the question of a Club show cage had selected a pattern cage, and asked the Club to make the Club show cage compulsory from the year 1914. Five hundred rings had been sold, and he had received a number of reports concerning them, which on the whole were satisfactory. It had not been a glorious year, and whilst conscious of his own shortcomings, due not to lack of interest in the Club, but to the fact that he could not give the time necessary to carry on the work of the Club, he did feel that the members might have done more, and more would have to be done if the Club was to be kept going.

What the Secretary Did.

Mr. Ley said that now they had a balance in hand he was going to refer to the matter of the secretary's honorarium, of which he spoke twelve months since. On that occasion himself and two or three others felt that Mr. Tyson should be remunerated for the work and time he gave to the club, and they decided they would do their little to help, but Mr. Tyson would not hear of it until such time as the Club was self-supporting. Now that the Club had a balance of over seven guineas, and had shown that it was self-supporting, he thought that they ought to give Mr. Tyson an honorarium. When they begged Mr. Tyson to take office the Club was heavy in debt, and in a little while would have ceased to exist had Mr. Tyson not stepped into the breach, and well had he done his work. A debit balance of £15 had been turned into a credit balance of over £7. They must remember the Club made a big claim on Mr. Tyson, he had practically to work it the whole twelve months by himself, as there was only the day of the annual meeting when he had any help from the members. He thought they should give him an honorarium, and he with some friends would make it up into £10. Mr. Heath proposed and Mr. Robson seconded that the Club vote £5 as a honorarium to the hon. sec. This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Ley undertook to collect the other £5.

On the motion of Mr. Framp, seconded by Mr. Broad, the secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. Ley proposed, and Dr. Twigg seconded, a vote of thanks to the auditors, to which Messrs. Heath and Robson responded, expressing their great pleasure in helping on the work of the Club.

The three-guinea special drawing then took place, Cheltenham, Nottingham, Plymouth, Manchester, and the Crystal Palace all drew blanks, and the last out of the hat—the L.C.B.A.—took the honour. On the points being totalled it was found that Messrs. Evins Bros. were the winners with 17 points, the runners-up being Messrs. Greenwood and Burson with 11 points.

Mr. Tyson announced that the committee had again elected Mr. Rhodes as President.

The Club Show.

Mr. Ley had given notice to discuss the advisability of holding the Club show annually in London. He said he considered it important that all the Club's trophies should be competed for in the centre of the universe. All roads led to London, and fanciers would attend a show in London when they would not go to Cheltenham, Nottingham, or Manchester. He also thought that the show should be held later in the year. He, himself, had won the principal cup last year, yet when the Palace came round he was completely outdistanced by a bird which was not ready for the Club show, and he did not think it fair that he should hold the cup when Messrs. Greenwood and Burson had a better bird than the one which had won the cup for him. The Palace show might be thought too late, but there was the L.C.B.A., that would neither be too early nor too late. He thought that the knowledge that the Club show was held at a fixed date and place would tend to create greater interest. If the show was held in October or early November the best young birds were not through moult, and thus the Club show did not bring out the best birds of the year, which it would do if held at a later date.

Mr. Heath agreed that a later date would work for the benefit of the Club show, but it would never do to fix the Club show in London. He considered that the provincial members should be studied, and it was against their interests to hold the show always in London.—Mr. Greenwood agreed with Mr. Ley, and seconded his motion, and Mr. Broad supported. Mr. Robson, Mr. Sheppard, Dr. Twigg, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Dawn all said it would be most unwise and unfair to fix the show in London. Mr. Robson said that Mr. Ley's argument that London shows drew the best entries was really an argument against his proposition, because it showed them there was need for the Club to arouse more interest in the country shows. He could not understand Mr. Ley, a Nottingham man, suggesting such a thing, because it had for years been Nottingham's proud boast that they always had the best show in the kingdom.

Mr. Ley said he suggested it because the provincial shows were most of them too early, and the Nottingham men were sportsmen, they wanted the show held at such a time when all the best birds would be out, and they had no fear in sending birds to London. Further, he was certain it would mean increased entries.—Mr. Tyson said Messrs. Evins Bros. had written in favour of London, whilst Mr. Bale was against it, the latter suggesting that each county should have the Club show in turn, and thus let fanciers throughout the country have a chance of seeing the cream of the Fancy occasionally. Mr. Tyson went on to say that when the present rule of one society only having the Club show once in five years was fixed, it was done with the object Mr. Bale mentioned, but times had changed and it was difficult now to fix up the Club show, whilst the London shows seemed to draw the best entries.—Mr. Ley, in reply, said that those who agreed with a fixed and later date overlooked the fact that the adoption of November would limit the Club to one or two shows, and thus the objection against London was removed, especially as the L.C.B.A. show was always held at the end of November.—Mr. Crabb thought the present arrangement could not be improved upon. If a later date was fixed upon he thought there would be grumbling from the members whose local show was held in October or early November.

The Novices Considered.

Mr. Tyson suggested that greater liberty should be given to the committee in the allocation of the Club show, the five years' rule worked rather arbitrarily, and caused a certain amount of hardship. He thought the drop in the entries was not due so much to the date of the Club show as to the fact that the novices were forced out of the novice classes too soon, and finding they could not hold their own in open competition, dropped out altogether.

Mr. Robson said that the novices were forced out more because of the high prices asked for stock than to any method of allocating the Club show. He agreed with Mr. Tyson that if they could attract and keep the novices it would increase the membership, and promote the welfare of the Club as a whole.

Mr. Ley said if the Club show was held at a fixed and later date those who held the best birds would keep them back, and thus the novices would have a good chance. Mr. Brotherton thought the early shows would suffer, too, because if there was anything in Mr. Ley's argument they would all be holding back for the club show, and then what would become of the early shows?—On the vote being taken there were 6 for the motion, and 8 against, and thus one-and-a-half hours' talk ended in things being left as before.

On the motion to receive reports of the 1912 experiments and discuss the compulsory adoption of closed rings, Mr. Tyson said Mr. Woollard had written against compulsion, as had Messrs. Bale, Evins Bros., and Guy, but Mr. E. Barker was in favour.—Mr. Ley said his experience was all against the use of rings.—Dr. Twigg said he had had no trouble.—Mr. Robson said the secret of successful ringing was not to ring too soon. The general feeling of the meeting was against compulsion, and Dr. Twigg proposed and Mr. Heath seconded a motion that a larger ring should be issued this year, and that members should be advised not to ring birds till seven days old. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Tyson said compulsion having been dropped, the next motion fell through, as it was impossible to have championships unless they had all birds rung. This motion read—"To discuss the advisability of awarding championship certificates after a given number of wins, thus allowing the exhibit the use of the title 'champion.'"

On the motion "To discuss ways and means of awaking the interest in the variety from its present dormant condition" coming up, Dr. Twigg said he would give eight specials of 5s. each to be competed for at eight shows for the best bird shown by a novice, the winner not to take it unless he became a member of the C.C.C. This would result in an accession of new members, because if successful it would mean one new member from each of the eight shows. Dr. Twigg's offer was accepted with thanks.—After some discussion it was, on the motion of Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Heath, decided to offer a "draw special" for yellows, on the same conditions as the one now given for buffs, but with the difference that both old and young birds compete, and at any show where there are two classes for yellows.

Mr. Dawn suggested that the Club should arrange for experts to give lectures up and down the country from time to time, so as to instruct the novices.—Mr. Ley said that the novices could teach the experts, for if anything wonderful was done and the record appeared in the papers it was usually a novice who had done it.—The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman and hon. sec.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting held in Bird Inn, High Hold, Feb. 8, Mr. J. W. Elliott in the chair. Decided to have supper on Feb. 22. supper on the table at 7. All members are invited to attend and enjoy themselves. Price for supper, 1s. 6d. Mr. W. H. Butler was appointed to judge Nest Feather show, July 5, also annual show Nov. 22. Mr. J. W. Elliott was elected chairman, and Wm. Knowles, sec. and treas., and the whole of the members on the committee.—Wm. Knowles, Sec.

THATTO HEATH O.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 3, at Railway Hotel. Owing to sickness our chairman, Mr. H. Enever. was unable to attend. Mr. A. Ashcroft occupied the chair in his absence. There was a pretty fair turn-up of members to take their share of prize money from last show, which was a success. Special prizes of cash went along with every first prize, besides material specials. Decided to hold our Nest Feather show July 5. Proposed also that the monthly papers be continued. Mr. R. P. Bixter, Prescot, kindly promised to give the first at our next meeting on March 3, on the Norwich Plainhead. Members cannot afford to miss this treat. Novices, remember this, and turn up and bring a fancier friend. Officials for 1913:—Pres., Dr. Cotton; vice-presidents, Dr. Wilson, Mr. J. Ashton; chair, Mr. H. Enever; vice-chair, A. Ashcroft; hon. treas., Mr. J. Leather; hon. sec., Mr. H. Cuttler; assist. sec., Mr. H. H. Bixter. Fanciers wishing to join the society may do so by applying to any member of the society or sec.—H. Cuttler, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting was held in the Press-room at the Palace, on Saturday afternoon. There were present: Messrs. E. Baker (in the chair), F. S. Matthes (hon. treas. and sec.), Midgley, Hodder, Geo. Gardiner, Gill, Keech, Houghton, Cole, W. Ellis, Newley, Parr, Tomsett, and Lathlieff. The Sec. read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted, on the motion of Mr. G. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Keech. The secretary announced the result of the voting as follows:—Pres., Mr. E. Baker; hon. treas., Mr. F. S. Matthes; auditors, Messrs. T. Heath and Robson; committee (London area), Messrs. J. W. Ramsden 22, J. Robson 21, J. Hodder 20, L. Richardson 20, J. Hazell 12, G. F. Crawford 9, (provincial area) W. W. Midgley 20, W. Ellis 19, S. Gill 16, W. Collings 16, A. J. Kilby 12, J. Houghton 8. The Treasurer then made his annual report. He said he had not got all the subscriptions in, and there were a few sundries to settle up, so he had not yet been able to get out a proper balance sheet, but from a rough guess he thought he had enough in hand to meet all liabilities to the end of the year 1912, with cash to pay for all specials won during the season. Balance sheet, after audit, would be issued in March. They had done fairly well during the past year. They had lost about six members by resignation, but their total membership was 108. Of the members starred only about six were more in arrears than 1912, and none over four years. He thought he should get most of the money in by the end of March. He thought they might take it that Mr. E. Baker was the winner of the £10 10s. cup this year, and Mr. J. Houghton the £3 3s. cup. For the novice special, Mr. S. Ward Clapham show, Mr. Campbell Wimbledon show, Mr. Crawford L.C.B.A. show. He (Mr. Matthes) had been round to most of the London shows, and thought that this year they had Norwich on the bench better than ever before down South. He thought there had been as good specimens of Norwich at the Palace as seen for several years, and he could assure them that the club was fully alive to everything that could tend to work up the standard of bird to their ideal. He thanked all the members who had helped him with subs., and in other ways. Everybody had seemed willing to help him when he needed it. Mr. Gill said he thought they might have had a balance sheet presented at the annual meeting, and thought it ought to be out. The Sec. explained that he had waited until the final results at the Palace re points, then after the purchase of specials would present his balance of accounts. Mr. Cole thought it was quite in order until the Palace show was over, so far as funds were concerned. Mr. Gill then mentioned that the annual meeting ought to be held in March, and after other discussion the secretary's report was adopted.

The following resolution, of which notice had been given, stood in the name of Mr. C. Garland (Plymouth): "That all birds competing for the S.N.P.C. trophies must be bred by the exhibitor." Mr. Gill was the seconder to this motion. The Chairman said if he had not been interested in the cup competition he should have been inclined to rule the motion out of order. Legally, the £10 10s. cup had been won four times, and the conditions under which it had been competed for could not be altered until it was won outright. Mr. Gill did not see that this motion altered the conditions one iota. It merely says that a man must breed his own birds. Mr. Midgley: But it would be an alteration! The Chairman: It is a sweeping suggestion. It would court dishonesty and bring disaster. How is anyone to know whether a bird is bred by an exhibitor or not?—Mr. Hodder spoke of some of the difficulties in the way of the resolution, and declared he was opposed to it as impracticable. Mr. Midgley moved that they proceed to the next business.—Mr. Gill: I think it will help the Fancy. The Chairman could not help thinking, from things that came to his knowledge, that the resolution was aimed at him. Mr. Gill did not think so. The Chairman: I have it as a hit against me because I bought a bird at Plymouth.

After other discussion, in which the Sec. said he was of opinion that if the resolution were carried it would in less than two years reduce the membership to 20, then to ten, and ultimately destroy the club altogether. The resolution was then put and lost.

A letter was read from Mr. Crawford, stating that if Mr. Garland's resolution was defeated, he would wish to withdraw his resolution, set down as follows: "That all birds must have closed rings, if owners' birds only compete for trophies, and these be bought through the club, with a record kept of sales," and this was consequently withdrawn.

The following motion by Mr. Spillman (Devonport), was afterwards agreed to: "That rule 10 be altered for champion classes as follows:—Nor., cl. or invisible tkd., yell., ditto buff, tkd., mkd., or varieg. yell., ditto buff, yell. hen, buff hen, yell. unflighted, buff unflighted." The chairman here left to catch a train, and Mr. Midgley took his place while votes of thanks were recorded to the retiring officers and chairman.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Third annual general meeting, Feb. 6, at St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. There was a good number of members present. The balance sheet for 1912 was presented and passed, and was considered very satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £8 13s. 11d. Decided to hold a pair show on March 6, for Canaries and Muling and Hybrid pairs, and some good competition is expected. Members are particularly asked to bring their friends, and make the show a success.—A. F. Fifield, Press Correspondent.

OLDHAM C.B.A.

Annual party held at headquarters, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, on Feb. 1, when about forty fanciers and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunkerley. After tea we all spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, as we had some very good artistes, who did their duties wonderfully well. Songs were beautifully sung by Miss Beaumont, Mr. Lawrence Creed, and Mr. Schofield, while Messrs. Steeple and Green produced sweet melody from the concertina. Mr. Ernest Taylor, Shaw, was an excellent pianist, and Mr. Thomas Ashton a good M.C.—James Cope, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in village schoolroom, Alexandria, Feb. 4, Pres. Donaldson in the chair. Hall committee gave report, and agreed to engage large hall, village schoolroom, to commence at next meeting, Tuesday, March 11, and every following fourth Tuesday. It was decided to hold at next meeting a Mule and Hybrid pair show, muling pair special by Mr. Ritchie, jun.; Bullfinch Hybrid pair special by Mr. Hannah; and A.O.V. Hyb. pair, sp. by sec., Mr. Kerr, Dumbarton, to judge. Seven new members have been admitted. A hearty vote of thanks awarded to Messrs. A. Nicholson and J. Hannah for their kind services as judges at pair Canary show, terminated the meeting.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Reego Street Hall, Feb. 6, before a fair gathering of members. Four new members were admitted. It was agreed to open five new classes. Three medals were put forward by members for competition among new members. It was agreed to have a judging competition next month.—Charles Grant, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, Jan. 25, James Muir presiding. Rules and classification were gone through. Proposed to take out selling class Border, and put in a class for Dark Mules, this to be confirmed at next meeting, Feb. 22. Judges for shows to be held July 26 and Dec. 13 will be nominated at this meeting. Good attendance requested.—Walter Clarkson, Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY F. AND F.S.

Meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, Feb. 8, Mr. W. Ayers in the chair, the attendance being fairly good. The books were gone through, and show a balance of £1 7s. Two new members were accepted: J. G. O'Hagan and R. Logan. It was passed that the formation of rules be left till next meeting, so members, please attend the next meeting and let us have the rules made satisfactory to everyone. Our First Feather show date is June 21, and I wish every member a successful breeding season, and a bumping entry at the F.F. Show.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, Bradford, a nice collection of members gathering together. Mr. W. Morement in the chair. The principal item of the evening's work was the voting on the alterations to present Yorkshire Union rules, etc., some of which created very important and interesting discussions. After each old rule and suggested new rule had been carefully studied and discussed by all members present, the voting was then put into operation, after which the ballot paper was duly filled in by Mr. W. Helliwell (sec.), which brought the meeting to a close.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held in Masons Arms, Feb. 8, Mr. A. Jardine, President, in the chair. The chairman asked members to consider Rule 6, and after discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. H. Nelson, seconded by D. Dalgleish, that we be firm with this rule. All members must book their hens at March meeting, and secretary was instructed to post-card absent members about same. On the motion of R. H. Douglas, seconded by R. Fisher, it was agreed to give a gold medal for best Mule or British bird. The chairman tabled a motion that we consider classification at March meeting. The following new members were admitted: J. Steel, Dalkeith; J. Skinner and J. Currie, Musselburgh. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—Walter B. Smart, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

The annual general meeting will be held Feb. 20, at The Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, when besides important letters and proposed additional rules to be dealt with, the presentation of the cups and medals will take place. Mr. P. Lane is the winner of the champion cup, and Mr. J. Clay, Birmingham, the novice cup, the latter cup being a superb piece of workmanship. Something out of the ordinary are the medals for runners-up in each section, the centre of each being a fine engraved Yorkie. I trust all Yorkshire fanciers will attend, and also the Novice Yorkshire fancier should let me have his name for nomination, the fee being 1s., with an annual subscription of 2s. 6d. We are all anxious to see a good start for the coming year, and subs. for 1912 and 1913 should be sent at once. I hope all secretaries of the Midland Counties will apply early for patronage, as the result last season was excellent, and show results above the average where the M.C.Y.C.C. support was given, especially in novice classes.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 5, at Hanwell Public Library, when about 70 members attended. Mr. J. Morley, pres., in the chair. Mrs. Morley did the society the honour of distributing the cups and prizes, etc., to the respective winners. Mr. Jeal, Hounslow, carried off, amidst the cheers of his fellow members, the £10 10s. challenge cup, for the most points with three nominated birds in seven shows, also the silver cup for introducing most new members during 1912. Mr. Crokett won the silver cage bird points cup, and Mr. Carr silver medal for runner-up. Messrs. S. Wardell, Hawkes, Burton, Holder, Barry, Bush, Stanton, and Johnston, won new members' medals. Messrs. Burton, Holder, Jeal, Carr, Cutler, Ward, Kempster, Hunter, Johnston, Kirton, Poupart, won spoons in their respective sections, and other specials too numerous to mention were awarded. The balance sheet was read and passed, and showed that the society had £20 to the good. During 1912 forty new members joined the society, and at this meeting ten more were proposed. Votes of thanks were then given to Mr. and Mrs. Morley for their support, and to the secretary for the position he had brought the society to, viz., £20 balance. Next general meeting Feb. 22, at Hanwell Public Library, at 8.—Rowland Bamber, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

SOUTHERN YORKS. C.C.

Following are the results of this season's competitions:—Challenge cup, Messrs. Hawes Bros., runner-up, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Trophies, £3 3s., Mr. H. T. Jones (85), £1 1s. Mr. R. Rorke (80), 15s. Messrs. Hawes Bros. (73), 10s. Mr. E. G. Atkins (65), half-dozen knives, Messrs. Easterling and Carson. Special No. 8, Messrs. Hawes Bros. (66), Special No. 9 Messrs. Easterling and Carson (40), Special No. 10 Mr. E. G. Atkins (39); Mr. Easterling's cup, Messrs. Hawes Bros.; Messrs. Hawes Bros.' special, Mr. R. L. Crisp; teapot for first year champion, Mr. Stoakley. Diplomas: Clapham, Messrs. Hawes and Mr. H. T. Jones; Cheltenham, Mr. P. Rorke and Mr. R. L. Crisp; Leyton, Mr. H. T. Jones and Mr. W. Foxen; Swansea (2), Mr. R. L. Crisp; Wimbledon, Messrs. Hawes and Mr. H. Knight; Cardiff, Mr. E. G. Atkins and Mr. H. T. Jones; Plymouth and L.C.B.A., not to hand. Novice Section: Teapots: Clapham, Mr. G. King; Cheltenham, Mr. W. J. Kent; Wimbledon, Mr. Tebbs; L.C.B.A., Mr. Hall. Medals: Clapham, Mr. Bush; Cheltenham, Mr. Nicholls; Wimbledon and L.C.B.A., Mr. W. J. Kent. Special No. 5 (£1 1s.), Mr. G. King; Special No. 6 (10s.), Mr. Bush. Diplomas: Clapham and Cheltenham awarded to non-members; Wimbledon, Mr. Tebbs and Mr. W. J. Kent; Portsmouth, Mr. J. R. Lloyd and Mr. G. King. Mr. Easterling's medal, Mr. Blackman. Should any member make his points differ from the above, I shall be glad if he will notify me at once, also will those members who have not yet paid their subs. kindly do so at once to enable the annual general meeting to be held on an early date.—J. W. Rennie, Hon. Sec.

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Successful meeting held Feb. 5, when the following office-bearers were elected:—Pres., W. Muir; vice-pres., D. Jamieson; treas., Mr. Colville; comm., J. Wilson, J. Heenan, A. Chalmers, A. Roe, A. Stewart, C. Rae.—Sec., J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.

WINSFORD C.B.S.

Members' show will be held on March 1st at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Over. Schedules ready shortly. Members' subscriptions due for 1913, before or with entries. New members welcomed, subscription 2s. 6d. - W. E. Tomkinson, Assist.-Sec., 426, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 6. Decided to hold a pair show on Feb. 27, with the following classes: Norwich pairs, Yorks. pairs, Hybrid pairs, British birds. Three silver points cups were allotted, one each for Norwich, Yorks. and British, points to count at pair show, young stock show and annual show, and all to be won outright this year. Four gentlemen were nominated for membership.—Jeffery Jefferis, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BELFAST C. & Y.C.C.

Monthly meeting held in the Clarence Place Hall, Feb. 1, Mr. Jas. E. Adams (president) in the chair. This being the night on which the judge for our show in Nov. was to be elected, there was a large turnout of members, all eager for their favourite. In the end, Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, was appointed, and has since accepted. The society still continues to add to its membership each night of meeting, and any fancier who thinks of joining us has till June to do so. After that date, according to rule, no member can be admitted. Will Irish secretaries please note our show will be held on Nov. 14 and 15?—John Barclay, Sec., 18, Hatfield Street.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C

Meeting and table show held Feb. 3., Mr. Smith in the chair. Mr. Duncan not being able to get to the meeting, Mr. A. Montgomery was chosen to judge. After considerable discussion it was carried that the medal promised by Mr. Duncan be given for most points at the next table show. Following are the winners at the table show:—

Class 1: 1, 2, J. Johnstone; 3, 4, vhc, c, W. Smith; hc, J. Craig. Class 2: 1, 2, J. Johnstone; 3, 4, hc, G. Greenwell; vhc, W. Smith. Class 3: 1, 2, J. Johnstone; 3, 4, G. Greenwell. Novice section, class 4: 1, G. Wilson; 2, vhc, T. Smith; 3, 4, W. Beevor; hc, c, A. Affleck. Class 5: 1, T. Smith; 2, A. Affleck; 3, 4, W. Beevor. Class 6: 1, W. Beevor. A hearty vote of thanks was then given for the judge, bringing a splendid meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Half Moon Inn, Feb. 5, Mr. Brown in the chair. The secretary submitted his report, which recorded a successful year's work. The statement of accounts submitted showed a balance of £3. The report was unanimously adopted. The society had paid to members for table shows, special and points special for year, £2 15s. Winners: Canary section, Mr. J. Paterson 1st, with 75 points; Mr. Robert Todd, 2nd, with 69 points. British section, Mr. J. Forster, 1st, 90 points; Mr. W. Gregory, 2nd, 89. The election of officers for 1913 was as follows: Chair, Mr. W. Carrol; vice-chairman, W. Gregory; treas., Mr. M. Cornor; Committee, W. Grainger, J. Paterson, R. Todd, W. Crossling, J. Brown, M. Cornor, W. Gregory. Hon. Sec., H. Todd; assist. sec., J. Paterson. The pair show will be held next meeting, March 6, seven classes. We offer a hearty invitation to Darlington fanciers to come and join us. Entry fee 1s., subscriptions 6d. per month.—H. Todd.

SWINDON F. AND F.A.

Adjourned annual general meeting held at the Baths, Feb. 5. Present: Messrs. H. R. Halliday (chair), A. Ireland, W. Shane, C. Bridgeman, E. Jefferies, F. R. Gee, D. Hoare, F. G. Berry, J. Bennett, J. T. Edmonds, W. Brooks, J. Tarrant, T. Wilkins, H. A. Northover, J. Smith, and W. J. Moran. New member elected, Mr. J. J. Browne, Swindon. Decided, to hold table shows of young stock at the monthly meetings (cage birds in June). Also decided to have a series of papers on the vacant monthly meetings (cage birds by Mr. J. T. Edmonds, in March). An exhibition of washing and preparing cage birds for show will be given by Mr. W. Greenwood in October, and a lantern lecture by Mr. J. T. Edmonds, on cage birds, in November, with plates he is preparing this summer. It was decided to hold a members' young stock show at the Baths on the first or second Saturday in October, when we hope to hold a record show. Consideration of our large open show was deferred to a later meeting. Our monthly meetings are held on the last Wed. in month, at 8 p.m., at the Baths, Milton Road entrance. Fanciers and friends heartily invited. Fanciers living within a radius of 20 miles of Swindon are invited to join the society; entrance fee 1s., annual subscription 3s.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S

Mr. W. Cruise opened a very interesting discussion on the general management of Canaries at the meeting held February 4th before a good attendance. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy the proceedings. Mr. Cruise's remarks emanated from one who has proved for himself the practical benefits to be derived from the various methods he advocated, and who has never hesitated to give others the benefit of his long experience in the Fancy. The audience was not slow to accept the chairman's (Mr. G. R. Rushworth) invitation to ask questions, and for upwards of an hour these were levelled at Mr. Cruise from all quarters, his responses to same being very concise and clear. One question as to when Mr. Cruise usually paired his birds together elicited the information that March 21st was about his usual time; another, as to letting the birds have plenty exercise, was met by the response that he usually lets his birds fly about in a spare room for a month or five weeks, and from this method he declares that he never knows what an egg-bound hen is. Many were in total agreement with him on this point, and I believe that Mr. Cruise was about the first fancier in this district who adopted the above oft-ridiculed idea of letting his birds have room to exercise themselves on the wing. He was certainly the first fancier I know about, and I copied this idea with much success. Asked his opinion as to sweating hens and its cause, Mr. Cruise instantly replied that the birds were not in proper health, or otherwise they would not sweat the young, and as a remedy he suggested double breeding cages, and putting all food into the compartment farthest away from the nest pan. Mr. Cruise is also a strong believer in green food, but gives it very judiciously during the first few days, when the young are hatched, afterwards increasing it liberally without any detrimental effects. The nest he made properly for the hen before she is put to sit, making it perfectly round and smooth, so that the eggs will roll nicely, and not lodge in any flat or uneven places. This is undoubtedly a cause of many clear eggs. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cruise, on the proposition of Mr. C. Cowgill, who personally thanked him for his advice and interesting remarks, and seconded by Mr. J. Rhodes, the vote being carried with enthusiasm. —H. Hill, Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND MULE BREEDERS CLUB.

Usual monthly meeting of the above club, held 142 High Street, Mr. J. Cooper in the chair. Sec. intimated his resignation, as owing to other work he had not the time to give to carry on the club affairs as they should be; it was agreed with regret to accept same, and Mr. J. B. Cooper was elected to the vacancy.—J. C., sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

We are holding our pair show at All Saints' Parochial Hall, Prince of Wales Road, Battersea, on Feb. 15, 7.30 till 10, when we have a case of spoons for lady novice Border members, given by an anonymous fancier, and who wishes me to put in Fancy Press that we accept the same; also cup and other specials will be competed for. We have also a diploma for each section, so any fancier wishing to join should send entries which will be accepted at the Hall, at six o'clock. Mr. G. Gardener is judging.—G. Denham, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 9, at Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street. The officers for the past year were most heartily thanked, and the following were elected for 1913:—Pres., Alderman J. Brooks, J.P., C.C.; vice-pres., A. J. A. Marley, G. Oliver, W. Smith; chair, T. Walker; vice-chair, G. Perry; comm., P. Mays, C. H. Cooper, G. Thomas, C. H. A. Bennett, C. R. Evans, W. L. Taylor, F. Potten, and Mr. F. Onslow, assist. hon. sec. The pair show takes place at headquarters, Sat., Feb. 15th, door open at 6; free, all invited. There is an interesting code of specials (points), two cups, a tea service, timepiece, and money for the ensuing year. A letter from Mr. E. Oakes was read to the members.—Frederick Fox, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held the Crown Hotel Hill, February 5th. Mr. W. C. Wells presided over a fair number of members. Resignation of Mr. J. Hughes accepted; also, after having reconsidered Mr. Shepherd's resignation, it was unanimously accepted. Mr. Collier proposed, regarding the proposed Roller section, that a special committee meeting should be called in a fortnight's time to thoroughly go into the matter. The secretary then read a few letters and postcards from Roller fanciers who wished to join; most of them mentioned that they thought it was a step in the right direction, also wondered why it had not been taken up in Birmingham before. Mr. Derry proposed that a lecture on the Norwich Canary should be given at the next monthly meeting, and that Mr. Weaver, of Wolverhampton, should be asked if he could make it convenient to oblige. Carried unanimously. The guarantee for advertising the open show, etc., was carried after a short argument. A British table show was then proposed by Mr. Broadhurst, and it was arranged to have it in April, together with a lecture on same. Decided to write Mr. Tonks and ask if he will kindly judge. Two new members elected: Messrs. Hallam and Chattaway, and one nominated, Mr. Sadler.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Jan. 31, Mr. Weston presiding over a very good muster of members. Sec. read the balance sheet of the open show, which showed a credit balance of £3 15s. 1d., while the balance sheet for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912, showed £14 5s. 4d., on the right side, a figure which speaks well for the management of the society, and one which gave every satisfaction to all present. The committee would be glad to hear of a few good fanciers who would like to become members. Surely, the healthy condition of the foregoing balance sheet should be an inducement for some to join a good soicety. Prize money for the members' show held on New Year's Day was paid out to the winners who were present. Messrs. Pain and Holbrook were elected new members. Messrs. Leigh and Pitchford were asked to audit the balance sheet. Decided to have a judging competition for British at our next meeting, Feb. 28, when Mr. Leigh promised to adjudicate. Mr. Baxter kindly promised to give a washing exhibition at a date which will be arranged later in the season. Prior to the meeting a pair show was held, Mr. Leigh placing the winners as follows:—YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Harper; 2, Baxter. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Baxter; 2, Harper. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1 Weston; 2, Nelson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Nelson; 2, Baxter. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Nelson; 2, Pitchford. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Nelson; 2, Pitchford.—Geo. M. Nelson, Sec.

NORWICH P.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Special meeting held in Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Feb. 6, for the purpose of deciding whether the club would be re-formed and carried on, or dissolved, and the cups presented to some other society. There was a very fair attendance of fanciers representing the breed catered for by the club, the following being present: Messrs. Barclay, Thompson, Bowman, Carson, Scott, Connell, Lavery, McCrea, McBride, Laughlin, Houston, Gilmore, Teasey, Cassells, and Stewart. Mr. Barclay, chair, fully explained the purpose for which we were met, and after the matter was fully discussed, said he would take a show of hands in favour of re-forming the club. All present, except one, who remained neutral, voted in favour of giving the club another try. A provisional set of officers were elected:—Pres., Mr. Barclay; sec. and treas., Mr. Stewart; committee, Messrs. Thompson, Bowman, Carson, Scott, McCrea, Lavery, McBride, Laughlin, Houston, Gilmore, Connell, Foreman, and Montgomery. A sub-committee was then elected to amend old rules or draft out new ones to come up for approval at our next meeting, Wed., Feb. 19, at 8, in Clarence Place Hall. A very hearty invitation is extended to all fanciers to this meeting. The two silver cups, the property of the club, were presented by their present holders, and set on the table free, to be competed for afresh in whatever way the committee think best. Both cups are at present in my possession, as sec. pro. tem. In passing, permit me to say a word or two in reply to Mr. Connell's letter of Feb. 1, re the cups. There was only one promise given, and that was to give the cups up to the club to be competed for afresh by unflighted birds, and I, as sec., tried to get the members together for this purpose, but my efforts were rewarded by no response, as Mr. Connell well knows. As there is no rule in our rule book, or resolution ever passed to turn the cups over to any society, the holders had no alternative but to do as they have done.—James Stewart, Sec. pro, tem.

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BOOTLE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at Wood's Cafe, Jan. 4, Mr. Rimmer in the chair. The financial statement for 1912 was submitted, showing a balance of close on £7. This result, which was considered very satisfactory, has to a large extent to be placed to the credit of our worthy sec., Mr. L. Hamilton, who has worked very hard for the benefit of the Society. Proposed by Mr. McNulty, seconded by Mr. Lobb, that a part of the cash in hand should be given to our sec., but the offer was declined by Mr. Hamilton, with thanks. Officers for 1913 were elected as follows: Pres., Mr. H. Berry; vice-pres., Mr. R. Ratcliffe; chair, Mr. J. Rimmer; vice-chair, Mr. Lobb; sec., Mr. L. Hamilton; treas., Mr. Larkin; committee, Messrs. McNulty, McLean, Skilling, Hall, Rawsthorne, Steinart, Handley, Young and Owens, Plunkett. Mr. Plunkett, who has been doing great things last show season, kindly offered a valuable special in the form of an electro-plated tea and coffee service, to be won for most points in clears or ticks (Yorkshires) throughout the whole of this season's shows. The offer was accepted with acclamation. Five new members were nominated for entry to the society, and it is hoped heaps of fanciers in Bootle and district will join our happy little circle in the near future. Mr. Hamilton made a nice little speech, thanking the members for the support they had given him, also for the handsome present he received at the last meeting in the shape of a marble clock and side ornaments, which he said would always remind him of the good feeling shown him by fellow members.—G. Rawsthorne, Assist. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 6th, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. The following new members were elected, Messrs. J. McGuire and J. Hughes, Wrekenton, and W. Mather, Gateshead. The balance sheet, showing a balance of £1 19s. 6d., after paying members' prize money, £10 15s., was adopted. The following judges were elected for open show, Oct. 17, 19, Messrs. W. Vardy, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan, J. Maddison. Officers for 1913 were elected by ballot as follow: Chair, Mr. T. C. Crawhall; vice-chair., Mr. M. C. Potts; sec. and treas., J. W. Reed; hon. assist. sec., Mr. E. Coltman; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Atkinson and R. Topping; show manager, Mr. J. E. Atkinson; committee, Messrs. Tindale, J. Mackenzie, W. Mackenzie, A. C. Young, J. Maddison, W. Curry, F. Wyndham, R. W. Smith, J. Irving, H. Willsbury, J. C. Greason, A. Holden, F. W. Laidlow, C. G. Petterson, C. Farrer, J. G. Hutchinson, R. Hope, J. W. Coutts, A. Hammerton. Rules were revised and adopted. I must thank all those members who have assisted towards the splendid year we had, and hope that this year may be even better, let every member do his best to keep Newcastle Society the premier society in the North. I shall be pleased to receive subscriptions, which are now due, also to give any intending member any information I can as regards our society. There will be a table show next meeting, with the following classes: Linnet, Greenf, Softbill, Goldf., Bullf., Siskin,. Redpoll or Twite, A.O. Hardbill; Judge, Mr. J. Maddison. Foreign: Java or smaller, larger than Java, Softbill; Judge, Mr. H. B. Wilson. Mr. Curry gives a gold medal most points. Let us have a good turn-up, and bring your subscriptions.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

Singing Contests.

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KIPPAX.

Open sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Feb. 8; 27 birds sang for three good prizes. Some good singing was heard before the best attendance we have had this season: 1, 3, A. Tomlin; 2, J. Wallis. Members' sing, Feb. 15; first pair in window at 3 o'clock prompt.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Feb. 8; 32 birds entered in a 3-minutes time sing; some very good time was done. 1, shared between S. Morley and W. Nelson, 87; E. Smith, 79. Also Feb. 9, 18 birds entered for three good prizes given by the treas.: 1, W. Nelson, 66; 2, W. Ratcliffe, 60; 3, E. Smith, 59. Anyone wanting to sing for our special Easter contest must join one clear month before Easter.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest held Feb. 8, when 31 birds faced the timers. Winners: 1, J. Harrison 163; 2, T. Hindley, 122; 3. 2, Dawson, 82. Minutes, J. Caswell; timers, A. Kennedy, J. Jackson; birdman, G. Martin. We were well supported by the Pendlebury fanciers, and hope to see a good return given to their first open contest for time and quality. It is expected that some of the best birds in the Fancy will compete at this contest, Butchers' Arms, Pendlebury. —Isaac Harrison.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheafe Street, Jan. 26. Mr. Webster gave three prizes, open to all England; 16 birds entered before a delighted company: 1, J. Blackadder, 96; 2, Wainwright, 84; 3, Callangor, 76; 3 minutes' sing. Also open contest, Feb. 2, three prizes given; 18 birds entered: 1, Blackadder, 59; 2, Callangor, 49; 3, Baker, 39. Also Feb. 9, Mr. Webster gave prizes as usual; 12 birds entered: 1, Callangor, 58; 2, Rodgers, 38; 3, shared between Thompson and Ford. 28. Next contest, Feb. 16, open to all England; first pair at 1.—H. Spottswood, Sec.

LEIGH.

As the Leigh Club was not included in the Manchester and District sing at Tyldesley, we held a contest at the Globe Inn, Leigh, Feb. 8th, for time and quality; some 30 birds sang for 6 very good prizes. Winners for quality, 1, R. Holcroft; 2, H. Brown; 3, T. Statham. Time, 1, J. Poole; 2, J. W. Jones; 3, J. Poole. I would like all Linnet contest singers to think about the contest for time and quality at Pendlebury on Feb. 15. There will be a contest held at the Globe Inn (Bradshawgate), Leigh, on March 1, when we are giving 8 good prizes. As the Leeds Rugby Football Club are coming to play the Leigh Club the same day and there will be cheap bookings to Leigh on that date, I would be very pleased to hear some of the Leeds champions, and to meet the men that came from Leeds to Salford last year. I should like to correspond with the secretaries of the Leeds clubs. —R. Holcroft, 12, Tunnicliffe New Row, Leigh.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Feb. 9, when 29 birds sang for four good prizes: 1, J. Clark; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, J. Clark; 4, G. Towers. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman, P. Madden and A. Turner.— A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 8th; 19 birds sang for 3 good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson; 1, 2, shared by T. Stead and A. Butler; 3, T. Chadwick. Judges, Lacy, Naylor. Also Feb. 9th, 29 birds sang for 4 good prizes before a house packed to its utmost: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, A. Butler; 3, T. Chadwick; 4, J. Wharan. Judges J. Thompson, J. Smith, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Feb. 8: 19 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick: 1, C. Ward; 2, G. Towers; 3, shared by C. Ward and J. Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers, H. Hayes, C. Clayton. Also Feb. 9, when 18 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. It was a treat to hear Mr. Ward's team of birds: 1, 2, C. Ward; 3, shared between C. Ward and J. Green. Judges, T. C. Summers and J. Granger. —T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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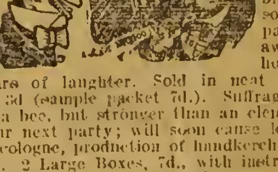

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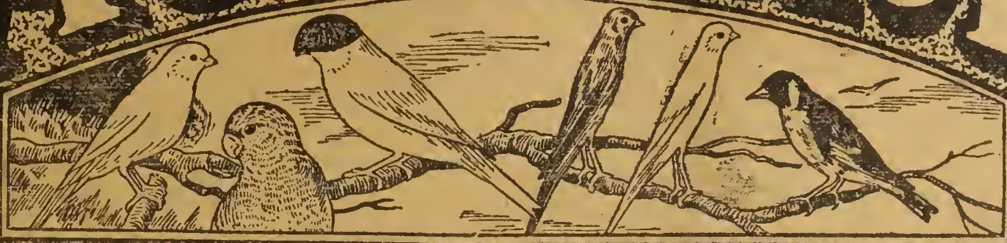

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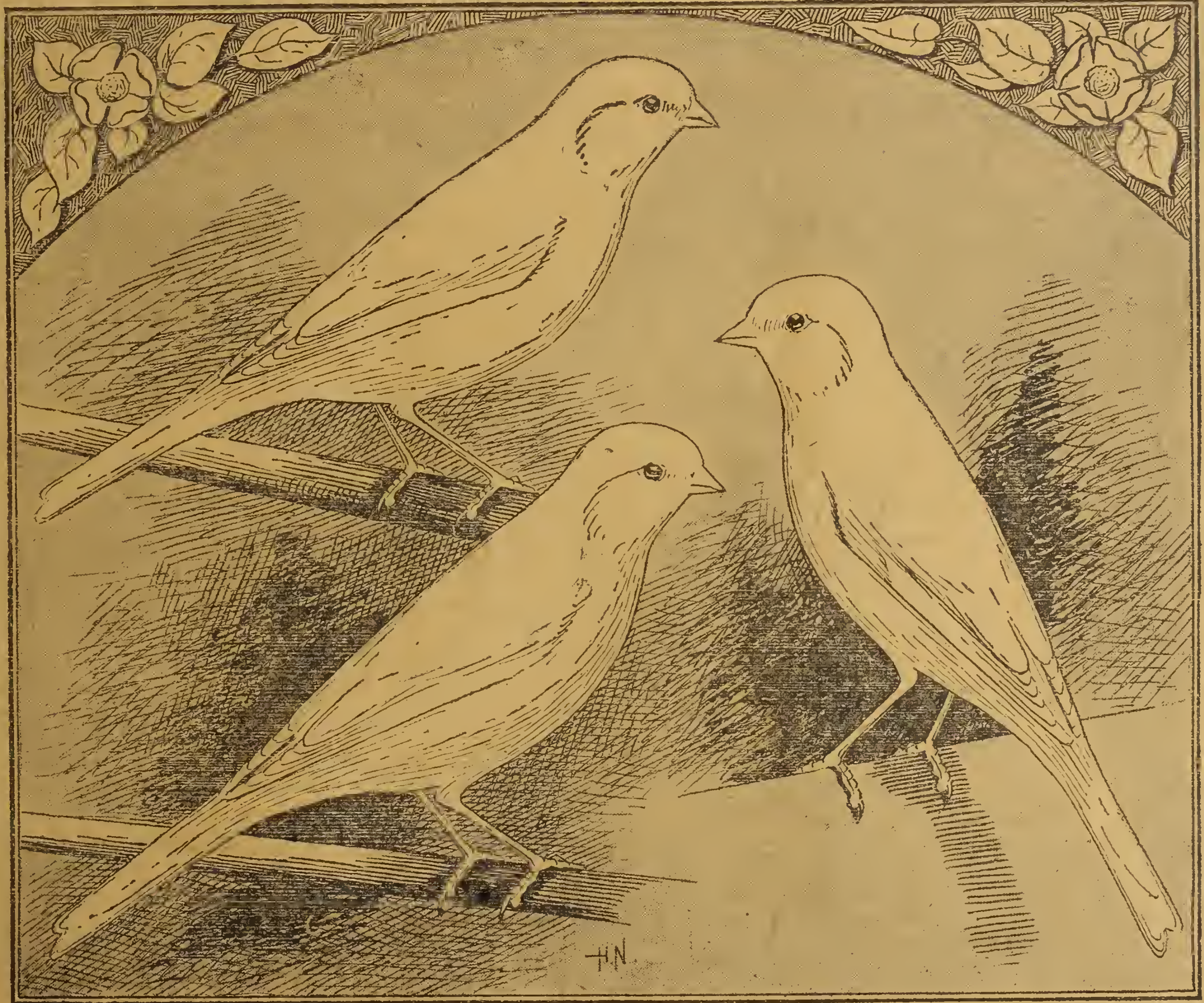

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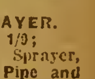

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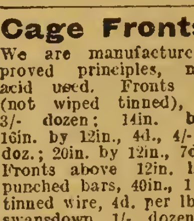

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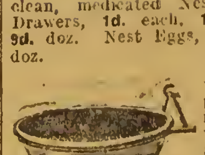

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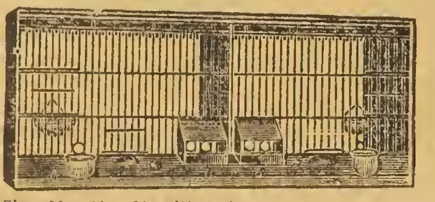

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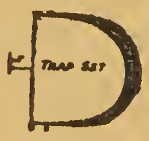

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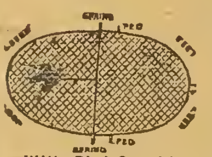

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CRESTS, can spare two heavy Green cocks, massive feather, 20/- each, 1912: Pratt, 42, Westward Ho, Leiston, Suffolk. (489)

1911 GOOD grizzle Crest buff cock, 12/6, or exchange songsters to value; approval; yours first: Kearl, Ringwood, Hants. (496)

OVERSTOCKED.—Pair Crests, 20/-; Crest cock, 10/-; C.B. hen, 7/6; Buff Norwich cock, 10/-; another, 7/6: Fountain, Aylesbury. (501)

FOUR pairs of Crests, large feathery birds, to clear cheap at 12/6 per pair, off prize stock; no cards: Compton, Waddesdon, nr. Aylesbury. (484)

BARNETTS' direct, Crests and Crestbreds, good, reliable stock birds, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich. (460)

CAN still spare several young Crest-bred cocks and hens, heavily feathered, healthy, cold-room, cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dunblane. (492)

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CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, from 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

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EXCELLENT Crest and C.B., from £1 per pair, on approval, won 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in champion classes at the Palace: E. Todd, 9, Drummond-st., Inverness. (503)

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LARGE green Crested cock, crest to beak end, also variegated Crest-bred cock, 15/- each; or exchange good Norwich: Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-square, W. (486)

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DOUBLE-CRESTED cock and Crest-bred hen, Crested hen and Crest-bred cock, 17/6 pair; several pairs of good Plainheads, 10/- pair; approval, deposit: Eagling, Chesham House, Fakenham. (503)

BIG yellow, 1912, variegated Crestbred cock, won second only time out, 40/-; 1912 grey Crest, brother to 4th Palace, 45/-; massive Crestbreds, buffs, cocks, reasonable: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby. (495)

GREEN Crested hen, bred from two Crests, clear buff Crestbred cock, variegated buff C.B. hen, variegated C.B. yellow cock, feather to end of bill, 35/- lot: Hayes, Overdale, Holbrook, Derby. (495)

HAVING got a good lot of Crests and Crest-bred, I can offer them at low prices to clear; state wants and price willing to give; week's approval; deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (494)

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NORWICH cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red Lane, Coventry. (493)

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CHAMPION Norwich cocks, 10/-, 15/- £1 each, winning strain; approval, cash deposit: Collier, 25, Bowland-st., Atherton, Manchester. (483)

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WANTED, large yellow Norwich cock for stock, exchange 6-pointed Goldfinch Mule (winner), value 60/-; approval: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester. (500)

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FOR disposal, clear yellow cock, 20/-, first and second; ticked yellow cock, 20/-, first and second Macclesfield, only time shown; approval; stamp: H. Cundiff, 12, Albion-st., Macclesfield. (489)

1911 YELLOW cock, 15/6; 1911 buff cock, 30/-; 1912 yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; 1912 buff hens, 10/6 each; variegated, 7/6; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (496)

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PURE Norwich, healthy cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/-; cold room; approval, deposit: Bartles, 17, Portarthur-rd., Nottingham. (493)

YOUNG prize bred yell. and buff cocks 15/-, hens 10/6; also Borders, Cinnamons, Greens, pairs 12/6; exchange Cinnamon cocks for clear stock hens: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire, Scotland. (442)

C. ROBERTS being compelled, through ill-health, to greatly reduce his stock, Norwich, offers special bargains this week, pairs from 15/6, single birds from 10/6; state wants: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (491)

FOR sale, 6 unflighted buff Norwich hens, 7/6 each; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; unflighted buff cock, 15/-; 1911 bred yellow cock, 15/-; the best of type and quality: Wm. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. (493)

MUST sell to make room for breeding, few good buff Norwich hens, good type and quality, with good, deep chest, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; all good birds; no rubbish; also three buff cocks, 10/- and 15/- each: Horne, 27, High-st., Aylesbury. (486)

THREE large typical Norwich Plainheads; 1 buff cock, colour fed, good head and neck, winner, 15/-; 1 buff hen, 1 yellow hen, broad heads, short in tail and wing flights, splendid birds, 10/6 each, approval, deposit: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs. (488)

1911 BUFF cock, 2nd Leyton. 3rd L.C.B.A., paired to typical yellow hen, £1 pair; also several well-matched pairs, all related to my winners at Leyton and L.C.B.A., from 12/6 pair, seen Saturday evening or Sunday morning: Teasdale, 15, Valmar-rd., Denmark Hill, S.E. (499)

A. L. HAWKES has few exceptional matched pairs of colour-fed Norwich, with size, type and quality, 15/-, 17/6, and 20/- pair; these are being offered at great sacrifice, as am compelled to make immediate clearance; approval six days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (503)

UNFLIGHTED variegated yellow, bred from Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, etc., winner, with large 1911 buff hen, £2 10s. only, great bargain; unflighted buff, 25/-; unflighted buff hen, 15/-, to clear; splendidly bred: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (496)

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RARE bargains in Norwich, buff cock and yellow hen, grand quality and type, 25/- the pair; cobby buff cock, 1912 bred, tight as a Java, 20/-; two variegated buff hens, 12/6 and 15/- each, from my noted strain; approval; no odd yellow hens: Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Lukes, London, E.C.

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (500)

CHAMPION pair, correctly matched, high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, and quality, feathered like silk, certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 21/-, honestly worth £3 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (500)

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SEVERAL first-class stock Norwich Plainheads for sale, mostly unflighted yellow and buff, varieg. cocks from 12/0, clear buff cock 10/-, clear buff and buff varieg. hens from 5/-; wanted first-class pair of stock Yorkshires; give good exchange in Norwich; only good birds wanted and offered; yours first: Houston, 32, Kirkland-st., Glasgow. (493)

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CHAMPION Norwich; Correctly matched pairs of high-class Norwich Plainheads, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 42/- a pair; these are matched to produce size, type, and quality, and are bred from the best blood in the Fancy; any of these offered are honestly worth double the prices asked; rare chance for beginners; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (500)

THE LAST LOT

One 1911, one 1912 clear buff cocks, really fine birds, mated to ticked unflighted yellow hens, beauties; 25/- each pair; four smart yellow hens, two bred 1911, two unflighted, take 7/6 and 10/- each for them; four smart buff hens, three unflighted, one 1911 bred; all birds strong, healthy, cold-room bred; approval: R. Allen, Bradford Park, Bolton (late of Blackburn-rd.). (502)

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MR. A. L. HAWKES, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, offers the following exhibition colour-fed Norwich cocks at great sacrifice, and which are of exceptional merits and present-day winners; extra large massive framed 1911 clear buff cock of immense size and full of quality, with type and style, 30/-; unflighted clear buff cock of exceptional size, grand head, thick-set cobby specimen, 30/-; another unflighted buff cock, with plenty of substance, perfect model for shape, size and style, 25/-; another buff marked cock, grand specimen of the right size, shape and substance, 20/-; the above are in faultless condition and worth treble for stock; approval six days. (503)

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L. J. RICHARDSON

Having selected breeding pairs, have for disposal: Yellow hens, 10/6; buff hens, 8/6; yellow cocks, 12/6; buff cocks, 10/- upwards: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe. (420)

WINNING NORWICH

Having selected my breeding pairs, can part with two pairs of matched Norwich; can be seen any Sunday by appointment, or on approval to known fanciers; letters answered: Robert Colley, 90, Corkerhill, Glasgow. (495)

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in high-class Norwich, related to my winners; pairs from 12/6; one bird worth more money; single cocks from 10/6; hens from 7/6: Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs. (9)

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same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

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W. J. CHEDGEY

Champion Norwich, winner Cardiff challenge cup, 1912 cup, Swansea winners for sale; show reports Cardiff, Swansea, Cheltenham, Frome, Crystal Palace; type, quality; stamp: 35, Cyfarthfa-st., Roath, Cardiff. (485)

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If you were disappointed there and could not find what you wanted I can supply you with a grand buff cock, 1911, at 10/6, also yellow cock, 1911, 10/6, clear yellow hen, 1911, 6/6, one 1912, 7/6, buff variegated hen and clear yellow cock 10/6 the pair, worth 25/-; approval: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (500)

J. H. SENIOR

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Two unflighted variegated buff cocks, good birds, and will make winners, 15/- each; also two unflighted yellows, cocks, nice, cobby, good quality birds, 15/- each; also two pairs, mated up, nice pairs, 20/- per pair; two nice pairs, 15/- per pair; on approval: W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (497)

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217, ROTHERHITHE NEW ROAD, S.E.

Having selected my breeding stock, I have for disposal yellow and buff cocks and hens. For wins, see L.P.O.S., L.C.B.A., S.N.P.C., Peckham and Dulwich, South London reports; state wants. (492)

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PURE Seifert Roller hens, 1911 and 1912, good strain, 2/- and 2/6 each: Dew, 41, Leicester-rd., Lewes. (494)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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Birds that will please you and give you every satisfaction. Every bird in full, loud, free song by day and gaslight. A few extra good picked birds, 6/-, 6/6 each. Matched Pairs, for breeding songsters, 8/-, 8/6, 9/- pair. Travelling cages, 3d. each extra. Read what my customers say:—Sea View, Newquay.—Roller arrived safe Saturday; it is singing well. I am very pleased with it. Many thanks for such a good songster, also the Roller you sent three years ago—sings as well as ever.—H. Darke, 10, Oakthwaite, Heathwaite.—Roller arrived safe, singing beautifully. I am well satisfied.—J. Simpson, 22, Sun Street, Morecambe.—Received Roller, with many thanks; am quite satisfied. Was singing on arrival.—W. Dewhurst, 16, Bath Road, Morriston.—Hartz cock received in pink of condition; commenced singing immediately. Thanks for such an excellent songster.—J. Jones. I have thousands of letters similar to above open for your inspection. Every one genuine and unsolicited.

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Note, full name and address, also date, given with each letter below:—"Longicy House, Rochester, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Bird arrived safe and I am very pleased. He is a splendid free singer, at it nearly all day. Thanking you for your honest dealing.—Yours, etc., Conway Gordon." "24, Park View, Nantwich, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Received birds on Wednesday, and have great pleasure in stating that they quite surpassed expectation.—Yours, T. Heap." "10, Rossall Road, Chorley, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Received Roller in splendid condition and was soon singing when put in fresh cage. I am more than pleased with your selection. He is a lovely songster. Yours, T. Blackburn." "Shakespeare Street, Cardiff, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Received Bandmaster safe, and must say he is a champion. He sang beautifully one hour after arrival.—Yours, S. Watkins." "6, Filmau Road, Fulham, London, Feb. 10th. Sir,—Please send me a Leipzig Bandmaster. The one I purchased from you last year still sings as well as ever and gives every satisfaction to the friend I gave it to.—Yours, H. Brown." On Feb. 16th Mr. Brown again writes: "Sir,—Roller arrived quite safe on Thursday and started singing when caged and still keeping it up. Your advt. is not misleading; they are, as you say, reliable songsters, free from harsh notes, etc. Thanking you most sincerely for such a good bird.—Yours, H. Brown." "10, Queen Street, Ashby, Doncaster, Feb. 10th. Sir,—Please send Roller hen. The cock you sent is singing splendidly, and started before being taken out of travelling cage.—Yours, F. Mumby." "The Intake, Glenlea Foyers, Inverness-shire, Feb. 11th. Sir,—Roller arrived here safe after being 21 hours on the road. I must say I am more than satisfied with him. Your advt. does not give your Leipzig Rollers half credit enough for their beautiful notes at such a reasonable price, and I think there is nothing to equal them.—Yours, J. McMillan." "125, Windsor Road, Penarth, Feb. 11th. Sir,—Received bird in pink of condition. Am very pleased with your choice. Thanking you for prompt despatch.—Yours, G. Mounter." "Netherton Colliery, Feb. 11th. Sir,—Roller arrived safely and gave us a few tours three hours after arrival. He is a beautiful singer; his song is enchanting. I thank you very much for sending such a nice bird. The other bird I have is not in it with yours.—Yours, J. Wood." "11, School Street, Williamstown, Penygraig, Feb. 12th. Sir,—Please send Leipzig hen to match the cock. He is a little marvel and seems to get better every day.—Yours, J. Williams." "41, Kilmailing Road, Cathcart, Glasgow, Feb. 14th. Sir,—Roller hen arrived safe, and am pleased with same; also cock doing well and singing fine. They are a well-matched pair. Thanks for prompt attention.—Yours, J. McGilp." "Barrington Park, Burford, Oxon, Feb. 16th. Sir,—Many thanks for Roller received on 11th. He is a perfect gem, and was quite lively after travelling 24 hours. Shall recommend you to my friends.—Yours, R. Burden." Please note, as this is most probably the last consignment of Leipzig Rollers I shall receive this season, it behoves all intending purchasers to send their orders early as possible to avoid disappointment. (See British Bird column.)

W. GORE, The Importer, GOOCH-ST., BIRMINGHAM (503)

SEIFERT ROLLERS

Sweet toned Glucke cocks, 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6 each, seven days' approval: John Wyre, Colley-lane, Cradley, Staffs. (496)

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CHILLCOTT'S ROLLERS

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Scotch Fancies.

FOR good and cheap Scotch Fancies, see my list: Rudd.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow. (447)

CANARIES, Scotch Fancies, yellow pied hen, 30/-, or exchange buff hen: Thomson, 15, Station-rd., Craigmillar, N.B. (498)

TWO good Scotch Fancies for sale, yellow green buff pied, 15/- each: Sloman, 31, Clowance-st., Devonport, Devon. (495)

SCOTCH Fancies, twelve cocks for sale, all colours, related to my winners, cheap to clear: Allardice, Overtown, Wishaw. (466)

SCOTCH Fancies from high-class exhibition strain, various; moderate; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns, Ayrshire. (479)

SCOTCH Fancies, several good stock birds for sale, cheap to clear: Alex. Paterson, 82, Dumbiedykes-rd., Edinburgh. (470)

YOUNG yellow piebald Scotch Fancy cock for sale, reasonable price: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-terrace, Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (499)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, yellow pied cock, buff pied cock, yellow pied hen: George Hamilton, Quakerfield, Bannockburn. (472)

ONE left. Grand 1912 stylish buff cock, winner; must clear to make room, 18/6; cheap at 40/-; approval: D. Shearer, Thurso. (500)

YELLOW pied cock, clean buff cock, good birds, young, aprpoval, cheap to clear: Burnside, Elmbank, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire. (491)

FOR sale, young birds, matched pairs or single, all colours, reasonable to clear; cold-room kept: McQueen, 336, Garscube-rd., Glasgow. (438)

TWO buff foul cocks 40/- and 80/-, buff pied cock 40/-, buff pied hen 30/-; young, out of my cup winning strain: Henderson, Maitland-st., Tayport. (491)

FOR sale, yellow cock, winner, buff hen, buff pied hen, 1912 bred; no approval; seen any day after 3: James Main, 4, Mitchell-st., Langloan, Coatbridge. (452)

SCOTCH Fancies, large yellow hen, sister to Glasgow winner, 70/-; two buff hens, 30/- each; two yellow hens, 20/- each: Robert Neil, 1, Barnes-st., Barrhead. (498)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, buff pied hens, buff cock, clear yellow cocks, yellow hen, good stock birds; approval: James Little, 130, Cross Arthurlie-street, Barrhead. (460)

EXCEPTIONAL bargain. Clear buff Scotch Fancy cock, big winner, latest wins, 2nd Stratford, 4th Palace: accept 15/-; declining the Fancy: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (503)

SCOTCH Fancies. One yellow pied and two clear yellow cocks, good young birds, from high-class stock, cheap to clear; stamp reply: Buchan, 10, W. Promenade-terr., Portobello, Midlothian. (489)

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YORKSHIRE Canaries, for sale state wants; cash or deposit: T. C. Ford, Cladswell, Alcester. (496)

A FEW buff Yorkshires, cocks and hens, for sale, our winning strain: Owen, 35, Gap-rd., Wimbledon. (500)

SEVEN Yorkshire hens, 1912, own bred, 2/6 each, 15/- the lot: Kelley, 25, Reynolds-rd., Peckham Rye. (494)

FIVE pairs Yorkshires, 8/- pair, healthy, own breeding: W. Broscombe, Birkenshaw, Bradford (490)

COME and inspect my noted stock, home all day, prices to suit all: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO hundred high-class Yorkshires to dispose of at prices to suit all: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford. (492)

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock, 7/6; buff hen, 5/-; buff cock, 7/6, from winning strain: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper. (495)

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A FEW good hens left, from 3/6 each; also one or two cocks, from 5/- : Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (491)

TO clear, six Yorkshire hens for sale, 3/6 each, 18/- the lot: Beaumont, 62, Long lane, Dalton, Huddersfield. (497)

THREE cock Canaries, 6/- each; two pairs 10/6 each; Redpoll cock 9d.; cash or deposit: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge. (499)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some fine yellow Yorkshire hens, also cocks, one winner two firsts; cheap, approval. (475)

T. FRENCH, of the S.Y.C.C., can spare a few good class Yorkshires at 7/6 each, on view: 702, Fulham-rd., S.W. (468)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some over 7 ins., from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (415)

GIVING up. Good Yorkshires, stock birds, 15/- pair, worth double, also yellow and buff hens: Clagton, Postman, Southport. (436)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, cold-room; prices reasonable; cards sent; approval: Mostyn, 11, Bedford-av., Manley Park, Manchester. (501)

F. KING has for sale 20 yellow Yorkshire hens, from 4/-, bred from my winners; can be seen any evening: 49, Inworth-st., Battersea. (495)

TWENTY large Yorkshire hens, inbred buffs and yellows, good feeders, from 3/-, approval: Greaves, 105, Boothtown-rd., Halifax. (495)

YORKSHIRE cocks, full song, vigorous condition, 5/6; hens, 3/-; seen any evening: J. Carter, 111, Richmond-rd., Islington. (461)

GOOD Yorkshire Canaries for sale, three cocks, five hens, also house-moulted Goldfinch, 20/- lot: 13, Rayner-st., Ripon, Yorks. (492)

UNFLIGHTED Yorkshire hens, splendid condition, 4/- each, 7/6 two, must clear: A. Goodwin, 136, Warham-st., Kennington, S.E. (471)

YORKSHIRES, cinnamon marked; cocks, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-; cold-room, 1912: Hawes, 101, Roundwood-rd., Willesden, Middlesex. (486)

TICKED yellow Yorkshire cock, clear buff and variegated buff hens, 15/-; approval: Willis, 31, Thames-rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield. (435)

YORKSHIRES. Nine cocks, 18 hens, accept £4 10s., lot, or sell singly; cocks 6/-, hens 2/6: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (485)

TWELVE healthy Yorkshire Canaries, colour-fed, from winners, eight hens, four cocks; approval: Fry, Police Station, Acomb, York. (486)

T. MONGER has a few good pairs, or separate, to part with, good length, and quality; approval: 3, Cranmer-avenue, South Ealing. (451)

I have some beauties for sale, yellow cocks and buff hens; inspection invited: Harry Jennings, 8, Anne-st., Great Horton, Bradford. (496)

THREE unflighted Yorkshire hens, 2 yellows, one buff, 5/- each; yellow ticked cock, 7/6; approval: L. Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe. (497)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, my winning strain, cocks from 8/6, hens 5/-; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham. (499)

TWENTY pairs high class Yorkshire stock birds, 12/- per pair, approval, deposit: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (453)

CLEARS, variegated and cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, few left from prize strains; cocks 8/-, hens 3/-; approval: Todd, Saddler, Ripon. (485)

YELLOW cock, winner 1st open, 15/-; buff ditto, 14/-; particulars; stamp; pair 8/6; approval; deposit: Adams, West End, nr. Southampton. (495)

UNEVENLY marked yellow Yorkshire cock, 1st and special Reading, 30/-; approval, cash or deposit: Ward, 52, Queens-rd., Aldershot. (493)

YORKSHIRES. One buff and one buff green hens, breeding condition, 4/- each: Williams, 66, Granby-st. (back entrance), Toxteth, Liverpool. (432)

NOW'S your chance to secure some of the best Yorkshires; pairs, 12/6; odd hens, 4/- upwards; approval: Park, 9, Cambridge-st., Millom. (495)

STEWART'S Yorkshires, yellow cocks 7/6 to 12/6; buff cocks, 7/6 to 12/6; yellow or buff hens, 3/6 to 7/6; approval: 11, Woodville-terr., Whitehaven. (487)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires for show or song, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

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COLD-ROOM cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; long, stylish birds, bred from winners, Clapham, Wandsworth, etc.; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (463)

YORKSHIRES, yellow or buff cocks, from winners, Newcastle, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hull, 7/6 upwards, pairs 12/6: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (472)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 6 yellow, 7/6 to 8/6; 8 buff, 6/- to 7/6; 12 buff hens, 2/6 to 4/6; or near offer; must clear; no letters: Grocer, 14, Hogarth-lane, Chiswick, W. (495)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, 1912, cold-room bred, cocks 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6; hens 3/- and 3/6; 4 days' approval, cash or deposit: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London, W. (497)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, pairs 12/6 upwards; lot cheap; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; cash or deposit: O'Reilly, Breeder, Nunthorpe-av., York. (397)

YORKSHIRES, good stock marked cock, 6/6; 1912 cock, well marked, 6/-; 1912 hen, well marked, 3/6; buff hen, highly commended, 5/-: Arlidge, 46, Tower-rd., W., St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

AVIARY-REARED Yorkshire cocks, outdoors all year round, hardy and perfectly healthy, now in song, 7/- each, two 13/-, three 18/-: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset. (440)

YORKSHIRES, same strain as winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, Bradford; cocks 7/6 upwards: hens 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (501)

SPECIAL, must reduce, three pairs cold-room, young, typical, one each a winner; only £1 pair; grand opportunity secure winning strain; approval pleasure: George Harris, Kenley, Surrey. (491)

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REAL good Yorkshires, yellow and buff, grand stock cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, smart stylish hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (497)

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THREE pairs clinking Yorkshires for sale, 7/6 pair, also 1 yellow cock, 2 buff hens, £1; one good buff cock, two yellow hens, £1; coldroom bred and colour-fed; approval: Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley. (497)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; few grand, typical matched pairs, from 10/- upwards; single cocks or hens cheap; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (493)

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MUST reduce owing to business; two yellow, one buff cinnamon marked cocks, one buff ticked cock, grand birds, 12/6 each; two buff hens, 4/-, 7/6; two yellows, 3/- each; all unflighted; two hen Linnet Mules, 1/- each; large flight, 5ft. x 16½in x 22½, 7/6; approval, deposit: C. Bullen, 5, Walpole-rd., Bromley, Kent. (486)

YORKSHIRES; if you are wanting good yellow or buff cocks or hens, I can supply you. Type, size and quality; grand stock birds; approval, deposit; state wants; value for money; inspection invited: H. Smith, Secretary C.B.S., 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (480)

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The above is the record achieved by my birds during the present show season. I have not shown a single bird at members' or club shows where the competition is limited. Every bird has been shown in hottest competition at champion shows, open to all comers. Amongst my wins are: **Firsts and Specials** at all the leading shows in the kingdom, including the **Bradford National, Scottish National, and Crystal Palace.** Also numerous Challenge Cups, Gold and Silver Medals, and other trophies. I am now in a position to offer **marvellous value** in Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Scotch Fancies, Crests, Mules, Lancashires, etc., as follows:—

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I have a few gems ready for benching and able to win, also some ideal stock birds for those who wish to breed their own winners, at **15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-** each, cocks or hens. All birds sent on approval at my risk.

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I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, ready for benching and able to win, also real good Stock Birds, for breeding own winners, at **10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each; Hens, grand smart-feathered birds, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Few good Sib. Hens for Light Muling, **4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The Humanitarians were busy at the Crystal Palace Show, and this is not an unmixed blessing, for they will have had the opportunity of seeing for themselves that the keeping of cage birds is not the "acted blasphemy" which they represent it to be.

Amongst the "cruelties" into which they made up their minds to enquire was the feeding of seed-eating birds throughout the show with seed thrown on to the cage bottom, and they were anxious to know whether this was not a most reprehensible practice. In this they were acting upon their totally mistaken supposition that the feelings of a bird in a cage are analogous to those of a human being in solitary confinement, for they are never so pleased as when they can conjure up a vision of "a feathered victim beating out its heart against the bars of its prison."

The Truth of the Matter.

They either do not know, or wilfully ignore, the fact that a cage bird is not a reasoning being. A bird has no recollection of what was happening to it yesterday, nor fear, nor hope, or what may happen to-morrow. It lives for the immediate moment, and, as long as it is provided with sustenance, and reasonable room in which to move, is far happier in a cage or aviary than when faced with the necessity of finding its own food under the varying conditions of nature, and with the ever-present fear of its natural enemies, stoats and other beasts, and birds of prey, not to mention the birdcatcher.

We have had during the past few days a spell of sharp weather; the ground has been frozen hard, and in many parts covered with snow. Many wild birds, misled by the unusually mild weather of January, have already paired up. Nests, many with eggs, and some with young, are in evidence all over the country, and the sufferings inflicted by "kind nature," upon the misguided birds are sufficient to touch the heart of any humane cage bird keeper.

An Object Lesson.

The representatives of the Humanitarian Societies, who were present at the Crystal Palace Show must have had an object-lesson which should stand them in good stead, and which should have some effect in reducing their insensate opposition to the hobby of bird-keeping. They will have seen for themselves that the birds on the benches were in far more perfect plumage than is ever seen in a wild bird. If a bird is not healthy, and happy, the first indication of any trouble is roughness of plumage. By the same reasoning, if a bird is in perfection of plumage it is happy and comfortable, and no sophistry of the humanitarians can get away from this fact.

For a bird to have its seed thrown into the bottom of a perfectly clean show cage, and to have to take its food from this during the show instead of from a seed vessel such as is affixed to its stock cage at home, is no more to the bird than would be felt by a human being who by force of circumstances had to pass a day without washing his hands, and to talk of the practice as being inhumane, and detrimental to the health of the birds, is to talk consummate nonsense.

An Absurd Assertion.

As wild birds, the British birds in the show, and it is these which form the groundwork of most of the diatribes directed against bird-keeping, would be worth a few coppers. Many of them, after being properly tended and cared for during a moult in captivity are worth almost as many sovereigns. £4 was paid for a Bramblefinch during the show, and £2 for a Siskin, and the birds were cheap at the price. These were no fancy prices, for many would have been glad to pay the same amount for the Bramblefinch, and the Siskin was resold at a profit on the same day. Is it within the bounds of reason to suggest that such birds had been cruelly treated? Do they remember anything of the "Joys of Freedom" and "The Blue Canopy of Heaven?" There can be no answer but one, and this is to the utter confusion of all the hysterics launched against our hobby. That the societies are continuing their crusade is evident from recent occurrences. This week a prosecution has been instituted against a long established London bird-dealer, and rumours of further prosecutions are "in the air." The case stands adjourned, so comment must not be made for the present, but it behoves all keepers of bird shops to see not only that their stock is kept under humane and sanitary conditions, but to be prepared with evidence to prove this when confronted with a prosecution instituted upon the information of a paid servant of the professional humanitarians, one who must do something to justify his claim upon a weekly wage.

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MUMBLES F.A.

Members' show, held Feb. 10. The cage bird section was well represented, the quality birds facing our old friend, Mr. Jack Nicholas, the well-known British exhibitor. His awards gave every satisfaction.

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Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street).
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool).
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 23, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick).
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones 169, Church Lane, Aston). J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford).
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.)

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.S.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.)
Nov. 1. **Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 87, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Wales.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster C.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble 11, Waring St., Belfast.)
Nov 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22 **Lurgan.** (S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lur-
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown).
gan).
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 118, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds Practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, 110-112, Tib Street, Manchester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Specialist Norwich judge.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Bird, Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAS. STEWART, 11, Woodville Terrace, Whitehaven, Cumberland.—Judge of Cage Birds, Yorkshire Specialist; life experience; terms moderate. (838)

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist. Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

PENRHIWCEIBER

Show. No entries to hand. **Entries extended to first post Monday morning, February 24th.** Send on, I will classify.—**W. Brown, 113, Pentwyn Avenue, Penrhiwceiber.**

SHEFFIELD O.S. ANNUAL DINNER.

A Fine Attendance and a Fine Night!

The tit-bit of the birdie world in Sheffield last week was the 2nd annual dinner of the Sheffield O.S., when 91 members, wives and friends partook of the sumptuous repast provided by Messrs. Hudsons, at their Exchange Restaurant, the chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, presiding. Letters of regret at non-attendance were read from Mr. John Robson, London and Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield. Amongst those present we noticed Messrs. Dr. Mylaw, Lane, Rooson, Towers, Hill, Gibbins, Furniss, Davison, Jones, Hobson, [illegible], Tomlinson, Sampson, and many other leading lights of the Fancy in Sheffield and district. The first toast on the list, "King, Queen, and Royal Family," was given by the Chairman. Mr. Low then sang that appropriate song, "Gentlemen, the King," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The toast, "Sheffield O.S.," was in the hands of Mr. H. H. Towers, Keighley. In his remarks he pointed out the rapid headway the S.O.S. had made since its formation, and was quite sure they could now class themselves as one of the premier societies in England. He was sure they had no equal, in fact, the two lines under the toast: "The second year of life has past; Still making headway very fast," were quite in accordance with the headway made, and if the huge gathering present was anything to go by, they were making headway fast. He also wished to thank the society for altering their show date, and for the support given to the Bradford Cinderella Show. The Yorkshire Fancy was well represented in Sheffield, and they possessed some very good stock. The Sheffield Yorkshires had held their own against the cream of Bradford, and this was a great deal to say, as they at Bradford were of opinion they had the best. He had no doubt we should have as equally good, or even greater support from the Bradford Fanciers as in the past. He could assure them that they had his hearty good wishes for their success in the future.—The Treasurer, Dr. W. Craig, responding on behalf of the society in his usual jovial style, said it was a self-evident fact that our members show, which followed in January, and was a record success in every way, entries were up, receipts were up, support was even greater than ever before at any members' show; if we can achieve such success against adverse conditions, what must we expect when the machinery is tuned to concert pitch, and revolving without the slightest friction. I dare not express an opinion; come and see for yourselves. I can safely venture to say you will not be disappointed. As regards our open show in November, we are going to do what no society has ever done before. As most of you remember, I gave a cup last year for the novice Yorkshire section; I shall not give a cup this year, but an equally valuable and more useful special for the most points in the Novice Yorkshire Section. He was pleased to belong to a society possessing men with such grit and determination as those at the head of the Sheffield O.S. The members ought to be proud of their officials, for they have approved themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them. Dr. Mylaw, in presenting the handsome challenge cups, wished them every success in the future, and said he would always guarantee them his support and patronage. It had not all been smooth sailing with the society, but he sincerely trusted that the stormy days had passed, and that they would now be able to steer a course in calm seas, and always free from storms and trouble. The Norwich cup was the first presented, which was won by Mr. Waters, Dr. [illegible], of Dewsbury, followed with the cup for Crests, Mr. P. Walsh, British (2nd time of winning), and Dr. W. Craig the Yorkshire cup: all these cups have to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. One or two of the winners stated that if they succeeded in winning a cup outright, they would only be too pleased to provide another, so the society would be at no loss. The toast, "Visitors and Kindred Societies," was proposed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, who expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing such a toast. On looking round the table and seeing so many visitors, he considered it the toast of the evening. The Sheffield O.S. had a very great deal to thank the visitors for. It was no doubt due to the splendid support rendered by the public of Sheffield that the society holds the high position it does to-day. We want them with us, he said; want them to visit our shows to see the conditions the birds are kept under, the degree of satisfaction our feathered songsters exhibit, and they will then say to themselves is it true—all this talk of cruelty which the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals puts before us? They can see for themselves that the exhibits at our shows are more cared for than a good many of the poor children in our large towns and cities. A man's birds are his study, his pleasure; for them he denies himself many things, and in a good many cases the birds keep him from surroundings that would not altogether be to his credit.—Mr F. Jones, President Sheffield C.B.S., in responding, said it was indeed very gratifying to see the rapid strides made by the S.O.S., which to a certain extent had been beneficial to all. Competition was a grand thing; it made people take matters seriously, and any laxity was quickly abolished.—The musical programme was in the hands of Mr. Thos. W. Tow, and was thoroughly enjoyed.—A vote of thanks to chairman and artistes concluded one of the best birdie nights ever held in Sheffield.

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R. A. Newley is "the" man for show cages. Order early. Address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.).

Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, has, we hear, been elected as judge for Sheffield C.B.S. open show, Oct. 18, also the Walkley and Dist. C.B.S. annual show Nov. 15.

Mr. W. A. Brown writes that all correspondence in connection with the Great Horton (Good Intent) O.S. should be addressed to him at 9, Faxfleet Street, Bankfoot, Bradford.

Thanks for your most interesting reports of the British Roller Club show and the Palace show. You have quite surpassed yourself this time.—Andrew M. Firth (Pudsey).

Mr. P. W. Jeffries, hon. sec. N. London C.B.A., writes that the young stock show will be held on July 12, and the annual show Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Judge for both shows Mr. J. Robson.

We have received the balance-sheet of the Sunderland C.B.A., from which we are pleased to note that the balance, £2 11s. 2d., brought forward from last year is increased to a balance in hand of £8 12s. 2d.

I have been elected secretary to the Sandy Lane and Dist. Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. Priestley Drake, 10, Prescott Terrace, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks. All communications should in future be addressed to me.

I wish to thank all those who attended our social and dance, writes Mr. George Broome, sec., Abertillery C.B.S. It proved a fine success and by the way they all looked I took it for granted they all enjoyed themselves.

My win at the Palace is my third 1st prize in the novice section, writes Mr. F. Pepperell (Birmingham). I hope to do as well in champion classes next season. Congratulations on your fine Palace Number.

The monthly meeting of the West Stanley C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec., will not be held on Feb. 22, owing to our neighbours at Beamish having a social on that evening. We wish them a jolly evening.

The Year Book of the L. and P.O.S. is to hand. It contains a list of officers and committee, the rules of the society, syllabus for 1913, a table showing the prize-money paid on the sliding scale, and a list of the members of the society.

I must heartily congratulate you (and Mr. Goodchild) on the admirable presentment of my Aubry's Parrot, which appeared in your fine Palace show issue. Every line is true to nature, and the "tout ensemble" is altogether wonderful.—Rev. G. H. Raynor (Maldon).

We have received a copy of the balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B., which shows that the cash in hand amounts to £7 6s. 7½d., as against £7 19s. 7d. last year. Besides this, the assets, after allowing for depreciation, are valued at £78 8s. 6d.

I was pleased to see the picture of my Bramble, it having now 44 firsts to its credit, including Palace, Scottish National, City of Glasgow, Glasgow and District, Alnwick, etc. It also won first at the above shows in 1911-12, except Glasgow. I wish Cage Birds every success.—John Sykes (Musselburgh).

I must really thank you for the splendid drawing your artist has made of my yellow Border fancy hen, 1st and special at the Crystal Palace; it is the correct type, and reflects great credit on him. I wish Cage Birds every success. The Palace number was grand.—William Mossie (Annbank).

The balance-sheet of the Bradford National C.B. show in aid of the funds of the Bradford Cinderella Club, shows that the amount handed over to that deserving charity reached the substantial sum of £50, and that there is a balance of £8 15s. 11d. in hand to meet the initial expenses of the 1913 show.

The book of rules of the Hornsey, Wood Green and Dist. C.B.S. is neatly got up. It contains a list of officers and committees, the rules of the society, fixtures for the year, including three shows, and the names of the members. The balance-sheet is a modest one, but shows a satisfactory credit balance of 19s. 7d.

Mr. Wilkins, of Walton, made a very successful debut as an exhibitor at the Aintree Fanciers' Society's recent show, writes a correspondent. He won the 1st special, (presented by Mr. Robinson, fresh from his Palace triumphs) for most points. The number of Norwich Canaries and British showed a vast improvement. Would that the Border fanciers had overcome their shyness!

Liverpool and district fanciers ought not to overlook the fact that a visit to Mr. J. W. Metcalfe's showrooms (68, Brunswick Rd.) is most interesting. Among the unexpected visitors on Saturday night last were Messrs. Battersby, Eaton, and Hales. Cage Birds' illustration of Mr. Metcalfe's Palace diploma winning Norwich was prominently displayed in the shop window, and was inspected by scores of persons.

We are holding our annual tea and social Mar. 1 at Club Room ("Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington), writes Mr. Western, sec. Bradford West C.B.A. We have arranged a splendid programme of good talent, and it is the committee's desire that all members should attend, if possible, to make the evening a success. Tea on table 5.15 prompt. At 2s. 6d. couple. Will those who intend coming please forward their names to sec., The club's prizes will be presented during the evening.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Bernard Gabbitass, secretary Mansfield C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of Mrs. Hare, at the age of 73. She had been always a great help to her husband (Mr. Charles Hare) in looking after the birds. Mr. Hare has been a keen fancier for a great number of years, and I am sure our fellow members will extend their deepest sympathy to him and his family in their sad bereavement.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. W. Elliott, secretary, West Stanley C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of Mr. Peart, the father of our most esteemed treasurer, Mr. R. Peart, whose death occurred very suddenly after a very short illness. I am sure all our members and fanciers of our neighbouring societies will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Peart, jun., and family in their sad bereavement.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. A. Hoyle, sec., Musselburgh O.S., that I have to announce the death of a son of Mr. Alex, Fleming, aged three years, after a few days' illness, and I am sure our fellow members and friends will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming in their sad bereavement.

I got quite a surprise on opening my Cage Birds on Friday to find my White Hedge Sparrow sketched therein. It is a striking likeness, and does your artist credit in catching the characteristic attitude of my bird. I may say he is just under a year old, and when fully adult I expect him to moult snowy white, as some of his flights were knocked out and moulted pure white. I may say I have had several enquiries since the Palace show with a view to purchase.—Dan Hamilton (Hamilton)

The appearance of our winning unflighted marked yellow in the splendid Palace number of your valuable paper, of which we are regular readers, gives us very great pleasure. He has won 1st Plymouth, 2nd Cheltenham, 1st Wimbledon, 1st and bronze medal for second best Norwich, Palace, vhc, L.C.B.A. only times out. We despatched him, with others, to Clapham, but owing to some blunder, he was returned to us without being delivered to the show. We wish Cage Birds every success, which it well deserves.—Gill and Pethick (Plymouth).

In the "Avicultural Magazine," the journal of the Avicultural Society, for February, Mr. H. D. Astley writes of the Mexican Pied Thrush, and Hooded and Golden-shouldered Parrakeets. Mr. Teschemaker gives an account of the singing ability of an aviary-reared Whinchat. Mr F. Finn contributes an article on "Variations in Muscovy Ducks." Mr. T. H. Newman writes of the breeding of the White-throated Pigeon, and Miss Alderson has a most interesting article on "Our Cranes." The rest of the issue is made up of bird notes from the Zoological Gardens by Mr. D. Seth-Smith, Reviews, Correspondence, Notes, etc.

I was surprised to find that I was honoured by Cage Birds with a drawing of my red-collared Whydah, which I think is very good, also the article by Mr. Wesley T. Page. I can add very little to his interesting notes except that these birds enjoy a bath, which is offered every day, and on which I count for keeping my birds in excellent plumage and show form. I also wish to thank you for the excellent coloured plate of Foreign birds given in the birthday number.—J. Chadwick (Bridlington).

Mr. H. Hill, Bradford, asks us to call the attention of members of the Bradford Nat. C.B.S. and the prize distribution committee to the fact that the meetings arranged to take place on Feb. 26 will be held on the following evening, the room being engaged for another purpose on the 26th.

In "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, for February, Mr. Page gives an interesting account of the nesting of the Black-headed Sibia. Mr. E. Hopkinson continues his series "Birds of Gambia." Miss Chawner writes delightfully of the Purple Sunbird. Mr. G. E. Rattigan contributes "Aviary Notes and Episodes, 1912," comprising the breeding of Green Cardinals, Parrot Finches, Cuban Finches, etc. Mr. R. Luggitt recounts the successful rearing of hybrids from the Grey-winged Ousel and the Argentine Blackbird, and Mr. Wesley Page supplements his list of true species which have been bred in captivity with the first instalment of a list of hybrids, British and foreign, which have been bred. Editorial Notes, Correspondence, and a brief report of the foreign birds at the Crystal Palace Show complete an interesting issue.

What About It?

What about a huge show for cage-birds at the forthcoming Liverpool Exhibition? writes "Clear Yorkie." Is any local society moving in this direction?

"Cage Birds" in New Zealand.

I have managed to get up a society at Wanganui since coming to New Zealand, writes Mr A. Malcolmson, late of Glasgow. All our members take Cage Birds.

A White Greenfinch.

I have in my possession a pure white cock Greenfinch, caught a few miles from Wolverhampton, on Feb. 5th, writes Mr. Geo. Osborne (Wolverhampton).

The Abyssinian Lovebird.

In your report of the Palace Show, writes Mr. Wesley T. Page, I am made to say re Abyssinian Lovebirds, "the cock has a rich crimson beak;" it should read crimson crown.

The Future of the Sale O.S.

We understand that Mr. G. F. Hardcastle, the original secretary of the Sale and Dis. C.B.S., has consented to again take the secretaryship, and he sees no reason why this should not be the premier cage-bird society of Cheshire, if the old members will come back to the fold (which is financially sound).

"Cage Birds" at the Ball.

I have much pleasure in informing you that I was awarded first prize as Cage Birds at the Fancy Dress Ball held at East Ham Town Hall on Thursday last, writes Mr. F. C. Ward (Fulham). The birds were much admired, as also were the calendars I distributed. I thank you for your kind help, and will forward you a photograph as soon as they are finished.

Amalgamated Yorkshire Societies Prize Distribution.

May I again remind all fanciers and friends desirous of attending the annual dinner in connection with the above to send in their names to me at the very earliest opportunity, but in no case after March 6, as dinner can be provided only for those notifying before the day mentioned either the sec. or any of the following specialist club secretaries: Messrs. J. Greaves, E. Clegg, R. Garnett, F. Rhodes, J. Lane, and F. Hammond. The following artistes have been engaged for the social: Mr. W. Smith (bass), Mr. M. Speight (tenor), Mr. G. H. Hawley (humorist), Mr. J. E. Priestley (accompanist), along with a "surprise" turn. Dinner will be served punctually at five o'clock on March 8, and the social evening commences at 6.30. Mr. H. H. Towers will again officiate as chairman, and all are looking forward to this year's function eclipsing all previous annual events. A meeting of the Prize Distribution Committee will be held Feb. 27, at 7.15, at the Market Tavern.—H. Hill, sec.

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Echoes from the Palace Show.

Captured—but Lost.

The escaped Parrakeet we referred to last week was eventually captured in the monkey house, and duly returned to its owner. Unfortunately, however, it died the day after its arrival.

Quick Work.

We hear that the show manager, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, hopes to have the prize-money sent out this week-end—possibly it will all have been posted before this issue reaches our readers. It is no light task, and he is taking the exhibitors in alphabetical order. The medals and diplomas will be sent out immediately they are received from the makers—probably in from three to four weeks' time.

Unsteady Birds Not Wanted.

Fanciers should use a little discretion with regard to the birds they send to shows. A Cinnamon Lark in the rare-feathered class was so very wild as to be a source of annoyance to both the exhibits near it, and to the visitors. Some of the latter called Mr. Ramsden's attention to the manner in which it was knocking about in its unaccustomed surroundings, and he at once had it removed from the benches.

A S.N.P.C. Breeders' Cup.

After the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club meeting at the Palace, writes "G. G.," I was discussing matters with Mr. F. Cole, and suggested that a cup should be obtained, to be competed for by birds bred by members. Mr. Cole intimated that he would not mind doing a little clerical work for the purpose of obtaining one, if members favoured the idea. Members who are interested might therefore write him, giving their views and promises of support.

The Fog, etc., at Work.

The birds seem to have had good journeys when homeward bound, though all the Isle of Wight exhibits unfortunately were held up at Portsmouth for some little time owing to the dense fog prevailing at the time of their arrival there. Mrs. Tipper, of Mosely, did not receive her birds until the Thursday evening—two days after the close of the show. But they were in excellent condition, having obviously been fed and watered. They went astray on the railway, no doubt.

Corrections in Report.

In the Greenfinch class, the bird referred to at end as being remarkably hot fed, etc., should be 1648 (not 1628). The Ramsden special for hottest-fed Norwich, Mr. Parlett, of Sheffield, writes, was won by his second prize unflighted yellow (not by Mr. Hurst). In the clear or ticked yellow novice Yorks Mr. G. L. Sampson won 5th, not Limbert, as reported; in clear or ticked buff Yorks Mr. F. Dandridge won a "commended," which was omitted from our report. In the foreign section our reporter was made to say that the cock Abyssinian Lovebird has a rich crimson "beak," it should have read "crimson crown."

The Suffragettes' Handiwork.

Although the suffragettes left the birds alone, a raid was made on the local pillar-box, and a number of letters posted by the show manager were very badly damaged by the sulphuric acid which was poured into it, and have been returned to him by the postal authorities. Mr. Ramsden understands, too, that more are to follow. Anyone who should have heard from Mr. Ramsden during the show, but has received no letter, will know the fate of the missive. "J. W. R." showed us a batch of damaged correspondence—in some cases not only was the address rendered undecipherable, but the stamps had been eaten off the envelopes by the acid!

We are pleased to hear from the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Nichols, that the newly-formed club for Richmond (Surrey) and Dis. is making good progress. Starting on Jan. 9 with a membership of eight, it now numbers over 30. An evening show, with 20 classes, will be held on Feb. 26, particulars of which will be found in the club reports column.

Late Items.

The following items reached us too late to deal with in the usual way. Mr. J. R. Meikle writes asking us to alter the date of the Scottish National C.B.S. meeting from Feb. 22 to March 1. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. notify a meeting on Feb. 25 at the Reindeer, Rye Lane, show open 9.15 p.m. Glasgow and West of Scotland Club, meeting Feb. 25, at 94, West Regent St., at 8 p.m.; show of pairs.

Owing to severe pressure on our space this week we have been compelled to hold over the publication of the visitors' list at the Palace Show until our next issue.—Editor.

Some Problems of Mule and Hybrid Breeding Unravelled.

A DEEPLY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE ARTICLE BY J. STEEL (Dalkeith):

(Continued from page 137).

WHAT type of Bullfinch do you prefer for Hybrid breeding?—Much depends on the Finch with which it is proposed to mate her. For Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet, the northern species, being largest, are the most likely to impart the desirable quality of size to the offspring. While for Redpoll, Twite, or experiments with the Siskin, I should, on the grounds of disparity, favour the British. The hand reared German I have found to be the most reliable breeder, but many of them are far from being robust, a fault which is doubtless responsible for the high percentage of mortalities, both before and after hatching, noticeable in Hybrids bred from them. If the British, I favour the wedge-shaped, or long hen, in preference to the short, thick hen. I can give no reason for such partiality beyond the fact that they seem to be more inclined to breed in captivity. I believe many of those sold as hand-reared Germans are simply finger tame Britishers, and if young and healthy no harm is sustained from the mild deception.

Have you any experience with Canary-Finch Hybrids, i.e., in which the Canary was the male parent?—The few examples I have seen of hybrids so bred, have not impressed me with the advisability of such reversion, being invariably inferior, apart from the increased difficulty of getting a Finch hen to breed with a Canary. Of course, with Canary-Bully we have no alternative, the opposite method having so far resulted in failure.

Why are so many Bullfinch Eggs Unfertile?

Can you explain why, in trying for the Canary-Bullfinch cross, I invariably get unfertile eggs, notwithstanding every indication being favourable to their having been fertilised?

My investigations into this lack of sympathy (so to speak) between the Bullfinch and other members of the Finch family, including the Canary, date prior to the first appearance of the Canary-Bullfinch on the show bench, the possibility of that cross having been demonstrated years previously by the late Mr. J. Noble, of Dalkeith, and verified by a fancier, than whom no man would be less likely to err, Judge Carson. This happening, and the uncertainty which attends the fertilisation of hybrid eggs from the Bullfinch, added to the apparent paradox that, while such may be ensured by using a Lesser Redpoll as the male parent, the possibility of producing the Siskin-Bullfinch remains yet unverified, presents us with what I consider to be the greatest and most important problem of hybridism, and one to which I have given much study in my efforts to provide a solution.

An opinion prevails among breeders that this question has its solution in certain departures *discernible* during the mating of the Bullfinch with another species, an opinion which I long shared, so I propose dealing with these alleged solutions first, the most prevalent being that the unfertility arises from a difference in the copulative process. That a difference is discernible, I had an opportunity of verifying while watching copulation take place between pure Bullfinches. That the act was more prolonged than in the other Finches I had repeated opportunities of noting, and the question then arose, may this prolongation not be in a degree essential to impregnation?—a question which recurred to me while on another occasion watching a cock Bullfinch trying to effect copulation with a hen Greenfinch with which he was on good terms. Yet I had no difficulty in accounting for his failure, as, though she evinced a desire for his attentions, and he repeatedly responded, the period of concupiscence was too brief for him to effect copulation, and I was not surprised to learn that all eggs from this pair for three seasons had proved unfertile. Anyone who has seen copulation take place between Sparrows will admit that if the prolongation and repetition, which are even more manifest in that species, be essential to fertilisation, we may cease to marvel that all attempts to obtain a cross with a male of any other species have failed.

A LOVER OF THE ROLLER CANARY.

Mr. J. Seddon, of Atherton, Lancs., in his bird-room. He makes all his own cages and has had a good share of success in the hobby.

A breeder with whom I have discussed this subject was so convinced that the infertility arose from such a copulative difference as to say all fertile eggs from the Bullfinch were the result of chance simultaneity. He based his argument on the fact that, though a hen Bullfinch had fertile eggs, this did not favour the assumption that she would have fertile eggs again, even while paired to the same Canary. Another who held similar views instanced a peculiar occurrence in support of this theory, in which a Canary-Bullfinch hybrid was obtained from a Canary, which had invariably failed to fertilise the eggs of its own species, the latter failure being obviously due to defective feet, such difficulty, however, bringing about those conditions favourable to conception with the Bullfinch.

Is Fear a Factor?

Some attribute the infertility to the fear which other members of the Finch family have for the Bullfinch. While I have found the Bully hen less liable to commit "assault and battery" than Greenfinches, I admit that the grimaces in which she is prone to indulge must have a disconcerting effect on a suitor, and a Goldfinch I had which had subdued more than one wicked Greenfinch, never failed to turn a somersault every time a Bullfinch "made a face" at him. My "young hopeful" was sure that his performances were got up for the Bullies' entertainment, and that she was grinning her appreciation! That many unfertile eggs may be attributed to this fear I agree, but we have also an overwhelming majority of unfertile eggs from pairs in which such fear is replaced by real affection, and the claim that Canaries are more timid than Goldfinches, and Redpolls more courageous than Siskins seems rather a feeble argument.

My objection to the copulative theory is based on the fact that fertile eggs frequently result from connections which in no manner differ from that common to the species (Finch or Canary) with which the Bullfinch is mated. My opinion is that the infertility constitutes Nature's manifestation of her abhorrence of a cross between certain species. That this is beyond human understanding I need hardly mention, and the same may be said of the difference in the intensity of such abhorrence. Thus in some crosses it may only reveal itself in the sterility of the hybrid offspring (such sterility coming also under the category of inexplicable phenomena), and in others in a more or less nullifying effect on any attempts to impregnate in the first cross.

(To be continued.)

BIRD KEEPING IN A NORTHERN AVIARY.

The Interesting Experiences of a Lady Bird-lover in the North of Scotland.

BEING always very much interested in reading other people's experiences with their aviaries which appear from time to time in CAGE BIRDS, I have thought of writing down a few of my own, in the hope that they may likewise be of interest. I had the aviary put up in June, 1911, and so last year was the first whole year that I had had an aviary of my own in this country. To describe it to begin with: There is a wooden shelter-house, 9ft. by 4½ by 7½ high at entrance, sloping back to 5 at far end, lighted by large skylight and window. This has a door leading into the flight, but this I never shut save to enable me to catch a bird inside. The flight is 14½ x 11½ x 6½ feet high, and is all open ½in. mesh netting. The whole is painted green, and is well protected by shrubs.

Over one end, and extending for about a yard and a-half over the top, I keep a green weather-proof tarpaulin, which shelters the birds on windy days, and under which they nearly all roost. I find very few roost in the house, although in very bad weather they use it in the daytime, and I keep the seed inside in winter to encourage them to go in. During the winter I have a piece of jute hessian tacked on the outside of the back of the flight, to protect the birds from the north wind, which is very piercing, even through the shrubs.

Points in which the Bullfinch Excels.

I have kept birds for a long time—although not in an aviary—my favourites for some years back being Bullfinches. I do not think any species can beat them for tameness and confidence, if trouble is taken with them when young. The cock Bullfinch which I have in my aviary now is one which I bought over 7 years ago in nestling plumage. He is still in the best of health and plumage, and readily comes on to my hand in the aviary to feed. Six summers ago I kept him with a hand-reared hen in a large box cage, 64 inches long, in which I placed two small shrubs in pots. They had already paired and nested (before being placed in this large cage) in an ordinary breeding cage, but as we were moving at the time the eggs were not incubated. On being turned into the large cage, however, the hen built a nest on one of the pots, in which she laid 4 eggs, and sat her full time. The young died in the shell.

She went to work again and built a very good nest, this time in one of the shrubs, as she was meant to do. She laid 5 eggs, and hatched one bird which both parents fed assiduously for ten days, and then they deserted it, much to my disappointment. I did not realise it soon enough to save it, or I might have managed to rear it or put it in some nest out of doors. The hen laid two more clutches after that, but did not sit them out. She laid in all 26 eggs that season, with both the first and last of which she was badly egg-bound. To my knowledge quite half of these eggs were fertile, including the whole of the last clutch. She became impatient with these and broke them up. This was in August.

Later on—in winter, indeed—I foolishly enough let the couple fly out of the window, thinking they would return in the evening when hungry, as they were accustomed to flying about the room every day. When evening came the cock went into a cage at once when I went up to him, but the hen had flown to the top of a very high beech tree, and though she answered the cock when he called, she did not come down. That night came hard frost, and a fall of snow, and I never saw her nor heard of her again. I have often regretted her.

What Happened in the Far East.

To account for my action in letting the pair out for a fly in the open, I may say that I once took a pair out east with me. I kept them for a few months in an ordinary breeding cage and used to let them out for a fly now and again. They never went far from the bungalow, and always came back to their cage when hungry. I must say, however, that I was not given to letting the two out together often. but I had no hesitation in letting out one at a time—and they did so enjoy it. Later on I kept them in an outdoor aviary (the regular temperature of which must have averaged 78 deg.) along with such things as Grey and White Java Sparrows and various Munias (Mannikins), natives of the country. One unfortunate day I imprisoned our pet Mynah in the aviary (probably I was driven to desperation by his repeated attacks on the butter or the fruit on the dining-room table), but alas! he retaliated by killing my dear cock Bullie. The hen lived for several years, though not in my possession, as I gave her away when I came home. She was killed by a Hawk, much to the grief of her then owner.

But this is a diversion, and I must return to my present-day aviary, and the cock Bullfinch which I originally bred with in the cage 6 summers ago. Since that I have tried him with Canary hens, but have hitherto been most unfortunate, as the hens have always proved failures. The first Canary I tried he paired up with and became most devoted to; but the summer was well nigh wasted before I discovered that the hen was really barren. She built nests and sat on them, but nothing further happened. One day I got two nearly fledged Greenfinches and put them in her nest to see what she would do, and both she and the Bullie were delighted, and fed them diligently! I did not leave them long, however; I was leaving home, so I put them back in their own nest. I got another Canary hen for the Bullfinch, but he would have nothing to do with her that year.

A Love Affair 'twixt Goldie and Bullie.

I will skip a year or two and come to the spring of 1912. I started in my aviary with the above-noted cock Bullfinch and two hens, one cock Goldie (a dear little chap with no tail), 3 Twite-Canary hybrids of my own breeding (all cocks), one cock Linnet, one Redpoll hen, two or three hen Canaries, one pair Spice Birds, one cock Zebra Finch, and one pair Ribbon Finches. The Zebra Finch has been in the aviary for over 16 months, and has never cast a feather to my knowledge. I caged up one of the hen Bullies with the cock Linnet, thinking the two hens would fight if left at large when pairing time came. Later on I noticed that the Goldfinch, who was now in full song, seemed to be following all over the place the hen Bullfinch which was at liberty, and singing at her, and he kept on driving the cock Bullie away whenever he ventured to her side. I also observed that she did not seem to mind this, but on the other hand looked rather pleased.

A Great Disappointment.

The cock Bullie, after repeated attempts to attract her, gave her up as a bad job, and began to make up to the one that was caged in the shelter. Seeing this, I thought the best plan was to catch him and take him out of the aviary, which I did, and placed him in a very large cage in my bedroom, in which there was a sib-bred Norwich hen Canary. That afternoon I saw them quarrelling, and I thought to myself, we are in for a period of unrest. What, therefore, was my surprise the very next morning on beholding the Bullie feeding the Canary. I thought at first that I must be mistaken, but subsequent watching proved them to be genuinely friendly, and very soon the hen built a nest and was about to lay when, alas! she died of egg-binding, and nothing I could do would save her. It was a great disappointment.

I had to give him another Canary hen after that, which had already had three nests with a cock Canary. She took a long time to pair up with the Bullfinch, and in the end nothing came of it. This year I intend to start him fairly with a really healthy young hen Canary which has been wintered out of doors. I fancy it may be his last attempt, as he is getting on in years now.

(To be continued.)

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

[For Rules see page 138 last week.]

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A NON-BREEDER (Tubley).—Considering the bird's previous history, I would advise you to discard her allogether for stock purposes, unless there is some particular inducement, apart from mere size, to continue attempts to breed from her, such, for instance, as super-excellence of type, quality, colour, and markings. It is doubtful if she will ever do you any good at all. If you wish to persevere longer with her, turn her into a large aviary if possible, and limit the quantity as well as the quality of her diet, giving only a small teaspoonful of solid food per day, and plenty of green food.

A WHEEZY COUGH (J.C.)—Keep the bird in a fairly comfortable temperature for a week—not necessarily very warm, nor yet quite cold, and in addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and springled with maw seed, every second day for a week. On the alternating days, add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuhana wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue treatment, if necessary, for a fortnight.

PLUCKS HIS FEATHERS (C.I.C.).—Examine the bird to see if it is troubled with grey lice, and the cage, especially in any cracks or joints, to see if red mites are in evidence. In either case eradicate these pests, as frequently described in these replics the last few weeks. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape and either a morsel of banana, or a spray of green food—dandelion for preference, if obtainable. On the alternate days give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, dusted with flour of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with maw seed. A mealworm a day, if available, would also be beneficial. In the drinking water add as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, and the same quantity of sulphate of soda every second day for a week. Continue the above dietary for a mouth.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A BREEDING TRIO (Taffy).—Yes, as you intend running two hens and one cock together in a large cage, you should leave the three together permanently for the remainder of the season, after mating them at the proper time. There will be no necessity to remove the cock whilst the hens are sitting, and he will doubtless share in the task of rearing the young. Put in four nests, and do not hang one materially higher than the rest. It will be advisable to remove the young as soon as they are well able to feed themselves, to prevent their disturbing the hens with their second nests.

IS IT TOO SOON? (Gould).—Certainly, it is quite a month too early to mate birds yet. Still, there are many who take a premature plunge in spite of all advice to the contrary, and though the bulk regret doing so in the end, there are a few fortunate ones, who get through all right. Let us hope you will be one of the lucky ones. If the birds show signs of beginning to nest you had best let things take their course now, and aim at keeping the birds in a fairly comfortable temperature, and as free as possible from sudden and extreme fluctuations.

EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS (T.S.).—Are you giving any green food or fruit of any kind? If so, stop it for a time. See that the seed and water vessels are quite clean, and the water itself pure and fresh, and keep cage and perches as clean as possible. In addition to the staple diet give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts rape, hemp, teazle, and maw every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk dusted over with carbonate of bismuth. If this does not stop the looseness in a few days, add six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of opium to the water daily, until the droppings become of a normal consistency.

BAD FOOT (A.H.).—When the wound next breaks out well bathe foot and leg for a few minutes daily in a warm solution of Wych Hazel—a small teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—and cleanse the wound of any pus as thoroughly as possible, without pressure. Dry gently, and anoint with lanocyllin. When wound is quite clean, dry with boracic powder, but continue the bathing in the solution, using it cold now, until the swollen veins have subsided. Add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water every second day for a week, and give a fair proportion of green food in the dietary. Keep cage floor well strewn with pine sawdust to absorb moisture from droppings as quickly as possible, and keep perches as clean as possible.

A DIFFERENT BIRD (H.L.H.).—Thanks for your letter. It is always interesting to learn result of treatment. Am glad the bird is so much better. You may continue to give a little of the paste previously advised in the wires for bird to peck at for a few weeks longer, if necessary. Stop it when the voice is strong and clear. The song will undoubtedly gain rapidly in volume and quantity now the bird has made a start.

AN EARLY STARTER (F.E.N.).—By the time the eggs are hatched the daylight will be nicely "drawing out." But still, if the hen will feed by artificial light, it will be a good plan to place a light near the cage for an hour or two early mornings and in the evenings until the young are beginning to fledge, as you propose doing. The chief point, however, will be to protect the birds from feeling the effects of very cold snaps of weather. See reply to "Gould."

A SIX-YEAR-OLD WHEEZER (L.M.N.).—My advice is to drop the idea of breeding with the bird altogether. Its progeny, if it had any, would in all probability, be a source of endless trouble and anxiety to you in future seasons. Get a vigorous 1912 bred cock in good song to replace him. If you wish to try any treatment follow advice given in last issue to "W.P." and let the staple diet be plain canary only, with a pinch of rape given separately every second day.

MATE FOR DARK CREST (S. Goodyear).—Yes, if suited in other features, such as size, substance, shape, and quality, and length of feather, the yellow Crestbred hen would make a suitable mate for the clear body buff dark Crested cock. These features are indeed of even greater importance than colour and marking if you wish to breed good typical Crests and Cresthreds. The hen should have as long, broad, and profuse head feather as possible; a good broad and nicely arched skull, and a short stout beak. All these are essential points in a good stock bird.

RESULT OF CROSS (Lyndhurst).—No, if a Norwich of good type is mated to a Lancashire, and the progeny from this pair of the opposite sex mated back to the Norwich parents, the produce of this second mating will not be birds of the true Norwich type. A small proportion of them might possibly be of fair type, but even this is a rather doubtful speculation. The bulk of them would still be a decidedly bad type of Norwich, and such faults as drop-tail, flat skull, eyebrows and too much feather would not be wanting among them. It would probably take you three or four seasons to breed out the faults such a cross would introduce. You should find plenty of suitable material for improving size in the pure Norwich, without resorting to an outside cross.

BEST FOOD (Thos. Gandion).—I take it you mean the best for rearing young, and in these days with so many to choose from, and each claimed to be the best, it must be rather invidious to single out one. The old-fashioned fresh hard boiled egg and twice its bulk of bread crumb is still, however, very hard to beat. The bread crumb may be substituted by an equal quantity of crushed plain biscuits—Osborne, Arrowroot, or Maizena—if one prefers doing so; and for fickle feeders, one-half bread crumb and one-half crushed sponge cake may be used. One or other of these foods, if not actually the very best, is, at least, not easily equalled. For a full list of other foods, and details which cannot be given here, see "Our Canaries," Part V., or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," mentioned in inset advert.

SEX AND PREPARING FOR BREEDING (H.L.W.).—(1) For an inexperienced novice like yourself, there is no really reliable way of distinguishing the sex of a given bird save by its song, which should be loud, full, and rendered in fairly long unbroken trills, quite distinct from the more or less sustained twittering of some hens. When singing the throat should be inflated and throb very plainly. You will find more detailed instructions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you should obtain before the season begins. (2) To prepare for breeding, in addition to the staple of plain canary give, separately, every second day, half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a similar quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of the seed mixture advised "Novice" on Feb. 8th, and one or two crisp young leaves of dandelion. Mate birds at end of March or first week in April, if both are in good forward condition, and the cock singing well.

SONG "ON TAP" (Very Anxious).—It requires a little management to get birds to sing freely at a particular time and place, and you will always find a few shy singers which will not be induced to sing much, if at all, during a few hours' visit to a strange place. In your case, to get a fair amount of song on Saturdays, you should cover over the cages of the birds you wish for that day all day on the previous Thursday, except for a couple of hours in the evening. On the Friday uncover them for two or three hours in the early morning and again in the evening, keeping them covered during the rest of the day. On each of these days give each bird a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and black rape, with a slight sprinkling of mustard seed, and a small spray of watercress or a crisp young dandelion leaf. On the Saturday morning uncover the cages for two hours before breakfast, and give birds a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake well sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. Then cover over again and keep covered until ready to take them to market. Give only the ordinary seed when taking them on this journey, and at the market shield the birds by a sheet of canvas, or something similar, or arrange the cages in such a way as to shield the birds from the main distractions of traffic, etc. This should bring about the effect you desire.

VARIED (Crest).—(1) Continue the spare diet for a few weeks longer, and now that green food will be getting more abundant, limit the seed diet more stringently, and give a more liberal allowance of greenstuff. Do not return them to aviary until they are well reduced in body. Upon the whole, I think you would do well not to return them to aviary unless you can reduce the dietary offered to its inmates. Dot not mate them for about another month. (2) Only patience, gentleness, and tactful treatment. Let the wild unsteady birds see that your attention to the cages means the appearance of some especial dainty which they never get enough of to satisfy them. To avoid putting hand in cage when cleaning, you should get a narrow scraper and brush with long handles to pass in through the slot where the front of sand-drawer fits. You can get these from any large dealer for a few pence. (3) I do not approve of removing cock permanently when the first egg is laid. It would answer all right in some cases, but it would fail in many more. (4) For ordinary use, when giving only pure plain water, zinc drinkers are perfectly harmless. It is only when adding drugs and chemicals to the water as medicines that they are apt to become very dangerous.

CROSS-WINGED YORKSHIRE (A Novice).—If you can easily obtain another suitable cock without this fault, it is, of course, unwise to breed with this one. If, however, you were compelled to use this one, there is no reason why you should not get some young with much better wing carriage than the parent, providing the hens are both suited to him for correcting this defect. Let them have well-braced wings, carried neatly and well against the sides, and the tips just meeting, or not quite meeting, over base of tail. Neither of the parents of the hens should have had this defect, and you will find your most suitable material among moderate-sized birds rather than very long ones.

CRESTED YORKSHIRE (Enquirer).—(1) There is no recognised variety of Crested Yorkshire, and your bird is doubtless either a sport from some previous cross, or perhaps a small slim coppy. Crested specimens were not unknown in the early stages of evolution of the breed, as was to be expected when it is remembered that the Lancashire and Belgian both played a large part in making the breed, and of these the Lancashire was cultivated with a crest, and in its most flourishing days the Belgian was also found with a crest, but the crest was not cultivated. I do not think your bird is of any particular value. A crested variety of Yorkshire might certainly be evolved by grafting, as it were, the crest from the Crested Canary, but the fact that the primitive crest was weeded out so thoroughly points to the fact that Yorkshire fanciers did not want such a variety. And, indeed, a decent crest would ill-become the slender, aristocratic Yorkshire. (2) This question scarcely admits of a definite reply. An ordinary breeding cage might be put outdoors and termed a small flight, or one might even reduce this to get the "smallest possible outdoor flight." Looking at the question from a hygienic standpoint, if you are about making an outdoor flight you should consider the average number of birds you wish to keep, and then allow one square foot of floor space for each bird.

NIGER OR INGA (Arthur).—This is one and the same seed, which custom has endowed with two names, both of which are largely employed. I am quite aware that there are diametrically opposed opinions concerning its value for feeding birds—the late Dr. W. T. Greene even went so far as to call it poison and the writer of the paragraph you enclose is evidently one of these "whole hoggers." In my opinion such statements can only arise from ignorance, or, perhaps, an indiscreet and injudicious use of the seed. It is the abuse, and not the use, of niger that is harmful to birds. Used in moderation as an ingredient in a seed mixture for occasional use it is not only quite harmless, but highly beneficial, and acts as a natural and mild stimulent, or pick-me-up, and appetiser. A pinch given to hens two or three times a week during the early spring is also an excellent preventive of egg-binding with the first round of eggs. If used in any considerable proportion as part of the regular diet, the birds, being excessively partial to it, would be apt to subsist almost exclusively upon it for a time, and waste the other seeds, and in that case it might easily prove harmful, but even then would not be any more harmful than the same proportion of hemp given in the same unwise manner.

GREY MITES (M.L.B.).—These insects are grey lice and are quite distinct from mites. For details of manner of eradicating them, see reply to "Tom" last week. They not infrequently attack weakly birds, on which they are parasitic, but I cannot give you the reason for their existence—I fail to see any reason myself.

SWELLING ON BACK (W.G.C.).—You should have sent a rough sketch showing approximately the position of the swelling, which, from your remarks, I imagine is on the shoulder, and not the back. From your description it appears to be a small encysted tumour, which could doubtless be quite easily removed by a simple operation. If the bird is a valuable one, ask a veterinary to remove it. Amateur attempts at surgery I cannot recommend, especially in the case of valuable birds, although, of course, the commonest specimen deserves the same consideration as its more valued cousin.

ARE THEY COCKS? (W. G. G., Grantham).—It is quite possible for the two birds which have begun to warble now they are caged separately are cocks. Keeping them caged together for the winter would have the effect of keeping them out of song until too late. If they are really cocks they will develop their song very quickly now, and probably be in good song by the time this appears. Give a small teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure every second day, and a pinch of mixed seed on the alternate days. This will soon bring them out.

MOULTING AND PANTING (B.F.).—You have probably moved bird to a box cage too late—the mischief may be done now. Keep bird now in a comfortable temperature, quite free from cold draughts, and impure heated air. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of scalded rape and a morsel of banana or dandelion leaf, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of mixed seed. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. If panting does not cease by that time treat for a week or two as advised to "Hawarden" last week.

YOUNG BIRD PANTING (J. C.).—Continue the course of treatment you have begun for two or three weeks, and if the bird shows distinct signs of improvement go on with it as long as seems necessary. On the other hand, if there is no progress under that treatment, give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw and a morsel of banana or green food. In the drinking water add 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, every second day for a fortnight. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecac. wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. See that the bird is kept quite free from cold draughts and heated impure air.

WASTED EGG FOOD (M. G. C.).—When only one or two pairs of birds have to be catered for, the best way to prevent excessive waste of egg food is to arrange, if possible, to get a supply of common Bantam or Pigeon eggs, and use the yolk only. One Pigeon egg would serve two pairs of birds with broods of young very nicely for one day, and there would be no waste—except perhaps a little when the broods were very young, which could be very largely prevented by using a smaller proportion of bread or biscuit, and yet quite enough for the actual needs of the birds. This I have proved by practical tests. You might make a large Bantam's, or very small fowl's, egg serve for two days by removing only half the shell the first day, then cutting the egg in half with a clean cut, and burying the one half with the shell still on it, in finely ground meal—oatmeal, for instance and using the yolk from this the next day. This method is practically safe, but still more risky than using a fresh pigeon's egg each day. As a substitution for egg food, see reply to "A. H." last week, and mix together a quarter-pound of desiccated egg yolk, and three-quarters of a pound of maizena wafer biscuits, finely crushed, and keep stored in a tin. Take the required quantity for use at each "meal," and slightly moisten with a drop or two of water. Yes, a bird hatched last July will be fit for breeding at the beginning of April. I would not advise mating it earlier if you can avoid it.

A GIDDY SCION (Constant Reader).—The bird was, I think, simply overdone in getting it into condition for the show. The way you say it behaves is just what one might expect of a rather highly-strung bird in too high condition. As you say, the bird seems in the pink of condition. I do not suppose it betrays any physical defect which would warrant you in discarding it for breeding, and if there were any latent defect it could only be suspected by an intimate knowledge of its ancestry. Even then it would not be safe to say the bird had inherited any such defect as long as it remained in sound health and condition. Thus you see in purchasing a bird for stock in the way you did, you can only take it on health matters, at its face value, so to speak. I see no reason why you should not breed with him. The peculiar behaviour will soon pass off if you put the bird on a diet of plain canary for a few days, with a liberal supply of green food, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day for a week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

LARK FOOD (H. Bromley).—The Lark food seems to be very good of its kind. In use it should be varied with the food recommended in the reply given "B.H." this week (or even used mixed amongst it).

THE TINIEST WALKER (Coopers Arms).—The smallest British bird that walks is generally held to be the Yellow Wagtail.

BUFF OR YELLOW (Enquirer).—A buff hen can most certainly be used for dark Mule breeding; why not? A good thick-set yellow is better, of course, because the progeny are likely to be better in colour—such hens, however, are difficult to lay hands on, except at long prices. A big buff hen, of good quality and colour, often throws grand Mules.

SEXING A THRUSH (P. F.).—The only reliable method of sexing a Song Thrush is by the song. I should think your bird a cock, kept back from singing by its low condition. If in a cold room now, change its cage into a warm corner of a heated living room; this should have the desired effect. Get a bottle of Parrish's chemical food from a chemist and mix nine or ten drops daily amongst its soft-food, keeping this up for at least a fortnight, and then continue giving it for another fortnight on alternate days. By the way, you give me very few helpful particulars, and say nothing as to how you are feeding the bird.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

"FEEDING UP" A GOLDFINCH (E. W. J.).—I dealt at length with this question a week or so ago, and, of course, cannot possibly keep repeating the same answer. Look up your back numbers. The "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch also gives full information on the point. Your present method of feeding is fairly good. Egg-food is not necessary. As your bird is so steady, and is singing so well, I should think him certain to turn out a good breeder.

REARING AND FEEDING A STARLING (M.H.).—You want to get "Nutshell" booklet No. 26 (only 2½d. post free), in which you will find full particulars concerning the feeding of the Starling and the hand-rearing of the young.

A SEED MIXTURE (F. Wood).—The seed mixture is very comprehensive, and should answer well. The only change I advise is the leaving out of the niger and the increase of the teazle to two pints. Niger is not good for all birds as a regular item in the diet. I presume you know that seed-mixtures are very wasteful in aviaries? Where the aviary is of any size, it is by far the more economical to give the principal seeds in separate vessels.

VALUE OF HYBRIDS (T.H.N.K.).—Your question is an awkward one to answer, as genuine Chaffinch-Bullfinch and Chaffinch-Canary hybrids have never been seen as yet on the show-bench—so far as my own opinion goes, that is. I can only say that if cock birds and in good condition, their value could hardly be less than £10, and might easily be more, this depending upon how many specimens were in existence at the time. The Greenfinch-Chaffinch hybrid at present doing so much winning was sold on the show-bench for £10, being claimed at catalogue price by me.

A TRIO (Early Bird).—(1) I have never heard of them being dangerous. (2) I answered a question about sexing Redpolls only last week. I should say your moulted bird is a cock (haven't you heard it sing?), and if the field-plumaged bird shows any trace of red on the breast it is a sure cock. (3) Feed Redpolls as advised "A. T. Penny" last week. Greenfinches, ditto, except that one pint of sunflower seed should be added to the stock seed mixture. Don't forget the green food for this latter bird, when obtainable untouched by frost, especially the early seeding groundsel tops. You would find the "Nutshells" on Redpolls and Greenfinches exceedingly helpful.

PLUMAGE OF LINNET MULES (Mrs. Maunsell yre).—I do not find anything out of the ordinary i the description of your dark Linnet Mules. They lways resemble, in the main, their father in colour, he cocks usually showing only a faint yellowish flush t the throat and on the breast, this, of course, eing less pronounced in buffs than in jonques. I m speaking of non-coloured Mules. What the lule fancier you refer to considers "most unusual" am at a loss to imagine.

LARK CAGES AND FOOD (H.R.).—The door at he end of the "runner" type of cage is very handy hen changing a bird from one cage to another, also hen inserting a turf, as the bird can retire to the ar end of the cage, and there is little danger of it ccidentally getting out—of course, I am assuming hat a good sized "runner" is indicated (18ins. is ery fair), not the cramped little things one sometimes sees. If protection of the end be desired, hen a removable cover is easily contrived. I do not hink much of the food sample you send; the base ooks more like very fine sawdust than good nourishing meal. Try the following recipe: Crushed "Melox" (or any similar high-class dog meal) 6 arts, meat meal 2 parts, ground silkworm pupæ and good ants' eggs 1 part each. Moisten with hot water; add vegetable ingredients frequently; give seed separately (mainly canary, crushed hemp, oarse oatmeal, and maw).

A QUARTETTE (J.E.W.).—(1) Follow the method advised an enquirer on the Linnet last week (note reply to A. I. Penny); it applies precisely to a Lesser Redpoll. (2) The brand you mention is very expensive in actual use, though, of course, very good. Go to a high-class paint (oil and colour) shop and ask for a few pounds—I don't know, of course, exactly how much you require—of washable sanitary distemper. You will find it perfectly satisfactory. There are many good brands—"Duresco" is one of them. I must candidly say that I do not think any of them stand much washing. (3) Half-inch mesh wire netting is the best, and keeps out mice. The same remark applies to wire fronts. If the aviary is to be double-netted (always the best) it is cheaper to use half-inch mesh for the inner, and three-quarter (or five-eight) mesh for the outer, and equally efficacious. (4) It is not a recipe given by me, but is very good, I should think, and I should not hesitate to utilise it.

A HYBRID AVIARY (H. A. J.).—(1) I do not know anything about the composition of colour-washes. You should go to a good paint-shop and get 2 or 3 lbs. of washable sanitary distemper (or "water-paint"). It is the best covering for aviaries (equally good for cages), can be obtained in any desired shade—I recommend very light blue—does not rub off, keeps down parasites, is harmless to the birds, and is inexpensive. (2) It is not desirable, strictly speaking, but usually matters very little, much, however, depending on the size of the aviary. I knew of an instance (to give you an example) where one hen Bullfinch was in a smallish aviary with four cocks. One of the cocks, by virtue of his strong right arm, so to speak, won the hen to wife, and then proceeded to render his possible rivals as little attractive as possible by stripping them of their plumage. I shall never forget the sorry sight they looked when the owner of the aviary called me in to explain the mystery of their lost clothing. (3) Try Goldfinch, Siskin, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, Twite, Chaffinch, and Yellowhammer (the two latter are doubtful hybrid breeders, but well worth trying). (4) All the hardy evergreens are useful—privet, holly, rhododendron, ivy, laurel, fir, euonymus, etc. Bundles of loosely arranged pea-sticks, fir branches, and the like, are also very much favoured. Note the article dealing with an aviary in this issue.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S..

ZEBRA FINCHES (P. A. Rainbird).—You should have given size of your cage, then I could have given you a more helpful reply; large or small are merely comparative, and give no information. According to space you can keep Cutthroats, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Silverbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Common and Green Avadavats, Golden-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills with your Zebra Finches, and if space and other accommodation is sufficient, most of them should breed.

PARRAKEETS AND FINCHES (Querist, F.P.C.).—(1) In an aviary this size, once the small birds had got accustomed to the large birds in their midst, I do not think you need fear actual damage to the other birds, but the Rosellas would be a disturbing influence; they would nibble nests and nest receptacle, and thus scare sitting birds off their eggs, and lessen your breeding results: also would play havoc with any growing trees or bushes the aviary contained. (2) There would be no risk in such an aviary, but I must warn you I have watched a Budgerigar commence at the bottom of the stem of a living gooseberry bush and nip every leaf off to the top (not eating a single leaf), then pass to the next stem and do likewise—quite too much method about them for the lover of a natural aviary. (3) I have kept Black, Blue, Archbishop and Maroon Tanagers with Finches, Buntings, etc., in natural aviary with plenty of cover, and had no trouble with them; in fact, in a roomy aviary the full range of dietary is an advantage, and neither hard nor soft bills take harm from helping themselves to what is to hand. The Scarlet Tanager has proved aggressive in many aviaries, and the Black also sometimes, but I have kept those named above for several years, as stated.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (Gould).—In various aviaries, if there were records, you would hear of Gouldians nesting almost all the year round, but the more usual period is late spring and right through the summer up to the moult. It will be better to defer pairing the birds till next month. The instance you refer to from "B.N." refers to a pair which had been out of doors the previous year, and would be already paired when brought in. Re the bird in bad feather, you must continue to treat it as per earlier reply, and as soon as the weather permits, give it almost outdoor treatment, and let it have a supply of seeding (flowering) grass twice daily. If you have an aviary, turning it out of doors in mid-May should effect a cure. Only really perfect and healthy birds should be put up for breeding, or both parents, and any progeny there may be, suffer. Give your breeding pair as large a cage as your convenience permits.

COCKATOO AND BUDGERIGARS (K.K.).—I am afraid scattering the food out of the tin to get at the favourite items in a vice most of the Parrot tribe are heir to, and it cannot be entirely checked. Diet: Seed mixture—one quart each canary, white millet and oats; one pint each maize, sunflower, paddy rice and hemp; half-pint nuts and a handful of chilies; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply such ripe fruit and green food as it will take; it can also have stale crusts and plain biscuit—grit, cuttlebone and water must be regularly supplied. Re Budgerigars, put up the husks or barrels at the end of the month, you need not interfere with them as Budgerigars keep their house (nesting apartment) very clean.

EGYPTIAN QUAIL (G. Platt).—Yes, but usually are rather wild when first obtained, and it is better to cut one wing a little before turning them into the aviary, to prevent their bashing their heads against top of aviary. The wing feathers need not be cut again afterwards. They soon settle down and scuttle away to cover when disturbed, instead of rising. There should be some grass in the aviary in irregular tussocks, to induce them to nest. For obvious reasons I cannot recommend individual traders, but an inquiry to the principal dealers, or an advert., would soon procure you a pair—often offered as low as 2s. 6d. a pair. They are brought over in quantities alive for table use. I am assuming that you refer to the migratory Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*).

COMMENCING AN AVIARY (W. H. B.).—I should put in another pair of Budgerigars, and pairs each of Rosella Parrakeets, Cockatiels, Black-checked and Madagascar Lovebirds, which will about fill you up. I do not advise keeping Parrakeets and Finches together, and in a moderate-sized aviary do not advise you to attempt it. I should use gravel for the floors and sprinkle it with gritty sand regularly. Fruit tree branches are always safe, and are excellent for the purpose. You can also use branches of fir trees, hazel, beech, chestnut, etc.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS (O. B.).—(1) This is really a matter for yourself; usually two pairs together settle down to nesting quicker than do a single pair kept separately, but single pairs in cages will ultimately do so. (2) I am ignorant; I do not know the dimensions of a Quaker oat box. For two pairs you must give a fair space, as there must be room to hang up four husks, each of which should be one foot distant from the other husks. I consider a minimum for two pairs should be 3ft. long, 1½ft. deep, and 2ft. high. Why not have a small aviary even in a small back yard? Your birds will be more prolific and healthy than indoors in cages. If you send me a rough plan per Editor of your back premises, I shall be pleased to advise you what to do. It will cost no more than a number of cages, while the cleaning and attendance will not be a tithe of that required by birds in cages. (3) If you sell them yourself, see our advertisement columns, which will give you present price, and you should obtain this; but if you sell wholesale, then about half the price. Get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars."

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

RED-RUMPS, ROSELLAS, AND FINCHES (A. S. E.).—Redrumps and Rosellas do not always agree together, and it is always more or less dangerous to keep either large or small Parrakeets with Finches. Of course, if the aviary is a large one, there will only be occasional mishap, but if space is at all restricted, mishaps among the Finches may be fairly numerous. Red Rosellas would be the safest; these and Cockatiels are about the most harmless species I know of for your purpose, and if they are not crowded you should be fairly safe. It will be when you have young ones that the main risk will come in, and you must watch them closely at that period. Even Budgerigars are not safe with Finches when the former become at all numerous. Parrakeets take some time to settle down to nesting, and when you buy a pair which have nested, you may have to wait a year or even two for them to settle down; moreover, Parrots and Parrakeets mature slowly, and young birds would certainly take one or two years to settle down and mature.

GREY PARROT (S.H.).—I really cannot give you a satisfactory reply from the details you supply. Unless it is really an overgrowth of beak, an accident or some tumour must have pushed one of the mandibles on one side; if it is the former the overgrown portions must be trimmed to normal size and shape, and if it is the latter only a vet. can tell you whether anything can be done for it. If it is a case of only trimming the beak you had better get some experienced fancier or a vet. to trim it for you; there are veins in the mandibles which if cut into bleed rather badly, but you are safe if you do not cut back beyond normal size. Of course, if there has been an accident or tumour and the vet. says nothing can be done to put it straight, then it is kinder to have it painlessly destroyed than to leave it to slowly starve and waste away. While in a tender state, boiled maize pulped may be given, also stale bread into which about 20 drops of hypo-phosphates have been allowed to soak, then thoroughly moisten with boiling water; the bird should be able to eat this, also banana, while it is under treatment.

JAVA SPARROWS NOT BATHING (W. E. R.).—The better bath would be of the type which can be hung over the open cage door, and I advise you to get one of these; you need be under no misconception on this matter; as soon as they feels equal to it, the Javas will take their "tub," and no half one either. But I rather doubt their using a small round vessel; they need a shallow dish, such as they can stand and splash about in and if you procure one of those referred to above, they can do this without materially damping the interior of the cage. Yes, they should breed, hang up in one of the back corners of the cage, right against the top, a chip Hartz travelling cage, after removing all fittings and perches, and cut away two of the bars for the birds to get in and out by. Supply hay and green grass stems as nesting material, a little of which may be pushed into the little nest cage, and more strewn about cage bottom.

SHELL GRAVEL (E. A. B.N.).—I have used similar shell gravel for a long period without mishap, but any good sharp sand—river sand, etc., which is mostly minute pebbles—will answer the purpose, and the crushed shells of eggs from your table will be beneficial to the birds—the shell gravel which is condemned is similar to that which is strewn over the surface of park and garden paths. Any of our large advertisers would send you a peck or bushel of gravel without shell (as aforementioned, this should consist mainly of minute pebbles), or, if you live in the country there is plenty of good, well-washed gritty sand to be got from the gutterways of lanes, or the bed of some shallow-running stream or spring.

BUDGERIGAR AVIARY (Enquirer).—(1) Give the largest space your means and space will permit. You must, of course, have a shelter for them as well as the flight. It is rather difficult to answer you as you give me no idea of how many you wish to keep. I cannot conceive an aviary being of much use less than 10ft. by 6ft. by 5ft. or 6ft. high; 6ft. of the roof to be boards and felt, and the other part half-inch mesh wire netting; 6ft. of the front and the one end also to be netting, the other 4ft. of front and end (under boarded roof) to be felt and boards, with a square of glass in the end as window. Budgies need good wing exercise to keep them fit, and as they do not bathe in the ordinary manner there should be a small portion, as above, which is open to rain, this part to be planted with grass, cereals, and any herbage the birds will let grow. In such an aviary you could have 3 pairs Budgies, 1 pair Cockatiels, 1 pair each Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds. If you are tied for space, make it one-third smaller. (2) Nest-boxes must have concave bottoms or half the eggs will be spoiled, and either coco-nut husks or small barrels make the best nest receptacles for these birds

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

J. Seddon.—Thanks for the photograph, which we will publish in due course.

W. H. Hamlyn.—We will endeavour to deal with your nest in our next issue.

C. I. Young.—Thanks for the photo, which shall be reproduced in due course.

A Member.—These matters of a few shillings difference in the balance sheet are surely best brought up and thrashed out at the meetings of the society. They are of practically no public interest, and we are very pressed for space at the moment.

Miss Bidwell. — Your question will be found answered by Mr. St. John in the query pages this week.

A. E. Fenn.—We think your eye deceives you. The birds on the plate were only 6¼ inches long, whereas the standard length of the exhibition Yorkshire is 6¾ inches. We will undertake to say that Mr. Kiesel's first prize White Canary exceeds, if anything, 6¼ inches in length. Of course, the so-called Border type of White Canary is smaller, we freely admit.

J. Loveday.—We have previously dealt with this idea.

W. Dunlop.—Thanks for your contribution, which we shall hope to utilise in a week or so.

Joe West.—Your letter is libellous, as surely you must know. How would you prove your allegations if we published it and an action at law were commenced against you? How did the other fanciers get their information? Did the owner tell them he had obtained the birds "on hire," or did the dealer let them know that he had sent them "on hire?" We notice that this kind of allegation generally rests upon what "somebody else" says.

Lover of Justice.—We are quite sure that amateurs generally do not endorse your views that "injustice is quite common at local shows." Be a sportsman.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, 6. We shall get a reply from judges, so we shall decide on judges for our open show to be held Oct. 22.—George Broome.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show of breeding pairs, Nor., Bord., Var. Can., Mules pairs, Hyb. pairs; judge, Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth).—R. Forster.

Arbroath C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, 8. Important business; fanciers rally round.—John Gray.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Classification and judges.—Wm. Hall.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 26, Gardner and Richards, 7.30. Table show of matched pairs for breeding; members please attend and bring a pair.—A. Hudson.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Syllabus; a hearty invitation extended to local fanciers to attend.—F. C. Sims.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 6. First members' stock pair show: Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, Mule or Hybrid, and A.O.V. Judge, Mr. H. Messenger. Birds staged 6.—Robert Elliott.

Bradford Nat. Show Committee.—Feb. 27, Market Tavern, 8. Selection of judges and other important show business. Printed balance sheets can be obtained at this meeting.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 22, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7. Pair show and lecture on general management of Canaries, by Mr. J. Chambers, of Leeds; birds staged 7.15.—W. H. Steel.

Bristol C.B.S.—March 5, City Hotel, 8. To elect officers for ensuing year.—B. L. Pool.

Bingley O.S.—Feb. 25, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Yorkshire Union ballot paper; important.—H. Shaw.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 22, Flying Dutchman, 8. Final arrangements of presentation for members' specials.—W. Helliwell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Next meeting night, Feb. 22. There will be two silver plated cups on view. These cups are being brought to the meeting with the idea of proposing a competition, one cup for champions, the other for novices. Will members please note and attend meeting in good numbers?—W. Helliwell.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 24, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., W., 8. Judging competition in pairs of Yorkshires, and Plainheads, matched for breeding, and lecture by the judge, J. Robson, on "Pairing."—V. Wynn.

Clapham C.B.A.—Clock House, Clapham Park-rd., open 5.30. Members' pair and Finch show. Admission 3d., including catalogue. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—J. Brighty.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 25, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Postponed general meeting.—E. Jaycott.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. To take into consideration the best means of raising funds towards buying a cup for competition at our annual show.—B. Robinson.

Derby C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Derwent Hotel, 7. Arrangements of concert in aid of club's financial loss, etc.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Ealing Hanwell F.A.—Feb. 22, Hanwell Public Library, 8. General meeting, for election of officers and fixing of programme for 1913. All fanciers welcomed.—Rowland Bamber.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 22, Butchers' Arms, 3. Special business; also members' show, judge, Mr. P. Mason. Birds staged at 3.—J. Holroyd.

Gainsborough C.B.S.—Feb. 22, No. 1 Mess Room, 7. Business re washing exhibition and lecture. It is hoped that all members will attend, as the business is very important.—J. E. Conway.

Glasgow Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Marie Stuart Hall, Crosshill, 7.30. Table show of pairs and monthly meeting.—Robt. Heggie.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.—Feb. 22, 122 Ingram-st., 6.30. Pair show, 6 classes Norwich clear ditto varieg., same for Borders, A.O.V. Canary, Sel. Nor., £1.—Walter Connelly.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 22, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Special meeting for election of officials and revision of rules for the Yorkshire Union of C.B.—H. Clegg.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Feb. 25, Lellos Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7. General meeting, annual dinner, and election of officers on the Yorkshire Union ballot paper.—A. Roberts.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Headquarters, 3. Members' show, 4 classes; important business. — Tom Smith.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Crown Inn, 7. Very important business.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood and Dis. O.S.—Feb. 25, Rechabite Hall, Pine-st., 7.30. Balance sheet for 1912. Election of officers for 1913.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Idle C.B.S.—Feb. 26, White Bear Inn, 7.30. Supper tickets to be had gratis by sending postcard to secretary. Present and new members heartily invited.—C. E. Hylton.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Great Northern Inn, 7. Business important.—T. Smith.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Drill Hall, Lochgelly. Business: Judges.—R. Muir.—(No time given.—Ed.).

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—March 1, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 7. Annual general meeting; new officers; balance sheet, etc.—John Rukin.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Feb. 21, The Feathers Hotel, Westminster, 7.45. Annual general meeting.—J. C. Birch.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Mar. 1, in Council Schools, Sawley Road, 6.30. Exhibits for pair show to be received. To be followed by an important meeting, when all members are earnestly requested to be present, whether exhibiting or not; all friends welcome.—Geo. Thos. Wall.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Bainbridge's Cycle Rooms, 7. Election of officers; also to consider ways and means of raising money for the society.—Robert Jones.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Middlesex O.S.—Feb. 27, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Shepherd. Members please bring as many entries as possible.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business most important. — Arthur Wake.

Musselburgh O.S.—Feb. 28, Cossar's Tea Rooms, 7. Classification and nomination of judges.—A. Hoyle.

Northern B.M. and F.B.C.—Feb. 26, Lockhart's, 7.30. Table show, 4 classes; judge, Mr. A. Storey; fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—Feb. 22, Market Tavern, Godwin St., Bradford, 7. Result of competition and other important business.—E. Clegg.

National British B. & M.C.—Feb. 27, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8 p.m. Election of officers for the year.—J. P. Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Lecture by T. Harrison, Esq. (Altrincham), on "Seeds."—John Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Table show of British, Mules, and Hybrids, and A.O.V.; all fanciers welcome.—James Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 24, Irwell Castle, 8. Special business, don't forget.—J. W. Parkinson.

Poplar C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Headquarters. Pair and Finch show; annual smoking concert will be held at the Aberfeldy Tavern, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., on March 8. Admission by programme. Fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—H. W. Cook.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 22, Old Boar's Head, Corporation-st., Manchester, 5. Meeting will be followed by annual dinner and social evening. Members and friends invited.—A. Percival.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Mr. Enock Waugh's, 7. Judges to select for shows; sec.'s report for 1912; and election of officers.—Wm. Forster.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Headquarters, 3. Members' show, and dates for season's shows.—H. Myers.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 22, College Inn, 8. Monthly meeting.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting, show, etc.—Wm. Adams.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Headquarters, 8. Selection of prizes.—John Bamford.

Scottish Nat. C.B.S.—Feb. 22, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5. Annual general meeting: election of office-bearers, financial statement, and important business.—J. R. Meikle.

South-West London C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Headquarters, the New Guildhall, 638-640, Wandsworth Road. A members' pair and British bird show. Admission free. All fanciers cordially invited.—H. Freeman.

Stirling and Dist. C.B.S.—March 1, McDonald's Temperance Hotel, at 8. First meeting of the year. To elect office bearers.—W. Clubb.

Sunderland C.B.A.—March 1, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. Table show of pairs.—J. Jeffrey.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Feb. 26, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8. General meeting. Matters of general interest will be discussed, and a lecture on Rabbits given by Mr. H. Collyer. Friends are invited to attend.—C. F. Bench.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Yorkshire Union Ballot paper.—W. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Yorkshire Union ballot paper; will members who have any interest in the society please attend?—H. C. Crossley.

Wandsworth F.S.—Feb. 27, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Lecture on Poultry, by Mr. Gallard, and discussion re open show for 1913.—W. Lightfoot.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Judging competition (British); fixing date for open show; selection of judges.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Dartmouth Hotel, 7. Pay out prize money and pair show.—W. G. Andrews.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Yorkshire Union ballot paper, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Yorks. C.B.S. and M. Club.—Feb. 22, Market Tavern, 7.30. Election of officers, etc. J. Lane.

Correspondence.

The Date of the Palace Show.

An Alteration for 1914.

Sir,—I find that it will be impossible to alter the date to Wednesday to Saturday, as the railway companies refuse to handle the birds on the Sunday. It is proposed, therefore, to alter the days to Thursday to Monday; this should meet the wishes of those living in towns or districts where early closing is in force on the Thursday. The birds will have a day's rest on the Sunday, and will be returned at the usual time on Monday evening.

J. W. Ramsden.

Nantwich Show Report.

Alleged Errors in the Catalogue.

Sir,—Your report of Nantwich show in your last issue credits me with 1, 2, and 3 in the Norwich class; this is incorrect, as I only had one entry in this class, which was awarded 2nd; also in the Yorks class I am reported as being 3, vhc, and hc; this again is incorrect, as I had no entry in Yorks. I find, on referring to the catalogue, that it is no error on the part of your representative, but in the compiling of the catalogue. Why my name should be attached to these entries—especially in the Yorks., where I had no entry—I cannot understand. Perhaps the secretary will kindly say to whom these awards rightly belong.

Arthur C. Brotherhood.

The Scottish National C.B.S. New Year Show.

Sir,—It is now some considerable time since this society held their annual show, and up till time of writing (Feb. 17th) I have not received a balance sheet. Seeing that the annual general meeting should be held on the last Saturday of February, namely the 22nd, I should like to know when same is to be issued (if not out before this appears in print)? Are we to receive same so as to give it a little consideration previous to the meeting, or is it to be as in the year when an official issued the balance-sheet in the middle of the week and called the general meeting on the Saturday of the same week? That treatment was spoken against at the meeting so I hope present secretary will not do likewise. The last balance-sheet, issued by the late secretary (Mr. Watson) if I remember right, was issued on 6th, and meeting on 24th. I thought this year great things were to be done.

Member.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—I promised to give my ideas on the above subject. Before doing so, I would like to say that I noticed in your last issue of Cage Birds, a letter from "Lover of Justice." He has unmasked himself by the tone of his letter. I am afraid he has been connected in a clique about Dysart, hence his screaming for justice. But I am glad to see he has come to himself and put on a brave heart to show his old friends he can do without them. I can't blame "Clique" judging alone for short entries. Committees are more to blame. They appoint many times the wrong party for a secretary. Now a secretary is the mainspring of the committee, and he has often to work "on his own"—he can't always be calling a meeting of committee. Should the business come off, it is all right; if not, then he gets abused. To make a good secretary you must get a man with good business ability and tact, and one who commands the confidence of the Fancy. To prevent "clique" judging, there is only one remedy I can see, and that is double judging. It might cost a little more to have two judges, but it would be made up by a larger entry. The Scotch Fancies are always double judged. I think the B.F.C. Club might take notice how their medals are awarded. I think they are a very listless body; you never hear of them. Why don't they have a club show along with the Scottish National at the New Year holiday, when every fancier would see the best birds judged according to merit?

Wm. M. Hastings.

Sir,—It is amusing to read these jealous epistles from various correspondents who can see no other cause for short entries at our shows than clique judges. "Lover of Justice" wants a boycott of all the leading Scottish judges who through his imagination run in a clique. He wants judges who may make a mistake, yet assures us we will get justice, as it will be their "honest opinion." How shall we know it is, should we see an inferior bird sitting first? Now, by his way of reasoning it could only be a "mistake" should any of the present so-called "clique" win! There would be no mistake should this gentleman, who claims to love justice, win and win often. It was hard lines that he suffered so badly this last year with Borders, even at his own little show. Let me say to "Breeder of Even marks" that I am certain that if all fanciers of the wee gems visited the shows as little as he has done, or exhibited as few birds, there would shortly be no shows in Scotland. Let me also say that there has always been a "clique" (in his opinion) when he could not get a ticket. No committee ever did give encouragement to those outsiders he refers to, unless through specials. I am amused at his remarks. Why do they trot out such paltry excuses? he asks, viz. your bird crosses its wings, drops it tail, etc., to sensible men—men who know a bird as well as they do. All his experience has been gained at small club shows, and he could never see a Border worth £1 and as yet he has never purchased one at even the half of a £1. Does a sensible man expect a bird to win in open competition that crosses its wings, drops its tail, etc.? Surely not. I am pleased to agree with your correspondent "Disgusted" that he has had good cause to be so since he has tried all makes of cages, imitated all spars, drinkers, etc., with very little recompense for this trouble in seeking to win by imitation of others. He may yet see it is better to have better birds and a uniform cage. The very doubtful test "Disgusted" refers to was not mentioned with the view of increasing entries at our shows—to be brief, it is simply disgusting. I am pleased to see Mr. Logan drawn out, his withdrawals of most of his former statements, and his admission that he is the "Fortune Teller." But even with this ability he is guessing wrong this time, as I never had a conversation about "clique" judges with him in all my life. He gives me credit of winning a 2nd in a classe of five entries. Previously he declared he accepted my first entry. Now he is "not aware I had started Plainheads." It is nineteen years since I started this variety, James. Knowing you as I do, with all the success you have had, and further, deserve, I truly believe there is not one of the few judges you would try to damage, but won more prizes before officiating as a judge than you are likely to do in a life-time. I have noticed for about the time you refer to, viz., two years, that you have been annoyed at some of your neighbouring fanciers, with a shorter experience than you, because they are reaping their just reward, and long may they bring honour to Fife. I am very sorry to hear of the disappointment of Mr. Hastings, but say to him that I have no desire to burden the Fancy with my troubles, but to point out a few troubles of the Fancy that I know are imposed at some shows on other good fanciers less able to bear them than I am in many ways. But I will with patience wait on the promised ideas of Mr. Hastings, and hope they will help to increase the entries at our Scottish shows. As you know, sir, bare insinuations or outbursts of imagination are no argument. I am pleased your correspondents all admit the supposed "clique" is a small one. I also believe that fanciers such as your correspondents are very few. And neither the alleged clique nor the clique-makers would be much missed.

Plainhead.

Late Entries at the Palace Show

Sir,—With reference to Messrs. Godley's and Nason's letters: Notwithstanding the fact that the closing date was well advertised these gentlemen sent their entries late. Mr. Godley's arrived on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 28th, while your representative was going through the catalogue, which was then completed and numbered. Your representative will be able to corroborate this. Mr. Nason's entries were posted in Northampton on Tuesday, 28th, at 3 p.m. I hold the envelope to prove this. I was, with very great regret, compelled to return the entries of eight would-be exhibitors. Their entry fees, with one exception, would have been extra profit to the show. I had to supply the Press representative of the Crystal Palace with a full summary of the entries on the 28th, so that preliminary notices could be sent to the Press; also supply the railway companies with a copy of the index on the 29th, so that they could make suitable arrangements for the carriage of the birds. After numbering entry forms and posting tickets, I was under contract to hand the catalogue to the printer at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3. Considering that there were 2,468 entries to deal with, there was no time to spare, I mention these facts simply to satisfy your correspondents that I did not deal harshly with them. I might add that I expressed regret, etc., when returning the entries. Mr. Nason's subscription was returned. It seemed to me so much like sharp practice to stick to the subscription and return the entrance fees, that I returned the remittance as received.

J. W. Ramsden.

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Proposed C.B.S. for Redcar and District, Yorks.

Sir,—It has been suggested by several local fanciers that a society should be formed as above. Will all those who are willing to join such a society, or help toward same in any way, please let me have their names and addresses as early as possible, so that a meeting can be called and officials elected. I think there is plenty of room for a society here, and there is no reason why it should not prove successful. Hoping you will insert this in your esteemed journal, which I think is the best means by which fanciers can be informed.

C. L. Mallory.

17, Elton Street, Redcar, Yorks.

Prize-money at Liverpool (Anfield, Everton) Show.

Sir,—I am not one to grumble about my prize money when a show is hit, but as you published a letter from the secretary of the above society that the show was a great success, I think it's time to ask for my prize money. I entered three birds at 1s. 6d. each entry. I got two firsts and one second prizes, which entitled me to 22s. 6d. Imagine my surprise to receive on Feb. 1 the sum of 3s. 2d. for the two firsts and one second prizes. The secretary sent a note (which I enclose) saying I was to be paid out on members' sliding scale. It does not state in schedule that prize-money would be paid out on sliding scale, so I think I am entitled to my full money after paying open entry fee. If this letter should catch the eye of any of the committee will they please explain. Also has anybody else been paid out on sliding scale?

R. E. Griffith.

[The note referred to reads: "These classes were amalgamated with our members, and we pay out on the sliding scale. Big loss on show."—Editor.]

A Novice's Good Progress in Four Years.

Sir,—I was pleased to see you had honoured my yellow cock by placing a sketch of same on the front of yur valuable paper. One of the most gratifying features about it is that it has been bred by myself. I may say he has not had many chances of showing himself, except at members' shows. All the same he has won 8 firsts in these classes, second at Sale, and fifth at the Palace, 1913, and now a 1st at the Palace, 1913. Seeing that I got a first and a fifth at the Palace last year I think I am doing very well, as I have only been in the hobby four years. But who can go wrong when we have such a splendid paper as Cage Birds to fall back on, and also have the help of such splendid fanciers as we have in Manchester? I may say it has alway been my ambition since I started in the Fancy to gain both a novice and an open medal at the Palace; so I hope, with a little luck, to try for the greater honour next year? I cannot close my letter without thanking your artist on his work, and also for the splendid plates he gives us from time to time. I am sure the latest of them, "The White Canary," is a masterpiece.

R. Booth.

The Keeping and Feeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—I have read "Goldfinch Fancier's" letter in this week's Cage Birds, and no doubt he is referring to my letter of some time ago as to how I feed my Finches. A few years ago I was at a loss to understand why my birds would not live. I was treating them with mixed seeds. I was told by a very old fancier that I had better not be so kind to my birds, that I was feeding them far too well, and that death was the result of this so-called kindness. This seemed strange to me. At the time I was suffering from a bad attack of indigestion, and I was told by the doctor to eat plain food and drink no alcohol. I found by this treatment that I was feeling better; too many kinds of food were harmful to me. This told me that too many kinds of seed must be harmful to my birds; why not try them on a plain diet? I did so, and I have been most pleased to this day. I now have very little trouble with them. I wish to say that I collect wild seeds in season, and now and again I give them a feed. I use rain water when I can get it fresh, and supply it in glass fountains (zinc is dangerous). Hundreds of our pets die yearly with indigestion brought on by over feeding. Take the Siskin, he is a gorger; give him mixed seed and he will pick out all hemp, and in a cage he will soon die. I have a pair in my aviary; they get canary seed only, and I have had them three years. I have Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Redpolls and Norwich Canaries in my garden aviary, 12x8, with house attached. I breed in cages in the house, and it is seldom I get a dead bird. If one should go thick I bring him indoors and give a pinch of salts in the water, or one drop of oil, and take away the dry seed and scald canary and German rape seeds and well dry before giving to bird (fresh every day). Then when you see the bird showing signs of recovery, give wild seeds free from dirt, and your birds will soon be ready for the plain diet again. I have had fanciers tell me that you cannot get your bird into show condition by feeding on plain seed. I wish all to understand this is not so, for I have shown all over England and Scotland and have done well. I do not agree with artificial heat. I have seen good birds at shows on the second day without a card and was at a loss to understand why. On enquiring I have been told that while judging these birds were "thick." Taken from a warm room and put into cold railway vans, the birds get chilled, and the poor judge gets called over the coals when he has only done his duty, for we all know that a "thick" bird is a poor specimen.

F. Balcombe.

Sir,—Seeing in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, that a fancier wants to know how to keep Goldfinches, I may ask him what kind of cage does he keep them in? The best cage is a stock cage. In a wild state the Goldfinch feeds principally upon the seeds of the thistle, dandelion, button weed, plantain, teazle, groundsel, grass, etc. In captivity its staple food should consist of hemp, linseed, teazle, canary and maw seeds. The Goldfinch is a bird that requires considerable change of diet; also never forget to give him plenty of clean water. This fancier would know how to keep the Goldfinch by getting the "British Bird Manual" from Cage Birds (post free 1s. 1d. I have a Goldfinch, and find no trouble to keep him in good health. I give him green food, but do not give him too much rich seed, such as hemp and linseed, which makes him go light (thin).

Hy. Phillips.

Scotch Fancies at the Ulster O.A. (Belfast) Show.

Sir,—I had no intention of entering into a correspondence on the above subject, as at the annual meeting of the above association it seemed to be a sore point with some present, and for peace sake I took no part in the controversy, but seeing your correspondent, Mr. Wm. H. Gillespie (at one time a very prominent member of the Scotch Fancy fraternity) has taken up the cudgels on behalf of his favourite, perhaps I may be allowed to contribute a share to the subject in question. The only reason for my doing so is that your correspondent's figures and statements are a mass of inaccuracies. His first objection is to the statement of your reporter (whoever he was) as to the Scotch Fancy section always being a loss. Well, in my humble opinion, if your reporter did not make a bull's-eye, he certainly scored an inner. In the first instance, Mr. Gillespie stated the Scotch Fancy were up 22 on the previous year's show. He didn't tell your readers that an additional class (Selling) was added, containing 10 entries. These classes I intend leaving out as they don't materially affect the issue, or, if so, it would be to the advantage of the Norwich section. His next objection is to the statement of your reporter affecting the specials placed on the Scotch Fancy section. Perhaps he will tell me if 12 classes get 15 specials, how many should 21 classes get? This is a sum in simple proportion, and can easily be arrived at. He also states that amongst these specials were two given by a club run by Scotch Fancy men, and all the others, he believes, were allocated by admirers of the Bird of Circle. Both statements I emphatically deny, as the club he refers to contains Norwich breeders also, and I question whether amongst the twelve donors even half of them definitely placed their specials where stated. He omits to tell us that two specials are also allocated by a club where Norwich and Yorkshires are the only breeds the members fancy. I now come to his financial statements, in which he has got utterly befogged. (These were dealt with by other correspondents last week—Editor). If I am wrong, I am open to correction. He might perhaps answer this very pertinent question: Seeing there was a loss of 6s. on his eleven classes and a fee of £2 2s. had to be paid for a judge (who also judged British) where does the profit come in? According to my catalogue, there are fifty-eight members, and out of these there are twenty-nine Norwich men, leaving the balance to be divided between Yorks., British, etc. Mr. Gillespie charges your reporter with unfairness towards the "Bird of Circle," and goes on to state that the pioneers of the Fancy were Scotch Fancy men. I grant him that, and if they had the power to-day, as then, the Norwich Canary would take a back seat. Even to-day they cannot speak of them without a sneer, and stigmatise them as "White Mice." I cannot see the logic of Mr. Gillespie that because the Scotch Fancy ran the shows in the days of our grandfathers, they should still be allowed to rule the roost.

John Barclay.

Walkden Roller Society.

Sir,—A meeting will be held in connection with the above society on Tuesday next at 7.30 at the Stocks Hotel, Assembly Rooms, all who propose to join, and also all fanciers interested will be welcome to the meeting. Full particulars from—

HY. HOWARTH, Sec. (pro. tem.),
50, Newearth Road, Walkden.

The Thirsk and District C.B.S.

Sir,—It would be interesting to know what has become of this society. It is common knowledge that a committee was appointed and a set of rules drawn up, but since that time nothing more has been heard of it by many of the committee, though rumour is current that the society has fallen through. What is the secretary doing in the matter? Surely the committee have a right to know.

INTERESTED.

The Date of Alnwick Show.

Sir,—I see that other societies are encroaching on our date, Nov. 12, which I think is very hard, especially when they ask other secretaries to note and not clash. I think it is about time something was done to put a stop to this sort of work, as about five years ago in the Cage Bird Union days, we had to stand by for South Shields, and take the second Wednesday in November. This we have stuck to ever since, and now, because we have held some very successful shows that week, both South Shields and Blaydon want it for theirs; why don't they stick to their old dates, as others do?

R. FORSTER, Sec.

The Southern Norwich P.C. £10 10s. Challenge Cup.

Sir,—In the report of the annual meeting of the S.N.P.C., which appears in this week's CAGE BIRDS, Mr. Baker stated that the conditions under which the £10 10s. cup had been competed for could not be altered until it was won outright. Now I would like Mr. Baker to state through your valuable paper, for the information of all members of the S.N.P.C., what is the exact position of the £10 10s. cup to-day? If what Mr. Baker states is legally correct, that the rules under which the cup is once competed for cannot be altered until the cup is won outright, then I maintain that the rules which were made and printed in the S.N.P.C. rule book for 1908-9 are binding, and the alterations that have been made since are not legal. Mr. Baker held the same position in the S.N.P.C. in 1908-9 as he did on Feb. 8th, 1913.

S. GILL.

Rollers at the International Exhibition.

Why were some of the birds poor?

Sir,—According to the eminent German judge at the above show, some of our birds are of very poor quality. I can't see why this should be. The situation is this: There have been for a great many years hundreds of thousands of German Canaries imported into this country besides those brought over privately. We have paid top prices for these birds, allowed them to teach us the song of the pure Roller, and now, after all these years of hard work and immense trouble, we are told we don't know the song of the bird we are cultivating. It is quite true we don't know the song as it is being sung at the present time from a German standpoint. The song is being altered too much by the German experts for us English to keep up with the times. There is only one cure for this complaint, and it is this: Now that we have their best birds and I say we have their best strains, we ought to lay down a standard of our own, and ignore the changing of the song, and the introduction of bad tours. (I will not have the Glucken Tour in my birds at any price, it is too desperately near a chop for my liking), and get back some of the rising and falling warbling water tours that used to be a feature of the Trute bird of years ago. Now we will take the birds on their merits, and see whether the British amateurs and novices know anything about the song of the Roller. In the International Team Class where four birds formed a team, the points registered were 105 won by Mr. Kremner with what I take the cream of German birds. In the amateur class for single birds won by Britishers the first four birds total 100 points. In the novice section the first four birds totalled 97 points, only eight points short of the International 1st prize team class, this team being beaten by the Britishers in the champion any age class where they totalled 112 points for the first four birds. The above facts should need some explaining, seeing that some of the latter exhibitors had to be told a Schnatter from a Water Roll. The German songster is getting too much of a bandmaster for my liking, the piccolo, flute, and bell notes being used too much to the detriment of other good tours that used to be a feature of this sweet singing bird. We are trying to start a club at Leigh, so Mr. Macallister, the former energetic secretary of the Leigh Linnet Club, tells me, and fanciers wishing to join in this district should send their names to Harry Brown, Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, and we will see what can be done. Hoping that fanciers will have a successful breeding season.

JAS. CANNING.

New Society for Farnworth and District.

Sir,—A new society was formed on Feb. 11th for this district. The headquarters, are the Church House Club Rooms, Church Road, Farnworth, near Bolton. A special meeting will be held Feb. 26, at 7.30 for consideration of rules, etc. All fanciers and intending members are cordially invited to attend.

W. DAWSON.

117, Primrose Street, Farnworth,
nr. Bolton.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—"Semper Idem's" letter on the above was really amusing, but why he should reply I fail to see. A Roller in a shutter-cage at his own society's show is about the height of his ambition, and so far as exhibiting at outside shows, he has yet to make his debut. I'll lift my hat to "Semper Idem," or any member of Holywood C.B.S., who can say he has exhibited a bird in open competition at Holywood show. As for fixing the date of their show, "Semper Idem" intimates they are fixing it to suit themselves and not exhibitors. Let's hope they get the support they deserve. In reference to the delay in the return of Mr. Morgan's birds from Holywood show, I think the secretary certainly should have given some explanation and not left "Semper Idem" (who is not now in secretarial harness) to attempt it. "Semper Idem," says Mr. Morgan, never complained to "us." I think it immaterial. He has complained through the columns of our valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS. If he had written to the secretary, perhaps he would have been answered by "Semper Idem," who evidently runs the show.

WIDE AWAKE.

Arranging Perches in Box Cages.

Sir,—In reply to Miss Ruby, as regards arranging perches in box cages, I find the best way is to have three perches in each cage, and the seed-box and drinking fountain outside. My birds' feet are always clean as they do not get on the floor of cage to eat or drink but stand on the front perch. The way I do it is to have two perches on the cross-bar, a suitable distance from the sides of the cage, and running from front to back and a perch running lengthways from side to side, opposite the seed and drinking holes, and one inch and a half away from the front (bottom rail).

R. HAKESLEY.

Sir,—In reply to Miss S. G. Ruby's letter in your issue of the 15th inst., I beg to describe my own method of keeping birds' feet clean in box cages. In each cage a cross bar (or perch) is placed from right to left to enable the bird to feed and drink. This is placed level with the feeder and drinker about an inch or half from the front of the cage. The perches from front to back are placed immediately above this, but I fix on the top of each piece of bent wire, the ends of which are driven into the top of the perch, and this will prevent the bird from resting on that part of the perch. I use pitch pine sawdust, and my birds seldom have dirty or soiled feet, but, of course, in each cage a dish of gritty sand is placed exactly in the centre between the perches. I believe in keeping perches low, not only for Crests but for Yorkshires, as this prevents the latter from "stooping." Besides, I think it is quite a mistake to allow the birds to "jump" from high perches. In fact, I know from experience they often hurt and sometimes damage their feet by so doing. If Miss Ruby would adopt the cross bar perch, wire on the other perches, and sawdust as suggested, she will have very little trouble with birds having dirty feet. New clean sawdust and a fresh supply of sand (with powdered egg shells on the surface of same) once a week is quite often enough in my opinion for cleaning cages. After drawing the tray I find a goose wing very useful to clean out the waste sawdust from the corners, and the birds are not unnecessarily disturbed.

J. DARLINGTON.

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The Great Tit as a Cannibal.

Sir,—I see your correspondent, Mr. A. F. Bell, makes a charge of cannibalism against the Great-Tit, in the issue of the 15th inst., of your valuable paper. I had the same thing told me at the Palace show, while I had my eyes fixed on the only Great-Tit there. I told my informer that I had kept and sold Tits for the past 20 years, and only once did I find a Great-Tit making a meal of another Tit. The same informer told me that Robins were unlucky to keep, and Sparrows would die if caged. If the same food as mentioned by your subscriber be used in the aviaries, and plenty of it, then there will not be any lust for blood or brains by the Great-Tit.

OKEYH.

Lancashires at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—I should be very much obliged if you would allow me a little space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to ask Mr. John Robson his reason for putting the buff Plainhead in class 46, number 553, "h.c." The same bird has only been beaten once, and that was at Rochdale by Mr. Barrass' buff Plainhead. It stood first this season under Mr. Robson at the Horticultural Hall, and last year he gave it the diploma. I also stood 2nd at this last show with a yellow Plainhead; but I notice in CAGE BIRDS that all the first four birds in this class were yellows, so where do the buffs come in when in a mixed class? I can safely say that my father and I are no novices, when he has kept this variety for forty years without a break. I show all in my name, because I can get about better than him; but still, he is my tutor. I can safely say that when the birds went away they looked "in the pink," and also when they returned home. I have been asked several times which bird it was that stood h.c., and how it was, but I can't answer; so I would like Mr. Robson to do so for me through CAGE BIRDS.

GEORGE FITTON.

The Norwich Plainhead Club Competitions.

Sir,—I noticed a letter last week in regard to the N.P.C. special winners by a person who signed himself "A Member." In regards to the winners, their names were put in CAGE BIRDS, and the number of points they scored throughout the show season. If he will go back to December he will find it. I see in his letter he states that he heard a report about Mr. Davies asking, what became of the novices after they got three firsts? It was not Mr. Davies who asked the question. It is all very well for members to find fault with the secretaries; there is a saying that all secretaries should be thick-skinned, and if we had to take notice of every member we should not know whether we stood on our feet or our heads.

F. CUNLIFFE, Sec.

Sir,—In your issue of Feb. 15th under the above heading, "Member" gives the N.P.C. a suggestion for amateur classes. If "Member" will look up the back numbers of CAGE BIRDS I think he will find a list of winners of the N.P.C. specials for the last show season. "Member" goes on to say that Mr. Davis asked at the N.P.C. dinner what becomes of the novices. It was not Mr. Davis that asked the above question; it was a representative of the press, when replying to the toast of the press. Had he been a member of the club, he would not need to have asked what became of the novices, simply because there are only two grades in the N.P.C., viz., amateur and champion. If "Member" will look up his last year book he will find a good number of past amateurs winning in the champion classes of last season. Then "Member" seems to get his back up about the well-lined pockets. It has been a good thing for not a few of the members of the N.P.C. that there are a few well-lined pockets in the Fancy. Yes, "Member," it is a well-known fact that a good many exhibitors run away to some show when they think, as he says, "Messrs. Champion and Co." will not be there. He is expecting to have it all his own way, but, alas! his hopes are shattered. He finds others at the same game, and his birds are not quite good enough. Then his sword's unsheathed and he rushes at the man who has a good team and says, away with you, I want my turn. Have patience "Member," and your turn will come; all the good birds are not in the hands of one man. I agree with "Member" that the classification is a large one—too large for most societies to take on—and the committee have evidence of this year after year, and I may tell "Member" it is a tough job sometimes to get the five shows in. Then he comes on to the natural colour classes. Again I agree. I say sweep the lot off. They are no good, and do not pay, and the N.P.C. have no right to expect societies to give classes that do not pay. "Member" is expecting a host of the "pros." on his track. Don't be alarmed; I don't think they will attack you vindictively. I hope "Member's" letter will be the means of getting the classification of the N.P.C. shows serious consideration, with a view to making the patronage more acceptable to societies. "Member" may not be aware that some three years ago there was a loud cry for the amateurs to be represented on the N.P.C. Committee, so that they could look to the interests of the amateur classes, etc. Each year since then there have been elected three amateurs on the committee. We expect in a short time to be voting for a new committee. "Member" will then have a chance, when he receives his voting paper, to see how those amateur committee-men have attended to their duties in looking after the interests of amateur members of the N.P.C.

OLD PRO.

Catching Birds at Night.

Sir,—As no one has given "Old Reader" any advice upon how to catch Linnets at night in hedges, etc., perhaps my advice will not be out of place. "Old Reader" must select a dark night for the purpose, approach the spot very quietly, and open his bird batting net to the full extent. He must have two others besides himself, one to shine the gas lamp in the net, while the others must be on the opposite side of the hedge with a long pole, and beat the bush, gently at first, or he will disturb the whole lot. I have been several times myself but have had disappointment on every occasion, catching perhaps four or five. I am always pleased when my mates come round to ask me if I am going out, though we have tramped miles sometimes and have only brought home a few birds. I shall be pleased to answer any questions "Old Reader" likes to ask me, and shall be pleased to hear how he has got on since he started.

SOUTH SOMERSET.

New Society for Glasgow: The North West C.B.C.

Sir,—A meeting was held in Blythswood Halls, 236, Great Western Road, on Feb. 13, for the purpose of starting a new Cage Bird Club. There was a fair turn out of fanciers, over 20 being present, Mr. Phillips, in the chair, said he thought that there was room for such a club in the north western district; a show of hands was asked from those in favour of having a club, and all present were unanimous, so decided to have same. The club to be called "North West Glasgow Cage Bird Club," and catering for all varieties. The following office bearers were then elected:—President, Mr. Phillips; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Houston, E. Taylor; sec. and trea., Wm. Loan, 101, Kirkland Street; committee, Messrs. Thom, Gibb, Findlay, Pollock, Brown, Paterson, Graham; auditors, A. Crawford, A. Wilson. During the evening 28 members were accepted, and as several other fanciers, unable to attend, sent applications for membership, we have made a fair start. Next meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m., in above named halls, and we shall be glad to welcome any other fanciers who would like to become members.

WM. LOAN, Sec. and Trea.
101, Kirkland St., Glasgow.

The Date of Hartlepools Show.

Sir,—I noticed in last week's CAGE BIRDS, letters about the date of Hartlepool show, and our members consider it very unfair for them to accept that date for their show when they know that there are two shows on the same date, close together. How can shows be made to pay if they keep altering their dates like this and claiming other shows dates? I might say this has been our show date since the commencement of our society seven years ago, and we intend to still keep this date.

J. H. ELWELL.
Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Elwell, the Hartlepools Society are not to blame for the date upon which they are holding their show. It was allotted them by the North Yorkshire and South Durham Federation of C.B.S. I do not want the members of Old Shildon Society to think I am dictating to them what to do; far from it, but I am sure if Old Shildon care to join the Federation they will have a date that will suit them, and I could almost assure them they would double their entries. If my memory carries me right, I believe they have had two open shows, and the first was held on Darlington and Blackhill's date, all three shows being only a few miles apart, so we all make mistakes sometimes. I hope the members of the Old Shildon Society will take this answer in the good spirit that it is given.

ARTHUR WAKE.
Sec., Middlesbrough Society.

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The Shows.

SMALLBRIDGE C.B.S.

Pair show held Feb. 10, at Headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms. Entries did not come up to expectations, but there was a fair attendance. Mr. J. Lees was selected to judge, but owing to sickness could not come. We found a good substitute in Mr. Banks, who gave every satisfaction, and to whom we are very grateful. YORKS.: 1, Low and Johnson; 2, J. Coupe, jun. NOR.: 1, J. Hollows; 2, E. Bamford. A.O.V.: 1. 2, W. Tinkle, nine pairs put down.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

First members' show held Feb. 8, when 58 birds were staged—a good muster for a first attempt. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, T. Lingard. HEN: 1, 2, T. Lingard; 3, J. Lingard; 4, vhc, H. Baker. UNFLIG. NOR.: 1, J. Lingard; 2 3, T. Lingard; 4, J. Baker; vhc, hc, J. Lingard. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, T. Lingard; 4, vhc, J. Baker. NOV. NOR. CK.: 1, spl, Redman; 2, 3, Spencer; 4, vhc, hc, Moorhouse. HEN: 1, 2, Spencer; 3, Redman, 4, vhc, Moorhouse; hc, c, Hargreaves. YORKS CK.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Whittaker. HEN: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Whittaker; 3, Rawson. BRIT.: 1, Spencer; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Barwise.

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OLDHAM C.B.A.

Norwich Plainhead table show, held Jan. 28. Mr. Schofield judged, and his decisions gave general satisfaction. CL. or TICK. YELL: 1, 2, Cope; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Steeple. BUFF: 1, Furniss; 2, Cope. UNFLIG.: 1, Furniss; 2, 3, Cope; 4, Dalzell. HEN: 1, 3, Furniss; 2, Cope; 4, vhc, Dalzell.

Annual table show of Yorkshires, held at headquarters, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road. Mr. Joseph Hampshire judged. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, sp., Addison. CL., TKD. BUFF CK.: 1, Addison; 2, Mills; 3, Wadsworth. UNFLIGHTED: 1, 4, Burke; 2, Addison; 3, Wadsworth; vhc, Sharples. YORKS. HEN: 1, Burke; 2. 3. Sharples; 4, Wadsworth; vhc, c, Addison; hc, Wilkinson. After the show a good discussion on the varieties shown was held.—James Cope, Sec.

ILKESTON C.B.S.

Members' show held Feb. 8, at the Erewash Hotel, when some good birds were staged, but the entries did not turn up as well as was expected. Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, S. Prince. BUFF: 1, 4, Eaton; 2, Prince; 3, Briggs and Son. GREEN: 1, Eaton; 2, Earnshaw; 3, Briggs and Son; 4, Keightley. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Eaton. BUFF: 1, Earnshaw; 2, Prince. YELL. HEN: 1, Prince; 2, Earnshaw. NOV. NOR. CK.: 1, Siddown; 2, 4, Earnshaw; 3, Bradley; vhc, Rollinson; hc, c, Walker. HEN: 1, Eaton; 2, Earnshaw; 3, Rollinson. NAT. COL.: 1, Proctor; 2, Siddown. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, Eaton. HEN: 1, Kew. UNFLIG.: 1, Kew; 2, Eaton. NOV.: 1, 2, Dickens. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Proctor; 2, Smith; 3, Bradley. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Gregory; 4, Kew; vhc, Proctor. BULLF.: 1, 2, Flavell. LINNET: 1, Gregory; 2, Keightley. GREENF.: 1, Keightley; 2, Bestwick; 3, Flavell; 4, Smith; vhc, Gregory; hc, Bradley. REDPOLL: 1, Keightley. BRAMBLE: 1, Smith. BORD.: 1, Meakin; 2, 3, 4, Marriott.—T. Smith, Sec.

SKIPTON C.B.S.

Third members' show held in the Friendly Societies' Hall, Feb. 1st, when about 70 birds were staged. The silver cup presented by Mr. Mattock for most points was won by Mr. J. Wilson with 46 points. Messrs. J. Hudson and Son were the runners-up with 41 points. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Bailey; 2, Jackson; 3, Green. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Green; 3, Linford. YELL. HEN: 1, Holgate and Aldrich; 2, 3, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Hodgson; 3, Holgate and Aldrich. EVEN OR UNEVEN YELL. CK.: 1, Stead. BUFF: 1, Green. YELL. HEN: 1. Bailey; 2, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Green. CINN., TKD., OR VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Hodgson. HEN: 1, Bailey. SELF OR FOUL GR. YELL. CK.: 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Beck. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Beck. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Beck. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Beck. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Wilson; 2, Hudson and Son; 3, Linford. BUFF: 1, Hudson and Son; 2, Wilson; 3, Beck. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Beck. BUFF: 1, Beck; 2, 3. Hudson and Son. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Hudson and Son. BULLF.: 1, Holmes; 2, Scott. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Scott; 2, 3, Holmes. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Bradley. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Holmes.—Gill and Hudson, Joint Secs.

DUBMIRE C.B.S. (Fence House.

Very successful table show held Feb. 8, in the large room above the Britannia Hotel—a place well adapted for a show, every comfort being provided for the welfare of the birds. Five classes were provided, and these brought forth an entry of fifty-one, which may be considered very satisfactory. Quality was well to the fore, each class containing birds of outstanding merit, the Norwich class in particular being a stormer. The show was splendidly managed by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the genial and hard-working chairman, Mr. J. Fenton, who was well supported by a fine committee, consisting of Mr. G. Lynn, treas., and Messrs. W. Holton, R. Liddle, W. Hedley, W. Finlay, R. H. Dixon, M. Dixon, J. Atkinson, D. Hann, L. Moffatt, F. Bilton, R. Gowland, and M. Bissett. In Mr. Barrass Robinson the society possesses a very capable and efficient sec., who gets through his duties in grand order, and for the show under notice his arrangements were again complete, everything passing off without the slightest hitch. The show was well patronised during the afternoon and evening, and we understand will prove a financial success. Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (17): 1, M. Dixon, var. buff, fine size, splendid shape, short and thick set, grand head and neck, rare front, good col., grand carr.; 2, J. Fenton, var. yell., nice size, good shape and subs., neat head and neck, good col., but loses a bit in qual. to leader; 3, R. H. Dixon, cl. buff, medium size, nice shape, lovely feather, close and tight, scarcely so cobby as leader; 4, vhc, R. Liddle, wing mkd. yell., nice shape and col., good qual., neat head and wing carr., loses in size to leaders; hc, c, F. Bilton. YORKS. (10): 1, L. Moffatt, nat. col. yell., grand length, straight as a gun barrel, nice head and neck, good shoulders, grandly rounded, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, vhc, M. Dixon, cl. buff, nice col. and qual., fine position, well drawn, neat shoulders and waist, not so well braced in wings as leader; 3, c, J. Fenton, cl. yell., fine length and position, neat shoulders, finely drawn, nice col. and qual., gets wings over a bit at times; 4, R. Liddle, cl. buff, nice length, good position, neat head, scarcely so finely drawn as leaders; hc, G. Lynn. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, M. Bissett, grand team, leader cl. body grizzle Crest, fine size and shape, well radiated, neat centre and droop, 2nd foul tail green C.B., wonderful skull, good broad entrance, well cushioned, carries any amount of grand leafy feather, 3rd wing mkd. D.C., good size, nice shaped crest, nice droop and density, but scarcely so neat as leader, nice centre; 4, W. Holton, foul tail green C.B., scarcely so massive in skull as second, yet a nice one, good rise and entrance, and carries plenty of good feather; vhc, B. Robinson; hc, L. Moffatt. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, R. H. Dixon, buff cinn., fine size, good shape, nice col., level all through, good head, neck and chest, nice qual.; 2, B. Robinson, buff, green Nor., lovely shape, short and cobby, medium size, neat head and neck, fair col.; 3, vhc, J. Fenton, yell. Border, grand shape, well rounded back and chest, rich col. and qual., nice wings and tail; 4, M. Dixon, yell. cinn., bit small, but rich level col., nice shape, good wings and tail; hc, c, R. Gowland. BRIT. (11): 1, R. H. Dixon, Greenie, not a big one, but grand shape, lovely col., grand condition and feather; 2, W. Holton, Chuffie, again fine shape, medium size, nice head, good whites, nice condition and steady as a rock; 3, J. Atkinson, Linnet, grand shape, nice col., well pencilled, distinct all over, good condition, bit unsteady; 4, W. Hedley, Bullie, medium size, nice body col., fair cap, nice condition; vhc, c, W. Finlay; hc, F. Bilton.

UPPER RHONDDA AND TREORCHY C.B.S.

Members' show held Feb. 6. Quality was good in all sections, and the birds were nicely staged in a splendidly lighted room, free from any draught. Mr. Whetten, Cardiff, judged, and his awards were very well placed.

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Richards, all beautiful pairs, which ought to breed some champions; vhc, c, Curtiss and Son, two splendid pairs, well staged, full of quality and show points; hc, Powell, nice pair, well shown. BORD.: 1, Watts, very nice pair, well shown and staged. NOR.: 1, Richards, splendid pair for size, type, and quality of feather, grand head, wing carriage, and body. BRIT. HARD.: 1, Curtiss and Son, Greenfinch, a topper, like a Rock on perch; 2, 3, Jones, Bullfinch and Linnet, two very nice birds, will be better next moult. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Curtiss and Son, nice pair Wagtails, well known to the district, in full bloom, 2nd splendid Robin, steady as a rock, sweet and pretty, a gem. FOR.: 1, Davis, lovely Parrot.—(Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

NEW SOUTH WALES NOR. P.C.

The first nest feather show of this newly formed club took place on Dec. 14, at Mr. Macherson's Bird Depot, George Street, Sydney, when some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. Beattie, (Pres.), Mr. J. Currah (vice-pres.), and Mr. Luke Stone (sec.) are to be congratulated on this, their first venture, which speaks well for the future of the Norwich Plainhead in Sydney. We understand that an open show will be held some time in June. The awards were made by Mr. D. J. Gardner, and seemed to give satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Robson, nice big bouncing baby, full of qual.; 2, Ball, very promising youngster, should be heard of again; 3, Adams, not much to choose between; 4, Inglis, barely ready; 5, Stone, BUFF: 1, Robson, lovely silky feather, good round head, well proportioned; 2, Robson, another of the same kidney; 3, Stone, sweet head, good type, wants time; 4, Beattie, much the same, not yet ready. TICK or VAR. YELL.: 1, Beattie, little beauty, tight as wax, very typical; 2, Robson, presses hard, not in same fettle. BUFF: 1, Inglis, big var., all there, wins well; 2, Robson, very similar; 3, Adams, same remarks. YELL. GREEN: 1, Robson, nice grass col., good type. BUFF: 1, Adams, great size, good sound col.; 2, Beattie, most typical bird in show, lovely col., almost minus a tail; 3, Adams, another large one, with slip claw, which spoiled its chance; 3, Beattie, good Bullie type.

NEW CROSS AND DIS. C.B.S.

A very successful pair show was held at the People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, S.E., on Feb. 6th. There was a grand entry of 91, which was far in advance of last year, and shows that the society is progressing. The birds were arranged all round the room, which proved far too small for the number of fanciers who visited the show. Mr G. Barton won special for best with a good pair of Yorks., special for second best, Mr. Gillard's Norwich. Mr. Kay won special for best novice pair with a grand pair of Borders, which ran the champion pair very close. Mr. Pope took special for most points. Judge, Mr. J. Hazel, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Gillard; 3, Hall; vhc, Pope. BUFF (7): 1, c, Pope; 2, hc, Hill; 3, Gillard; vhc, Hall. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1. 2, G. Barton. BUFF: 1, G. Barton; 2, Hill. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. A.O.V.: 1, Gillard. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, hc, Fuller; 2, vhc, Deane; 3, Coombes. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Deane; 3, vhc, Weston; hc, Fuller. YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3. Ronson; 2, Willett; vhc, J. Barton; hc, Fuller. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Ronson; 3, vhc, Willett. BORD. YEL. CK. (10): 1, Kay; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, hc, Culham; c, Preece. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Kay; 2, Martin; vhc, Sutton; hc, Culham; c, Joplin. BRIT., MULING PAIRS (9): 1, vhc, Pope; 2, 3, Weston; hc, Deane; c, Fuller. FOR. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Pope.—Burton Bros., Hon Secs.

THATTO HEATH AND DIST. O.S.

Members' show, held Jan. 18, at Railway Hotel, Thatto Heath, entries totalling 70. Some very good birds were on view. Mr. R. Parker, of Widnes, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Special prizes were given in every instance where a 1st prize was awarded. Donors of specials:—Messrs. Greenall, Whitley, and Co., £1 1s.; Mr. J. Ashton, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. Leather, York Street, a grand teapot; Miss Grainger, Westfield Street, calabash pipe; Mr. Fox (chemist), 7lbs. of seed. Mr. Helm, box of chocolates; Sherlock and Co., St. Helens Aviaries, 2 stone seed. Novice specials were awarded to Mr. J. T. Greenall and Mr. W. Halsall.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Bixter; 2, 3, Enever and Ashcroft. BUFF: 1, Bixter; 2, Enever and Ashcroft; 3, Woodward. HEN: 1, Bixter; 2, 3, Woodward. UNFLIGH. YELL.: 1, Woodward; 2, Hesketh; 3, Bixter. BUFF: 1, Woodward; 2, Greenall; 3, Lea. GREEN CK.: 1, R. P. Bixter; 2, Enever and Ashcroft. HEN: 1, R. P. Bixter; 2, 3, Enever and Ashcroft. UNFED: 1, Lea; 2, Rushton; 3, Woodward. YORKS. HENS: 1, 2, Enever and Ashcroft; 3, Halsall. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Halsall; 3, Greenall. UNFED: 1, 3, Rushton; 2, Enever and Ashcroft. BORD. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Hesketh; 2, Woodward. HENS: 1, Hesketh; 2, 3, Leather. GREENS: 1, 2, Birchall; 3, Enever and Ashcroft. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hesketh; 3, Enever and Ashcroft. BRIT., REDPOLL, ETC. 1, 3, Cutler; 2, Woodward. A.O.V.: 1, Enever and Ashcroft; 2, Cutler; 3, Halsall.—H. Cutler, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Annual table show and judging competition, held in Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate, Feb. 8. Ten classes were provided, and secured a capital entry with the exception of the Scotch Fancy, which was cancelled. Mr. J. Skyes, Musselburgh, judged. After making his awards, the judge sealed them up till after the members had finished. On the points being counted, the winner was found to be Mr. R. M. Brunton with a total of sufficient points entitling him to hold the Dewar cup for the year. Mr. John Brunton took the "cake" for lowest score. The usual monthly meeting was held while Mr. Sykes was judging, Mr. Lumsden, president, in the chair. The secretary read correspondence from several gentlemen intimating their willingness to be patrons of the society for 1913, Provost Smith enclosing a handsome donation. Agreed to secure the same hall as formerly for annual show, Nov. 8th. Several new members were admitted. Mr. Sykes, having finished judging, was called into the meeting, and the members accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for his services, an extra cheer being given for his success at the great Crystal Palace show.

NOR.: 1, Weir; 2. 3, Black; 4, 5, 6, Moffat. BORD.: 1, 5, Duncan; 2, Brown; 3, 4, 6, Brunton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Milne; 2, 4. 5, Ross; 6, D. Brown. GOLD., ETC.: 1, Brown; 2, Craft; 3. Watson; 4, Sayers; 5, Mainland. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1. 3. Allan; 2, Leach; 4, Black; 5, Craft; 6, Watson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2. Craft; 3, Leach; 4. Brown; 5, 6, Allan. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Allan; 2, Sayers; 3, 5, Leach; 4, Weir; 6, Ross. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Watson; 3, Sayers. MULE: 1, 2, Brunton.

SYDNEY (New South Wales).

The annual young bird show of the Sydney Canary and C.B. Improvement Soc. took place on Dec. 7, at Mr. Macpherson's Bird Depot, George Street, when some very fine youngsters were staged. Secretary H. J. Hawes (late of Islington) had everything well in hand, and a very successful table show passed off without a hitch. The judges were for Crest and Crestbred Mr. J. Currah, all others Mr. J. G. Millar, and their awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3. Penfold, trio of very good ones, put down in fine form. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Penfold, 1st very typical, well drawn, 2nd sweet tkd., 3rd same. VAR. OR GR. YELL.: 1, Penfold, varieg., very slim. BUFF: 1, 2, Penfold, 1st all there for length and carriage, 2nd cinn. var., very taking. CL. OR TKD. YELL P.H.: 1, 4, 5, Adams, 1st cl., nice silky feather, good stamp, 4th very similar; 2, 3, Douglas, 2nd dark cap, bonny exhibit, 3rd typical cl., better stamp, some preferred. BUFF: 1, Taylor, very sweet cl., close in feather, good head; 2, Adams, right good tkd., slightly loose in feather. VAR. OR GR. YELL.: 1, Adams, big bouncing bird, full of col.; 2, Douglas, var., not so large, but very stylish, right stamp; 3, 4, 5, Adams, 3rd much the same, 4th and 5th barely ready. BUFF: 1, 4, 6, Adams, 1st bonny baby, all there for size and col., closely followed by 2, Taylor, will make a good one; 3, Douglas, lacks size only, very stylish. CINN. CL.: 1, Douglas, good colour, nice round head, very compact; 2, Taylor, another of the same kidney, not much between. VAR. YELL.: 1, Douglas, best of the lot, will yet be heard of; 2. Douglas, not so bold, requires time. BUFF: 1, Taylor, very typical var. In the Crest and Crestbred section all the awards fell to Mr. Osborne, who staged some very promising youngsters.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

First monthly meeting of the year, held in the Co-operative Hall (St George's Cross), Feb. 14. Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a good attendance. A large amount of business was got through in good time. Several resignations were tendered by former members, and accepted. Judges were nominated for the first feather show and annual members show. Decided to have prize cards for monthly shows as formerly. Five new members were enrolled, J. Tawse, J. Robb, C. Sellar, G. Robertson, and D. Campbell. On the Chairman asking for "specials" for pairs show, three were very kindly intimated by Mr. A. Miller, viz., 2s. for best Crest, Plainhead, or Border, 2s. for best Yorks. or A.O.V. Canary, and 2s. for the best Muling pair or Hybrid pair; also a silver medal from Mr. John Stewart for the most points over three shows, viz., February, March, and July. A table show of matched pairs was also held in the Co-op. Hall on February 14; the entries were same as last year, some grand specimens being forward, excelling in type and quality, and, on the whole, very superior in comparison with the previous pairs show. Mr. R. Jeffrey, Govanhill, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Many thanks are due to Mr. Jeffrey for his kindness in coming to oblige. Awards: CRESTS: 1, sp.: 2, W. G. Hamilton. PLAINHEADS: 1. G. G. Henderson: 2, 5. Miller; 3. 4, C. Campbell: 6, Prentice; 7, Proudfoot. BORD.: 1. 3. Miller: 2. 4. Lunn: 5. 6, Symington: 7, Proudfoot. YORKS.: 1. 2. 4. Hendry: 3. Proudfoot. A.O.V.: 1, sp., 3, 4, 6, Hamilton: 2, 5. Lunn: 7. Jas. Henderson. MULING PAIRS: 1, sp., G. G. Henderson: 2. 3. Prentice: 4. Gillespie; 5. Proudfoot: 6, Symington. HYB. PAIRS: 1, G. G. Henderson.: 2, 5. Gillespie: 3. C. Campbell; 4. W. Campbell. DARK MULE: 1. Proudfoot. Next monthly meeting and table show of British and foreign birds, March 14th.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

WALLASEY.

Pair show and British bird show for members held in the Fairhaven Institute, Feb. 8th. Some of the British classes were amalgamated to make competition keener. The pairs of Yorks for breeding were a real treat. 32 pairs in two classes. So high was the merit in the birds that there were quite two sets of winners, and they took a lot of dividing up. Yorks. Green pairs were well paired and here again birds of the highest merit were to be seen. Border pairs were also good, and Greens predominating. The special prize-winners were Messrs. Edwards, Benton, Barker, and Young. About 130 birds were in competition, certainly a very creditable show. Mr. Chas Houlton judged, and his awards on the whole were well received.

The Critique.

GOLDF. OR GREENF. (6): 1, 2, Edwards, fine shaped Greenfinch leading, in perfect feather; 2nd, good stout Goldfinch, nice blaze, moons, bars, well tanned, in good feather; 3, Morton, pretty Goldie, narrower in body only; vhc, hc, c, Barker. CHAFF., ETC. (5): 1, Young, well known Chaffinch, about his 40th first prize, in A1 form; 2, 3, vhc, Barker, nice trio, Bramble leading, in good condition; hc, Edwards. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Edwards, fine Linnet, in grand condition; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Barker, strong team, nice nat. col. Siskin leading; c, Benson. PAIRS, YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 18 pairs, and a very fine lot all through, eleven pairs all running very close; 1, Alston; 2, Edwards; 3, vhc, Benson; hc, R. B. Wright; c, Cadden; all in the pink of condition, well matched. YORKS., BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN: 14 pairs, really good right through, and well matched; 1, c, R. B. Wright; 2, vhc, Benson; 3, Alston; hc, Edwards. YORKS. GREEN, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 8 pairs, plenty of type and deep colour in a good lot of well matched pairs, running very close; 1, vhc, Benson, full of length, type, and deep level col.; 2, 3, Edwards, a fine brace of well-matched pairs, in sound condition; hc, Young; c, Wright. YORKS. GRNS., BUFF CK., YELL. Hen: 9 pairs, here again were to be seen some smartly selected pairs; 1, 3, Benson; 2, vhc, Young; hc, c, Wright. BORD.: 6 pairs, all Green pairs except 2nd, and well matched, typical birds; 1, 3, hc, Young; 2, vhc, c, Edwards; all in the best of condition.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Eighth annual pair show held at headquarters, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W. Mr. W. Shakespeare judged. Owing to the wretched weather that prevailed all day, the attendance of visitors was rather slow, the great item of the show was the Cathcart cup, which was won with most points by Mr. Ransley's Norwich Plainheads. Other awards were as follows:—NOR (Cham.): 1, Bell; 2, 3, Ransley. NOVICE: 1, sp, 2, Cuders; 3, Harrison. YORKS.: 1, sp, Braham; 2, Stubbs; 3, Ayris. BULLF. or Goldf. and Can.: 1, Green, Goldfinch; 2, Bell, Goldfinch; 3, Ayris, Bullfinch. A.O.S. FINCH and CAN.: 1, Bell, Redpoll; 2, Braham, Linnet; 3, sp, Stubbs, Linnet. A.S. TWO BRIT.: 1, Harrison, Linnet and Bullf.; 2, Harrison, Redpoll and Linnet. Towards the end of the evening a good muster of friends attended, and two new members were enrolled, which finished up a very pleasant and interesting show.—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual pair show held Feb. 4, in Village School Room, Alexandria, 53 pairs being entered, a great increase on previous year, many notable winners in open competition being present, new purchases in Borders being specially strong. The arrangements were under the supervision of Pres. Donaldson and Vice-pres. Gillies, who know how to work, so that everything went smoothly and harmoniously. The attendance of visitors was a surprise, and a much larger hall will be required to be secured in the future. The judges were: Mr. A. Nicholson, Borders and Scotch Fancies; Mr. J. Hannah, Norwich, Crests and Yorkshires; their decisions being well received.

The Critique.

NOR. (10): 1, McLean, grand body and size, nice tick yell. hen; 2. McEwan, large neck mkd. yell. cock, good buff hen; 3, Lile, yellow cock, Paisley winner, mated to 2nd buff hen at Western Counties; vhc, Lile; hc, Storrie; c, Maltman. CRESTS (5): 1, 3, Ritchie; 2, McDougall; vhc, hc, Binnie, five nice pairs. BORD. (16): 1, McEwan, Paisley winner, yell. cock, and nice buff hen; 2. 3, McLean, fifth National yell. cock and var. buff hen, and Bennet medal winner mated [illegible] 2nd Pais[illegible] hen; vhc, c, Gillies; hc, McCafferty. SCOTCH FANCIES (4): 1, 2, McLean, yellow pied cock and 1st Scottish National buff pied hen, buff pied cock and small but very typical yell hen; 3 Thom, buff cock and yell. var. hen; vhc, Cock, soft when being judged. YORKS. (16): 1, Maltman, lengthy yell. var. cock and buff hen; 2, Cameron, buff cock and yell. hen; 3, yell. cock, fine feather, and slim buff var. hen.

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

A Linnet contest will be held at Anchor Inn, New Elvet, Feb. 22nd; 3 valuable prizes will be given; first contest at above house; will all readers spread the news?—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, held February 15th, at headquarters, Commercial Hotel. We had some good singing from 20 birds. Result: A. Tomlin 1, and 2; J. Wallas 3. We are again having an open sing on February 22nd, first pair hung 3.15 prompt, when we shall be pleased to see fresh faces, and hear fresh birds.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held February 15; 33 birds entered in a three minutes time sing, and some very good time was done by the winners. W. Nelson, 88 and 84, E. Smith, 71. Also February 16; 32 birds entered in a three minutes time sing, and the record of the club was broken before a good number of fanciers from Pontefract and other clubs. Winners: 1, 2, E. Smith, 145 and 103; W. Ratcliffe, 74.—Walter Dobson, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held at Butcher's Arms, Union Street, February 15, for time and quality, when 56 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was done. Winners for quality: 1, W. Barnes; 2, and 3, shared, J. W. Jones and R. Holcroft; 4, W. Aspey. Judges, T. Statham, W. Barnes, and F. Kennedy. Winners for time: 1, L. Fairhurst, 129secs.; 2, F. Kennedy, 104; 3, W. Cain, 102; 4, J. Aldred, 94. Timekeepers, J. Jackson and G. Bate. Tappers: J. Evans and C. Evans. Minutes, S. Harrison; birdman, T. Jolley. Will members please note that we have put our club contest off from March 1st to March 8th, so as not to clash with Leigh contest on March 1st, hoping that as many as can make it possible to get there will do so, as they gave us a good start off.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, February 18th, when 27 birds sang for four good prizes 1, J. Chippendale; 2, A. Binns; 3. A. Lorriman; 4, G. Towers. Judges, Messrs. A. Turner and P. Madden.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 15, when 19 birds sang for three good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Wigfield; 2, Butler; 3, Clark. Judges, Sissons, Naylor, Nicholson. Also Feb. 18, when 23 birds sang for four good prizes: 1, Stead; 2, Wigfield; 3, B. Sissons; 4, A. Butler. Judges, J. Smith, Lacy, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality, held at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Feb. 15, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes, given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard before a large house of spectators from Hull, who had come to Leeds for the football match: 1, Sellers; 2, Towers; 3, Playforth. Judges, C. Clayton and P. Madden. Also Feb. 16, when 19 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction, before a crowded house; 1, Chadwick; 2, Sellers; 3, shared between Chadwick and King. Judges T. C. Summers and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

FALKIRK C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 6. Proposed to make a few alterations in classes for annual show, which will come up for discussion and settlement at next meeting. We had a class for Norwich, Mr. James Morris judged. 1, 5, Moreland; 2, 4, Marshall; 3, Godfrey; 6, 7, Sutton. Next meeting March 6th, when we will have a class for Field-Moulted Greenfinches. Nomination of judges for annual show, etc.—R. Rennie, Sec.

LEINSTER O.S.

Meeting of committee, held February 13, Mr. Cooke in the chair. Arising from efforts to raise the necessary funds to give the society a good establishment, the sum of £4 was handed to the hon. sec. Matters of staging and cups were gone into, and everything points to a very flourishing society. Those desirous of helping should communicate with the hon. sec., C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Av., Dublin.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Annual members' contest, held January 25. Entries were rather disappointing. Thirty birds faced the judge, Mr. T. W. Walton, whose decisions gave satisfaction. If the quantity was rather below the usual, the quality made up for it, there being some very nice birds staged. Class 1: 1, Firth, 22 points; 2, Speight, 21; 3, Firth, 19; 4, vhc, Peel, 18, 17; hc, c, A. Bew, 17 each. Class 2: 1, 2, Heron, 23 and 21 points; 3, Heaton, 20; 4, Hill, 20; vhc, Warrington, 20; hc, Hunter, 19; c, Atkinson, 19. Class 3: 1, Warrington; 2, Speight; 3, Sykes.—W. L. Davis.

NORTHERN B.M. AND F.B.C.

Winners of club's cups and medals over the past show season are as follows: Mule cup, W. H. Butler, 18 points; Brit, J. Scott, 92; foreign, A. C. Young 73. Medals, Newcastle, Mule, J. Maddison; Brit., C. Waters; foreign, A. C. Young. Carlisle, T. Holmes, 2 medals, T. Christer; Hartlepool, W. Gregory, J. Scott; Blaydon, T. Christer, T. W. Tomlinson, J. Maddison; Gateshead, W. Butler, J. Scott, T. Almond: Sunderland, W. Butler, J. Bruce, A. C. Young. Members please note that only the three highest birds count for the cups, but all points gained counted for medals, and no member is allowed to win more than two medals in one show season. If the above is not correct, will members let me know as soon as possible, and the same will be looked into without delay.—W. Curry, Sec.

RICHMOND, TWICKENHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting, held at headquarters, Imperial Hotel, Richmond, Mr. Phipps presiding over a large attendance. Six new members were elected, and final arrangements were made for table show, Feb. 26th, at 8, when we hope to see a large attendance of fanciers (members or not); admission free. There will be 20 classes in all, Nor., Yorks., Crests, Brit., and Foreign. Mr. J. E. Shepherd, late of Newcastle, has kindly consented to judge. The following have given special prizes: Messrs. Rudd and Co., seed merchants, Bishopsgate, E.C., Cripps, Lingley, Beavington, Phipps, Gutteridge, and Nichols. We trust members will make as large an entry as possible. Our society is exclusive to cage birds (radius open). Any fancier wishing to join can obtain full particulars from hon. sec., W. Nichols, 34, Beaconsfield Road, St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Monthly meeting Feb. 11. Mr. N. Hopkins in the chair. The attendance of the members up till the present at these meetings has been very encouraging, and it is hoped this enthusiasm augurs well for the future prosperity of this newly-formed C.B.C. The Secretary read over a list of rules, which he had drawn up for the government of the Club, and these, with a few alterations and additions, were approved of. The following members, along with the office bearers, were appointed a committee for the management of club affairs:—Messrs. H. Allan, J. Brown, J. Morton, J. Bennet, W. Murdoch, A. Beaton. The first three are appointed for two years, and the last three for one year; but all shall be eligible for re-election. Mr. D. Hopkins tabled a motion for consideration at next meeting that we hold a club show. It was left in the hands of the committee to arrange one or two rambles during the summer months. Table show as arranged was then proceeded with, Messrs. J. Morton and N. Hopkins placing the awards. The most interesting class was that provided for Hybrid or Muling pairs. Six members, with a total entry of thirteen pairs, competed in this class. GREENF.: 1, Hopkins; 2 4, Morton; 3, Robertson. VARIETY, BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Anderson; 3, Murdoch. FOR.: 1, 2, 4, Robertson; 3, Murdoch. HYB. or MULING PAIRS: 1, Robertson; 2, Allan; 3, Murdoch; 4, Hopkins. The result of the points competition over table shows is as follows:—Robertson, 23 points; Hopkins, 17; Anderson, 16; Allan, 15; Murdoch, 9; Morton, 8; Alston, 4; Campbell, 4; Beaton, 3.—J. Robertson, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

A Very Successful Concert.

First annual Bohemian concert held in the Library Hall, Church Street, February 8th, and proved a successful and very enjoyable entertainment. In spite of the fact of the date being the Saturday of the National Bird Show at the Crystal Palace, the hall was well filled with an appreciative audience. One regretted the fact that Mr. Raymond Green, M.P., was unable to be present, but in his absence the Society's genial chairman, Mr. G. Mortlock presided, and during the interval distributed the various cups and trophies won by successful members. In a short speech he invited anyone who had the care and welfare of our feathered friends at heart to join the Society, which he considered was one of the finest in the Fancy. The entertainment was left in the capable hands of Mr. "Archie Boyd" (better known to the Society as Mr. H. R. Mortlock), to whom the Society's thanks are largely due. Miss Winifred Timms gave skilful renderings of "My Dear Soul" and "Il Bacio," and Miss May Caley proved equally acceptable in other encored items. Mr. Algernon Fox mystified his audience with some exceedingly clever conjuring, and, later, gave some skilful impersonations with the aid of a piece of felt, viz., Chapeaugraphy. Mr. Gilbert Chester scored heavily with his humorous songs at the piano, being repeatedly encored, and Mr. Percy Mortlock also hit the taste with some fine renderings of "The Blue Dragoons," "Bashful Tom," and other baritone items. Mr. Egbert Hayden had to respond to encores for a series of enjoyable tenor songs. Mr. Herbert Purcell also held the company with his songs. "The Sea Road." and "The Voice of the Storm," and Mr. Archie Boyd caused considerable amusement with various numerous items, which were emphatically encored. There was all through the evening an inviting air of joviality, and the Society may well pride itself upon the undoubted success of this function, which we can only hope will be repeated at an early date. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held February 8. Decided that Mr. H. J. Chittenden present members' prizes at an open concert, to be held at 7 p.m. March 1st, at the Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road. Members are particularly asked to bring their wives and friends. Also a hearty invitation is given to all fanciers and their friends.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held in the Foulford Arms on Saturday, 15th February, Mr. J. Reid presiding. A very satisfactory report of the West of Fife League meeting was given by Mr. J. Reid. Moved by Mr. J. Reid, seconded by Mr. Veitch, that the secretary attend the West of Fife League meeting along with three other delegates, and the following were selected: P. Langan, J. Sneddon, J. R. Reid, with the Sec.; Messrs. J. Kirk and A. Simpson were elected auditors. Judges for the open show, November 15, were selected, and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Stenhouse asking him if he could kindly give a lecture on pairing and breeding to be held in the Arcade Rooms, February 29, at 7. New members: P. Innis, A. Harvie, A. Burt, D. Imrie, and J. Anderson.—J. W. Holms, Sec.

PARTICK C.B.C.

Held their second annual Burns' night in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, on January 28, Mr. Fraser presiding over a large turnout of fanciers and friends. Mr. Sinclair led off with a tune on the bagpipes, which seemed to be very much enjoyed by all present. We then tackled on to our Haggis and Tatties, which everyone seemed to relish by the look of their faces. Mr. Park proposed the Royal Family, Navy, and Army, the company singing "Rule, Britannia." Mr. Sinclair suitably replied. Mr. Muir proposed Partick Club. Mr. Maxwell replying to same. A vote of thanks to our visitors, proposed by Mr. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. McCullock, Mr. McCraig responded. Mr. Park proposed the immortal memory of our National Bard, Burns, the company drinking to his memory in silence. The following artistes contributed to a delightful programme of music and song:—Jolly Jumbo (comedian), Mr. Glennie (actor), Mr. Fallon (baritone), Mr. Nisbet (pianist). Songs were sung by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Laidlow, Muir, McCullock, Priest, McKay, Maxwell, Dykes, Sinclair, Henderson, McInnay, and Mr. Murray. The evening terminated by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Monthly meeting and breeding pairs show held in the Trades Hall, Anderson Street, Partick, Feb. 7. Yorkshires were a grand class, 16 pairs turning up a nice lot for type and quality and far surpassed any pair show held by this society, Norwich were well up, 14 pairs being staged, some grand birds being among them; Borders were fair, also Crests; Hybrids made a nice class, some really grand pairs being among them. Mr. W. Hutchins judged Norwich, Crests, and Borders, and Mr. R. Heggie the remainder, to the satisfaction of everybody. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, sp, 3, McMillan. NOR. (14): 1, sp., 2, 4, Maxwell; 3, McMillan; 5, Kidd; 6, Fraser; 7, Webster. BORD. (6): 1, 2, 3, Crammond; 4. Kidd; 5, Priest; 6, Webster. YORKS. (16): 1, 4, 5, MacRobbie; 2, Anderson; 3, sp, 7, Aitkenhead; 6, Park. A.V. CAN.: 1, Webster. HYB. PAIRS (19): 1, 3, Fraser; 2, 7, Priest; 4, 6, Anderson; 5, Webster. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Heggie for judging. Mr. A. Dow and Mr. A. Fleming were proposed for membership.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES FOR YORKSHIREMEN.

Result of 1912-13 Competitions.

YORKSHIRE UNION (Champion Section): 1, 50s., Ogden Bros., 176 points; 2, 40s., L. Dykes, 137; 3, 30s., J. Thomas, 136; 4, 20s., J. Bailey, 114; and 14 prizes, value 10s. each, as follows: F. Allen, 90; Sutcliffe and Son, 88; H. H. Towers, 80; C. Morrison, 77; M. Peel, 61; P. Mason, 49; Brown and Son, 44; E. Stobart, 41; W. Cruise, 40; L. Dyson, 38; J. Helliwell, 25; Wilkinson Bros., 24; Tom Moss, 17. Messrs. L. C. Casey, H. J. Chittenden, H. Charlesworth and Shaw Bros. tie with 14 points, and receive 2s. 6d. each. The shows at which points were counted for the purposes of this competition were drawn by ballot by the committee and resulted in the following being selected: Huddersfield, Windhill, Bradford (East), Gt. Horton (Good Intent), Skelmanthorpe, Shipley, City of Bradford, and Bradford (West). AMATEUR SECTION: 1, 25s., A. Radley, 113 points; E. Clegg, 104 (winner in Y.C.C. section); A. M. Craven, 69 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. section); 2, 17s. 6d., A. Whitley, 69; 3, 15s., Burdekin Bros., 62; and prizes, value 10s. each, as follows: S. Denby, 29; L. Jepson, 28; J. Lunn, 22; J. Ackroyd, 19; S. Tyas, 16; H. Pearson, 15; T. Tidswell, 4. YORKS. C.C. (Amateurs only): 1, 20s., E. Clegg, 119 points; A. Radley, 111 (winner in Y.U. section); 2, 17s. 6d., S. B. Grayshon, 79; A. Whitley, 66 (winner in Y.U. section); Burdekin Bros., 51 (winner in Y.U. section); A. M. Craven, 51 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. section); Myers and Lumb, 50 (winner in C.M.Y.C.C. section); 3, 15s., T. Elsegood, 36. CINN.-MKD. YORKS. C.C. (Amateurs only): 1, 20s., Myers and Lumb, 38 points; S. B. Grayshon, 31 (winner in Y.C.C. section); C. E. Hall, 9 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C.); 2, 17s. 6d., H. Simonett, 9; 3rd, not won. NAT. GREEN-MKD. YORKS. C.C. (Amateurs only): 1, 20s., A. M. Craven, 32 points; 2, 17s. 6d., C. E. Hall, 23; 3rd, not won. OPEN NOR. P.H. C. (Champion Section): J. Thomas, 220 points (winner in Yorks. U. section); 1, 25s., Sam Heap, 164; 2, 20s., A. Hirst, 64; 3, 15s., W. Johnson, 51. (Amateur Section): 1 25s., W. H. Ball, 47 points; 2, 20s., H. Clegg, 41; H. Simonett, 8 (winner in C.M.Y.C.C. section); 3, 17s. 6d., D. McMillan, 7. YORKS. COUNTY B.B. and M.C. (Champion section): 1, 25s., T. H. Inman, 113 points; 2, 20s., Martin and Archer, 96; 3, 15s., J. Lane, 91. (Amateur Section): 1 25s., J. Isherwood, 44 points; 2, 20s., B. H. Wilson, 15; 3, 17s. 6d., J. Wilson, 7.

Any objections to the above awards must reach me not later than Wednesday next, February 26th, and any competitor claiming more points than awarded is earnestly requested to examine catalogue to see if exhibits were properly marked C.B. or C.B.A. therein, as otherwise the points will not be counted, irrespective of any marking on the entry form. I should esteem it a favour if the successful competitors would inform me at once what form they desire their respective prizes to take, so that arrangements for purchasing same can be made without delay.—Fred. Hammond, Hon. Sec.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 12, followed by a successful smoking concert, for members and lady friends. A very good programme was gone through (duettists, Low and Johnson). Songs were sung by Messrs. Windle, Woodhead, Low, Johnson; recitations by Fielding and Howarth. J. R. Crossley officiated on the piano.—H. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 11, at the Balmoral Hotel. Mr. Robinson, in the chair, our worthy president, H. M. Wilson, Esq., the prospective Conservative candidate for North Manchester, was unable to be present owing to business in London. Mr. J. Robinson was elected chairman, J. Davey sec., A. Colley, assist. sec., F. Whittaker, treas. Committee: Messrs. Pike, Hartley, Plant, Deakin, Whittaker, Woods, Jones, Boardman. Decided to hold the first feather show June 21 and the annual show, Nov. 8. Decided to have a trip to Clitheroe on June 28 with a drive round the district, and dinner at one of the hotels. Mr. T. J. Howarth was proposed for membership.—John Davey, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON AND DIS. ROLLER C.S.

Annual meeting, February 11th, at headquarters, the Joiner's Arms Hotel, Mr. Hulock in the chair. There was a good meeting and eight new members were made. Mr. Massey, the Sec., intimated his wish to resign owing to increased pressure in his business not leaving him any time to devote to secretarial duties; in fact, he has repeatedly wished to resign, but the members would not listen to it. This time, however, they could not persuade him to take it on again, and Mr. R. Eastham was selected for the office. His address is 3, Anson Street, Bolton. Roller fanciers please note. Mr. Massey hopes that all Roller fanciers will accord Mr. Eastham the same support in the future that they have accorded to him in the past. The past show was not a financial success owing to less entries and increased prize-money. The club, however, starts the new year with a balance in hand of nearly £5.—Jos. Kilshaw, Corresponding Sec. pro. tem.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

The competition results are as follows:—Open: 1, Allen, 124 points; 2, Morrison, 85; 3, Bailey, 76; 4, Ogden Bros., 76; H. H. Towers, 66; the first four are prize winners; Ramsden's special, C. Morrison. Amateur: Myers and Smith, 44; Grayshon, 31; Hall, 11, H. Simmonette, 9. Ramsden's special for Amateurs and Novices is won by S. Binns in novice section, result published last week. A committee meeting was held Feb. 15, present Mr. P. Drake, vice-pres., chair, Messrs. Towers, Bailey, Allen, Grayshon, L. Ogden, Snead, Whitley, Greaves, Clegg, Cooper, along with the Sec. After routine business a discussion arose whether we should continue as a separate club or amalgamate with the Y.C.C. It was decided to go on as at present, and, as last year we were short of shows at which to give our patronage, it was recommended to the general meeting to provide a trophy to run more than one year along with other competition prizes, and the secretary would see what promises he could get towards the trophy before the general meeting. The club is prepared to give its patronage to shows that will give four classes for Cin. marks, and I would like societies to apply to me for patronage before our general meeting in April. Any member having business for general meeting, if he will send same on to the Secretary he will be certain to have it brought before the meeting. I shall be very pleased to hear from any member who is willing to give toward the trophy. Novices and breeders will all be helping the variety by helping towards the cost of the trophy. There are a number of subs. still owing; will members please send them on; it will save expense in postage. Should any member compute the competition points different from me, if he will write and point out any error, it can be remedied before the prize distribution, which takes place in March, at [illegible] Tavern; see announcement by Mr. H. Hill in CAGE BIRDS. Members, please attend in full force.—R. Garnett, Hon. Sec.

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WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Pair Show held at the Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Mr. Lomas placed the cards to the satisfaction of all. Norwich Plainheads were trumps, and a finer collection would be hard to find. Mr. Stoner and Mr. Johnson taking the lion's share. Many fanciers were unable to bring their birds owing to their forward condition. Although the entries were short, the Society made four new members. All are sure of a hearty welcome on the first Saturday in each month at 8. Come to the Legs of Man Hotel and ask for the bird men. Subscription 4s. per annum.—Ed. Ball, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Result of the competitions promoted by the club:—"The Bailey Trophy Competition"—1st, value 7 guineas and Ramsden teapot, Ogden Bros, 132 points; 2, L. Dykes, 128; 3, and Ramsden medal, J. Thomas, 114; 4, J. Bailey, 112; runner up, F. Allen, 94. "Ramsden Cup and Open Novice Competition"—1, silver cup, value 6 guineas, Ogden Bros, 147; 2, and Ramsden teapot, L. Dykes, 105; 3, J. Thomas, 98; 4, Ramsden medal, Messrs. J. Bailey and H. H. Towers (tie) with 94. Novice—1, "Cabinet," (presented by Mr. A. Sutcliffe) and Ramsden cruet, S. B. Grayshon, 61 points; 2, pair of paintings (presented by Mr. A. Cooper) and Ramsden medal, A. Whitley, 41 (24 points deducted for not nominating); 3, T. Elsegood, 30; 4, Messrs. H. Simonett and L. Jepson (tie) 21. Junior Novice Competition—1, value £2, S. Binns, 150; 2, S. Midgley, 56; 3, B. Wood, 53; 4, W. Helliwell, 52; runner up, J. Radley, 42. For 3rd, 4th, and 5th, birds prizes, see next week's CAGE BIRDS.—John Greaves, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES ROLLER C.S.

Meeting held Feb. 1. A very poor attendance for such an important meeting. Mr. J. A. Ives, the retiring chairman, was elected president, and Messrs. D. Robinson and G. Crooks vice-presidents; Mr. H. Mason and Mr. J. Young were re-elected hon. sec. and hon. treas., respectively; and Mr. J. Rawcliffe and Mr. C. Portiock auditors. Hon. Sec. read out the balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory. Mr. J. Gibson was elected a member. Decided to hold a members' show March 1, three classes, young birds, open, and selling, 30s. limit. Birds to be staged by 3 p.m. at Benson's Rooms, 119, Cleethorpes Road. Mr. Hesling, Wakefield, judges; prizes on sliding scale, a few specials have also been promised. Entries can be made at the room. Now members, let us have a good entry, and bring your friends to the show. A lecture by Mr. Hesling will be given in the evening; smoking.—H. Mason.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, held at Barton Road Boys' School, Feb. 12. Mr. E. C. Rayner in the chair. The secretary's report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Arthur Burr was unanimously elected president on the proposition of Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Reeve, and Mr. E. Birch vice-pres. Mr. H. Wood was re-elected sec. and treas., and was cordially thanked by all present for the admirable way in which he had discharged his duties in the past. The Secretary, in responding, said he deeply appreciated the thanks of the association, and that the duties were a pleasure. Messrs. Abbott and Austin were appointed scrutineers for the ballot papers, and the result of the election of committee they announced as follows:—Headquarters committee, Messrs. W. J. Abbott, W. Austin, N. Campany, C. Chapman, J. Hunt, C. Lockett, H. Osborne, and W. Ward; County committee, Mrs. Aitken, Tunbridge Wells; Rev. H. A. Soames, Bromley; Messrs. L. A. Brett, Folkestone; G. Burton, Lee Green; G. Johnson, Deal; W. Maycock, Hythe; E. Meades, Plumstead; H. E. Taylor, Canterbury; W. H. Thompson, Deal; R. Webb, Strood; F. J. Wickham, Chatham; and E. J. Wood, Hythe. Mr. E. C. Rayner re-elected chairman, and Mr. Reeve vice-chair. A postcard from Mr. W. H. Thompson, secretary of Deal and Walmer F.A., was read, applying for patronage at their show to be held in November. It was decided to hold the matter over until all applications had been received. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Postponed annual meeting held at Mechanics' Institute, Feb. 11, when a good muster of members were present. Mr. R. Rhodes occupied the chair. The Secretary presented the annual balance-sheet, and in spite of a loss of over £3 incurred on the open show a credit balance of over £2 was shown on the year's accounts. This was considered to be a very satisfactory result, and the committee hope to be favoured with the support of all the fanciers in the district, and with their help make the society financially stronger, and so be able to encourage the members with more special prizes and other benefits which would be bound to follow if the membership of the society is numerically strengthened. After some discussion it was decided to hold the open show on Nov. 14 and 15, providing we can arrange for the use of the New Hall that is being built. We gather from the plans inspected that the hall will be something like 14ft. longer, and 8ft wider than the one we have previously held the show in; an abundance of natural light in the daytime, and special electrical appliances at night; well ventilated, yet absolutely draught proof. It will be one of the finest halls in the kingdom, and we hope to fill it with at least two thousand exhibits at our first venture in new quarters. The following officers for 1913 were elected:—Chairman, Mr. R. Rhodes; vice-chair, G. C. Ley; treas., R. Rhodes; hon. solicitor, F. Berryman; hon. auctioneer, G. H. Scottorn; auditors, Messrs. White and Wolff; hon. sec., G. E. Wilkinson; hon. asst. sec., J. G. Royce; committee, Messrs. Bowler, Bown, Cottingham, Clark, Hill, Hodkinson, Hayter, Sharpe, Saywell, Tranter, Woolfe, and White. Decided to have a table show of matched pairs for breeding. A class each for Norwich, Crests and C.P. and Mules and Hybrids, at our next monthly meeting on March 11.—J. G. Royce, Hon. Asst. Sec.

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GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Meeting held at Wesley Place Schools, Mr. D. Bartle presiding over a very good attendance. The Yorkshire Union ballot paper was carefully considered, and voted upon. Following this came the election of officers for the year 1913, as follows: President, Mr. J. W. Kaberry; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Firth, H. Worsnop, and C. Sharp; treas., Mr. A. Holden; auditors, Messrs. H. Worsnop and A. Firth; sec., Mr. W. A. Brown; assist. sec., Mr. H. Gornall; delegates to the Y.U., Messrs J. W. Kaberry and D. Bartle.—H. Gornall, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting held February 13th, when cup and prizes won at annual show were presented to winners. A grand muster of members were present. The cups, etc., were to have been presented by Mr. T. Threlford, who was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to indisposition. The annual general meeting will be held February 27, at 8.30 sharp, when new secretary and committee will be elected. Several important propositions are on the agenda. All members are requested to attend.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

USHAW MOOR C.B.S.

Meeting held February 15, in the Workmen's Club. Mr. Thos. Hanson presided over a good attendance of members. The members held their pair show same night when some good birds were on view. 1, Bell, typical Yorks., variegated buff cock, and cl. hen; 2, Scorer, Crests, wing mark D.C. cock, good droop and varieg. C.B. hen; 3, Russell, Norwich, large wing mark yell. cock and chubby cl. buff hen; 4, Farrey, Yorks., cl. buff cock, with cl. yell. hen; 5, Teasdale, muling pair Lesser Redpoll, with large cl. yell. Nor. hen. Judge, Mr. Thos. Hanson. It was decided to have a table show of British at the next monthly meeting, judge, Mr. G. Smith.—H. Briggs, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Westminster, February 12. Mr. W. Shephard was in the chair. Amongst those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Messrs. Matchman, Offord, Wright, Waddington, and Boxall. The business portion of the meeting having been concluded, questions were passed round concerning the Norwich Canary. A particularly animated and instructive debate followed the points of inbreeding and breeding for colour receiving special attention, the lady member present proving to be quite an adept in the manipulation of the Norwich type of Canaries. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most interesting and enjoyable meeting.—F. Boxall, Dep. Assist. Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The Council met at the Market Tavern, Bradford, February 15th, Mr. F. Armstrong (President) occupying the chair. There was not a long agenda of business, the main item being the selection of Union medals. The business transacted by the sub-committee appointed to deal with recommendations and new rules for the ballot papers was unanimously confirmed. After due consideration had been given to the samples submitted by three firms of the six which had been invited to send, decided to accept the estimate of Messrs. Fattorini and Son, Bradford. Keighley and Dis. C.B.S. applied for admission as members of the Union, and this was unanimously granted by the Council, their entrance to take effect as from April 1st. A recommendation from the Council to the specialist clubs in Yorkshire, asking them if possible to grant their patronage to Union societies applying for same as soon as possible, in order that the said societies can then arrange their classification for inclusion in the handbook, so that the handbook can be circulated to Union members about the end of July at latest. Last year the printing of same was delayed, with the result that the members did not obtain these until September. Union members, who have competed in CAGE BIRDS Prizes Competition, will find published this week the results in each competition as sent by the Secretary, Mr. F. Hammond.—H. Hill, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

I am more than delighted with the society's past year's work. The bank pass book shows reserve funds of £16, and we have no liabilities. We are very much alive, and for two years have never missed making members at our monthly meetings. Loud applause greeted this statement by Chairman Willmott at the February meeting, a record gathering being present. Messrs. P. Lane (Worcester) and C. Stevens (Small Heath) were elected members. The auditors, Messrs. Perks and Hall, found everything in perfect order. Over 500 birds have been shown by members during 1912, and we have given away more specials in our two years' existence than most societies have in 20 years. So continued the Chairman, who also remarked that he had made a promise that when £20 was in the bank he should be pleased to consider an open show. The following resignations were accepted, Messrs. J. H. de Mailett, and F. Derry, while Messrs. Stevenson and Gosling are no longer members. Several members requested that the committee should try new quarters, and thought a move to the large rooms now finished at the Malt Shovel would suit us very well; this matter was left to the committee. A hearty vote of thanks was given the secretary for his splendid effort in securing so many fine specials during the past year. A debate then followed for two very handsome specials, and we were compelled to hold a draw for same, which resulted in Mr. Wright being first and Mr. West second.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

This month's meeting, held Feb. 5th, took the form of a pair show and lecture by Mr. Geo. Gardner. There was a good attendance, and 52 pairs turned up, an increase of 20 over last year. Amateur and novice classes had some really good birds amongst them, also muling pairs, of which there were nine in their class. While judging was going on four new members were elected, viz., Mrs. Radford, G. E. P. Hunt, W. Kerry, and Mr. Bateman. The question of guarantee for advertising was brought forward, and it was decided to have the same as last year. The society has at last found an assistant sec. in Mr. O. C. Smith, who was unanimously elected. Mr. Smith is a chemist, and is making a special study of birdy ailments and their cure, and his acceptance of office should prove a valuable asset, especially as he is also an enthusiastic fancier. The secretary then mentioned that Mr. Brooker is giving a washing exhibition at next meeting, and requested members to bring a bird each and try their hands. Then the lecturer claimed the attention of those present, after which questions were asked and answered until the close of meeting. The entries at the show were numerous, and the quality very high-class, particularly in Norwich and Yorks. Birds were staged equal to holding their own in keen open competition. The winners of the point specials were Messrs. F. Dearlove, W. H. Pyke, W. Hayward, G. Munday, F. T. L. Avis, and T. W. Wren. There was a good muster of members of the society, which has a large membership roll, and is steadily adding to it. The room in which the show was held is in every way suitable for the purpose, and the hon. secretary is an efficient and able officer. He seems to enjoy the confidence of one and all of the members, who helped him in every way possible. Mr. G. Gardner judged, and afterwards delivered an address on cage bird subjects. He claimed that the more experienced members of the society should take a delight in instructing the novices in the arts of selection and mating; and spoke at some length upon the value of a study of antecedents in breeding operations. The show, he said, was a credit to the society. The following were the winners:—CHAMPION NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dearlove; c, J. Brooker. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, S. Pyke. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Avis; hc, c, Giles. AMAT. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Hayward. NOV. NOR.: 1, Munday; 2, 3, vhc, O. C. Smith; hc, Mrs. Bardett; c, Mrs. Wright. MULING PAIRS: 1, Pyke; 2, R. J. Smith; 3, Vince; vhc, O. C. Smith; hc, Munday; c, Frewin. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, vhc, T. W. Wren; 3, O. C. Smith.

SANDY LANE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held at headquarters, Feb. 11. The retiring secretary, Mr. S. Radcliffe, read the report, which showed the society to be in a sound financial position. After the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for coming year, which resulted in our old fancier friend, Mr. Jonas Knight, being elected as president. Afterwards the several proposed new rules and amended rules, which had been forwarded by the Y.U. Secretary for adoption or otherwise were thoroughly discussed and voted on.—P. Douke, Hon. Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Victoria Cottage, February 6. Mr. Carmyllie, president, occupied the chair. Mr. Carmyllie moved that they obtain a local man if possible, as judge for annual show, which was agreed to. Mr. Whitton proposed that the Broughty Ferry Town Council be approached with a view to obtaining a subscription for show, or that they recognise the society in some form by presenting a trophy to be competed for at annual show, and the motion was carried unanimously by the meeting. It was agreed, as proposed by the president, R. Carmyllie, that judges for annual show be elected at next meeting.—J. F. Langlands, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

A very successful table show of pairs was held February 15, when Mr. R. S. Bewick kindly placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction. 1, R. Ward, pair Yorks; 2, W. Davidson, Goldie and Canary; 3, Davidson, Linnet and Canary; vhc, Ward; hc, Willford; c, J. Hedley. 30 birds were staged. Meeting held same night, Mr. Lindsay in chair (pro. tem.). It was decided to hold N.F.S. on July 5th; also an open show on November 22nd. It was also decided to hold table show British. Class 1, Hardbills; class 2, Softbills. Next meeting night, birds on table 7 p.m., March 1st. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bewick for his services as judge.—R. Ward, Hon. Sec.

HALTWHISTLE C.B.C.

Annual meeting held Feb. 3, Mr. G. H. Bowerbank in the chair. The balance sheet, showing a balance of £8 15s. 11½d., was considered very satisfactory, and unanimously adopted. Date of annual open show was fixed for Nov. 21 and 22, and members' Nest Feather show June 21. Decided to write several prominent judges for terms, to be submitted at next meeting. Also to provide a cup for members' competition at the annual show for most points with three nominated young birds in open and open novice classes, to be won twice in succession or thrice in all. We are hoping this will stimulate the interest of our members for next year's competitions. Practically all the officials were re-elected, except that Mr. J. Nicholson resigned the position of joint sec. owing to not having had good health this last year, but his colleague, Mr. W. Tallantyre, accepting the post, we feel sure that the secretarial reins will be in safe and enthusiastic hands. Officials:—Pres., Mr. R. B. Webster, and a number of influential gentlemen as vice-presidents; chair, Mr. W. Pape; vice-chair, Mr. G. H. Bowerbank; treas., Mr. F. Saint; sec., Mr. W. Tallantyre; show manager, Mr. J. Nicholson, and a strong and enthusiastic committee. We hope to see a further increase in membership, and make this one of the most successful societies in the North.—J. Nicholson.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held February 13, at the Duke of York Hotel (which had been postponed owing to the members final cup show being held on Jan. 15), when Mr. F. J. Weaver presided over a good attendance. A letter was read from the Birmingham society re the cup competition, to the effect that, although Birmingham have won it three times in succession, they do not wish to claim it. Balance sheet was unanimously adopted, although it showed an adverse balance, the Secretary pointing out in his books several items which would wipe off the loss when paid up. The officers were again elected en bloc: President, Mrs. Staveley Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Bird, M.P., J. A. Tonks, S. R. Rhodes, A. Cupiss, Morris, Christopher, J. Baker, D. Tonks, J. MacDougall; chair, F. J. Weaver; vice-chair, R. Willoughby; treas., F. Garfield. Mr. J. A. Tonks then made the presentation of a good cash honorarium to the secretary for his sterling work to the society in the past. The Secretary, in his response, said he was pleased to think how grateful the members were towards him. Mr. Tonks next made the presentation of the society's cup to winner, Mr. E. Hall, who most heartily responded. The meeting then broke up into a jollification, each member making a good speech before raising the cup. Eleven o'clock brought a good meeting to a close.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

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BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held February 13, at the Star Inn, Church Street, Mr. Barwise in the chair. Decided to hold young bird show, June 28, at the above place. Also decided to raise funds for a special trophy, not to be won outright. On February 27 we are holding a judging competition for novices, entry fee, 6d., winner to have a medal. Mr. T. Edwards will lecture on colour feeding at the next meeting. Now champions and novices, come and give us your support, and make this society a big success.—W. Redman, Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Fortnightly meeting, held February 15, at Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, Mr. J. Hillman in the chair. Was decided to write to six judges for terms for our open show. Also to Mr. J. R. Leach to judge our first feather show, June 14. Will secretaries around Monmouthshire please note that we have fixed our date for open show for October 22nd, and try not to clash with us? Anyone wishing to join our society can do so at our next meeting, held as above, February 26th, at six, or by applying to the secretary.—George Broome, Sec.

GALASHIELS O.S.

Annual general meeting, held February 8, in Good Templars' Hall, President (Mr. A. Tod) in the chair. Report and balance sheet read and adopted, showing a balance in hand. Annual show date was fixed for November 15. Office-bearers for 1913: President, Mr. A. Tod; sec., Mr. J. Brown; treas., J. Hardie; executive, Messrs. R. Fox, J. A. Hardie, C. Lugton, and J. Morrison; auditor, Messrs. A. Tod and R. Fox. Resignations accepted with regret: Messrs. Jas. Dobson, F. Murray, and J. Melrose. New member proposed, Wm. Murray.—John Brown, Sec.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held February 11, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (President) in the chair, when a report of the West Fife C.B.S. annual meeting was given by Chairman. The following were appointed delegates for the next twelvemonths: J. Anderson, J. Cordery, G. Malcom, and A. Dickson. On reviewing classes for open show, it was agreed to add a variegated mule class, and amalgamate foreign Goldfinch and Bullfinch; also amalgamate large and small foreign birds. Gentlemen were then nominated to judge at open show. Owing to W. F. L. meeting being on 1st March, it was agreed to drop washing exhibition on that date by Messrs. J. Anderson and A. Dickson. Mr. John Johnstone, Ashfield, Kelty, was elected a member, and a well attended meeting was brought to a close.—A. Dickson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual meeting held February 15, Mr. Farrer presiding over a large attendance. Members' prize-money was paid, and other business transacted. The election of officers was proceeded with. President, Mr. S. Storey, J.P., D.L.; vice-presidents, Messrs. Hamar Greenwood, M.P., F. W. Goldstone, M.P., J. Cobb, C. Grimshaw, W. Hall, G. Bell and J. Keenlyside; committee, Messrs. Elliott, G. Davidson, J. Machin, W. Reid, F. Riseborough, A. Walker, T. Davison, J. Peacock, T. Smith, and T. Gray; chairman, Mr. J. Farrer; vice-chairman, Mr. C. Waters; assist. sec., Mr. J. Peacock; hon. treas., Mr. G. Davidson; auditors, Messrs. T. Davison and J. Copeland; hon. sec., J. Jeffrey. The following were made members: Mr. J. Matthews and Mr. Moore. At the next meeting, March 1, a table show of pairs will be held. Members are requested to bring birds, especially novice members. Members are also reminded that subs. may now be paid, and they should induce fanciers residing in the district to join the Association.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

AINTREE FAZACKERLEY F.S.

Much of the life of a fanciers' society is sweetened by the generosity of its members. The cage-bird fanciers of the Aintree Society have taken unto heart this dictum, and great is the joy thereof. Mr. George Skilling (Kirkdale) holder of the challenge cup for 1912-13, has very kindly presented a gold medal for the runner-up in the cup competition this season; Mr. E. Battersby (Aintree) a gold-centre medal for 3rd prize; Mr. C. Eaton (Aintree) a pair of vases, value 5s., 4th; and donors of 5th and 6th prizes are forthcoming. Mr. W. C. Robinson (Liverpool) has given a 5s. special for the members' annual Pair Show this month, Mr. T. Handley (Seaforth) a 4s. special, and Mr. G. Skilling (Kirkdale) one of 2s. 6d. These three "specials" are for most points gained at the Pair Show, which will be judged by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool). Another handsome special is promised the cage-bird section by Vice-President Mr. J. Schorah (Kirkdale) and who can say but what the worthy example of these gentlemen will be speedily followed.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 6, at the Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones, president, in the chair; a fairly good attendance of members being present. Several items of correspondence were dealt with. The secretary announced that he had secured Mr. T. Bishop to judge at our next feather show; also Mr. J. C. Barnes as one of the judges at the open show on Oct. 18. Arising out of a letter received from Mr. P. Walsh desiring that he be allowed to keep the British Cup, which he has won so often, and replace it with another of equal value, the secretary wrote Mr. T. Bishop, the donor of the cup, to ask if he was agreeable to the suggestoin. He at once gave his consent, and the meeting granted Mr. Walsh the British Cup on the conditions named. Mr. W. H. Walton, the donor of the Norwich Cup, was also approached, and he kindly left it in the society's hands to do as they thought best. It was eventually decided that the rules relating to the cups be altered, and that from now any member winning them three times the cups become his own property, the cups to be won with birds bred by the exhibitor. After some discussion as to a novice member's chance of winning the cups, Messrs. G. Fletcher, J. Memmott, and A. Hobson each promised a cup for the novice section. This was received with applause, and, further to encourage the novices, Mr. J. G. Cowley promised a pair of champion Norwich to the novice Norwich member who gets the most points at all this season's shows (open show barred), the four highest birds to count. Mr. J. Thorpe promised a pair of champion Yorks to the novice Yorks member on exactly the same terms. Now, novices, take advantage of these generous gifts and make it interesting by showing your birds. It was left to the committee to form rules to govern the novice cups. Our worthy President promised a grand shield to the member getting most points at all the shows, to be won outright this year. An interesting debate has been fixed to take place between Mr. W. Bingham and Mr. J. G. Cowley, Mr. Bingham to take Yorks and Mr. Cowley Nor. Members must not miss this treat; bring your fancier friends with you. The next meeting night, Mar. 6, has been fixed for our annual social, commencing at seven o'clock, at the Wentworth Cafe; charge 1s. each. We desire all members to be present; ladies specially invited; all who have not given in their names and intend being present, kindly let the secretary know as early as possible. A very interesting half-hour was taken up with questions and answers, and some valuable information was given by Mr. Bingham with regard to birds that are out of condition. The following new members were unanimously elected:—Messrs. F. Wakefield, G. H. Cowley, Mr. Fowler, H. Biddle, P. Wingfield, W. Baxby, and G. H. Sampson. The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the donors of the cups and specials.—J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

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Meeting held in Co-operative Hall, as we were unable to get the use of the Club Hall through a misunderstanding. Only a moderate attendance of members, although we had some important business to contend with. Mr. A. Brown, Gateshead, and Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream, were elected to judge our open show in October. The schedule for open show was left over until a future meeting. Now, members, try and get to next meeting, and let us have some arrangements made for first feather show. Next meeting on March 15th.—W. Tomlinson, Sec.

COCKERMOUTH F.S.

Annual meeting Feb. 6, held under the happiest auspices. The decision of last annual meeting to drop the poultry section with its continual losses, had been amply justified, and the show on Nov., held in the Public Hall, was in every way a success. In addition to a record entry, there was a gain of exactly £17 on the show—a result largely due to the energy and tact of the secretary, and the self-denying work of the committee. For 1913 the following appointments were made:—Pres., Mr. E. L. Waugh; chair, Mr. G. Oglethorpe; vice-chair, Mr. J. Simon; hon. treas., Mr. J. Ellwood; sec., Mr. John Jackson. The date of next show was fixed for Nov. 24th.

FENCE HOUSES NEW C.B.S.

First meeting, held in the Station Hotel, February 15. Fanciers came up fairly well, and a good amount of business was got through. Every credit is due towards Mr. B. Robinson, Sec. of the Dubmire C.B.S. for attending our meeting and giving us every assistance in forming our new society. The principal business was fixing a radius; this will be three miles. Entrance fee 2s. 6d. per year. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. G. Lishman; vice-presidents, Mr. H. Hall and Mr. G. Wood; treas., Mr. H. Hall; secretary, W. Halton; assist. sec., J. Atkinson; chairman, Mr. R. Gowland: committee, R. Liddle, W. Finlay, W. Knighton, W. Moore, D. Hann, H. Fenwick. We have splendid accommodation, and there is every prospect of the club being a success. Next meeting March 8. Hoping all members will attend. Entrance fees can be paid to secretary any time now.—W. Halton, 7, Ewe Hill Terrace, Fence Houses, Co. Durham.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting, held at the Old Boars Head Hotel, Manchester, Feb. 8, only a poor muster of members being present. Prize-money won at the club show was paid out to the members present; those not present will have their's by the time this is printed. The secretary was also instructed to pay guarantees lost on patronage shows. There was a long discussion on birdy matters, after meeting was over, and some strong remarks were made by those present at the judging the Lancashires and Lizards get at some shows. Members are requested to note that general meeting will be held on March 1st, at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, and I should esteem it a favour if members will forward me anything they wish discussed at the general meeting, so that I can get the agenda in proper order, and save a lot of time. New members can then be proposed, and I will place any such before the members. I am resigning the secretaryship, and trust our members will consider the matter, and appoint a new one in my place.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

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TWO cock Skylarks, songsters (one house moulted), exchange Norwich or Border cock or hens, unflighted; sell 6/-, offers: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W.

HAND-REARED cock Starling, talks, whistles; exchange hen Canaries, gent's silver watch or silver albert: Tomson, 111a, High-rd., Willesden Green. (500)

EXCHANGE performing Redpolls, drawing carriage and thimble up, for Canaries, or sell 4/- each, with cage and fittings: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (492)

THREE good hen green Linnets, hatched under Canary, will exchange good hen Canary, buff or variegated: Hart, Easthall Cottage, Wennington, Essex. (501)

GOLDFINCHES, 2 cocks, 2 hens; exchange for good house-moulted muler, or Siberian Goldfinch; 2 dozen Goldfinches for sale: Hinder, Crosshayes, Malmesbury, Wilts. (497)

YELLOWHAMMER cock, good size, colour, and markings, fit for show, 2/6; house-moulted cock Brown Linnet, 4/6; exchange Canaries: Warboys, Knox-rd., Wellingboro'. (495)

EXCHANGE fine cock Goldfinch, big cock Linnet, ditto hen, twice house-moulted breeders, for large Norwich hen, yellow preferred; yours first: Bond, 25, Bank-rd., Bootle. (486)

GRAND cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, both house-moulted, well mated, 12/6; exchange pair Yorkshires or Norwich; approval, deposit: Shaw, 24, Leven-st., North Ormesby. (493)

EXCHANGE clap nets, night Lark nets, cock and hen Linnets, cock Larks, cock Greenfinches, for cock and hen Canaries, cock and hen Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton. (496)

EXCHANGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, yellow cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, two cock Linnets; wanted pair long Yorkshires; offers: Hawkes, 9, Regent-st., Wellingborough. (488)

SCOTCH cock Linnets, 3 for 1/6, 3/6 dozen; cock Bullfinch, 1/6; cock Snowbunting, house-moulted, 4/-; two cock Linnet Mules, 6/6 each; two h.m. cock Larks, 3/- each; or exchange yellow Norwich hens: Grant, 52, East High-st., Elgin. (499)

HEN Bullfinch, cock Redpoll, had fertile eggs last season, genuine, 6/-; approval, deposit; exchange clear Crossbred hen Canaries, cold-room birds: Nightingale, 51, Green-st., Stourbridge. (500)

TWO large muling hens, 5/-; Goldfinch, Bullfinch, 2 Greenfinches, hens, 4/-; exchange for large typical (1912) yellow Norwich hen, offers; yours first: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex. (489)

EXCHANGE two beautiful cock Goldfinches and mahogany night commode, for massive pair of Norwich, buff cock and deep yellow hen: McHughes, 73, Fourth Avenue, Pasture-rd., Goole. (488)

COCK Linnets (2), one hand-reared, twice house-moulted, one house-moulted, splendid condition, grand songsters; what offers cash; also gramophone, 23 records, 30/-: Wale, 20, Princes-st., Mansfield, Notts. (484)

REDPOLL-Greenfinch Hybrid, winner, exchange two singing Canaries or Goldfinches, large; British hen Bullfinch, will breed with anything; sell 2/6; exchange singing bird: T. Wileman, 13, Alma-rd., Hinckley. (497)

EXHIBITORS! Siberian Goldfinches, German Siskins, Linnets, etc., also Larks on full loud song; will sell or exchange for Canaries; nothing but honest dealing transacted: G. Crawford, 25, Grafton-st., Stockport. (493)

EXCHANGE three Twites, four Redpolls, Linnet, Bullie hen, Greenie hen, Yellowhammer, all selected to moult winners, for Goldies or Siskins; what offers: Apply Gray, Bridgehill, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire, Scotland. (503)

TWO each, cock Twites and Redpolls, 2 hen Bullfinches, pair Greenfinches, pair Linnets, guaranteed healthy, some bred Mules, my possession twelve months; also four 1912 Linnet Mules, sell or exchange for Budgerigars or Parrakeets: Maxwell, 237, Barclay-rd., Bearwood, Birmingham. (487)

WHAT offers in Yorkshire or Norwich or single breeders, loose fronts and bottoms, all complete, for 4 cock Blackbirds, 8 cock Linnets, 4 hens, 10 cock Chaffinches, 2 hens, 1 pair Skylarks, 1 pair Yellowhammers, 1 pair Goldfinches, 4 cock Greenfinches; all caged from nest, and in good health: G. Pope, Aston Hill, Tring. (Q)

COCK Hawfinch, 1st L.P.O.S., 1st Southampton, 1st and special Newport, with show cage and case complete, 40/-; pair Reed Buntings, 5/-; two house-moulted cock Goldies, Mules, 5/- each; two cock Goldies, 3/6 each, make winners; giving up British; offers in exchange entertained: Cooper, Grocer, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. (492)

NOTICE to Exhibitors and Fanciers.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, German Siskins, Linnets, etc., also all kinds of British birds and all kinds of Foreign birds, for any kind of singing Canaries and Mules: approval with pleasure; nothing but honest dealings; mention wants to E. Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport. (502)

SPECIAL Notice.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches and all kinds of British birds for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds; all kinds of new cages made to order and exchanged for Canaries or Mules; all birds sent out on approval both ways, so send at once: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (502)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, cheap, for prompt cash: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (501)

FOUR hen Canaries, healthy birds, 8/-, or exchange cock Yorkshire: Whiskin, 37, Cranbury-rd., Fulham. (500)

COCK Goldfinch, cage reared, Yorkshire hen, for 1912 Roller cock, singing: E. Jackson, Newport, Essex. (498)

TWO British Rollers, full song, 14/- the two; Larks, full song, 2/6: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester. (488)

TWO pairs of large typical Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair, approval, or exchange: A. Brewitt, Westgate, Sleaford. (501)

TO exhibitors; two good dark Greenie Mules; exchange for good grey Crest hen, or sell 20/-: Twigg, Spondon. (484)

EXCHANGE four Seifert hens, 1912, cold-room bred, for Roller cock; yours first: Britt, 41, Oak-st., Abingdon. (486)

YORKSHIRE cock and two hens, 36in double breeder, 1[illegible]/6; exchange Mules: Caunt, 38, Belmont-st., Lincoln. (490)

EXCHANGE few pair Border Fancies, for a good talking Parrot, or offer: H. Ball, No. 9, Lower Green, Tipton. (488)

FOUR Roller hens 10/-, 4 Yorkshire cocks 6/-, 2 Yorkshire hens 3/6 each; offers lot: Dudley, 53, Occupation-st., Dudley. (493)

EXCHANGE three Norwich 1912 hen Canaries for 1912 clear cock: L. G. Buller, Fenn House, Woodbridge, Suffolk. (485)

CREST BRED hen, 5/-; large Linnets, 1/-; what offers in Canaries for Black Skylark: R. Finnell, Warminster, Wilts. (488)

PAIR Bullies, pair Goldies, large yellow Norwich hen, 7/6 lot; exchange good Roller cock: Foster, Rifle Hill, Braintree. (487)

ONE cock and two hens, Yorkshires; good birds, sell 15/-, or exchange Norwich to value: A. Toft, 77, Stanley-rd., Grays, Essex. (496)

EXCHANGE two pair of Yorkshires, value 30/-, for Lancashire coppies, or good crests: Bowden, 14, Edgar-st., Penydarren. (499)

WILL give Yorkshire cock and 2/- for good Norwich cock in full song; Norwich first: S., 69a, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (489)

FOR sale, two yellow Yorkshire hens, 7/6; offers in exchange, outer covers for cycle wanted, 28 x 1½: Nowell, Cropwell, Notts. (495)

PAIR Norwich, yellow ticked cock, clear buff hen, exchange for good pair Yorkshires; approval: Morris, 9, Cadwgan, Nantymoel. (492)

TWO yell. Yorks. hens, cinn. mkd. and green, sell 15/-; laying pullets or Bantams wanted: Hornsby, Gents-terrace, Byers Green. (493)

EXCHANGE good Norwich hen Canaries for old silver watches, or anything useful: Greenwood, 8, Back Millwood, Todmorden. (493)

PAIR Green Norwich, 12/6; variegated hens, 5/-; pair green Crested, 12/6, or exchange poultry: Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere. (496)

GREEN Crested cock, 8/6; pair Lizards, 13/6; two Norwich hens, 5/-; exchange Norwich: Lea, 55, Waterloo-square, Camberwell. (485)

EXCHANGE three crossbred hen Canaries, two greens, one variegated, for Roller cock: T. Jordan, 10, Alexandra-st., Folkestone. (485)

BUFF green Yorkshires, cocks and hens, will exchange for household linen, new, approval: Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard. (483)

THREE yellow Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each, lot 10/-; or exchange for cock Goldfinches; offers: Hill, 26, Gorse-rd., Cwmbwrla, Swansea. (498)

WANTED, large H.M. Goldfinch cock, exchange large buff Norwich cock, or sell 10/-; approval; yours first: D. Shearer, Thurso. (500)

SEVEN buff Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; approval; offers Rollers, British, Foreign, anything: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (463)

EXCHANGE, two St. Andreasburg Roller hens for two typical Yorkshire clear buff hens: Cheesman, 5, Upper Lord-st., Oswestry. (487)

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, ready to nest, for six Bantams or 14 pigeons; mutual approval: Arthur Beaumont, 289, Beet-st., Sheffield. (501)

PLAINHEADS.—Three pairs of well-bred; five breeding cages £3 lot; or exchange anything useful, value: J. Kemp, 62, Schubert-rd., East Putney. (501)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries for old brass, copper, lead, zinc, black tin, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (427)

YELLOW Norwich cock and variegated hen for 2 good cycle covers, 28 x 1½; yours first: Walker, 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, S. Wales. (494)

PLAINHEAD, Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6 each, exchange crest-bred cock for 1912 crested hen: Harvey, Gordon Villas, Woodbridge. (499)

CLEAR buff cock, winner, 30/-, or exchange common Norwich or Yorkshire cocks or Rollers: Muscott, Dderw Villa, Llandrindod Wells. (500)

GRAND pair of Yorkshires, price 21/-; exchange good Goldie, Hawfinch, or Siskin; must be H.M. and steady: Andrews, Weston, Olney.

OVERSTOCKED. Massive yellow Norwich cock, 10/-, or exchange for Britishers or Foreigners; approval: Clifford Heal, Paulton, Bristol. (489)

EXCHANGE pair Norwich Canaries (1911 birds) for large unflighted buff Norwich hen, good head and chest: Bowes, Longham, E. Dereham. (490)

A FEW high-class Yorkshires, 1912, cold-room bred, 12/6 pair; or exchange anything useful for house: Balch, 8, Park-terrace, Dalton-lane, Keighley. (493)

LARGE buff Norwich cinnamon cock, winner 1st Haverhill, sell 10/6; or exchange anything useful: J. W. Challis, 36, Primrose-hill, Haverhill, Suffolk. (485)

EXCHANGE two good singing Roller cocks, 1912, for good heavily crested Norwich hen, 1911 preferred: Sanders, "Crown and Anchor," Caldmore, Walsall. (486)

THREE typical Yorkshire hens, 13/6; exchange 2 yellow Border cocks; also 2 smart border hens, 7/-; exchange cock; offers: B., 304, Brockley-rd., S.E. (494)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule in new show cage, full song, for Roller cock Canary, or sell 10/-: W. Knight, Woodlands, Norfolk-rd., Laindon, Essex. (503)

SMART pair Borders (foul green cock, buff hen), 1912; exchange typical buff Norwich cock, unflighted; offers; approval: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (496)

THREE pairs high class Yorkshires, Ambler's Shackleton's, 15/- pair; exchange talking Parrot; offers, approval: A. Robinson, Higham-rd., Rushden. (500)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire cock or hens for cock Goldfinch, Greenfinch and Linnet, fit for showing: Alston, 12, Kinglake-road, Promenade, Egremont. (496)

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 6/-; three hens, two buff yellow, 3/- each; Norwich cock, 6/-; good condition; exchange: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (491)

EXCHANGE pair Crested Norwich for Lancashire coppy cock and Plainhead hen, or sell 25/-; approval both ways: Cheesman, 5, Upper Lord-st., Oswestry. (487)

TEN Canaries, big, strong birds, some 7in. cocks and hens, mostly Yorkshires, white-legged cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, £2 lot; Seeney, 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (498)

STYLISH unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock (open winner) 25/-, for stylish buff cock to value, good head, well drawn out: Livesey, Square-rd., Walsden, Todmorden, Yorkshire. (480)

NORWICH cocks, full song, 5/-; hens, 2/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; pair tame Bullfinches, 4/6; cash or deposit; all carriage paid: Wilson, 46, Allen-st., Maidstone. (487)

GRAND 1911 yellow Norwich cock, grand 1911 yellow variegated hen, £1; exchange exhibition British or good Yorkshires: A. Woodall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (502)

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires (not rubbish), Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, groceries, anything useful; stamp reply: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (500)

TWO St. Andreasburg varieg. Rollers, 1912 birds, splendid songsters, day or gas-light, 12/- each; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Roper, 131, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (500)

THREE 1912 B.R.C.C. rung Rollers, bred from my winners of five cups, 12 medals, and etc., 15/-, 20/-; one fit for contest, 25/-; exchange anything: A. Harper, 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs. (488)

YORKSHIRES, six good pairs, 8 yellow and buff, cocks, winners, and bred from winners; sell cheap or exchange boots, hand sewing machine, or drapery: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (496)

PAIR unflighted Norwich, from winners, clear yellow cock, fed, lightly marked buff hen, good birds, properly matched, 15/-; exchange to value 17/6; approval willingly; deposit: W. Green, Midsomer Norton, Bath. (494)

BORDER Fancies, 7/6 pair; or exchange boots or anything useful for the house; or exchange one cock and two hens for a yellow cinnamon hen on approval; yours first, or deposit: Andrews, Mersey-rd., Widnes. (498)

PRIZE winners; buff Yorkshire cock, 1st, two 2nds, 12/6; marked yellow Norwich hen, two 1sts and special, 12/6; cards sent; grand singing Hummel Roller cock, 8/6; bargains; exchange talking Parrot: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable. (477)

FOR SALE, ten yellow Norwich cock, mkd. buff hen, 12/6; pair of cinnamons, 18/6; two mkd. buff hens, 6/- each; two Border hens, 2/- each; ten breeders' 20 x 18 x 11, with all utensils, 20/-, bargain: Percival, 43, Woodfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (492)

TWO young Crested, one C.B. cocks, 10/- each, Tyson and Joyce strain, same blood as winners; young Seifert Roller, in full song, 7/6; 6 hens, 2/6 each, cheap to clear; exchange old gold or silver lady's furs or good gent's cycle: Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds. (497)

Mainly Foreign.

TWO pair green Budgerigars, acclimatised; exchange for cage birds, Bantams, anything: Robb, Hairdresser, Crossgates, Fife. (484)

GIVE pair Java Sparrows and pair Green Lovebirds for very free singing Mule or Canary songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (502)

EXCHANGE Amazon talking Parrot and cage, for two contest Roller cocks and cages: Mr. Cleall, 38, Oxford-rd., Southsea, Portsmouth. (493)

EXCHANGE Indian Rock Parrot and cage, red-shouldered, grand plumage, for bees; sell 15/-; stamp: Kemley, Postman, Edzell, N.B. (491)

FOUR 1912 yellow Budgerigars for sale, hens 4/-, cocks 3/-, also hen cockatiel 4/6; open to exchange: A. Munday, Buckland House, Axminster. (490)

YOUNG Grey Parrot, just started to talk, whistles, finger tame, £2, useful exchange, nothing alive: J. E. Snow, 1, Warren-st., Leicester. (487)

SPLENDID Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, Green Budgerigars, 1 cock, 2 hens, 1 yellow cock, 1 Madagascar Lovebird, 1 cock Zebra, 1 Green cock Canary, 5 hens: Shaw, 27, Derby-rd., Sawley, nr. Derby. (495)

Miscellaneous.

GOOD Norwich hen, two show cages, 4/6: Bayliss, 30, Clarence-st., Leamington. (487)

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WHAT offers, cash or Canaries, for 50lbs. good dry cuttlebone: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (474)

BILIARD table, 6ft., portable, cost £3; sell 30/-; exchange Canaries: Hook, 333a, Norwood-rd., London, S.E. (492)

TWO chocolate Poms, dog and bitch, pedigreed, what offers; approval: Carver, 79, King-st., Peterhead. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE, 11lbs. of cuttlefish for Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Allen, Myrtle Cottage, London-rd., Bognor. (498)

TO painters, exchange Yorkshires, cages, etc., for anything useful in trade; stamp: Decorator, 355, London-rd. (497)

GRAND pair field glasses, sell 7/6; or exchange anything useful: J. Holden, 28, Warrenhurst-rd., Fleetwood. (495)

SELL or exchange for Canaries, black retriever dog, 12 months old: Albert Hill, 16, Portskewitt-st., Newport, Mon. (490)

CLEAN dry moss, 1/- large bag: travelling cages 1/6 dozen; exchange hens, Canaries: Walker, Upper Goat-lane, Norwich. (491)

GRAND pair field glasses in case, as new, sell 10/6, exchange British: J. Gillett, Rilshaw-lane, Winsford, Cheshire. (490)

MANDOLINE-HARP; exchange anything useful, or sell 10/-: W. Brereton, 48, Littler-lane, Over, Winsford, Cheshire. (490)

LARGE 1911 Norwich hen, 3/-; reared cock Greenie, 2/-; exchange early seed potatoes: E. Sadler, Cliff-rd., Sheringham. (496)

EXCHANGE doves for clear yellow Norwich or Crested hen Canary, or sell 3/6: E. Smyth-Richards, Filleigh, Devon. (501)

EXCHANGE new zither mandoline for a good Portuguese mandoline: Mr. Cleall, 38, Oxford-rd., Southsea, Portsmouth. (493)

WILL exchange winning Black Self Tumblers for Canaries, Bullfinches, Goldfinches: Goodwin, 3, Playfair-rd., Southsea. (491)

PAIR clap nets, 7 yards, 3 Goldfinches, 3 cages; exchange seed potatoes, sell 12/-: Hopkins, Hayden Green, Cheltenham. (497)

BROWN-red Game cock, fighter, 10/-, for Norwich, Yorkshire Canaries; anything: Brown, 59, Twinnell-st., Easton-rd., Bristol. (496)

SONG Thrush and cage, and other cages, cheap, or exchange anything useful: Hawkes, 16, Smith-st., Trafford-rd., Salford. (458)

SALE, champion buff Norwich cock, and yellow Yorkshire hen, 15/-; or separate, 12/- and 4/-; 5 standard show cages (1 British), new, 7/-: N. Coleman, 15, Castle View, Clitheroe, Lancs. (497)

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FIRST-class roach rod, reel, line, book of tackle, exchange songsters, Rollers preferred: [illegible], Bramall-lane, Sheffield. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE six 10in. records for good Yorkshire cock, or pair of Norwich, to value 15/-: Lloyd, [illegible], Connell-st., Ebbw Vale. ([illegible])

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GENT'S free wheel cycle, in splendid order, [illegible]; lady's gold brooch 10/-; offers, exchange: Clark, Hairdresser, Peterhead. (493)

QUANTITY of white enamel letters, various sizes, in good condition. What offers? Rollers wanted: 97, Trafford-rd., Eccles. (461)

SALE or exchange, Airedale bitch, three months, set boxing gloves, also punching ball; offers: Jones, Queens, Ystalyfera, Glam. ([illegible])

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EIGHT splendid views of seaside resorts, exchange pair Norwich; if good would also give little cash: Jones, Alvin-st., Gloucester. (490)

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, 3 divisions, 36 x 36, splendid condition, 6/-; or exchange: Dean, Decorator, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (497)

SALE, 30/-, or exchange, jet-black Pom., bitch, 2 years old, good coat; Rollers wanted: White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (496)

450 BEAUTIFUL Christmas cards, unsoiled; what offers in Roller cocks or anything useful?—Write to Tattersall, Bare, Morecambe. (495)

EXCHANGE solid silver watch, perfect order, for pair of Canaries, or anything useful: Tomlinson, Old Fold, Winsford, Cheshire. (489)

WHAT offers in Scotch Fancy or Goldfinches for Black Pom. Toy bitch, nine months old; approval: Davies, 63, Clare-st., Merthyr. (488)

EXCHANGE eight unrung flying Homers for two hen Yorks. and double breeder: G. Morley, Kirk Merrington, Ferryhill, Durham. (488)

TYPICAL wire fox terrier bitch pup, three months, 12/6; exchange Canaries, breeding cages, requisites: Valentine, St. Mary's, Bedford. (497)

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GRAND Pom. puppies (crossed), little models; what offers exchange; 2 months; Canaries preferred: Russell, 14, Mona-st., Liverpool. (495)

TWELVE quarts wild seed, 6d. quart, sample 2 stamps, exchange Goldfinch cocks; offers entertained: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (502)

BREEDING, Norwich, British, show cages and cases, sell or exchange, R.I.R. chickens, utility: Capewell, Haden Hill, Old Hill. (498)

SIX well-made double breeding cages, 25/-; exchange common pullets or toy Yorkshire terrier: 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow. (494)

EDISON-BELL Standard, nearly 100 records, sell £4; Bargain; or exchange Parrot or Canaries: Matthes, Bracton-rd., Rotherhithe. (487)

CANARIES wanted in exchange for novels by various authors; write for list; describe birds: Reynolds, Supply Stores, Walberswick. (472)

"OUR Canaries," cost 15/-; "Cage Birds Hybrids," 7/6, bound, never used; exchange disc records to value: Owen, 5, Argyle-st., Paisley. (491)

EXCHANGE pair bone-covered powerful opera-glasses, for three yellow hen Canaries: W. Swindles, Manchester-rd., Wilmslow, Cheshire. (487)

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EXCHANGE 42 yards of fishing netting, 5ft. wide, for buff Border hens, or offers: H. Stanley, 52, Dorset-rd., The Brook, Liverpool. (497)

H.M. Cock Linnet, bred Mules, 5/-, cock Goldfinch, nice steady bird 5/-, new electric cycle lamp 4/6, exchange: B. Hutton, Holbeach. (490)

HANDSOME book, Canaries, Hybrids, and British birds, edited by Lewer, cost 25/-; what offers in Canaries: Jones, Alvin-st., Gloucester. (490)

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors in silk-lined case for one cock or three hen Canaries: Joseph Royles, 262, Beet-st., Sheffield. (501)

EXCHANGE 5 pairs good Yorkshires, 4 double breeding, 3 show cages, 1 hamper for good cycle; offers: Perrins, Blythe Bridge, Staffs. (495)

CAGES of various kinds (including breeders), also prize-bred Tumblers, sell cheap to clear: Motherwell, Hunter-st., Airdrie, Lanarkshire. (484)

DOUBLE-COMPARTMENT breeding cage, all complete, reasonable; also good Yorkshire hen; particulars: A.H., 22, Alma-rd., Windsor. (499)

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, breeder, full song, 10/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 8/-; exchange pullets; offers: 10, Squarey-st., Tooting. (489)

PAIR 1912 Black tumblers, from my winners, parents cost £8 10s.; sell cheap; exchange pair Canaries: F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells. (488)

WHAT offers in birds for rough wire haired fox terrier bitch, 6 months old, good pedigree; approval: Griffiths, Knolls-place, Merthyr. (497)

EXCHANGE pair black self Tumblers, same strain as my Palace bird, for singing Canaries: Barron, 84, Patriot-square, Cambridge-rd., London. (487)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire toy brood bitch, by Ratcliffe Royal, for Canaries, anything, or sell 30/-: Dexter, 83, Ranskill-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield. (498)

GOOD clear yellow Norwich cock, 10/6, approval; Thrush and cage; exchange Finch: Mornington, Margaret-terr., Blaengwynfi, Port Talbot. (496)

EXCHANGE grand cock Linnet Mule for new double breeder, or sell 6/-; good pair Greenfinches, 11/-: H. Casey, 20, Sidney-st., Iffley-rd., Oxford. (493)

FIREPROOF safe, Bradbury boot patching machine, bath chair, cheap, cash; exchange toy Yorkshire terriers: 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow. (494)

RAILWAYMAN'S overcoat, nearly new, 8/6; exchange Rollers, Budgerigars, or British birds: Blackmore, Wheatlands-lane, Crossbills, Keighley. (488)

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PEN of first-class Indian Game cock and two hens, champion strain; sell £5 or exchange Light Mule or Hybrid: Andrews, Weston, Olney.

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FOR sale, three domed aviary, 4ft. by 3½ft., with mahogany table, compartment drawers, price 38/-, or offer: Porter, 25, Tremadoc-rd., Clapham. (487)

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FOUR-CORNERED picture-frame cramp, mitre block, and shooting board combined, nearly new, cost 15/-; exchange Canaries: Lunn, West-st., Bolton. (485)

PHOTOGRAVURE prints, collection twenty portraits, framed oak, value £5, exchange birds, offers: De Lasaux, 22, Lawrie Park-rd., Sydenham. (499)

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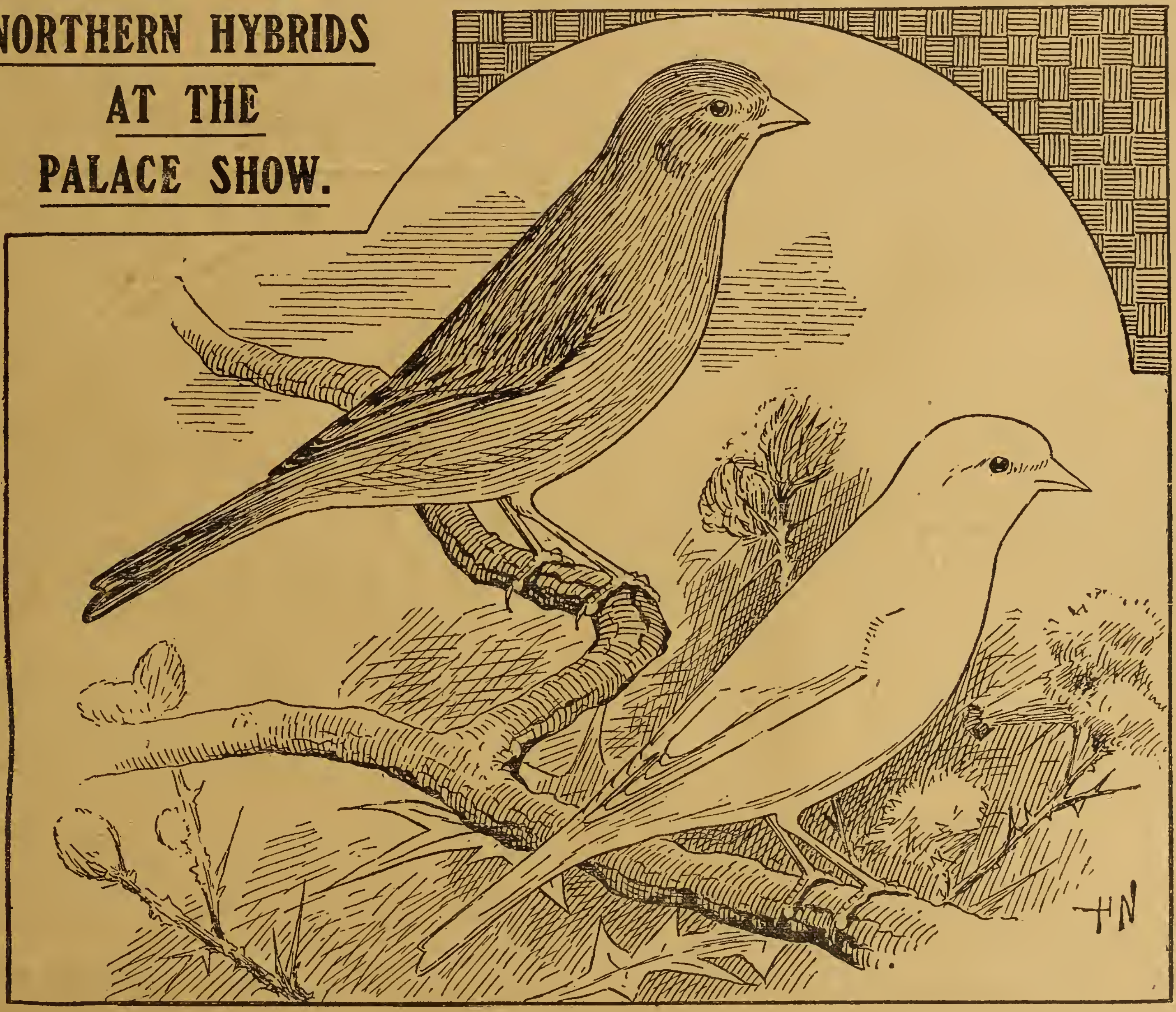

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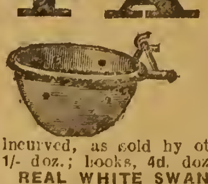

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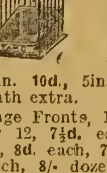

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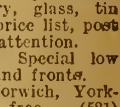

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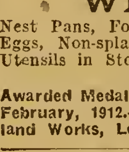

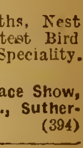

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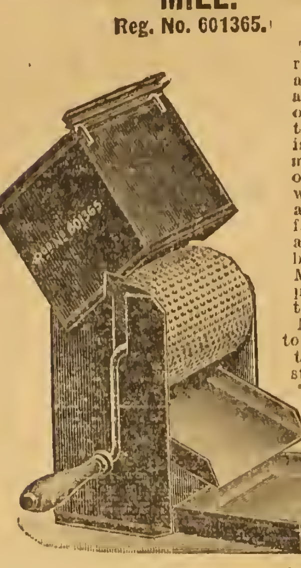

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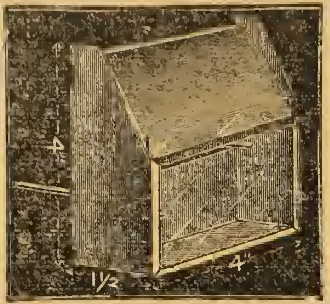

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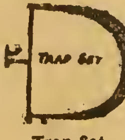

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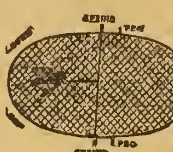

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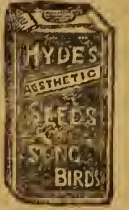

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GREENS.—Nine buff cocks from 6/6; two yellow cocks, winners, 12/6 each; hens 5/- each; Palace winning strain; approval: Hancocks, 110, Stewart-st., Crewe. (494)

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CREST cock, 12/6; Crest or Crest-bred hens from 7/6; 1912, heavily feathered; exchange for Crest or Crest-bred 1912 only; yours first: Farms, 9, Scotstoun-st., Scotstoun, Glasgow. (520)

YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, two nearly green Crestbred cocks, 7/6 each, buff hens 5/- each; good birds, approval, deposit: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham. (518)

LARGE buff green Crestbred cock, 1912, feather to beak-end, grand condition, bred from winners, 14/6; would exchange for good Crest hen: Alfred Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs. (506)

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STOUT young variegated Crest-bred cock, bred from 1st Palace 1911, 15/-; young yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, 15/-; approval: Radley and Son, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (510)

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GRAND dark Crest even wing marked cock, 60/-; green-marked Crest cock, 35/-; variegated Crested cock, 30/-; dark Crest, near clear body, cock, 30/-; green Crest cock, 20/-; grey Crest cock, 25/-; green Crestbred cock, 25/-; variegated do. 30/-; clear do., 20/-; dark Crested wing-marked hens, 35/-, 30/-, 25/-, 20/-; green Crested hen, 20/-; green rough Crest, 12/6; Crestbred hen, dark head and wings, 30/-; variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; green Crestbred hen, 20/-; ditto, clear, 20/-; strong healthy birds; show condition; approval: A. Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (511)

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LIZARDS, pairs 12/6, gold cocks 7/6 each: Yeates' Seed Stores, Norton-rd., Stockton. (510)

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E. OLLERENSHAW can still spare a few Lizards, same strain as my winners; pairs or single; cold-room; stamp reply: 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire. (511)

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FOUR good Gold cocks, two Silvers, clear and broken caps, bred from the best of blood, beauties, in the pink of condition, 7/6 each to clear; hens, 6/-; sacrifice: Griffiths, 93, Stormont-rd., Garston, Liverpool. (516)

Norwich.

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UNFLIGHTED buff cock, £1; nice type and quality: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (512)

GOOD pair, yellow cock, buff hen, 15/-; buff cock, 10/-; yellow cock, 7/6: Dalzell, see Mules. (524)

ONE good buff Norwich hen, 3/-, 1912 bred: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (518)

FIVE good hens, ready to nest, 3/- each or 12/- the lot: W. Marjoram, 24, Central-rd., Leiston. (519)

FOUR Norwich cocks, 5/6 and 6/6 each; wanted, Crested cock: Dickinson, Hillside Villa, Kendal. (514)

REV. C. E. GAUL has a few good stock birds left, 10/- to 21/-: 61, Higher Ardwick, Manchester. (443)

TWO young Norwich hens, 2/- each, cheap to clear: G. Finch, 9, Fetherstone-rd., Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. (509)

ONE yellow, one buff, one variegated Norwich cocks, 8/- each, lot 20/-, approval: Buck, Bondgate, Ripon. (514)

COCKS in full song, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens from 5/-, all colours, cheap to clear: Jolly, Post Office, Johnshaven. (514)

TWO buff green cocks, 12/6, 10/-; yellow var., 10/-, buff var., 10/-; approval: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath. (513)

GRAND Norwich hens, for early breeding, 2/6 and 3/- to clear; approval: Wilkinson, 85, Walton-st., Chelsea. (477)

A GOOD clear Buff Norwich cock, from winners, to clear at 12/6: Mitchell, Station, Bridge of Allan. (520)

ONLY two left, buff cock 7/6, buff variegated hen, 5/-; unflighted, fed, good: Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (515)

BEFORE pairing up can spare few pairs Norwich, approval; no odd hens: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (452)

TWO large buff variegated Norwich hens, 3/6 each, or 6/- the two; approval: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (522)

TWO 1912 clear buff cocks, 25/-, 30/- each; clear yellow, 1911, 30/-; approval: A. Tydeman, 45, York-rd., Ipswich. (508)

YOUNG songsters, also pair for breeding for sale, cheap: W. Simmons, 146, Haselbury-rd., Silver-st., Edmonton, N. (521)

HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn: Few Norwich, prize-bred, cold-room, pairs or single; state wants; approval. (430)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks from 8/-; hens from 6/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester. (493)

SEVERAL good typical buff cocks to spare, cheap; grand stock birds; off winners: Frank Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle. (480)

MASSIVE buff cock, rare stock bird, 15/-; also pair, yellow cock, buff hen, 15/; approval: Edwin Lloyd, Bridge-st., Chester. (512)

FOX'S Palace Norwich, very nice clear yellow hen, 8/6, in good condition: Fox, 4, Curzon-st., Long Eaton, Nottingham. (510)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, unflighted; cocks in full song, 6/6; hens, 3/6; approval: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (510)

NORWICH cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red Lane, Coventry. (493)

GRAND 1911 clear yellow cock, extra colour and quality, from winners, 10/-; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (518)

YELLOW Norwich cock, and two buff hens, 10/-; approval; good birds: G. Harrison, 1, Denmark-st., Chadderton, Oldham. (513)

PRIZE Norwich; 1 yellow, 2 buff cocks, 2 yellow, 1 buff hens, 15/- and 17/6 pair, guaranteed: Adams, Chartley-rd., Leicester. (525)

BUFF hens 5/-, buff cocks 7/6, 10/-; Mr. Spillman's strain, approval, deposit: Terry, Norwich House, Hampstead-rd., Brighton. (514)

THREE good buff Norwich cocks, 15/- each, or £2 the three; approval: F. Derry, 319, Dawlish-rd., Bournbrook, Birmingham. (519)

NORWICH hens, 1912 bred, nesting, 2/-, 2/6; cocks 4/6, 5/6, 7/6; approval: Elliott, Bird Specialist, Ashby-rd., Loughborough. (520)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N., has a few well-bred Norwich for disposal; cocks from 7/6. (518)

NORWICH buff cock, 8/6; variegated, 7/6; variegated hens, 2/6, cash, approval: P. Blower, 202, Victoria-rd., Old Charlton. (509)

A. ARMISTEAD can spare Norwich cocks, grand type and quality; state wants; cold room; cheap: Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire. (492)

FRANK POTTER, cup winner 1909-10-11, can spare ticked yellow hen, 7/6; unflighted clear buff, 10/6; approval: Thoresby-st., Hull. (524)

TWENTY buff Norwich hens, healthy 1912 birds, ready for breeding, cold room, 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (521)

WANTED, clear yellow Norwich cock, must have good head and neck, good price given, approval: Gregor, St. Columb, Cornwall. (516)

A. FLEET, Breeder and Exhibitor, 2 buff cocks for disposal, one 12/6 and 15/-; few odd hens 3/- to 10/-: 16, Kings-rd., Upton Park. (516)

FIVE marked yellow and buff Norwich hens, one variegated Crestbred hen, 4/- each, lot 20/-; approval: Buck, Bondgate, Ripon. (514)

NORWICH songster, 1912, 5/6; two hens, 1912, 2/6 each; clear body Crested cock, 12/6, 1911: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (512)

NORWICH hens, parents excellent feeders, ready for breeding, 2/6 each, cold room bred: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (519)

FOUR grand stock birds, buff cocks, unflighted, left, 10/-, 12/6, bred from my winners: Rev. B. Nune, Harrington, Cumberland. Approval. (500)

Two grand yellow Norwich cocks, one variegated yellow, one ticked buff, good stock birds, 8/6 each, 30/- lot: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (515)

GRAND unflighted cocks and buff hens, irresistible bargains, some can win; wanted, unflighted yellow hen: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (520)

GOOD yellow or buff cock, 12/6 each; exchange large unflighted yellow hen, approval; yours first: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent. (519)

FOR disposal, few large pairs of typical Norwich, from 15/- to 20/-, singles from 7/6; approval, stamp: W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield. (514)

BUFF stock cocks, unflighted, some really good ones (Baker's strain), type, quality, from 6/- to 12/6: Robinson, 5, Walter-st., Nottingham. (494)

FOR Sale, cage rack, four double breeders, flight cage, pair Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, price £2 10/-: Minter, 22, Nasmyth-st., Hammersmith. (517)

WANTED large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (521)

LARGE Norwich, parents bred light Mules; hens, 3/-; cocks, 5/6; Crest-bred hens, 6/-; pairs, 15/-; stamp reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (511)

NORWICH cocks and hens from 7/6 each; 2 pairs good Yorkshires 10/- pair; see wins Carlisle and Cleator: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (520)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, has still some reliable Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, yellow and buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6: Apply, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (521)

SIXTEEN good Norwich cocks and ten hens (not colour fed), will take £5 to clear; can be seen by appointment: Clark, 96, St. Stephens-rd., Hounslow. (520)

PURE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, cold-room bred; if not fully satisfied, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (269)

CAN spare some grand Norwich from my noted winners; state wants; approval; can be seen any time: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London. (417)

TWELVE good hens, yellows and buffs, vg., £2 10/- the lot, or 5/- each; also a few good cocks, 10/- to 15/-: H. Saddler, Sir Thomas White Hotel, Coventry. (513)

SALE, three pairs Norwich, prize breed, Silk's and Sandiford's strain, 12/6 pair, to clear; stamp reply: Bullen, Clifton Row, Netherton, Northumberland. (524)

NORWICH, two 1911 yellow hens, good breeders, grand type and quality, 7/6 each; or exchange for a good cock: Streeton, Carisbrooke, Kenilworth-rd., Luton. (511)

HIGHLY commended Palace pair of unflighted Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, accept 20/-, great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (524)

TWO grand buff Norwich hens and one ticked, magnificent bird, 7/- lot, 20/- lot; a show bird, clear yellow hen, Norwich hen, 12/6: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering (515)

PLAINHEAD Norwich, 2 pairs, genuine, well-bred birds, cold-room, 5 breeding cages, £2 10s., or exchange anything useful: Kemp, 62, Schubert-rd., East Putney. (525)

GENUINE bargains. Massive clear buff cock, excellent stock bird, 50/-; another clear buff cock, 30/-; approval willingly: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod Wells. (522)

NORWICH for sale, yellow, buff cocks, hens, cinnamons, yellow, buff cocks, hens; breeding condition; cold-room bred; approval: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Docks. (510)

NORWICH cocks from 7/6 each, hens from 4/6, bred and wintered in exposed outdoor aviary, ready for breeding; inspection invited: A. A. Corbett, Pennygate, Pinchbeck. (522)

NORWICH Canaries for sale, ten cocks, 5/- each, ten hens, 2/6 each; one Goldfinch, one Greenfinch Mule, 5/- each, cold room; all good healthy birds: Booth, Thrapston. (517)

WANTED, buff or yellow hen, must be good, cash, or exchange; two or three unflighted buff cocks, or sell cheap to clear: Maxwell, 7, Rothesay-gardens, Partick, Glasgow. (511)

DECLINING Fancy; ten typical Norwich hens, 1912, cold room, 3/- upwards; 3 buff Norwich cocks, winners, 12/6 upwards; approval, stamp reply: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (516)

NORWICH Canaries, cold-room bred; cocks, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/6; pairs from 15/-; colour fed and natural colour; approval, deposit: D. Crofts, 105, Bohemia-rd., St. Leonards. (516)

NORWICH cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; cold room, 1912, ready for breeding, clean and healthy, cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (514)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester. (512)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, colour fed, short flights, three buff cocks, 8/6 each, one 10/6, three buff hens 7/6 each, worth double, from winners; approval: Yates, 5, Albany-rd., Reading. (428)

WELLSBURY, champion Norwich, winner of N.C.-N.C.C. cup, 1912; have a few unflighted buff cocks for disposal, prices 15/- to 25/-; approval, stamp: 149, Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead. (519)

CHAMPION Norwich; T. H. Mason has a few nice birds still left, also a few good pairs suitable for beginners, all bred by myself and warranted related to my winners at Crystal Palace and all leading shows; approval, stamp: 11, Victoria-sq., Ella-st., Hull. (516)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

HART, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft, few good birds for sale; yellows from 7/6, buff 5/- each; first class aviary 25/-, another 7/6; want Cinnamons, Norwich type, cheap, approval, stamp reply. (519)

CLEARING prices; having matched up my stock, have several prize Norwich for disposal; clear buff cock 15/-, ditto 20/- and 25/-; stamp reply; state wants: Woodall, 77, Overton-rd., Sheffield. (525)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some of the finest Norwich in England to suit all; my birds were not at Palace, but I have birds that have beaten some that won there; approval. (475)

NORWICH hens, yellows and buffs, bred from noted strain; no time for breeding this year; reasonable prices to clear; also a few good cocks: Bennison, 5, Winston-terrace, Porthill, Stoke-on-Trent. (512)

VARIEGATED buff, clear yellow, two clear buffs, unflighted cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; two cock Greenfinch Mules, yellow and buff, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: John Welsh, 27, High-st., Hawick. (520)

SPLENDID yellow cock, father cup winner Ipswich young bird show, 12/6, clear yellow hen, vhc, Ipswich, 7/6; variegated yellow hen, 6/-; variegated buff hen, 5/6, three sisters: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (517)

BARGAIN for someone; clearing out; 6 yellow cocks, 9 buff hens, 6 buff cocks, 7 yellow hens, best blood, in one lot, or would sell pairs separately: Hand, Meadow Lea, Albany Drive, Herne Bay. (513)

W. BROTHERTON, 118, Springfield View, Doncaster-rd., Rotherham, will deposit with Editor, 15/- each for two unflighted Norwich hens, yellows, large heads, thick-set body, short wings, tail; approval. (514)

FANCIERS requiring Norwich will find something out of the ordinary in those being offered by Mr. Hawkes in this column; better the judge, all the more they will be appreciated; write for testimonials. (524)

MR. HAWKES' final offers, 5 deep colour-fed buffs. Norwich cocks, these five remaining specimens are of exceptional quality, and for size, type and style will be hard to equal, 17/6, 20/-, 25/- each; approval anywhere six days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (524)

HIGH class Norwich cocks or hens, clears, marks, greens, large birds, good heads, good type, best blood, 35 years' breeder, judged 100 shows, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (516)

C. ROBERTS being compelled, through ill-health, to greatly reduce his stock, Norwich, offers special bargains this week, pairs from 15/6, single birds from 10/6; state wants: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (491)

ARTHUR WAKE, breeder, exhibitor 20 years, has two large typical buff cocks and yellow green hen for disposal, wins: see Middlesbrough, Stockton, Yorm, etc.; reasonable approval: 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (525)

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare two more pairs from his unrivalled strain, yellow cocks and buff hens, 45/- and 35/- per pair; unflighted ticked buff, 20/-; 1911 yellow cock, 20/- to clear: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (521)

CLEAR yellow cock, grand type and quality, 15/-; clear buff hen, 15/-; eye and wing marked cock, bred from evenmarks, 15/-; variegated cock, songster, 6/-; six hens, suitable for feeders, 2/-, 2/6 each: Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

GRAND buff cock, winner, yellow variegated hen, £2; two buff hens, 5/- each; variegated buff hen, 5/-; 18 cages, 20 x 18 x 10, 2/6 each, £2 lot; three double breeding cages, 36 x 17 x 10, 5/- each, all joiner made; exchange cages: Smith, 17, Cambridge-rd., Ellesmere, Port. (514)

FINAL offer. Mr. Hawkes having selected all the yellows he requires, has three hot colour-fed yellow Norwich cocks for disposal; these are of exceptional merit, and have won in open competition; saddle green marked cock, 15/-; two clear cocks, 25/- each, worth treble; approval six days; inspection invited: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (524)

A. PAYNE and Son, champion Norwich, grand type and quality, winners Crystal Palace, see show report; cocks 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/- upwards; hens, yellow, buff, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 15/- 20/-; specially selected pairs for breeding, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; all cold room bred; approval, satisfaction guaranteed; songsters speciality: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich. (437)

OWING to long hours at work, I am offering my Norwich show and stock birds and cages and utensils for sale; have won 15 first and second prizes in four years, including vhc Vale of Clywd, open to all comers. No. 1 pair, clear unflighted yellow show bird, matched to var. buff hen, £1 10/-. (2) Brother to above, paired to sister above var. hen, yell. unflighted cock, £1. (3) Parents above, yellow cocks, this pair bred me five clear yellows out of nine young last season, £1 5s. (4) Massive buff cock, Richardson's, Rotherhithe, paired to nice yellow unflighted hen, £1 5s., cock cost more money. (5) Variegated yellow cock, paired to sister to No. 1, yellow cock, 15/-. (6) Vardy grizzle cap cock, show bird, paired to large clear yellow hen, 15/-. 6 buff hens, mostly unflighted, 5/- to 8/- each, according to size and blood, mostly clears. 17 single breeders. 2 large flights, 4 show cages, 2 hanging cages, nest pans, and utensils, £1, to local fancier. Every pair guaranteed best of blood, and in breeding condition; approval, deposit anywhere; can be seen week-end: J. Collins, 8, Norris-st., Warrington. (523)

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20 Pairs on Sale, 20/- Pair.

Yellows and Buffs, Cocks and Hens; first come first served. Best strains in England. Mr. M. has won first prizes at Crystal Palace, Manchester, etc., for years. Cocks or Hens, 8/- to 30/-. Just send what you can afford. Will guarantee to please you. A few nice pairs, 15/-, 18/-, 20/- pair; also have some grand specimens ready, clean moulted, direct from our noted strains; winner of 5,000 prizes, championship, diploma, Crystal Palace, N.P.C. challenge cup two years in succession, gold medal International show. Grand yellow or buff cocks, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; not exhibiting, so all spare birds for sale; any on approval. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years. For proof of testimonials where I have supplied lots of winners, write Editor, who has seen the originals.

100 SINGING NORWICH.

and Yorkshire cocks, 5/- and 6/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-.—**SANDIFORD, Canary Judge, Preston; also 89, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, London.**

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

CHAMPION exhibition clear buff Norwich hen, large hen, full neck, short flights and tail, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner in good company, only 25/-, honestly worth £2 10/-; also extra choice marked buff hen, winner several prizes, only 15/-; also monster stock buff cock, immense size, large head and full neck, only 21/-; honestly worth double for stock alone; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

NORWICH; can spare some really good birds, bred from winners, smart clear yell. cock, unflighted, 20/-; grand variegated unflighted buff cock, 17/6; 1911 tkd. buff cock, grand quality, 17/6; 2 smart tkd. yell. cocks, unflighted, 8/- each; 2 tkd. yell. hens, unflighted, 5/- each; several others from 7/6 to 30/-; all in breeding form; approval 4 days: Buckley, 148, Ashton New-rd., Beswick, Manchester. (517)

CHAMPION Norwich; Correctly matched pairs of high-class Norwich Plainheads, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 42/- a pair; these are matched to produce size, type, and quality, and are bred from the best blood in the Fancy; any of these offered are honestly worth double the prices asked; rare chance for beginners; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

NOT surplus stock, but genuine picked, highest class birds, which must be sold to make room which is required; all cold room bred and my champion strain, which holds the world's record. The following words give you an expert opinion, and correctly describe them:—(1) Excellent clear buff cock, 1911 bred, fine head and neck, good colour, short wings and tail, price 25/-, can win; (2) Sweet ticked yellow hen, teeming with quality, nice head and colour, 21/-, the pair 42/-; (3) Clear buff unflighted cock, stormer, grand head, full cheeks, red hot colour, in rare form, 30/-; (4) extra fine yellow marked, 1911 bred hen, guaranteed breeder, fine head, full front, good one this, price 30/-, or the pair 55/-; (5) unflighted buff cock, grand shape, shortest possible flights and tail, excellent condition, price 21/-; (6) massive variegated yellow hen, 1911 bred, best of shape, neat head, nice wings and tail, price £1, or 37/6 the pair; (7) clear yellow cock, 1911 bred, rare head, grand stock bird, 25/-; (8) charming buff hen, one of the very best, price 25/-, or 45/- the pair; (9) unflighted ticked yellow cock, fine head, good size, a bird of great promise, 25/-; (10) wonderful fine buff hen, very massive, bold head and neck, price 17/6, or 40/- the pair; (11) clear yellow cock, 1911 bred, ripping shape, fine quality, in A1 form, price 20/-; (12) unflighted buff hen, the right sort to breed a champion, 15/-, or 32/6 the pair; (13) fine unflighted yellow hen, rare stamp, £1; (14) marked yellow hen, good size and shape, 16/6; (15) shapely yellow hen, best of quality, 15/-; (16) two fine yellow hens, rare type and quality, 12/6 and 10/- each; (17) four sweet buff hens, feather like wax, 10/- each; (18) four yellow cocks, grandly bred birds, moderate size, 15/- each; (19) five typical buff unflighted hens, perfect quality, 7/6 each; (20) four unflighted yellow hens, 8/6 each, nice type, All these grand birds my own breeding. Every bird or pairs sent on approval with pleasure. This advertisement will not appear again. Don't miss your chance, and note the name, the Hall Mark of Champion Norwich: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (510)

YOU TALK ABOUT QUALITY

Look, champion strain Norwich or Yorkshires; cocks from 10/- each, given away; approval with pleasure, cash or deposit: Mitchell, Fancier, Marazion, Cornwall. (515)

REAL BARGAINS

In high-class Norwich, related to my winners; pairs from 12/6; one bird worth more money; single cocks from 10/6: hens from 7/6: Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs. (479)

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Notice! 90 high-class Norwich Canaries, yellows and buffs, for sale; cocks from 6/- to 30/- each; hens from 5/- to 25/- each. (270)

BLOOD WILL TELL

No better obtainable than my well-established winning strain; unflighted hens, short, thick-set birds; clear buff, 15/-; marked, 12/6; Cinn. marked yellow, 10/-; buff cock, 8/6: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop. (517)

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are absolute bargains, not catch pennies; send your money to Editor and see the value; splendid cocks on full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 10/6; smart hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; pairs correctly matched for immediate breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; cages 3d. extra; cold room bred, perfect feather and condition; approval willingly, and absolute satisfaction guaranteed to every customer; send for full list: R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

ROBERT HALL

Hallscroft, Rudyard, is compelled to sell all his birds, cages, and appliances; can be seen any time by appointment, or sent on approval; Norwich cocks, 10/6 to 30/-; state wants. (524)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich & Yorkshire Specialist

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BE up-to-date and use a "Filup" Feeder. (344)

PAIR of Seifert Rollers, 7/6 to clear: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (457)

SEIFERT Rollers Club rung; cocks from 10/6 to 12/6; hens, 3/- each: R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescot. (516)

STOCK cocks, glucke and water glucke strains, 12/6 and 15/-; hens, 4/6: Lester, 753, Lea Bridge-rd., Walthamstow. (509)

SPLENDID healthy cock Canaries, full song, aviary bred, 5/-; approval; 1912 birds: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs. (520)

TWO 1912 Seifert Roller cocks, full song, good tours, 7/- each; approval, deposit: W. Lockwood, 14, West-st., Wakefield. (495)

SEIFERT hens from pairs costing 20/- upwards; good feeding strain, 1912 rung 2/6 each: Hunter, 21, Cross-st., Prescot. (520)

TWO Seifert Roller cocks, day and gaslight songsters, also hanging cage, 15/- lot: Mason, Portland-st., Leamore, Walsall. (509)

GLUCKE Rollers, related to my winners, cocks from 12/6, hens ready for nesting, 4/- each: Brown, Langley, Birmingham. (511)

ROLLERS, own breeding, cold-room bred; approval; cocks 8/6, 10/6, hens 4/-: Wright, 17, Recreation-terr., Holbeck, Leeds. (520)

ROLLER Canaries, cold-room bred, 12/6 pair; cocks, 10/6; hens, 3/-; approval, deposit: D. Crofts, 105, Bohemia-rd., St. Leonards. (516)

ROLLERS, five Seifert hens, 2/6 each, or exchange for Roller cocks (good house songsters): Hibbard, 12, Edward-rd., Folkestone. (513)

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, always outdoor aviary, full song, cocks 6/6, hens 2/6, pairs 8/6: Mrs. Reed, Fordibridge, Wansford. (522)

HIGH-CLASS 1912 Rollers, Walton's strain; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (517)

HIGH-CLASS and prize-bred Rollers, Muling Linnets, and Goldfinch; cheap; easy payments; stamp reply: 118, Revidge, Blackburn. (514)

CANARIES; lovely trained Hartz Roller Schoolmasters, rare bargains, 10/6, value 30/-; must sell: Goodbourn, 8, Walgrave-st., Hull. (510)

HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers, good schoolmaster 15/-, 1912 hens, 3/6; suitable exchange entertained: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (488)

SIX Seifert Roller hens, 1912, cold room bred, ready for nesting, 2/6 each, or 13/- the lot, cash or deposit: Harris, Green-rd., Penistone. (517)

WATER Glucke Roller hens, bred from winners, 5/- and 7/6 each, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks all sold: Pilling, Henry-st., Church, Accrington. (493)

ST. ANDREASBERG, full song cocks, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; hens 2/6, two 4/6; approval, deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall. (513)

1912 ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, highest quality, Fould's strain; cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/-; approval: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham. (470)

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes of notes, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-; approval: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop. Stamp reply. (350)

SEVERAL high-class, 1912, Andreasburg Roller hens, cold-room, 2/6 each, breeding condition: G. Edge, Warmingham-lane, nr. Middlewich, Cheshire. (517)

SEIFERT Rollers, full song, cock, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; on week's approval; hens, 2/6; travelling cages, 3d.: E. Wilson, 38, Warwick Gardens, Harringay, London. (499)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, from 4/-; approval, deposit: Geo. Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury. (469)

BARGAIN. A grand pair Glucke Rollers, cock, C. International show, 20/-; also hens 3/6 and 4/6, cocks 10/-, 12/- (B.R.C.C.) rung; approval: Hayward, Melksham. (512)

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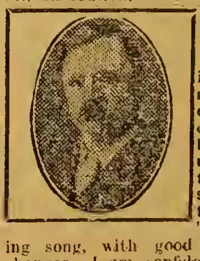

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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A GRAND lot of Yorkshires, to be sold cheap, in one lot, no birds reserved or in pairs; stamp for reply: E. Pretty, 72, Albany-st., London, N.W. (521)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires for show or song, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

THREE smart buff Yorkshire hens, 1 Bailey's, 2 Foxen's strain, perfect health, 3/6 each; over-stocked, worth 5/6 each: Bland, Hosier, Sydenham, S.E. (510)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, grand quality matched pairs from 12/6; also few good hens; inspection invited: C. Raper, 6, Bright-st., Cross-lane, Salford. (518)

TWO unflighted Yellow Yorkshire cocks, Ogden Bros.' and Radley's strain, 7/6 and 10/-; good stock birds; approval: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (522)

YORKSHIRE Cinnamon cocks, 7/-, hens 4/-; cinnamon marked cocks 6/-, 7/-, hens, 3/, 4/-, 1912, cold room: Hawes, 101, Roundwood-rd., Willesden, Middlesex. (513)

COLD-ROOM cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; long, stylish birds, bred from winners, Clapham, Wandsworth, etc.; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (463)

YORKSHIRES, yellow or buff cocks, from winners, Newcastle, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hull, 7/6 upwards, pairs 12/6: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (472)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, 1912, cold-room bred, cocks 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6; hens 3/- and 3/6; 4 days' approval, cash or deposit: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London, W. (509)

CAN spare big yellow Yorkshire cock, well up on leg, 10/6; grand type buff hen, 6/6; also ditto buff cock and yellow hen: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (524)

A. J. UNDERWOOD, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering, has few good 1912 Yorkshire cocks for sale; yellow, 8/6, 10/- each; buffs, 8/6 each; yellow hens, 3/6 each; approval. (516)

PIKE'S winning strain, unflighted variegated yellow cock, 30/-; unflighted clear buff cock, 20/-; unflighted buff hen, 7/6; cash or deposit: 20, Scarborough-st., Moston, Manchester. (510)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from my noted winners; cocks, 5/-; full song; hens, 3/-; no fancy prices; worth four times money; approval, deposit: Taylor, Temperance Hotel, Ossett. (522)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; few good buff hens, 4/- and 5/- each; approval: satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (520)

AVIARY-REARED Yorkshire cocks, outdoors all year round, hardy and perfectly healthy, now in song, 7/- each, two 13/-, three 18/-: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset. (440)

FRANK POTTER, cup winner 1909-10-11, can spare long, typical cap marked yellow, 12/6, clear 10/6; two unflighted buffs, 12/6, 10/6; few hens; sacrifice; room wanted: Thoresby-st., Hull. (524)

TWO grand unflighted Buff cocks, 7/- each; one grand unflighted Buff hen, 7/6; good legs, grand feather and position, bred from our winners; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding. (510)

SPECIAL, must reduce, three pairs cold-room, young, typical, one each a winner; only £1 pair; grand opportunity secure winning strain; approval pleasure: George Harris, Kenley, Surrey. (491)

THREE splendid pairs of Yorkshires, correct type and beautiful feather, will breed winners, 1912 birds, 15/-, 20/-, and 25/-; also odd cocks and hens; cheap: Gamble, 9, Prison-quarters, Winchester. (491)

REAL good Yorkshires, yellow and buff, grand stock cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, smart stylish hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6; inspection invited: approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (497)

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, splendid type and quality, cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (468)

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KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from my cup and medal winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 6/6, 8/6 upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6 upwards; carriage paid; approval: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (515)

COMPULSORY clearance, failing health, forty birds, Yorkshires and Norwich, breeding cages, etc., house-moulted Goldfinch, Linnet, Mulero, with suitable hens; cheap in one lot, or separate: Clowe, 66, Albert-st., Eccles, Lancs. (514)

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Champion Yellow or Buff Yorkshire Cocks on full song, and seven inches long, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Grand unrelated **matched pairs,** for producing winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. In clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked. **Extra smart racy** Yellow or Buff **Hens** at **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. All in breeding condition. If you require a good songster that will sing by day or gaslight, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each, I can send you one on **seven days' approval** that will please you well. **Inspection invited** any day and time. **(No appointment necessary.)** Travelling cages, **3d.** extra, and all birds sent on seven days' approval at my risk.

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WILLIAM E. KING, winner 10-guinea Challenge Cup, Hebden Bridge, Nov. 30, 1912, for best three Yorkshires in show; 1912 cocks, 5/-, 7/-, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/6 up; approval; carriage paid: Oak-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (515)

GIVEN away: Clear yellow cock 4/6, ticked ditto 4/-, clear buff cock 4/6, marked ditto 5/-, two clear buff hens 2/- each, two ditto yellows 2/6 each; all healthy, and bred same as my winners: Jefferis, Beck Lodge, Hayes, Middlesex. (521)

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, some magnificent cocks and hens, large, leggy, upstanding, fine feathered birds; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; all cold-room kept, four days' approval; 27 years breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (497)

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G. L. SAMPSON, having selected breeding stock can spare following:—Yell cock, first Sheffield, first Stocksbridge, second Leeds, etc., 40/-; buff cock, first Sheffield, etc., 25/-; unflighted buff cock, first Hull, etc., 35/-; approval, deposit; inspection invited: Bracken Moor, Deepcar, nr. Sheffield. (513)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, from my prize strain; cocks, 7/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; all colour fed, and in the pink of condition; cash or deposit; inspection invited: G. A. Parker, 17, Litchfield-avenue, Romford-st., Stratford. (474)

MR. HAWKES offers at great sacrifice several hot colour-fed buff and yellow Yorkshires, bred same as and equal to his challenge cup winners at 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; these specimens are of exceptional merit, and in faultless condition, worth treble for stock; approval 7 days: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone (524)

EXCEPTIONAL opportunity for those requiring birds that will breed something good; these are not winners, but right stock to produce such; yellow hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: special pair, yellow cock, buff hen 20/-, from exhibition stock; show birds from 70/-: Appleton 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (510)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/1½, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

H. C. HEDWORTH, Dudley-rd., Grantham, has for disposal two buff Yorkshire cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each; one yellow, 12/6; two yellow hens, 12/6 each; two buff, 10/6 each; Ambler's pure strain, same as his winners at Stamford, Grantham, Spalding, Nottingham, Hull, Doncaster, Sheffield; approval; what offer for lot? (512)

CLEARANCE prices: two yellow cocks, 10/- each worth 15/- to 20/-; four yellow hens, 5/-, 6/- each easily worth 10/-; guaranteed own breeding, unflighted; three show buffs and two show yellows great winners, at £2 each, could not be bought in Bradford under £4: Crawhall, 121, St. George's terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (514)

100 CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Champion Yorks cocks, in full song, and over 7in. long, at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; nice racy hens, feathered to perfection and in breeding condition, at 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each; properly matched pairs, to breed your own winners, at 9/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- a pair, or in sets of 1 cock and 2 hens at 13/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- a set; all cold-room bred and on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit CAGE BIRDS; hundreds testimonials; unsolicited: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (502)

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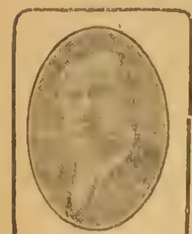

The above is the record achieved by my birds during the present show season. I have not shown a single bird at members' or club shows where the competition is limited. Every bird has been shown in hottest competition at champion shows, open to all comers. Amongst my wins are: **Firsts and Specials** at all the leading shows in the Kingdom, including the **Bradford National, Scottish National, and Crystal Palace.** Also numerous Challenge Cups, Gold and Silver Medals, and other trophies. I am now in a position to offer **marvellous value** in Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Scotch Fancies, Crests, Mules, Lancashires, etc., as follows:—

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My Yorkshires have won consistently all through the season. The following are a few out of a large number of honours: Special best hen Bradford National, Special best Yorks. Hartlepool, Diploma best Yorkshire Sunderland, Trophy for 3rd most points N.G.M.Y.C.C., Second most points Yorkshire Union Competitions, Third most points in both competitions of the Y.C.C., etc., etc.

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THIS strain has again upheld its reputation, and in addition to winning Firsts and Specials all over the country, has secured the following Trophies this year: **THE PERCY ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP** (won outright), the Sandiford Cup, **THE O.N.P.C. CHAMPION TROPHY,** F. Carl's Trophy, and has run second in the Cup competition of the N.P.C.

I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, ready for benching and able to win, also real good Stock Birds, for breeding own winners, at **10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each; **Hens,** grand smart-feathered birds, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. Few good Sib. Hens for Light Muling, **4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

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COMPULSORY clearance, business pressure prevents future breeding and exhibiting; highest class Yorkshires, from pairs costing £5 10/-, Bailey's; £7 pair, Dyke's; 2 grand buff hens, clears, 10/- each; 2 long ticked yellow hens, 10/- each; 1 splendid 7-inch clear yellow hen, 15/-, worth 50/-; 2 long clear yellow cocks, 15/- each; 2 grand buff hens, 7/6 each; long clear yellow cock, winner, Dyke's direct, cost £4, bargain 20/-; clear buff cock, winner, cost £3, beauty, 17/6; 2 buff cocks, 7/6 each, perfect feather, typical Yorkshires, colour-fed, cold-room bred; approval; deposit only; useful household exchange entertained; no live stock; cages cheap: Cockhill, 8, Manchester-st., Huddersfield. (504)

HENS, MUST BE CLEARED

Between thirty and forty hens, 1/6 each by taking the lot; address: Denston, Bird Dealer, 33, Mortimer-st., Trowbridge, Wilts. (459)

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Through business reasons have my entire stock of Yorkshires for sale, many winners amongst them; also cages and appliances; can be seen any time by appointment; cheap to clear; stamp reply: A. Banter, Frencke's Brow, Greenfield, nr. Oldham. (520)

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the same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (492)

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COOPER & SON

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Several pairs still for sale, guaranteed own breeding from prize winning strain; from 20/- per pair: Apply, 9, Albert-terr., Blackpool, N. (423)

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BARRINGTON AND CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

First general meeting, held at Social Club, Feb. 15. Mr. Douglas Reavelly, of Netherton, was elected sec. in place of Mr. Griffiths, resigned, and the other officials remain as before. Arranged to hold a pair show at next meeting, March 8th, T. Sanderson, Bedlington, judge. The annual show will be held December 6th. Mr. R. Bewick, of Newcastle, has been engaged as judge.—D. Reavelly, Sec.

EAST HAM F.S.

General meeting held Feb. 13. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. T. Bransford; Vice-chair, Mr. Harwood; Committee, Messrs. G. Arnell, A. Burton, J. Cobb, H. Cook, J. Havell, C. Mead, H. Rutter, senr., P. Wiles, H. Wall, H. Rutter, junr., and V. Cleaver; assist. sec., H. T. Bailey; hon. sec., W. Kite. Next general meeting March 13th. A concert will be held at the "Burnell Arms" on April 2. Tickets may be had from any of the committee or members, price 6d. each, or from assist. sec., W. T. Bailey, 32, Gladstone Avenue, East Ham.—W. Kite, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORD C.B.S.

Very successful pair show, held February 13, at headquarters, 16, Hassett Street, Bedford, some real good pairs were staged. This promises well for the annual show. Mr. Herbert Markham judged.

NOR., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (4): 1, Gentle, very typical and well matched pair; 2, Corrie, another good pair, the hen not quite so good as the winner; 3, Osborn, nice size and col.; res., Notley. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (6): 1, Corrie, grand pair of stock birds, the hen could do with a little more col.; 2, Osborne, var. cock and cl. hen, nicely balanced; 3, Notley, short and cobby, trifle fat, or might have been higher; res., H. Gould; vhc, Gentle; hc, Fletcher. MULING PAIRS (9): Strong class. 1, Notley, Greenfinch cock and rich col., yellow Nor. hen; 2, Curling, grand Greenfinch cock, 3rd at Palace 1911, and Bullfinch hen, excellent condition; 3, Notley, Goldfinch cock, small, but very steady, and yellow Nor.; res., Wiggins, grand Goldfinch cock, real good one, and yellow hen, not good enough col., or would have been higher up; vhc, hc, Armitage; c, Gould. NOV., A.V. (8): All Nor. 1, vhc, Curling, buff cock and yellow hen, wins well; 2, Armitage, buff cock, good head and nice yell. hen; 3, res, Swann, both good; hc, c, Mabbing.—E. T. E. Wiggins, Sec.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

How the Humanitarian Societies Conduct Prosecutions.

The cases reported in another column throw a light upon the methods adopted by the two societies, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and illustrate the rivalry which exists between them in the struggle for notoriety, and in their endeavours to satisfy the kind-hearted but mistaken subscribers to their funds.

When the R.S.P.C.A. recently brought an action against a Kentish Town dealer, an officer of the R.S.P.B. gave evidence for the defence, and in the first of the two cases reported this week the same inspector was contradicted point blank by a constable, whom he called in support of his own case. The magistrate's opinion of this inspector may be gathered from the remarks he felt himself bound to make as a dispenser of justice.

In the case against Mr. Luer the R.S.P.C.A. was the prosecuting society, and all that they could allege was that among some 200 birds in the stock, 12 Jackdaws were dirty, and four Linnets were affected with diarrhoea. The evidence of the inspector had for corroboration, so far as the Linnets were concerned, the opinion of Mr. Piesse, the veterinary surgeon to the society, a gentleman who in this case, as in others in which he has appeared, admitted that he knew little or nothing about birds. The Linnets were dirty, and he thought it better to chloroform them!

Of the Jackdaws all that Inspector Buller of the society could say was that there were 12 in two cages, and they were dirty. Inspector Hawkins, who had been with Buller on his visit, saw the Jackdaws again on the following day, when their cages had been cleaned out, and "the birds appeared lively and happy." Anyone who has ever kept a Jackdaw knows quite well what the cage of this filthy bird gets like in a day, and it would be absolutely impossible to keep 12 Jackdaws in two cages, even for the few hours during which they would be in the hands of such a wholesale dealer as Mr. Luer without their cage showing conditions which could be magnified by an imaginative inspector into a pretext for a charge.

I have on many occasions exposed the methods of these societies, and their inspectors, and it is gratifying to find magistrates of such eminence as Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Plowden agreeing with the views so often expressed.

An Association of Bird Traders.

In our correspondence columns appears a letter from Mr. Pearson, of Woolwich, suggesting the establishing of an association of bird-traders in defence of their members. Such an association has long been badly needed, and Mr. Trower, the well-known seed merchant, long ago spent time, energy, and money in his endeavours to get the bird-dealers of London to combine together in their own protection. I think I am correct in stating that Mr. Trower found the individual traders very indifferent in the matter, and the movement, I believe, ultimately came to nothing. If the bird dealers are at last awake to the danger of the position so much the better, and if CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE can do anything to assist in the movement, its services will freely be given. Perhaps Mr. Trower will kindly give us his views on the matter in the light of the experience he has gained.

We have already a register containing the names of a number of dealers throughout the country, whose shops have been open to the visits of voluntary inspectors, appointed by CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and if action were taken against these dealers they would have the opportunity of calling upon our inspectors to state the results of their visits. After six months of such inspection, providing, of course, that the reports are favourable, certificates are granted to the shop-keepers, and these certificates would be very valuable in rebutting any of the wild charges which are so wantonly made in many cases by the paid officials of the professional Humanitarian Societies. Whether or not there be established the organisation now suggested by Mr. Pearson, a shopkeeper has only to become a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, express his willingness to submit his stock and his methods to the inspection at odd times of a member of the League, appointed officially, conduct his business in such a way as to warrant a favourable report, and in due time he wil be furnished with a signed certificate setting forth the results of the inspection.

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ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, held Feb. 18th, at the Onward Hall. Mr. Robinson in the chair. The attendance being a good one. Several items were gone through, such as arranging for a list of table shows, lectures, and washing competitions, etc., etc. We have a good syllabus for the occasion, including several rambles, and we are in for a good time, especially if we all pull together. We are also making new members at a fair rate, which speaks well for the coming season. The table show was well patronised, when we consider that several of our members live a good distance off, and that several are on night work. Norwich open and amateur classes were well filled, several good birds being shown, and Mr. Boothman, who judged, had a fairly hard task, all the same he came through the ordeal with credit, and gave satisfaction all round. NOR. PAIRS (12): 1, 4, Booth; 2, vhc, hc, c, Rev. C. E. Gaul; 3, Buckley. Several first class pairs had to stand out of the cards. COCKS: 1, Booth; 2, Buckley; 3, Spencer; 4, Holland. HEN: 1, Spencer; 2, Holland; 3, Buckley; 4, Booth. NOV. PAIRS: 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, 4, Thomas. HEN: 1, Thorpe; 2, Thomas. COCK: 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, Thomas. YORKS.: 1, Downing; 2, Thorpe. Next meeting table show of Brit. and Muling pairs, when we hope for a good entry.—J. Spencer, Sec., R. Booth, reporter.

PROSECUTION OR PERSECUTION?

STRONG COMMENTS BY MAGISTRATES.

THE R.S.P.C.A. AND THE R.S.P.B. BOTH MULCTED IN COSTS.

Strange Conflict of Evidence.

"This case ought never to have been brought into court," said Mr. Plowden, at the Marylebone Police-court, on Feb. 21, in dismissing, with three guineas costs, a summons taken out by William Thomas Moxey, an inspector of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, of 23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, against David Jenkins, of Sclater-street, Club-row, Bethnal Green, for causing unnecessary suffering to a number of birds. Mr. Harry Wilson, solicitor, appeared for the society; and Mr. C. V. Young, solicitor, defended. The birds were exposed for sale on a stall in the market place at Queen's Crescent, Kentish Town, and according to Inspector Moxey 19 of them were confined in a small cage without food or water, or even the receptacles for it, and one was in a dying condition. Mr. Plowden recalled that he was the same officer who some weeks ago, in a similar prosecution by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, gave evidence for the defence. What he thought then, however, he did not think now, apparently.—Police-constable M'Coy, 687 Y, was then called by the prosecution, and created a sensation by flatly contradicting Inspector Moxey's evidence. "There was a good supply of water in the cage and food as well," added the officer.—Mr. Plowden: That puts an end to the case.—Mr. Harry Wilson agreed.—Mr. Plowden: The same officer tells one story in one case and a totally different one in another, just as it suits his purpose to get a conviction or an acquittal.—Mr. Wilson said that had he known of the constable's evidence, he would never have appeared in the case.—Mr. Plowden replied that no blame attached to the society, but he hoped that those who employed the inspector would reconsider his position. He dismissed the summons (with three guineas cost against the prosecuting society) as stated above.

Flimsy Allegations.

At Lambeth Police Court on February 20, Charles Luer, a bird dealer, of East Street, Walworth, was summoned before Mr. Hopkins by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for unreasonably causing unnecessary suffering to 12 Jackdaws and four Linnets by omitting to give them proper and necessary care and attention.—Mr. S. G. Polhill supported the summons on behalf of the society, and Mr. Percy Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Ody and Wilmot, defended.—Mr. Polhill said that on February 7 an officer of the society went to the defendant's shop, in which there were some 200 English and foreign birds in cages. The 12 Jackdaws were in two cages, which were extremely dirty; there was no water in the troughs, and the eating tins were in a very dirty state, in fact, the cages were stinking. As regards the four Linnets he made no complaint about their cages, although they were not so clean as they might have been, but the feathers of the birds were in an extremely dirty state. The inspector bought the four Linnets, and took them to the offices of the society at Jermyn Street, where they were examined by a veterinary surgeon, and subsequently destroyed.—Inspector Buller, an officer of the society, gave evidence in support of their case, and said that the birds were undoubtedly suffering.—Mr. Robinson (to the witness): What were the symptoms that led you to believe that the Jackdaws were in pain and suffering?—Because the cages and the feathers of the birds were dirty. There was no water, but the Jackdaws did not appear to be thirsty.

The Happy (?) Release.

Inspector Hawkins, another officer of the society, gave further evidence.—Answering the magistrate, the witness said that he visited the shop again on the 8th. The Jackdaws' cages had been cleaned out, and the birds appeared to be lively and happy.—Mr. Hopkins: Then the Jackdaws got cleaned out, and lived happily ever afterwards, and the Linnets were taken away and killed!

Mr. Alexander Piesse, veterinary surgeon, said that the four Linnets were examined by him. He thought it better to chloroform them all.—Mr. Robinson mentioned that the birds had a few days previously come over from Antwerp, and asked the witness whether birds did not often suffer from scouring as the result of a sea voyage.—Mr. Piesse replied that he did not see signs of scouring.

Professor Wooldridge, F.R.C.V.S., consulting veterinary surgeon to the Zoological Society and the Agricultural Society, was called for the defence. He said he did not see the Linnets. It was not an uncommon thing for birds which had undergone a sea voyage to suffer from what was called scour. It was a derangement of the alimentary tract associated with diarrhoea. It was contributed to, also, by change of food. The conditions which had been described in this case were consistent with the birds suffering from scour.—Cross-examined by Mr. Polhill, the witness said that birds did not necessarily suffer from scouring because of a sea voyage.—Mr. Polhill: If these birds had been properly looked after, would you have expected to find them in the state in which Mr. Piesse found them?—The Witness: Yes, with this condition of scour.—The further hearing of the case was adjourned.

At the adjourned hearing, February 27, the defendant was examined, and said he had carried on business as a bird dealer for 25 years, and had never had any previous complaint made against him. The cages in his shop were cleaned every Wednesday and Saturday. Sawdust and fibre were put at the bottom of the Jackdaws' cages. He had since sold some of the Jackdaws at the average price for such birds. The four Linnets which were taken away by the inspectors came with 100 or more from Antwerp. They arrived on the 4th. He formed the opinion that one or two had diarrhoea, but they were not in such a condition as to render it necessary to destroy them. He saw the birds on the morning the inspectors called. They did not appear to be in pain. They had been supplied with food.

What the Magistrate Thought.

Mr. Hopkins, in giving his decision, said: "Two inspectors enter a bird shop, and out of a stock of some hundreds of birds buy and bring away four Linnets in four cages. They take the birds to the society's premises and call a veterinary surgeon, who finds that two of the birds were suffering from some intestinal inflammation, is of opinion that the other two look miserable, and kills all four. The only allegation made against the defendant is that the birds and cages were dirty by reason of an undue collection of excretal dirt. Supposing that allegation to be proved, I think that it would be quite impossible to convict the defendant upon that bare fact. I find, without hesitation, that nothing was done or omitted to be done by the defendant or his servants whereby any unnecessary suffering was caused to any of these birds. In my opinion this is an ill-advised prosecution, and I wish that I had had the courage of my first opinion, and refused process altogether. I should have saved the society from wasting its funds, and prevented energetic inspectors from making it appear almost ridiculous. The real background of such a case as this is to be found in the idea that it ought to be unlawful and is cruel to keep wild birds in cages, and that idea gives birth to another idea, that almost any trifling evidence will induce a magistrate to convict an owner of cruelty to his caged wild birds. I dismiss the summons, and allow the defendant £5 5s. costs."

See "League" notes on this page and letter in the correspondence columns.—EDITOR.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 11, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAS. STEWART, 11, Woodville Terrace, Whitehaven, Cumberland.—Judge of Cage Birds, Yorkshire Specialist; life experience; terms moderate. (333)

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

G. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

KIDWELLY, S. WALES

Show, March 4th. Entries wretchedly small. Please help; send entries by Sunday morning latest. Fee, Cage Birds 1/6, Pigeons 1/-, Poultry 2/-. Sec. will classify.—**J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street Kidwelly.** (514)

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

First members' show of season, held at the Granby Hotel, February 22, when 42 birds faced A. M. Craven, of Shipley, whose awards gave general satisfaction. CL. OR TK. YELL. CK.: 1, Jowett; 2, 4, Fowle; 3, Ambler. BUFF: 1, Fowle; 2, Ambler; 3, Myers and Lumb; 4, Jowett. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Fowle; 2, J. and F. Haggis; 3, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Fowle; 4, Myers and Lumb. UNFLIGHTED CK.: 1, 4, Myers and Lumb; 2, 3, Fowle. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Ambler; 2, Jowett; 3, J. and F. HAGGIS; 4, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 3, Ambler; 2, Jowett; 4, Myers and Lumb. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Jowett; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, 4, Hudson. BUFF: 1, Fowle; 2, Myers and Lumb. Most points open: J. H. Fowle, 18; Myers and Lumb, 16. Most points novice: H. Ambler, 21; W. Jowett, 16; L. Hudson, 14.—H. Myers, Sec.

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I was delighted with the Palace Issue and its plate of White Canaries.—C. Donald (Coventry).

The annual show of the Newtownards (Ireland) and Dist. C.B.S., is fixed for Dec. 5 and 6 next.

We hear from Mr. Hodson, hon. sec., that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., have withdrawn from the London Federation of C.B.S.

Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, hon. sec., Northern Crest Club, has removed to No. 2, Hannington Street, Heaton, Newcastle-on Tyne.

Will Mr. Jas. Smith, sec., Hirst Universal C.B.S., kindly communicate his address, so that we may send him the postcards for which he asks?

Our report of the Self or Foul Buff Green Yorkshire class at the Crystal Palace, reads, 1, 2, Rowlands. This should be 1, Rowlands; 2, Simpson.

I have sold my White Hedge Sparrow to Mr. S. H. Mays, of Wansford, and I wish him the best of good luck with the bird, writes Mr. D. Hamilton.

I have removed to 240, Main Street, Rutherglea, where I hope to be able to house my stock much more to my liking, writes Mr. R. H. Livingstone.

Mr. R. B. Gibb, sec. Yorks C.C. of Scotland, asks us to draw the attention of show secs. to the conditions of patronage published in the Club Report this week.

Will secretaries please note, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., that the Dulwich and Peckham annual open show is fixed for Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1913. Mr. J. Robson, judge.

Mr. F. J. Wickham asks us to call to the notice of show secretaries that Gillingham (Kent) are holding an all England open show on Oct. 9 and 10. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

Deal, Walmer, and Dist. fanciers are holding their annual show for cage birds, open to Kent, on Oct. 29, 30, write Messrs. W. H. Thompson, W. H. Lacy, hon. secs. Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. Dummett, Tiverton, F.S., that we have fixed Oct. 30 as our date for open show.—Please send notices in duplicate if you wish them to appear in both papers.—(Editor.)

Mr. J. W. Holms, sec., Cowdenbeath C.B.S., writes that owing to business engagements, Mr. Stenhouse, Kelty, will be unable to give the lecture on March 1 as arranged, but will be pleased to come before the breeding season.

Will Mr. J. Hall, who wrote from 274 Attercliffe Road, Sheffield, ordering Nutshell Booklet, No. 26, kindly note that this has twice been sent to the address given, and returned by the P.O. authorities, endorsed: "Not to be found."

I have recommended Cage Birds to several of my friends, and we have all gained much useful information from it, writes Mr. Stuart Lane (Maida Vale). In my own opinion no paper deals so fully with its subject as Cage Birds, and I wish it every success.

We hear from Mr. Trimble, hon. sec., that at the Ulster O.A. (Belfast) show, October 31, November 1, Mr. Wright, Greenock, will judge Belgians and Scots Fancy, Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, Nor. and Yorks., and Mr. J. Carson, Belfast, Mules and British.

Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes that Mr. J. Hodder has kindly consented to lecture to the members on the Norwich P.H., at headquarters, on March 4th. Mr. Hodder's success with this variety is well-known, and fanciers interested in the variety should not miss this opportunity of hearing what he has to say on the subject.

The Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Adams, hon. sec., have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. Schofield, of Heywood, a successful breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires and Norwich, etc., to give a lecture on Yorkshires, to be followed by a discussion, if time allows, at the Temperance Club, Toad Lane, on Wednesday next, at 8, all fanciers in the district are invited, also to other lectures to be arranged later.

Mr. W. H. Jackson, hon. sec., writes that the committee of the Edmonton F.A., have fixed the following dates for the 1913 shows: —First feather show, July 17; young stock, Sept. 18; annual, Dec. 11.

I got quite a surprise with my Cage Birds last Friday, to see that the trio of "Wee Gems" were mine. I must really thank you for such a high honour. Also your artist for the splendid drawing. Since the Palace show I may add that I have sold the buff cock, and wish its new owner good luck.—Wm. Munro (Strathyre).

I have sold my whole stock of well-known Borders, writes Mr. Harry Davidson (Lockerbie). I have already received numerous applications to act as judge of forthcoming shows, and consider it best, in the interest of the Fancy generally, to relinquish my birds entirely, but hope to still retain interest as a judge.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell, Alfreton, writes that he has resigned the secretarship of the Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S., and at the meeting held Feb. 15, Mr. A. Smith, Lynn Croft, Eastwood, was elected in his place. All communications in connection with the society should be addressed to Mr. A. Smith. Will those members who had tickets for the stock pair show return the counterfoils and unsolds at their earliest, so as to enable the draw to take place.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. E. Demain.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Southworth, Clitheroe, that I have to announce the death of Mr. W. E. Demain, at the age of 62. He was one of the oldest members of the Clitheroe C.B.S., and one who was always ready to give a helping hand, and I feel sure that all our members will extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Demain and family in their sad bereavement.

Many of your readers, writes Mr. T. Robson, will be glad to learn that Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, the highly-esteemed sec. of the Northern Crest Club, has gone a step higher in the force. Inspector Hutchinson has done good work in the Fancy, and has always stood for what is just and straightforward. May his jovial smile linger long.

Our annual social, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec., Sheffield C.B.S., will be held at the Wentworth Cafe, March 6th, we have secured some good talent, and the committee desire to see all members present, ladies specially invited, concert commences at 7, refreshments during the evening, price 1s. each; points special prizes will be presented during the evening.

Allow me, through your excellent weekly, to thank Mr. Canning for the very helpful advice contained in this letter, which appeared in last week's Cage Birds, writes Miss S. G. Ruby (Cork). It is a good thing to know that simple remedies (such as Mr. Canning advises) would prove efficacious in bronchial troubles. I shall certainly try them if I have another case.

I have just received word, writes Mr. J. W. Bruce, of Coldstream, from Mr. R. Watt, Tuffontein, South Africa, of the safe arrival of a consignment of birds, 30 in all, 18 Canaries and 12 Finches I sent to him lately, this being the second lot I have sent this year. The last consignment was under the care of Mr. J. R. Cox, of Newcastle, to whom I am greatly indebted for the care he bestowed them on their long journey, as they arrived in tip-top form. I may say it was through your valuable journal I received the order from Mr. Watt, as he noticed my name in your judges' cards. Cage Birds seems to be read far afield.

Good Business.

We hear that Mr. Joe Thomas, the well-known dealer, of Amblerthorn, has already booked a stall for the next Crystal Palace show (1914).

"Punch" and the Lesser Redpoll.

A reader sends us a poetical extract from that most excellent of humorous journals, "Punch," which deals with the Lesser Redpoll. We append a few verses:—

You least of Linnets with your crimson crest
And rosy flush across a little breast
That holds—let one admirer now aver—
The cheerful heart of a philosopher,

Never a day beneath our changing sky
But sees your small form lightly flitting by,
Nor English common gay with gorse or broom
But hears you calling from some golden bloom;

And never, alas! a bird-shop in the land
But sets you, for a penny, in one's hand,
Although of window-starers, more's our shame,
Not one in fifty knows your jolly name.

And yet, fresh-torn from liberty and mate,
We find you cheerly settling to your fate;
Opening a seed-box in your prison cell
And drawing water from a mimic well.

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I am having good sales with my Borders, and through my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," have sent birds all over England and Scotland.—Dan Hamilton (Hamilton).

Kindly allow me space in "CAGE BIRDS" to thank all those who replied to my advertisement, for they were too many to answer singly. "CAGE BIRDS" is the paper to advertise in.—G. A. Buck, Richmond.

Re my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS," wanted a massive Buff Norwich cock, will you please thank all fanciers who wrote offering same. I had so many offers I am unable to write to all; I am suited with bird.—G. W. Saunders, Sutton.

Kindly thank the numerous applicants through "CAGE BIRDS" for Yorkshire Hens, which I advertised last week. I could have disposed of 100 birds, which says a lot for your valuable paper, and I wish it all success.—J. Duncan (Inverness).

Having sent out all our stock of breeding cages, we should be greatly obliged if fanciers will keep their orders back till next week, when we shall have replaced our stock. Fanciers that have not received their breeding cages yet will receive same this week.—The Metallic Cage Works, Birmingham.

My Stanley Parrakeets advertised last week were sold by telegram before noon on Friday, and I have had so many enquiries that I have not replied to them all. The last time I advertised some Stanley's it was the same—two telegrams before noon. I gave it to the first opened.—J. Smith, Kendal.

You will be interested to know, through the advt. in "CAGE BIRDS," which cost me 6d., I have sold out, and also have had numerous replies which I cannot answer. Those sending stamp I replied to. This is proof that "CAGE BIRDS" is a good medium for advertising in.—Alfred C. Fletcher (Bedford).

In reply to my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" of the 8th inst. I had over 40 applications, some coming in up to Friday last. Mr. J. Jenkins, Neath, called to view them on Tuesday last, and was so pleased with them that he took them back with him, 39 birds in all, with cages. It has been more than I can do to reply to all.—E. H. Williams, Llanelly.

League of Foreign Bird Exhibitors.

It is proposed to form a league of Foreign bird exhibitors, to advance the exhibiting of foreign birds, and especially the commoner kinds, by endeavouring to get a wider classification at the shows. Those interested should note the letter in our correspondence columns this week.

A Pathetic Incident.

We regret to hear of a pathetic incident in connection with the last Palace show, Mr. C. R. Taylor, of Dewsbury, unfortunately departing this life before the news of the success of his birds could reach him. The late Mr. Taylor exhibited Roller Canaries, and won 2nd prize in the champion class for young birds.

All Settled Up.

We are informed by the manager of the Crystal Palace show, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, that all matters in connection therewith have been settled up—prize-money paid and medals and diplomas dispatched—and that the accounts will be audited this week. Anyone inadvertently overlooked should communicate with Mr. Ramsden at 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

A Social at Manchester.

The dates of the next Manchester and N.C.O.S. show are October 24 and 25, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec. Will secretaries please note so not to clash. We are holding our social on Saturday, March 1st at the Clarion Cafe, Market Street, Manchester, when we are making a presentation to our president, Mr. W. A. Bladon. Friends will be made welcome.

No! No!

"Sub Rosa," writes:—A correspondent when discussing a colossal show for the Manchester area, suggested that all the fanciers in the district should put their heads together. He evidently thought they were short of staging. (In case some horrible joke lies concealed in the above paragraph, we hereby notify any finders that we disclaim all responsibility.—Ed.)

Always Ready to Oblige.

At Crystal Palace bird show please arrange at every refreshment stall at all times a full supply of warm milk, tea, cocoa, at a penny a cup and a teapot of tea at threepence—same as we get anywhere in the City. The Palace is a cold place in winter, and visitors require something warm and cheap, not public-house intoxicants, which have been to the front so many years at the Palace show.—The above is an exact copy of a post-card sent to Mr. Ramsden, just before the show, from Charlton, Kent. It surely evidences the unlimited confidence one and all place in J.W.R.'s ability to satisfy every possible want! During the show a scrap of paper was pushed under the door of the manager's office, on which was written in the same handwriting as appears on the postcard:—"This year we have been able to get tea, coffee, and cocoa all the day; thanks to Mr. Ramsden for same—A Many Years' Visitor."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(J. Brighty, pro. tem., 65, Park Crescent, Clapham, S.W.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mt., Roundhay, Leeds.) J.H.R., W.B.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 17-18. **Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
Oct. 18.—**Burton on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street).
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford).
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.S.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.)
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Wales.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimbie, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lur-
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown).
gan).
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(F. Robinson, 126, Green-st.)
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

The Big Wood Owl.

Owls are birds that are not much molested near large towns, where, no doubt, they do good, as rats and mice are generally found around buildings, and form the principal diet of these birds of the night. Among the commoner kinds the Tawny or Wood Owl is, perhaps, the most interesting, in consequence of its colour and size. The eyes are large, and have a somewhat fierce expression, especially when seen in the twilight, or when the bird is seizing its prey.

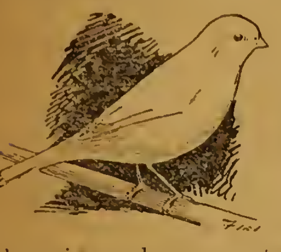
A Wingless Canary.

"Peter," who lives in a cage at Barnsbury County Council School, is looked upon as the most wonderful Canary in London. He has no wings. "No one will believe that he is naturally wingless," said Mrs. Adams, his guardian, to a representative of the "Daily Citizen," "until they see him. He was hatched like it. He is now two years old, and, as you can see, is a healthy, fine bird." "Peter" is a cross between a Yorkshire and a Norwich. As he hops from perch to perch it is easy to see how great is his handicap, for he frequently fails to get a footing and falls. He is not the least depressed, however. He eats well, drinks well, sleeps well, and sings beautifully; in fact, he is as happy as the day is long.

AMONG THE NORWICH PLAINHEADS AT THE PALACE.

A FEW NOTES AND SKETCHES FOR THE NOVICES: BY H. NORMAN.

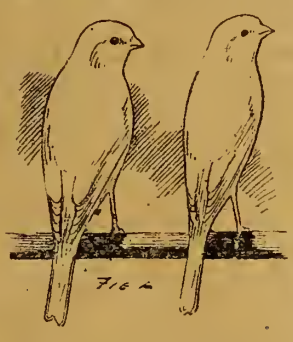
ALTHOUGH the graceful Yorkshire Canary has attained world-wide popularity, it has never been able to quite push the chubby Norwich out of the position it has always held with the fanciers of this country, and even during the last few years the Norwich birds have quite held their own. At the Scottish National was one of the finest gatherings ever seen in the North, and at the recent Palace Show, although somewhat deficient in numbers, the section contained some of the best exhibition birds of the day. While looking round the show it occurred to me that a few notes and rough sketches upon some of the exhibits would be acceptable to the many thousands of readers of CAGE BIRDS who were unable to visit the annual carnival.



The first thing that forced itself upon me was the superior type of the hens, as a whole, to that of the cock birds. Long-bodied, long-winged hens were hardly to be found; short, thick-set birds were in every class, not only leading, but well down into the tickets. This matter of superiority of type in hens is perhaps pretty general in the variety, and one pauses to enquire why it should be so. In the Norwich there is, perhaps, a greater disparity in size between the sexes than in any other variety, and we all know the difficulty in getting birds of size with reasonable type, and this fact may alone be sufficient to account for the chubbiness of the hens.

One Harmonious Whole.

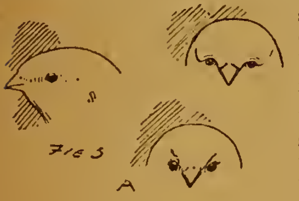
What is type? A blending of all the parts into one harmonious whole; the bird perfectly proportioned, perfect in outline, and graceful in carriage. Among the cock birds the trio that struck me as being nearest to the ideal in type were Mr. Baker's first prize buff cock, Mr. Joe Thomas's third prize buff cock, and Messrs. Gill and Pethick's first prize unflighted yellow. There may quite likely have been others equally as typical, but this trio I take to illustrate my meaning, and to convey to the novice in a rough manner some idea of a typical specimen. They possessed good heads, full without flatness, well-filled bodies, and an easy, graceful curve from chin to underflue, with well-carried wings and a perfect tail. In Fig. 1 I give some idea of the type of these specimens, allowing, of course, something for the difference in size and feather, one being a young yellow, and the others mature buffs.



A bird, however, may be quite a typical specimen when taking a side view of him, but may lack the width of shoulder and chest that is necessary to give the "wedge-shape" required in a good Norwich. In Fig. 2 I have endeavoured to illustrate my meaning. In profile these birds might be almost identical, but when looking down upon them the difference would be at once apparent. Out of this arises the question: Are our Norwich show cages quite suitable to the Norwich birds? Would a cage partly open at the top allow the bird to be seen with more advantage, and, consequently, materially assist the judge in making his awards? We have gone on from generation to generation without any change, although the bird has advanced considerably in bulk and genuine Norwich properties.

Where we Shine To-day.

Letting the memory run back a few years, it seems to me that the heads have very much improved in shape, and that the objectionable heavy brows are not seen so frequently, although I must admit that flat skulls and heavy brows are by no means quite bred out. In Fig. 3 I give a couple of sketches taken from birds on the bench to-day, one showing the flat skull and the other an abundance of heavy brow. When put in this bald way the novice may wonder that such birds were ever exhibited, but they both of them were so superior in other properties that this took them well to the front. I think, when recalling the birds exhibited during the past show season, one can complain more of lack of shape in the head than lack of width of skull and entrance; and even if a head is somewhat small, if it is nicely domed I think it is to be preferred to one possessing a wide flat skull. Now, if we were to take a pair of scissors and cut off the overhanging feather on the brow of some specimens we should, in many cases, shear the bird of his (apparent) width of skull. The head in Fig. 3 (marked A) shows a bird dealt with in this manner. These browy birds are certainly very deceptive and misleading, and many times appear to have a wider skull than a clean-headed bird, although, as a matter of fact, inferior to them.

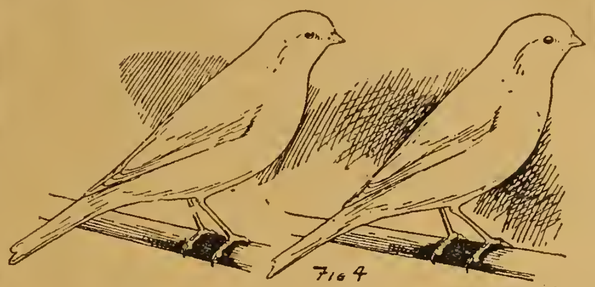


The standard of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club gives fifteen points for head, not an excessive number considering the difficulty of dealing with them in the breeding room, and getting good ones upon exhibition specimens. How seldom we see a bad-headed specimen winning, but we frequently see good-bodied birds with rather small heads standing lower down in the class. For the novice to pay particular attention to head properties exclusive of all others is, of course, wrong, but at the same time to breed with bad or weak headed specimens year after year is to make it impossible to get higher in the prize list than formerly.

The value of a good head I have tried to illustrate in Fig. 4. One is a sketch of a bird shown at the Palace, with a typical body, but failing a bit in the size of head. The other is a sketch of the same bird with a good head put on it. Of course, I quite know it is impossible to ensure having the birds exactly as we want them, but as the pairing-up time is now upon us we should give our earnest attention to the mating and strive to get as near the ideal as possible.

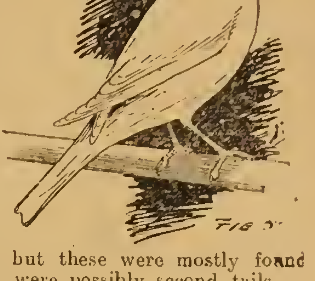
A Long Neck a bad Blemish.

A short or a long neck on a bird makes almost as much difference in the general appearance as does the head. Some of our present-day birds are quite ideal in this respect, and I found it difficult while looking through the birds to find a long-necked bird to illustrate. Buffs are naturally shorter-necked than yellows; therefore one can easily understand why double buffing improves this point.



A few years ago bad wing carriage was common, but recently it has been much improved, and we frequently see birds quite ideal, with wings tightly braced to the sides, and meeting feather for feather. There is a diversity of opinion respecting what constitutes bad carriage of flights. Nearly all birds occasionally cross the tips of the wings, but one can hardly call that "bad carriage." In my humble opinion what constitutes bad wing carriage is when the flights are badly crossed, and remain so while the bird is at rest or moving from perch to perch. Some birds, I find, seldom cross their wings excepting when on the move. I have endeavoured in Fig. 5 to illustrate a bird possessing really bad wing carriage; some are even worse than this, and quite useless for exhibition. Good wings should be striven for, as nothing gives a more finished appearance to a show bird than tightly-braced flights.

When writing upon carriage one must not forget the carriage of the tail. This, to my mind, is of equal importance to that of the wings, although the standard gives ten points for good wings and five for the tail; but then, as someone may say, a bird has two wings and only one tail, so possibly that accounts for it. Anyway, dropped tails are an abomination, and not to be tolerated in an otherwise good specimen. The proper, or, I might say, the most graceful, carriage of the tail is above the line of the back, that is, slightly "cock tailed" (as in Fig. 6), something after the manner of our friend the Sparrow. Many birds drop the tail when at rest, but carry it well when on the move; one can hardly call this bad carriage. I must say that bad tails were not very plentiful at the Palace. Here and there one found birds with rather long ones, but these were mostly found in the unflighted classes, and were possibly second tails.



Something Novices are Apt to Overlook.

I feel I cannot close these notes without reference to quality of feather, as it is a point frequently overlooked by novices, although it plays such an important part in the race for premier honours. The standard allows fifteen points for quality, equal number with that of the head. Now, although this seems to be a heavy percentage of the hundred points required to make up the ideal show bird, I venture to say it is none too many. In nineteen cases out of twenty our winners are birds of good quality—they may fail in some other point, but do not in quality—and good quality will frequently bring a bird well to the front (especially when combined with high condition) even although it may be somewhat lacking in other properties. Therefore I would advise novices in their mating for the coming season not to neglect this valuable point. Birds possessing good quality of feather are always a source of pleasure to their owners, while the coarse, and ofttimes loose-feathered, birds are frequently hidden away in a corner of the bird room, out of sight.

I might possibly have made these notes somewhat more interesting had I taken certain birds and given their positions and the owners' names, but I refrained from doing so, as we cannot all see eye to eye when looking at live birds, and my views would probably have not quite agreed with those of the owners.

SOME PROBLEMS OF MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING UNRAVELLED.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(Continued from page 165).

DO your views on proximity apply to the Bullfinch, as I am told that keeping a male Bullfinch within hearing of a hen is fatal to your chances of getting her to accept the attentions of a male of any other species?

I have myself found the monotonous calling of two separated Bullfinches rather more than my better half would tolerate, and till last year always adopted the isolation system. On this occasion I persuaded a lady who had the previous season bred pure Bullfinches to allow me to substitute a Goldfinch for the cock Bully, and notwithstanding the presence of the latter in an adjoining aviary, unpaired and only separated from her by a wire division, she had Hybrids to the Goldfinch, incubating and rearing them unaided, this being the only instance I have recorded of a hen Bully doing so. Yet, despite this instance, I favour isolation of Finches from sight or hearing of the opposite sex of their own species.

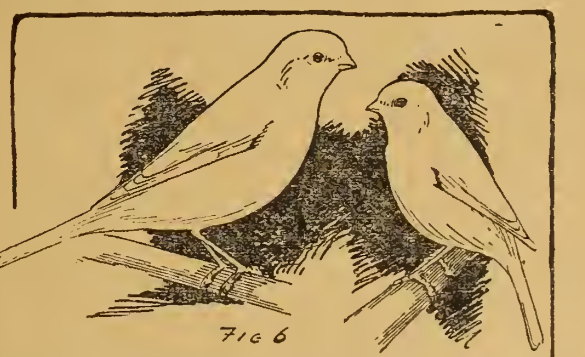
To what do you attribute the high percentage of deaths in nesting Hybrids?

When "The Good Die Young."

I have failed to find the breeding of dark Finch-Canary Hybrids attended with an abnormally high mortality. With light varieties, however, I have experienced myself, and heard many corroborate the truth of the saying, that the "good die young." A comparison with the mortalities in breeding Darks strengthens my convictions that this is in a measure due to weakness inherited from the Canary parent, such a state being very common in light Muling stock. In Hybrids between two Finches, and in particular those which have the Bullfinch as the maternal parent, the death rate is indeed very high. Two reasons may be assigned for this, the first being that Hybrids have a lower standard of vitality than a pure stock. The abnormal number of Hybrid eggs which, though fertile, fail to hatch out, proves this. The second is the change in the composition of the food supplied to the nestling from that which is supplied in a state of nature. Some breeders attribute the failure in rearing Hybrids to the difficulty the foster parents have in feeding, by reason of the "wobbling" of Hybrid nestlings. Anyone who has hand-reared nestlings can hardly have failed to notice that an inability to hold the head up, or steady, for the period necessary for feeding is the first sign of debility in a nestling. I therefore look on this as an effect rather than a cause, and it is cause I am asked to deal with.

What method would you recommend as most likely to rear Hybrids?

Transferring the eggs or young to the nest of one or other of the species from which they have been bred, and allowing the wild foster-parents to rear them in the open. No doubt many breeders lack facilities to adopt this course, though for my part I would rather entrust them to the care of another who had, than risk losing them. The other course is to supply an abundance of such succulent seeds as the species are known to favour, and a supply of green-fly, or blight, to such as can be induced to partake of it. I have had hen Canaries which were very fond of green-fly, and such are very valuable as fosters for Hybrids. I have known breeders who eked out the ordinary food supplied by the Canary with a supply of green-fly and squeezed-out mealworms, administered by hand, two or three times daily.



Live ants' eggs are also very useful; some Canaries can be induced to partake of these, in fact, I believe they could accommodate themselves to a diet consisting largely of certain insects, and have no doubt that such hens would be very good feeders for Hybrids.

What species have you found most reliable in parental duties?

Greenfinch, Siskin, and Linnet. I have known a Canary breeder rear hen Greenfinches for use as feeders, and he averred that they were better and more reliable than Canaries. I have repeatedly put Canary eggs into Greenfinches' nests, and I never failed to get strong, healthy youngsters by so doing.

What sort of nest do you advise for hen Bullfinches, and what do you supply as building material?

I favour a rather antiquated pattern, of which I learned from that grand old Hybrid breeder, Mr. Mann, of Kirriemuir, many years ago. It is made by hammering a depression in a turf and cutting out to about six inches square (or diameter, if preferred round), and inserting sprays of box, palm or yew round three sides of same. These, when hung up on the ordinary nest boards, are greatly appreciated by Bullies, and the green sprays provide her with privacy. As the nest of the Bully is a rather coarse affair, I provide her with the foundations of such nests as Greenfinches and Hedge Sparrows; as a lining she is very pleased with short lengths of bass, such as gardeners use for tying up flowers.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE NORWICH SHOW CAGE (W. V.).—The size of a standard show cage for Norwich is 12in. long, 11in. high, 5in. deep. In colour the inside should be a light blue—a Hedge Sparrow egg blue, or a sky blue. The latter is called a blue-grey by many painters and colourmen. The outsides and the wires should be painted black.

GIVING COLOUR FOOD (F. B. C.).—(1) It is quite useless giving colour food to Canaries at this season. It is only effective whilst the birds are moulting. At that season you give the colour agent in egg food, or any other soft food you use in place of egg food. To get a good, sound knowledge of the subject, send 3½d. to our manager for the booklet on "Colour Feeding," which gives much more detailed information than it is possible to do here. (2) About the end of July or August is the time to begin giving colour food; that is, just before the birds start to moult.

BREEDING OUTDOORS (E. T. W.).—You give me no idea at all what sort of convenience you have outdoors, nor of the nature of the locality. If your idea is to simply hang the breeding cage outdoors exposed to the weather, and endeavour to breed Canaries in this way, then I say without hesitation wait until next year when the indoor convenience will be at your service. On the other hand, if you have a dry and fairly well lit outhouse, an open shed, or even a snug corner well sheltered from wind and rain, there is no reason why you should not succeed in breeding with a pair of common birds which have been kept hitherto under quite normal conditions of temperature. This would give you a little practical experience to start with next season. If you attempt this, do not place the birds out until the weather gets mild and settled at end of March. You would find particulars about outdoor breeding in Part III. of "Our Canaries."

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TO GET CRESTBREDS (F. Wood).—You say you mated a Crest cock last season with a Norwich plainhead, hoping to get some Crest-breds from them. Was this because you were under the impression that it is necessary to mate thus to breed Crest-breds? If so, you are mistaken, as the Crest-bred is bred intimately with the Crested variety, and has, in fact, as much Crest blood in its veins as the Crested birds. A crest and a crest-bred is the usual mating, and from these birds you get both Crests and Crest-breds, and as a rule some of each in every blood, although exceptions occur and you may get a brood consisting of all crested birds, or one with all crest-breds. The two young you have are really cross-breds, and it is scarcely possible to advise you how to mate them this season, without a very full description of them. If they are small in size, as is to be expected, you should mate them to birds with plenty of size which have been bred from double-buffs. If one has a neat and well shaped crest, with no bareness or roughness at back, mate it again to a crest also having a nice-shaped crest, free from splits, bare places and roughness, and the other mate with a crest-bred of good size and substance, and as much headgear as possible. The head-feather should be long and broad, protruding over eyebrows, and should reach the end of the beak when turned back from just behind nostrils. A broad, arched skull, and a short stout beak are advisable.

SIZE OF PERCH (A Constant Reader).—The sample of perch you sent is of the correct shape for the comfort of the birds which have to use them. In size they would be very suitable for the larger breeds such as Lancashires, Crests, etc., but for medium and small breeds, say, from Norwich downwards, I should prefer having them a trifle smaller. Even with the larger breeds, where two or more perches are in each cage, I should prefer having one of the thinner perches, to give the birds variety of "grip." You can buy perches ready made, save for cutting to proper lengths, of most large dealers, if it is worth while. Surely you could easily whittle perches out of the timber from grocers' discarded packing boxes.

SONGLESS ROLLER (Southport).—(1) You will get the powdered grain of paradise from any good chemist. (2) I'm afraid the prospects of this bird are not very rosy. Give a diet of plain canary only with a liberal supply of green food for one week, and every second day add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb to the drinking water. After this go on feeding as advised in last reply for three or four weeks, and keep a little of the paste as previously advised in the wires for him to peck at. A mealworm a day would do good also, if available, either killed and fixed on the end of a perch, or minced and mixed in the soft food.

LOST VOICE AND FAINTING (H. W.).—If the bird only ceased singing when its companion was removed from the room, it is more in the nature of an idiosyncracy than actual loss of voice. It would begin again if its companion were returned to the room, or, probably, if any other singer were in the room, and it may also begin again in a week or two hence without either of these inducements. See that it is kept quite free from cold draughts and damp, and you may try adding twenty drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and a small chlorate of potash lozenge to its drinking water daily for a week. The fainting is the result of a highly-strung nervous system. It is, however, strange that it should faint when it has a bath. Does it bathe voluntarily, or do you mean that you spray it, or otherwise force the bathing process upon it? If you do, you must cease doing so, and let it bathe voluntarily or not at all. Only studied kind and gentle treatment are likely to be of any avail in assisting it to overcome this nervousness. When cleaning the cage, or doing anything about it, go about the work quietly and methodically, making as little disturbance as possible, and always leave some choice tit-bit of food or greenstuff behind so that the bird will grow to associate the work with some coming luxury, and forget to faint.

MEDICINES FOR HEALTH (J. S. G.).—When you have a Canary in good general health and condition the best kinds of medicines to give it to keep it in health are none at all. You appear to be under the impression that Canaries can be preserved in health only by constant dosage with drugs and nostrums. There is no greater error, and no more certain way of ruining the health of any Canary than to be continually pouring drugs down its throat. A plain, wholesome diet, pure fresh water, absolute cleanliness, and healthful surroundings—not hanging a bird in a window, near to, or over, burning lights in the evenings, or in cold cutting draughts—and a supply of clean gritty sand in the cages, are all that are really essential to keep Canaries in good health and condition, and if you fail to preserve their health on these lines, it is due to some error of management. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager. This should enable you to keep them in perfect health without constantly resorting to drugs.

MEDICINE OR FOOD? (T. E. W.).—I do not regard the seeds you name as having any medicinal properties at all, properly speaking, for Canaries. They are nothing more than different items of food, and can no more be termed medicinal in the proper sense than bread and cheese and beef can be termed medicinal for humans. Considered as foods, maw is full of a bland oil which seems to have a soothing effect on the stomach and intestines, and is useful to help to correct looseness of bowels. Teazle is an oily seed with a slightly bitter principle, of which the birds are fond, and which acts as a mild appetiser. Niger is a very oily seed which is peculiarly attractive to the birds, and tempts appetite. If given in excess, it is often accused of "rotting the liver," etc.—the rot! See reply to "Arthur" last week. Gold of pleasure is another very oily and stimulating seed useful for bringing backward birds into condition. German rape is rich in fats and heat-forming qualities, which makes it an ideal staple in combination with canary to counteract the starchy nature of the latter. Millet is of little feeding value, and therefore useful to help to reduce birds in too fat condition. Linseed is another very oily and fattening seed, which should be used in very small quantities only at any time, and is chiefly useful at the end of the moult, when the oil imparts a finish and bloom to the new plumage.

MOVING BREEDING CAGE, and DANDELION (E. W. U.).—(1) It depends very largely upon the temperament of the birds whether it would be wise to turn the cage into a brighter position on dull days when the birds are going to nest. Some birds would be put backwards for a day or two by doing so; others would not notice it at all. If the birds seem quite steady and tractable, you might try it. When they have young, however, as long as all is going well and the parent feeding, leave well alone. (2) If the birds are disturbed and keep "on the go" as long as the lights are lit in the evenings, you might throw a cover over cage front, say at about 9 p.m. When doing so, and also when putting lights out, be careful to see that the birds are in their usual places—at roost on nest or perches, as the case may be. This precaution may prevent a casualty when young or eggs are in the nest. (3) If you have a small garden, the wonder is that you should wish to buy dandelion seed to cultivate. It grows uncultivated almost everywhere. Your best plan is to take a little expedition into the nearest field, lane, or hedgerow, where you cannot fail to find plenty of roots just beginning to throw out leaves and buds. Dig up one or two of these roots bodily and transplant them in a sheltered sunny corner of your garden, and you will soon have sufficient leaves to last you until the growing season generally is a little more advanced.

YORKS-ROLLER CROSS (P.H.M.).—Undoubtedly the young from a Yorkshire cock and a Roller hen will give you a better singing bird than the pure Yorkshire if—and this is an "if" that counts—the hen is from a good singing strain, and the young cocks are trained under a Roller cock which is a good singer and free from glaring faults. As you do not wish to go in for trained Rollers you would find pure Rollers, untrained, or Border Fancies the next best thing.

RAPE SEED (G.B.B.).—No. 1 is a very nice sample of the rape used for high-class Roller contest singers, and is suitable for the best trained and valuable Rollers. No. 2 is a good sample of ordinary summer rape and quite suitable for any class of canaries. Where price is an object it would form a good substitute for No. 1 for feeding Rollers, and, of course, if price no consideration, No. 1 may be used for common or ordinary canaries. Both samples are quite reasonable in price.

DOES NOT SING (Constant Reader, Worcester).—It may be simply an idiosyncrasy, as there are many cocks which depart from the general rule and stop singing when placed near a hen at this season. If the bird appears sound and well in health you need not worry about him, as he will doubtless breed all right at the proper season, though it is doubtful if you will get any song worth mentioning from him. Treat him for the next month as advised to "N.L.W. (2)" last week. By the bye, placing a lighted candle in the aviary may be an excellent method of testing it for draughts. But remember that such a test only applies to the moment, so to speak, and may not reveal temporary and occasional draughts, which are the most dangerous, and which may only occur when certain doors or windows are open, or even when the wind blows in a certain direction.

TYPE OF ROLLER (A.B.C.).—The best type of song is very largely a matter of individual taste, so I cannot presume to select any particular type as IT. But as a rule the so-called Siefert or St. Andreasberg type, which has a good variety of "changes," gives the most popular satisfaction. It is very late now for buying songsters. The type of the bird varies from a rather slim bird to a neat chubby little fellow similar to a miniature Norwich. They are quite small, much smaller than Norwich, and of a very pale washed-out colour. Type, colour and markings are not studied in this breed; singing abilities are everything. I have not used the particular food you name, so cannot dogmatise about it. I should prefer to limit its use to substituting is for egg-food out of the breeding season.

OUT OF SORTS (W.P.).—I'm rather afraid this bird is "breaking up," and you will have to keep it in a fairly comfortable place to pull round. Do not overheat it, but still keep quite off the chilly cold side. Do not expose it to heated impure air, nor to sudden extreme fluctuations. Give a staple diet of plain canary only, and every second day half a teaspoonful of scalded rape. On the alternating days give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a morsel of green food four times a week. Limit the diet to this for three or four weeks, as may appear necessary from the condition of the bird. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a three-penny piece every second day for a week. Afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

BEFORE AND AFTER (A. Bowell).—I can gather nothing definite from the very meagre details you give. You merely say the hen showed fight when putting her with the cock, and now seems thick and ill. Presumably you mated the hen a little over a week ago, and considering the weather we have had since then, and the fact that the hen seems to have been in forward condition it is not unreasonable to assume the slight "illness" may be due to the hen being near laying. If this is the case matters will have righted themselves by now, or the hen will be beyond the reach of help. Your impatience in mating the birds at this early period is partly responsible for the trouble. In case the hen is still alive and not nesting keep her in a comfortable temperature, free from cold draughts, add 30 drops of whisky to the drinking water for a few days, and give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with niger seed each day for a week, and meantime write again and give more particulars about your feeding and management, and symptoms shown by hen. Also say how far she has progressed with nesting operations. You would be well advised to invest in a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you for 7d. post free, before the season gets more advanced.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT BIRD? (D.P.H.).—Mr. Page regrets delay in giving you a full reply, but it has been unavoidable. A definite reply will be given you in our next issue.

BIRDS FOR SMALL AVIARY (A. Bowell).—It all depends on the space. The birds you name should agree together fairly well if the aviary is not overcrowded, but Budgerigars can never be reckoned safe company for Finch-like birds. Sooner or later mishaps occur and maimed birds are found about. You had better send me the size of the aviary and state whether it is an indoor or outdoor one; also do you want the birds to breed, or merely as a few pets? On receiving these details I can give you a definite reply.

WILL THEY AGREE? (C.B.).—Budgerigars are never safe company for long together with Waxbills and the small ornamental Finches. The other birds will agree well together, and you could put with them into the large cage one pair each of Zebra Finches, Orange-cheeked and Golden-breasted Waxbills and Silverbills, some of which should breed if you put up one or two rush nests, a Hartz travelling cage, and a cokernut shell nest or two. The same dietary will suffice for all. Our Nutshell, "Waxbills," would assist you and supply many details space does not permit of here. (2½d. post free from our Manager.)

GLASSHOUSE AVIARY (Ragtime, Bolton).—A glasshouse cannot have an even temperature, this being as variable as the weather! Still, you can successfully use it for the purpose, but you must line all uncovered glass on the inside with half-inch mesh wire netting. One end of the roof should be covered with felt over the glass; choose the part which gets least of the sun. Under the glass portion plants (in the ground, not pots) some half-hardy evergreens, which creeps up the wall if there is one, but if there is glass all round the house then the north or east side should be covered with felt. Very little moisture would be required for the plants, planted in the ground and they could be regularly sprayed during the summer to keep them clean, at such periods as they did not contain nests. Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Java Sparrows, Bib Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Spice Birds, Silverbills, Bengalese, Common and Green Avadavats, Golden-breasted and Orange-cheek Waxbills, would form an interesting series, with some nice range of colour. Napoleon and Madagascar Weavers would give a little extra brilliance. I expect the Budgies helped themselves too freely of the fattening seeds supplied for mules, etc., and that they were over fat and appoplexy or something similar carried them off.

PRICE FOR PARROT (K.W.).—You do not say what kind of Parrot, so how can I answer you? A newly imported Grey Parrot, 15/- to 25/-; one that is in good plumage and been in England a year or more, 50/- upwards; one that has been in England a few years and is talking, £5 upwards, according to its vocabulary. As a rule Parrots soon begin to try to say words, and then go on adding to their vocabulary continually. I can tell you nothing about your bird till you tell me what kind it is.

BREEDING JAVA SPARROWS (D.A.).—The Grey Java Sparrows are very irregular in the way they go to nest in captivity, some pairs doing so readily and other occupying an aviary for years without attempting to nest, so that you see it all depends on the individual pair you get hold of. Most certainly your success is probable as Grey Javas have been bred in cages. I should advise you to give them the larger case and put a coco-nut husk at one corner, and a small box, about six inches square, with an oval hole in the front for entrance, at the other corner, and leave the birds to themselves. Hay, long grass and a little moss will suffice for nesting material. From your details you evidently have a true pair, and your dietary is about right, but some individuals are fond of a few crushed oats and a little paddy rice. Green food, grit and cuttlebone to be regularly supplied.

LOVEBIRDS (A Novice).—The bird you describe is the cock Madagascar or Grey-headed Lovebird; the hen is all green, without any grey on the head. They breed in captivity in the aviary, but are not likely breeders for a cage. Diet: Canary and white millet, a millet spray and a few oats occasionally; green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water must be regularly supplied. When they show signs of going to nest, if you put in a branch with leaves on, they will cut up the leaves, strip off the bark, and carry into the log or box, and construct a nest therein. Do not meddle with them during incubation or while they are feeding the young; it will be quite time enough to clean out the nest after the young have flown.

BUDGERIGARS (Ada Jones).—I take it your birds are quite fit and in good plumage, but you are disappointed at their not breeding. You give me no idea of the size of your cage, nor yet whether it contains only one or both pairs. Certainly a cage which you cannot get a husk into gives one an idea as being too small, and if you have two pairs you must have two husks, or both pairs will fight for the husk, and there will be no breeding husk. It is quite possible to cut a hole in the end of the cage, push the end of the husk through, and secure it there; but Budgies often eat their way through the bottom of the husk, and you may ultimately find them loose in your room unless you cover the husks with netting. I think you had better get our "Nutshell Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager. This describes suitable cages and tells you all about them. They should certainly breed this spring if you can give them a sufficiently roomy cage. Under the conditions of cage life they sometimes take a full season to settle down. This has evidently been the case with your pair.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

WHAT TO KEEP (Tobacco).—(1) I would like a little more information as to your locality, size of aviary, etc., before replying fully, but I will name a few:—Long-tail Grassfinches, Alario Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bib Finches, Cape Canaries, Combassous, Diamond Finches, Cuttharoats, Zebra Finches, Silverbills, White and Grey Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins Spice Birds, Pekin Robins, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey, St. Helena, Orange-cheek, and Golden-breasted Waxbills, Napoleon, Red-billed and Madagascar Weavers, Paradise and Queen Whydahs; the Pin-tailed Whydah is usually very pugnacious in captivity. (2) In the south yes, but in the north their surviving the cold, fog, and wet of our winters is very problematical. (3) Usually three to five months, but the period varies somewhat with the respective species.

GREY PARROT (H.B.T.).—The tincture of opium is quite in order as you have been giving it, and I should continue it at intervals. I should also give, say, three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the usual supply of drinking water—with three days between each dose. I should also advise moistening its biscuit with a mixture of Parish's Chemical Food and sweetened with water in equal parts; also keep a supply of cuttlebone in the cage. Is this bird getting grit? If not, give it a pinch daily, but give it cautiously at first, as if a bird has been deprived of it for some time it is apt to take more than is good for it at first. If the bird is drinking abnormally do not leave the water in the cage, but permit it to satisfy its thirst, say three times a day. Report progress a fortnight hence.

YOUNG BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (J. Reid).—Do not give any more magnesia for a time; also do not leave the drinking water in the cage, but permit the bird to satisfy its thirst three times a day. Dissolve 5 drops of tincture of opium in a tablespoonful of sweetened water. Keep this tightly corked in a bottle and put one teaspoonful of it in the bird's drinking water (only use 2ozs.) daily so long as it lasts. It should be well shaken before taking out the required quantity—and the drinking water should be well stirred up each time you offer it to the bird. When you have used up the opium mixture resume the hypo-phosphates. Keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage. Diet and general treatment to remain as per our last reply. Report progress in another three weeks.

TO GO WITH ZEBRA FINCHES (P. A. Rainbird).—I do not advise any of the birds you name. Budgerigars are not merely "spiteful," but dangerous to small Finches in a limited space. If you hang up a coconut husk or a Hartz travelling cage, after removing all fittings and perches, and cutting away two of the bars to form an entrance hole, the Zebra Finches should breed. Pairs each of Avadavats, Orange-cheek and Golden-breasted Waxbills, would not only look charming, and agree with the Zebra Finches, but would probably breed if several rush nests were put up for them. I fear both the Goldfinches and Pekin Robin would interfere with the Zebra Finches' eggs if you included them. All the birds I have named should thrive on the same diet.

WHEN TO PUT OUT OF DOORS (G.H.L.).—If your aviary is fairly well sheltered, the birds can go out the first week in April, as they have been kept in so low a temperature, but you must be guided by the weather. Further, whether your county is a northern or southern one might make a little difference one way or the other, but, given an ordinary spring, for birds kept as yours have been, it should be safe to put them out about the first week in April. The Whydahs and Saffron Finches will be better in the Weaver aviary. The Paradise Whydah is to be trusted with Finches if put in before it dons the long tail plumes, but both the Pintail Whydah and Saffron Finches are reputably pugnacious birds, though amicable individuals do occur, but these are not the rule.

HILL MYNAH (C. Cooper).—These birds are almost omnivorous, but must have a liberal supply of soft ripe fruit (banana, orange, grapes, soft pear, apple, etc.), and some live insects daily, such as mealworms, beetles, spiders, etc. Also a supply of some good insectile mixture. They can also pick over table scraps, vegetables, and finely minced cooked meat—a little sweetened boiled rice, rice pudding, and bread and milk, can all be given to vary the diet. To be quite clear, the regular dietary should be insectile mixture (soft food), ripe fruit and live insects, the other items being supplementary. You will have no difficulty in keeping up a varied dietary. It should have a roomy cage, and the bird being a large eater, its cage needs constant attention to keep it clean and sweet. Water must be continually in the cage, and as soon as it is sufficiently tame it should be encouraged to take its bath out of the cage. You will soon be able to let it go in and out of the cage (of course with room windows and door closed) for exercise, according to convenience, a mealworm or two put in the cage, will cause his return when required. A newly imported bird must be kept for a time in a room having a fairly even temperature, but once established any room will meet its requirements that is light and airy, but not draughty.

EMERALD-SPOTTED DOVES (Emerald).—This species never has been common; in fact, has been very rarely imported, but quite a few have come to hand recently. It has been known for many years as the Emerald Dove (Chalcopelia Afra). In a state of nature it feeds on stone fruits and indigenous seeds, and berries. In captivity it will mostly live on canary and millet seeds, but wheat, dari, and small maize should also be offered. When in season I should offer stone fruit, and also let it have any other fruit it cared for, banana, etc. In a reasonably sheltered aviary, containing a shelter to which it could retire at will, it could be kept out of doors all the year round. Dr. Hopkinson, in his "Birds of Gambia," very properly calls this species the Rufous-winged Dove, and tells us that they are found in the busb, and that their food is mainly grass seeds. During the spring, summer, and autumn I should certainly supply seeding and flowering grasses of all kinds freely.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

THRUSH OUT OF CONDITION (Mansfield).—The only possible explanation is that you are not feeding and managing the bird properly. If you will get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush (only 2½d. post free) this will put you right, and you will soon see an improvement in your bird's condition.

LARK FOOD (D. Mahoney).—You cannot beat the recipe I gave, in my opinion (others, of course, are a little cheaper). I expect you have not inquired at the right shops, for "Melox" is sold at all the corn and seed stores in my neighbourhood, and I am sure there must be hundreds of similar shops in Liverpool which stock it.

A BARE PLACE (M. M.).—It is a curious occurrence. You should anoint the place daily with a tiny smear of carbolic ointment, or, if you can get it, Kerol ointment. Do this for five or six days, then wait results for a fortnight, which I hope will be satisfactory. I think there must be some localised disorder of the skin. Warm the ointment to make it work freely.

LINNET NOT SINGING (H. L. Wray).—You should add gold of pleasure and sesame to the thistle, etc., mixture. You are feeding very well, however. Perhaps the bird is nervous in disposition, and has not settled down yet to cage life—am presuming, of course, that you are quite sure as to its sex. If a hen, that would explain the silence, of course. You can only wait until the early dandelion heads and leaves (I have plenty of the latter now in my garden, by-the-bye) can be obtained, also seeding groundsel tops, shepherd's purse, etc. A daily supply of these should soon bring the bird into stout song.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual'* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding'* (3½d.); *or the 'Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 151, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

BREEDING GOLDFINCHES (J. Upton).—I can say with some certainty that the birds you describe would go to nest in your large cage, but it is extremely doubtful whether the hen Goldie would rear her young. A case came under my notice where Goldfinches were bred in a cage less in size than your own, but the eggs were transferred under Canaries, and five young were reared out of two nests, though two of these were only saved by the owner hand-feeding them, as the hen Canary ceased to attend to their wants, possibly owing to the lateness of the season (mid-August). I have found by repeated experiments that hen British Finches are not to be relied upon to rear their young in either cages or indoor aviaries, and I believe this is the general experience. The two remaining Mules must be hens; if cocks they would have been singing long before this.

A VARIED LIST (M. H. Booth).—(1) The Serin is really a foreign bird, and your questions respecting it should have been sent to our Mr. Page. It has a fair song, something like that of the Siskin. Chief seeds, canary and millet. (2) The Buntings care only for canary-seed, eating very, very little of any other kind. A little insectile mixture should be offered now and again, and I have found them relish ants' eggs, moistened with milk. Live food, according to season, is essential. The Reed Bunting does well in confinement, but is not one of the easiest of birds to get steady, as a rule. (3) The sexes are alike in the young. The safe way to tell is to extract one or two of the head feathers and see whether they come black. With regard to the feeding of the Blackcap Warbler, consult Nutshell booklets 25 and 26—they will tell you all about the feeding of Softbills, both large and small. (4) There is no "Nutshell" dealing with the Serin. This bird cannot be shown in British classes. (5) Seed samples (reading from top to bottom) cornflower, sesame, lettuce, and dandelion.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

M.t.R.—Septic fever.

C. Barlow-Massicks.—Acute inflammation of the bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

R. Gilholm.—Sorry, but we cannot open our columns to matters other than those which concern birds. For information on Aquariums consult the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with that subject (post free 2½d.).

J. Miller.—We will write the secretary on your behalf.

T. Cooper.—We have already had long correspondences concerning the "proper" song of the Linnet. You will find it given in the "Nutshell" booklet on this bird (post free 2½d.). Did you overlook the letters when they appeared?

Rock.—It cannot be managed until next autumn, we are afraid. We have from time to time issued a good number of coloured plates depicting the commoner species of foreign birds.

A Victim.—We will give your suggestion full consideration, but cannot quite see how it meets the difficulty of changed addresses. With regard to the last item you mention, why did you not conform to Rule 8 and let us take up the matter for you?

LATE ITEMS.

HOLMFIRTH & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, held Feb. 22. Judge, Mr. E. Radley. Winners:—YELL CKS. (5): 1, 2, Charlesworth; 3, Beaumont; 4, Smith; vhc, Lee. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Charlesworth; 2, Lee; 3, Smith; 4, Sandford; vhc, Ellis. YELL. HENS (6): 1, Beaumont; 2, Ellis; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Charlesworth; hc, Lee. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Beaumont; 3, Charlesworth; 4, Lee; vhc, Sandford.—Tom Smith, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held at Westmorland St., Feb. 9, Mr. J. G. Cowley in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Woolhouse. Not much business was transacted, owing to the absence of the secretary and chairman, the business of cups, balance sheet, etc., being left for March meeting. Mr. Pickering offered a cup for novices at table shows. All birds to count, 1d. per bird being paid to compete for same, to go to funds of the society, and W. Furness will give a pair of Yorks. to novice Yorks. for most points during season in table shows, nest feather, and annual show, 3 birds to be staged at each show competing for same. Eight new members were elected. Table show of matched pairs:—YORKS.: 1, 3, Butler; 2, 4, Tomlinson. NOR.: 1, 4, hc, Simpson; 2, 3, vhc, Woolhouse. NOV. YORKS.: 1, 2, 4, J. Smith; 3, Latimer; hc, Chadwick; c, Thompson. NOR.: 1, vhc, Matthews; 2, Bailey; 3, c, Curley; 4, hc, R. Smith. Next meeting, lecture by Mr. Taylor, on Norwich; all fanciers invited.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—March 1, Foresters' Arms, 7. Inter-club and other important business. Fanciers and friends invited.—G. H. Robinson.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—March 4, Onward Hall, 8. Table show, 3 classes: Muling pairs, hybrid pairs, A.O.V. of British. Discussion on changing to new headquarters.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—March 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show of British birds for points specials; 4 classes. Judge, Mr. W. Chadwick, Stalybridge. Staged 7.30. And other business.—J. R. Colville.

Bootle and D. C.B.S.—March 4, Woods Cafe, Stanley Road, Bootle, 8. General business.—L. S. Hamilton.

Border City (Carlisle O.S.).—Mar. 5, Silver Grill, 8.15. Quarterly meeting. Supper postponed to ture date.—John C. Bell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 1, Club Rooms, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington; annual tea and prize distribution; tea at 5.30.—F. Western.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—March 1, Brayshaw's Rooms, 7 to 11. Society's 3rd dance; programmes 6d. each. March 4, at Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m., monthly meeting. Schedules for shows and other important business.—F. Gelder.

Blaydon C.B.S.—March 8, Cop-op. Library, 7.30. Business of the greatest importance.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton C.B.S.—March 4, Star and Garter, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—March 8, Colliery Institute, 6. Selection of judge for F.F. show. Formation of rules. Fanciers invited.—A. Widdowfield.

Bradford East O.S.—March 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Discussion, "General Topics on Bird-keeping and Feeding." Patronage for annual open show and other important business. Classification for members' shows.—H. Hill.

Bristol C.B.S.—March 5, City Hotel, 8. To elect officers for ensuing year.—B. L. Pool.

British Roller C.C.—March 1, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 6. Annual general meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Burslem C.B.S.—March 6, Barnfields Inn, 8. Arrangements for pair show.—Leonard James.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—March 4, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Election of officers, nominations for challenge bowl.—A. Wood.

Camborne C.B.S.—March 3, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Distribution of rule cards, and closed rings to those who ordered. Proposing new members.—A. Scoble.

Crewe O.S.—Brotherhood Institute. Monthly meeting, 8 p.m.—E. Jaycott.—[No date given.—Ed.]

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—March 5, Crown Hotel Hill Street, 8. Lecture by F. J. Weaver, Esq., Wolverhampton, on the Norwich Canary. Members please bring friends.—J. H. Jones.

City and County of Perth O.A.—March 3, Laidlaw's Rooms, Lenord Street, 8. Open show and judge's reply.—John L. Smith.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—March 2, Lamb Hotel, 8. Ten minute papers by various members.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—March 1, Butchers' Arms, Middle Chare, 7. Table show British, and selection of judge for N.F. show. Schedule for same and other business.—R. Ward.

Clapham C.B.A.—March 3, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Presentation of prizes won at last show, and other important business.—J. Brighty.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—March 1, Angel Hotel. Members' show. Birds staged 6.30.—F. W. Clarence. (Kindly forward address.—Ed.)

Clitheroe C.B.S.—March 3, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Washing competition.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—March 1, Queen's Head, Riddings, 6.30. Business most important.—A. Smith.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—March 8, The Higher Grade School, Juniper Green, 6. Enrol new members and other general business. Lecture by Mr. Steel on "Britishers, their Selection and Management."—James Napier.

Coventry O.S.—March 5, Vauxhall Tavern, Day's Lane, 8.30. Subscription list; general business.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C.B.S.—March 5, Half Moon Inn, 7.30. Pair show Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Muling Hyb., Siskin, Linnet, Redpoll or Twite, A.O.V. Brit. And other business.—H. Todd.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—March 5, George Hotel, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. P. Carter.—Arthur Walker.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—March 1, headquarters, 7.—E. Jameson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—March 1, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—March 8, Black Bull, 7.30. Consider open show business, also rules regardiug Dr. Gray cup. Important business.—G. Hunt.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—March 4, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8.30. Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. J. Hodder; all fanciers cordially invited.—W. Hodgson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—March 1, Fountain Inn, 8.30. General business.—W. Nettleton.

Eccles C.B.S.—March 5, headquarters, 8. Important business will be transacted.—D. T. Monks.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—March 3, Free Gardener Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Electing of judges, and other business.—Robt. S. Spence.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—March 6, Riego Street Hall, 8. Judging competition. Members not at last meeting invited to bring a matched pair. New members invited to attend. Mr. Holmes, of Edinburgh, to allot points.—Charles Grant.

Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society.—March 6, 142, High Street, 8.—Jas. B. Cooper.

Felling F. and F.S.—March 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Election of judges for June show, and other business.—G. Garbutt.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.C.—March 1, at 119, Cleethorpes Road, 3. Meeting, members' show. Prospective members and friends invited. Smoker will be held after judging.—H. Mason.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.—March 5, Imperial Hall, Rue-End Street, Greenock, 7.30. A lecture will follow on general management of Canaries.—J. Rodden.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—March 5, St. George's Hall, Park Rd., 8. Exhibition of Linnet singing arranged by Mr. F. Guthrie; all welcome.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S.—Mar. 5, "Johnson's," 353, High Rd., Wood Green, 8.30. Lecture on Canary breeding, by Mr. Geo. Gardner.—P. Brooks.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—March 1, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—March 1, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Annual meeting and election of officers.—Harry Clegg.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—March 3, Mr. J. Nicholson's, 7.30. Selection of judges, etc.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Huddersfield O.S.—March 3, White Hart Hotel, 8.—A. Lawford.

Holytown New Stevenston O.S.—March 6, Masonic Hall, 7.30.—Jas. Lamb.

Hyde C.B.S.—March 3, St. George's School, 8. General business; discussion.—T. Allsop.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—March 4, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Table show and judging competition. Friends invited.—Wm. Cottingham.

Larkhall C.B.A.—March 8, Y.M. Hall, 7. Final arrangements for pair show, to be held on 15th March. Election of officers.—James Pollock.

Leyton C.B.A.—March 3, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. British bird show; judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke.—Forso and Son.

London Federation of C.B.S.—March 3, The Feathers Hotel, Westminster, 7.45. Adjourned annual general meeting.—J. C. Birch.

Lancaster C.B.S.—March 1, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for next feather show, and other important business.—J. Bostock.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—March 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show business and members' shows.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds C.B.S.—March 1, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30 p.m. Entries taken at show, 3d. per cage, 2s. special most points in each class, viz., Champ. Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Can., pairs, Mule or Hyb. pairs, Yorks. nov., Nor. nov. Judges, C. E. Hall (Canaries), J. Owen (Brit.).—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—March 3, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—March 4, White Swan, 8.30. Buff unflighted, any variety Canary or Mule, any variety British hen. Judge, Mr. Hulse.—A. Freestone.

Leicester C.B.S.—March 5, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.30. Table show: Nat. col. cock, open and novice; nat. col. hen, open and novice; Self., Can., 7s. 6d. cock or hen; fanciers invited.—J. Cook.

Leigh C.B.S.—March 5, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition, 3d. per bird. Judge, Mr. I. Dawson.—R. Charleson.

Loanhead C.B.S.—March 8, Mason's Arms, 7. Members must book hens at this meeting; classification, election of judges; last meeting for new members.—Walter B. Smart.

London and Counties A.C.B.—March 1st, "Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Meeting.—G. G. Stubbs.

Luton C.B.S.—March 4th, 4, Peel Street, 8.30. Table show. Canary Cross, A.O. Cross, Goldf. or Bullf., A.O.V. Brit., For.—E. Bloomfield.

Middleton C.B.S.—March 3, Old Boar's Head, 8. Amalgamated show business and balance sheet.—J. Oldham.

Mid-Rhodda C.B.S.—March 6, White Hart, Tonypandy, 7. Completing show matters; important meeting.—A. H. C. Legg.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—March 3rd, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Annual report and balance-sheet. Table show of British, 4 classes. Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Brown Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, and A.O.V.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—March 1, headquarters, 8. Classification and judges; members' shows; discuss a scheme for open show.—H. Grange.

Northern Border and S.F.C.—March 3, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—M. C. Potts.

Nelson C. and C.B.S.—March 4, Fulton's, 7.30. Subscriptions and any other business.—J. Speak.

New Cross C.B.S.—March 6, People's Hall, Tanners Hill, S.E. Birds staged 7. British show; judge, Mr. C. Botting. All fanciers welcome. Members please make as many entries as possible.—Burton Bros.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—March 6, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Table show British: Linnet, Greenfi., A.V. Softbill, Goldfi. and Bullfi., Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; A.V. Hardbill. Judge, Mr. J. Maddison. For., Java or smaller, larger, A.V. Softbill; judge, Mr. H. B. Wilson. Subscriptions due.—J. W. Reed.

Oldham C.B.A.—March 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting. Selection of judges for F.F. and back-end show, also fixing of dates.—James Cope

Open Norwich P.H.C.C.—March 8, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, 3. General meeting. Balance-sheet; election of officers, and other important business.—F. Rhodes.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—March 3, Church House, 8. Paper on Yorkshires by Mr. C. J. Johnson, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Oxford and Dist. C.B.S.—March 6, St. Peter-le-Bailey, New Inn, Hall Street, 7. Pair show of Canaries, Mule and Hybrid pairs. Members please bring birds early. All others interested are invited.—A. F. Fifield.

Paisley Tannahill O.S.—March 1, White's, 2, St. James' Street, 7.30. Admission of new members, etc.—John Stewart.

Partick C.B.C.—March 7, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 7.30. Muling pairs show, 8 classes. Mr. M. Craig to judge. Also lecture on "Breeding and rearing of Young Canaries," by Mr. E. Barron. Members briug a friend.—William Priest.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—March 3, Fleece Hotel, 8. Classification and other important business; all subscriptions due.—Hugh Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—March 6, Granby Hotel, 7.45. Classification and judges.—H. Myers.

Rossendale C.B.S.—March 4, Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, 7.30. Business important.—H. Wantling.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—March 5, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Minutes of last meeting and other business.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—March 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Washing exhibition by J. Brooker. Members please bring a bird.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—March 5, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, etc., by Mr. R. Schofield, of Heywood. Meeting open; fanciers invited; discussion at close.—Wm. Adams.

Runcorn B.B.A.—March 7, headquarters, 7.30. Discussion on bird breeding.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—March 4, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Lecture—Hints on Breeding, by Mr. G. Browning; fanciers and friends invited; bring all unsold members show tickets with you.—E. C. Job.

Shipley O.S.—March 5, Prince of Wales, 8. Annual meeting; business very important.—A. Tillotson.

Sheffield C.B.S.—March 6, Wentworth Cafe, 7. Social evening; prize distribution. Tickets 1s. Members intending to be present please notify to ensure ample provision; let this be another record.—A. Hobson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—March 4, Barber's Shop, 8. Surprise supper and lecturettes.—J. Hird.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—March 3, headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, 7.30. Something good in store; members not present will miss a treat; smoker, etc.—J. T. Cheetham.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—March 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Election of judge for open show; essay competition and other important business.—J. Pitchford.

South Shields C.B.S.—March 1, Cyprus Hotel, 7.30. Show dates, etc.—W. S. Smith.

Stockport B.F.A.—March 4, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

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CLUB NOTICES—Continued from Column 4.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—March 6, Leeds Hotel, 7. Members' pair show.—J. W. Lowes.

Thatto Heath O.S.—March 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet. Paper by R. P. Bixter on Norwich Plainhead. Members and friends specially invited.—H. Cuttler.

Torbay O.S.—March 5, Lower Public Hall, 6.30. Pair show and committee meeting.—M. and J. Jeffery.

Wakefield O.S.—March 1, Crown and Anchor, 8. Arrangements for shows 1913, and other important business; also question of novice classes.—J. Isherwood.

Wigan C.B.S.—March 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—Ed. Ball.

Windsor C.B.A.—March 6, headquarters, 8.15; general business.—E. A. Strickland.

Windhill C.B.S.—March 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Dates and judges for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wingate F.S.—March 1, Wingate Literary Institute, 7. Monthly meeting.—J. Burdett.

Wombwell B.F.A.—March 8, Wesleyan School, Park Street, 7. Important business.—Thos. Eaves.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Fairhaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. S. Hadwin on "Pairing." New members can be enrolled.—T. Edwards.

Walsall C.B.S.—Mar. 5, White Hart, 8.30. Paying prize money; election of officers.—F. Price.

West of Scotland O.S.—March 1, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting; classification and nomination of judges, annual show.—W. Hutchison.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Mar. 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Annual general meeting; report and balance sheet; election of officers, etc.—H. Smith.

Correspondence.

Concerning Net Making.

Sir,—I should be very pleased to have the information Mr. Palfrey is disposed to give concerning net-making in particular, also bird-catching. Hoping I am not trespassing too much on his generosity.

MUSTAPHA.

The Alleged Stained Bullfinch at Bathgate Show.

Sir,—Kindly insert the following in your next issue My bird, a Bullfinch, class 26, No. 13 (7s. 6d. selling class) was disqualified at Bathgate show on Saturday. The bird was honestly shown, and I have placed the matter in the hands of my solicitors.

R. D. PARLETT.

Prize Money at Anfield, Everton Show.

Sir,—At Anfield, Everton, show last Boxing Day, we entered four birds at 1s. 6d. each, and were awarded 1, 2, and hc (the other class was cancelled). We became entitled to 15s. prize-money and 1s. 6d. back for the class cancelled. To our surprise they sent us 2s. 1d. We simply returned the 2s. 1d. and told them we were entitled to 16s. 6d. We had a postcard to say that our case was coming before the committee but up to the time of writing we have received nothing. There is no such thing as a "sliding scale" in their schedule, only "prize-money good; specials are numerous." We think that such rules as these do not encourage fanciers to support shows. Also, it has been reported in your valuable paper that the show was a success; if so, why don't they pay prize-money in full?

EVANS AND ROBERTS.

The Suggested Breeders' Cup for the Southern Norwich P.C.

Sir,—I was agreeably surprised, and also amused on reading "G. G.'s" suggestion in this week's CAGE BIRDS, seeing that both "G. G." and Mr. Cole were opposed to Mr. Garland's motion, which was one and the same as "G. G." now suggests. But I am very pleased that those grave remarks from the Chairman, when he said it would court dishonesty and bring disaster, did not have a very lasting effect on them. However, I hope "G. G.'s" suggestion will prove a great success, and I have to-day sent 5s. to Mr. Cole towards the breeders' cup fund, and I hope to get further donations. I would, however, suggest that the cup or cups should be confined to the unflighted classes, and that two birds only count at each show, and those birds be nominated. That would give the small breeder an equal chance with the large breeder. I maintain it is the small man and the novice that should be encouraged, for they are undoubtedly the backbone of the Fancy.

S. GILL.

The Norwich Plainhead Club Competitions.

Sir,—I thank Mr. Cunliffe for his reply to my letter of last week, stating that the list of winners appeared in one of your December issues. I have since discovered that the report synchronised with the week chosen by me for my annual self-denial period, and as I had to deny myself something, I eschewed all papers and periodicals. However, I am now in possession of the names of the lucky winners, to whom I offer my sincere congratulations. I didn't know that it was essentially a qualification to a successful secretaryship for one to be thick-skinned, and it is an appealing and satisfying thought that our secretary is in no fear of performing the equilibristic feat of "standing on his head," which he mentions at the foot of his letter. I can assure him, from personal experience, that it is a trying position for any man who values his dignity and his reputation. I know—for I recently visited a friend to help him celebrate the receipt of Mr. Lloyd George's 30s. insurance benefit. The worst thing I could ever wish Mr. Cunliffe would be for him to wake up some morning with a head like I had—he would have a jolly good idea of what it is like for a person to be standing on his own head. I sincerely hope that Mr. Cunliffe won't get his back up—to borrow an expressive term from "Old Pro"—at my playfulness, and that next year he has a hard-working and intelligent committee, a record number of new members, and more work than ever; further, may Burnley win the cup.

A (CONTRITE) MEMBER.

Sir,—It appears I am wrong in saying that it was Mr. Davies who asked what became of the novices after they had won their three firsts. As a rule, I am a painstaking reader of your journal, and how I came to associate Mr. Davies with the expression I can't explain, unless it was because the notice appeared in the issue following the painful episode I have described in my reply to Mr. Cunliffe. I gather from "Old Pro's" letter that he seems to be undecided whether to rend me in twain or to agree with everything I say. As to his saying there are only two grades in the N.P.C., champions and amateurs, can he tell me the difference between a novice and an amateur in the N.P.C.? I say they are novices, no matter what the N.P.C. calls them, and my suggestion was for amateur classes for those who had won their three novice firsts. He seems to think that I am advocating these classes for my own benefit. I shouldn't be eligible to exhibit in those classes even if they were provided. He doesn't seem to favour them, but it may appeal to him that there are some members who think of people other than themselves. Then he says that I get my "back up" at the man with the well-lined pocket. Not likely, as on the contrary I recognise such men as pillars of the Fancy, and am aware that not a few have benefited a little from such men, while at the same time the money-bags benefit much—it all depends upon the point of view. It is curious that "Old Pro" should mention a subject which has been in my mind some time; I mean that of the composition of the committee. I remember the "loud cry" that was raised some years ago for the novice to be represented on the committee. If I remember right, before then the committee consisted of "Old Pros," to the exclusion of the novice, and when the novice had a grievance and stated it, he was politely asked what the deuce he knew about governing societies, and if he persisted he was less politely told to go to pot. Since then he has been represented, with what result? Why, his classes have improved in numbers enormously. Again why? Because he has now six classes where he used to have only four. Only last year classes of 30 and even over 40 were the rule. Does "Old Pro" think if they had not been represented they would ever have been allowed six classes? The majority of the members seem to think that because a man is a successful exhibitor, and holds all the best birds, he is just the man for the committee. There is one member—there are others, but I will mention only one—who has, I believe, lately retired from the Fancy, and whose retirement I regret, who from the point of view of debate and the qualifications generally, stands head and shoulders above any one on the committee. "Old Pro" knows this as well as I do, yet that fancier has never to my knowledge—and I think I am correct—been voted on the committee. Because he is a comparatively young man, and hasn't won the N.P.C. cup a few times, he isn't good enough for the committee. Brains and intelligence don't count. These are points we members must study when the voting papers are sent out. That reminds me, the tell-tale of attendances should this time be sent out to every member with his voting paper. I hope members will study it when making their marks.

A MEMBER.

Wanted, an Automatic Fountain.

Sir,—Can any of your readers kindly oblige by telling me where I can obtain an automatic spray fountain for outside aviary.

JOHN M. MILLAR.

Linnet Singing in Lancashire.

Sir,—On January 18th, the secretaries met to arrange fixtures for contests at Leigh, Tyldeslely, and Pendlebury—January 25 and February 15, Pendlebury; February 1st and 2nd, Leigh; February 8th, Tyldesley. These dates were agreed upon. Now the Leigh Club has issued bills for a contest on March 1st. I mentioned this to the Pendlebury Secretary, and he stated that he would not agree, as they had already arranged their club match to take place on March 1st. After all this, I find from last week's issue that Pendlebury have changed their date to March 8th. In my opinion, it is no use making terms one with another. If Leigh are going to do this sort of thing it will be a big blow to Linnet fanciers. It seems to me that Tyldesley L.C. is not worth recognising, or they would have notified us of the change of date, Feb. 22nd. to March 1st.

ISAAC HARRISON
(Sec. Tyldesley L.C.)

A Grand Tip to all Bird Breeders for the coming Breeding Season.—You have everything ready to make a good start; your valuable birds will soon be paired up; they will make their nest, lay their eggs, and hatch their young, then everything will for a few days point to your having a splendid first round; until quite unexpectedly you discover some of your hens not feeding their youngsters, which is without doubt the greatest handicap in breeding cage birds. Have you made any preparations to cope with this setback? If not, it's ten to one you will lose the lot. My tip is don't wait until your hens stop feeding, but get a **"Filup"** Feeder at once, and keep your young birds strong when you have the opportunity. Thousands of valuable birds were successfully reared last season with the "Filup" Young Bird Feeder, which otherwise would have died. Be on the right side, send at once for a "Filup" Feeder and have **a successful season.** Send P.O. for **1/3** to sole manufacturers, who will forward post free per return with full instructions for use. Address: C. H. GOODMAN & CO., 24, Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford. (519)

New Society for Gorton and Openshaw.

Sir,—I have been asked several times by friends about forming a Cage Bird Society for Gorton and Openshaw. I shall be pleased if you will make it known through your valuable paper, that any one wishing to help in forming one, should forward their names to me:—

W. HATHAWAY.

18, Mattison Street, Higher Openshaw,
Manchester.

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's £10 10s. Cup.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Gill's letter of last week, I should like to point out that I am not the legal advisor of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club. Mr. Gill has attended (I think) all the S.N.P.C. annual meetings, and entered into all the debates of the same, hence knows as much about the position of the cup as I do myself. It is for the committee to say what the position really is, and without a doubt the Secretary would be glad to give Mr. Gill any information he may require.

E. BAKER.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—In reply to "Wide Awake's" letter of the 22nd Feb., I should like officially state that all his remarks are grossly inaccurate. Why he should persist in his mud-slinging (at which he seems to be a past master) at Holywood I do not know. But as the secretary of the Holywood C.B.S., I would like to state that the member that had the Roller in the shutter cage had as many entries as any exhibitor in the show (member or otherwise) and as regarding it being a "one man show," I can vouch that every member of our society has a voice in all its affairs, and there is nothing carried out without every man's sanction. As Secretary of the Holywood C.B.S., I would be very much obliged if "Wide Awake" would mind his own business (if he has any). I entirely agree with "Semper Idem" that it is men of the "Wide Awake" breed that cause all the friction and bad feeling in the Fancy.

J. DUNWOODY.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—I was not altogether surprised at "Plainhead's" outburst in last week's CAGE BIRDS; after the gruelling he got the week previous from our other correspondents. In passing, let me say, Mr. Editor, that your paper was never as eagerly looked forward to by all the Fancy in our part of the country as it is at the present time (the clique excepted). If "Plainhead" was amused at the other correspondents, I was more amused at his lines in which he referred to myself "withdrawing." The cap that has suited him so well must surely be coming down over his eyes. My previous letter seems to have touched a tender part. Now "Plainhead," no more bluffing. You did tell me about the cliques that, in your opinion, existed. I also took your first entry (but it was a Border, not a Norwich, as you try to tell the readers of this paper) and not so very long ago. As for the judges that have won more prizes, well, there are four in the clique, and with the exception of one of them (that one is not "Plainhead") I have won more than the other three put together. Sir, I do not want to advertise, but this is truth against falsehood. Suffice it to say that three of them were little better than novices when they first judged. But, of course, when a man does not put his name to what he writes he can tell as many "tales" as he pleases. Where were all the clique winners at Buckhaven, Brechin, Cowdenbeath, Dysart, and other shows I could mention?—most of them failed to get into the white tickets. As I have said before, a great deal of good will result from this correspondence, and I appeal to the younger fanciers to stick to their hobby. Even the clique judges cannot, after this exposure, again risk themselves so openly. I hope show committees will give careful consideration to the selection of judges in the Border Fancy section. By doing so, they will help the Border Fancy section, which is the backbone of all shows.

JAMES LOGAN.

Sir,—"Plainhead" tries to make your many readers believe that if all the fanciers visited as few shows or exhibited as few birds as myself there would shortly be no shows in Scotland. Now "Plainhead," who wrote first on this subject, was a Fifer (which will be seen from back numbers of this paper), and the "Plainhead" of Feb. 22 hails from Linlithgowshire. As regards visiting shows. I have been at a few this season, and it did not take me long to pick out "Plainhead's" cages (and a few others also). As for entering birds I would enter as many as any man in the Fancy if I could afford it, but I am not blessed with a long purse, so I have to show only when I think I will get a run for my 1s. 6d.—where there is a fair minded man judging. I think if there were a few more like me, the "clique" would soon burst up. With regard to paying for a Border, I think I have paid as much as ever you did, and perhaps you'll agree with me when I tell you that you have purchased many at 4s. 6d. (and less) at bird stores in Edinburgh, and most of them turned out winners when showed under certain judges. I did judge a few club shows, but I am certain I gave the best of satisfaction, and hope to see the day when I will be judging at open shows and judge accordingly to my opinion. I shall not require to mark "soft" on an honourable fancier's cage when I have put a friend's inferior birds first or second. This was done last season at a show in Scotland when the judge was told the bird was a winner he had put back—this was his best way out of the difficulty. For the benefit of the shows next season, I should like to ask what good purpose it serves prominent exhibitors to use extra thick spars, coarse gravel from the shore, fancy twisted wires on top of their cages or drinkers, or to have their numbers tied on with boot-lace. It is strange that no novice has any of the above, unless when imitating the champions, which comes off sometimes all right.

EVEN MARK.

[Will correspondents kindly note that personalities must be avoided—keep to the subject, please.—EDITOR.]

The Date of the 1914 Palace Show.

Sir,—I am sorry to see Mr. Ramsden's letter in this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, inasmuch as the alteration in the dates to include Thursday, will make, I believe, so little difference in the sale of catalogues as to be hardly worth considering, the large majority of the suburbs of London closing early on Wednesday. Cannot some other way be found so as to include Wednesday? Does Mr. Ramsden mean that the railway companies refuse to accept the birds on the Saturday evening, or is it impossible to get them dispatched on that day? I presume it is too much to expect fanciers to allow their birds to remain at the show from Wednesday to Monday morning?

H. C. PEERLESS.

Late Entries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. J. W. Ramsden's letter: This gentleman makes the assertion that he "was compelled to return the entries of eight would-be exhibitors. Their entry-fees, with one exception, would have been extra profit to the show." I do not agree with him in this respect, for, if Messrs. Mason's and Smalley's entries had been accepted, together with my own, full prize-money would have had to be paid in the Cinnamon classes. This would be an expense to the show and not a profit. Moreover, I have only quoted three of the eight would-be-exhibitors. I have also received information that a Welsh exhibitor sent his entries on Jan. 28 and that they were accepted. Mrs. Tweedle, Mr. Smalley, and myself sent our entries on Jan. 27. Those belonging to Mrs. Tweddle were accepted, but the others were returned as being "too late." Now if this is a "National" show, why accept one lot of entries, and return another? Is this a personal, or does the show exist merely as a money-making concern? If Mr. Smalley's and my own entries had been accepted, they would have incurred full prize-money in four Cinnamon classes, viz., three champion and one novice. With reference to class 85, Cinnamon novice, as far as I can gather only four exhibitors were interested in this class, namely: Messrs. Andrew Bros., Mr. W. T. Manning, Mrs. Tweddle and Mr. Smalley. The two former-mentioned sent in their entries previous to closing date, but the two latter despatched their entries on Jan. 27, as stated above. However, Mrs. Tweedle's entries brought the class up to eight (the half prize-money limit). Had these been returned, the awards would have stood as follows: Messrs. Andrew Bros. first, second and third, Mr. W. T. Manning fourth. I also venture to say that if Mr. Smalley's entries had been accepted, he would have been first with his yellow bird. Can interfering with entries in this manner be termed "National"? In conclusion, I may say that country exhibitors make little or no profit at this show, as the two-shilling entry fee, and carriage expenses exceed prize-money in most cases. In addition to this they are subject to much inconvenience and risk, as the dates of show are very near breeding season, and their best birds are away from home a week.

E. GODLEY.

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Sir,—I will be much obliged if some of your many correspondents who have made use of a Bird Organ for training Roller Canaries will give their experience and advice as to its management in the next issue of your valuable paper, Cage Birds.

M. C. Morrogh.

Roller Fanciers in the Potteries

Sir,—An effort is about to be made by the Burslem and District C.B.S., to start a series of Roller contests. The first of which takes place March 15, at the Barnfields Inn. Mr. J. Tomlinson, of the Provincial Roller Society, has kindly consented to judge same. If any fancier would like further particulars, will he please apply to me, at 41, Pleasant Street, Burslem, or to Mr. W. Watson, 6, Paradise Street, Tunstall.

L. James, Sec.

The Moult of British Birds in Captivity.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. E. Teschemaker's letter of Feb. 8th, I may say with regard to his first question that I have hand-reared softbills, and have never observed any change in the plumage by the edges of feathers wearing off. The Redstart and Whinchat moult at the usual time, and then have a partial moult about February (in confinement) a few feathers at a time on the head and breast. I reared a hen Redstart a few years ago, and looked in vain for a dark underflue at the throat, thinking it might be a cock, but presently it moulted its feathers, and the new ones were cream at the throat. I have kept many kinds of British birds, both hard and soft-billed, and have never seen any feathers shed their tips in the spring.

Thomas Robson.

How to Prevent Show Birds Being Stolen.

Sir,—Seeing the valuable letter in Cage Birds about having small doors in show cages to prevent birds from being stolen, I can give you a good idea myself about this. Mr. Milne, of Montrose, was 1st and special, with a Norwich hen at the City of Glasgow Show one year, but the bird was stolen, and he could get no trace of it. I met him at the Montrose show and claimed three birds from him. I was taking the birds away with me, but to my surprise could not find a door in the cage to allow me to get them out. I asked Mr. Milne where the door was, and he stood and laughed at me. Then he took a small screw-driver from his pocket, took out the screw-nail at the back and drew up the cage-back! Then he told me why he didn't put doors in his cages.

David Douglas.

Proposed Foreign Bird Exhibitor's League.

Sir,—A scheme is about to be promoted by which a much wider and more popular classification can be guaranteed at bird shows, so that owners of both common, as well as rare birds will be encouraged to compete upon reasonably fair grounds. A perusal of earlier show catalogues points to the fact that foreign bird exhibiting has not increased in popularity, and it is obvious that so long as exhibitors are only encouraged to procure and exhibit rare and expensive birds, potential competitors refrain from entering the arena. As much as we appreciate the work that has been done by the Foreign Bird Club (of which we are members) we are of opinion that it is necessary for conditions to arise under which possessors of commonly imported birds can exhibit their specimens with some chance of recouping their expenses and we venture to suggest that this can only be brought about by forming a league of bird-keepers who will make it their especial business to forward such a project. The advancement of foreign bird exhibiting in any direction means the advancement of avicultural knowledge, and to aviculturists as well as to exhibitors we especially appeal. A meeting of foreign bird-keepers will be held at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn, W.C., on Wednesday, 5th March, at 7 p.m. prompt and we hope all interested will endeavour to be present. Ladies are especially invited.

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The Claims of the Cinnamon Border Fancy.

Sir,—The demand for Cinnamon Borders has been exceptional, and with a good breeding season I should say the Cinnamon will be quite as plentiful as the Green. Can we not get more shows to give Cinnamon classes, separate from the Greens? They would certainly fill well. It is not for want of birds anyhow, but the way to draw out entries is to give a reasonable classification. I think the Palace Show officials should provide two Cinnamon Border classes at their show in 1914. They give four Green classes, so why not two for Cinnamons? At the Scottish National Show these classes always fill well. I wish "C.B." the success it deserves.

Dan Hamilton.

Roller Canaries at the International Exhibition.

Is Revision of the Standard Necessary?

Sir,—After dispatching my reports of the National and International Roller shows, I became acquainted with the fact that Herr. H. Frisch had also stated that we had no deep bubbling water tour, and that the water glucke was bell glucke. This will form a very interesting, debatable subject at the various Roller societies' meetings. It will be interesting to know through your journal what each club decides, whether to retain the standard we have all become so accustomed to, or whether it will be preferable to revise it. Apropos of the letter from Mr. Jas. Canning, I certainly was under the impression that I had made my meaning lucid concerning the faulty birds owned and exhibited by the novices at the International. It was a conjecture on my part that some fanciers, not being conversant with all the tours, their birds sing, exhibit them to get the judge's version of the name and value of these tours, and as the birds in question were not amongst the prize-winners, it bears out my first statement, that the birds could not have been exhibition specimens. It will be noticed that the points deducted in the three novice classes, all under different judges, compare very favourably with the deductions made in the other classes. Of course, it is understood that judges vary in their opinion as to the value of the different tours. The proper deep hollow glucke is far removed from the chop; the danger lies in what we now name flat glucke, delivered in an unmistakable choppy, clattering manner, and brought principally by birds that sing the hollow and the bell glucke. Mr. Massey, the well-known Bolton fancier, has been condemning the tour in question for some time, and he has asserted that it would be conducive to the chop. We have no standard for "piccolo" notes, and have no tour known by this name in our contest bird. It is agreed that the flutes are a resting, or breathing point, in a bird's song. Again I cannot see eye to eye with Mr. Canning when he condemns the bell notes. We have the hollow bell, bell roll, and bell tour. This latter is no favourite of mine, and the former are both good tours. I have written previously on the bell tour, and did not wish to appear biased; for this reason I omitted to mention in my Palace report that a bird in the novice class had a very objectionable sharp bell tour, which it seemed to delight in repeating. I am pleased to see that in Leigh, Lancs., the "spirit is willing" to form a Roller society; and there are other places I could name that would be no poorer for possessing one.

J. Tomlinson.

A Suggested Southern Border Fancy Club.

Sir,—I had the pleasure of meeting several Southern Border Fanciers at the recent Palace show, and in the course of conversation the possibility of forming a Border Fancy Club for the South was again mentioned. It is now over two years since letters appeared in the columns of Cage Birds, but at that time there were not enough breeders of the wee gems in the south to make a club a success. Since that date the Borders have been taken up by a great many fanciers, and are fast becoming as popular as the Yorkshire and Norwich, and it is thought by several fanciers that the time is ripe now to form a successful club, and that it would be a great help to further popularise this variety, and ensure better classification at our southern shows. Perhaps Mr. MacCuffie will move in the matter, as he mentioned he might do, also Mr. Norman being a breeder of Borders might give his opinion, with other fanciers who are interested.

Fred Moore.

The Date of Alnwick Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. Forster, allow me to inform him that if all societies were like South Shields there would be no cause to complain. When we fixed November 15th for our show we were under the impression that date was vacant. In a letter to me, Mr. F. charges societies with "cribbing." He says in the Cage-bird Union days they had to shift their date for our convenience, and to my mind quite right too, for we are one of the oldest societies in the Kingdom, and, as far as fixing dates is concerned, very pure at that. We want no one's date; but a few year's ago another local society took our dates, and we had to remove ours. No doubt to try and assist Mr. F., we shall endeavour to alter ours again. But allow me to remind you, Mr. Forster, that ours is on Saturday, not Wednesday, although we must admit that is rather too close. I wish Alnwick and all other societies the best of luck, but I can't help but smile when Mr. F. says because they have held some very successful shows on that date, we are trying to crib theirs. Their 1912 show surely could not have been very successful, for only a few months ago I sold a book of tickets on their behalf. Was Mr. F. trying for a double success? I hope it came off. When they reach the age of South Shields they can look back upon the time with pride and say "Good old Alnwick, we are assisting them who are unable to assist themselves." Shields has done this not once, but often. We have had our ups and downs, but we got out the best way we could, and never asked anyone for assistance.

Wm. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

PROPOSED BIRD-TRADERS PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

A Combine to oppose the oppressive tactics of the R.S.P.C.A. and the R.S.P.B. (See notes and reports on page 187).

Sir,—It is surely time we took concerted action to protect ourselves from the prosecutions and persecutions of these rival societies. Here we have a large and influential trade, with over 500 dealers in the United Kingdom, worried by inspectors, who admit they know nothing about birds, and who call vets. who admit they know less. Only last week, before Mr. Plowden, the "expert" of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said a Lark was not a softbill, and the only difference he could give between a Lark and a Linnet was that the latter was smaller, "but both were built alike." Then, on Monday, before Mr. Hopkins, two R.S.P.C.A. inspectors admitted they knew nothing about wild birds; one had kept Canaries, the other "had a brother who kept Linnets," and the vet. they produced to prove the birds were filthy and suffering, admitted he also knew nothing about wild birds. This would be amusing if it were not so serious for the person who is charged, and who, if undefended, may be fined £10, as a person was only a few weeks ago, when the inspectors of the two rival societies were swearing against each other. Even if the defendant is successful, as Luer was, it costs anything from £10 to £20 to fight the case. Now, I think it is time something was done to fight these societies, who are not really out to prevent cruelty, but to gain convictions. In Ireland the R.S.P.C.A. is a society worthy of its name; it works with the vet. profession, and Professor Craig, head of the Dublin Veterinary College, assures me they strive to *prevent* cruelty, not to allow it, and then strain everything to get convictions. No one who has the welfare of pet stock at heart can object to any society doing all in its power to make the lot of captive birds and animals as happy as possible, but we do feel the unfairness of being harassed by people who admit they don't know anything about the subject they try to get convictions upon. I do hope the case of Moxey v. Jenkins and the R.S.P.C.A. v. Luer will be fully reported in your paper. In the first case, Mr. Plowden said "this case should never have been brought into Court. The officer tells one story in one case, and a totally different one in another, just as it suits his purpose to get a conviction or an acquittal." The P.C. called by the inspector (Moxey) totally denied that the birds had no seed or water, and Mr. Plowden gave £3 3s. costs. The second case was tried by Mr. Hopkins, who said, "This is an ill-advised prosecution, and I wish I had had the courage of my convictions and quashed it last week. I have had no proof of cruelty.. You think it is unlawful to keep wild birds in cages. It is not," and dismissed the case, with £5 5s. costs against the society. I think it is time we had a society for the prevention of these charges, to embrace every variety of pet stock keeper, so that when these inspectors call, one may be able to get expert advice how to combat their charges. I should be glad to see this matter discussed in your pages, and am willing to do all I can to arrange the calling of a public meeting to settle preliminaries.

T. Pearson.
Royal Menageries, Greenwich

Proposed Roller Canary Club for Leigh (Lancs.).

Sir,—I am requested to announce that there will be a meeting of intending members at the Globe Inn, Bradshaw Gate, Leigh, on March 5, at 7.30, when we intend to open a Roller Canary Club. All interested will be made welcome. I may also say that since it was first published in your valuable paper, I have had numerous letters from well-known fanciers that they will be willing to give us all the support possible to make this club a success. I hope that all fanciers who promised to become members will attend.

J. McAllister (Sec. pro tem.).

The Thirsk and District C.B.S.

Sir,—In reply to "Interested," I will follow on from where he finished. He says that a committee was appointed and a set of rules drawn up, but since that time nothing more has been heard of it, by many of committee. I do not know from what source "Interested" gets his information, but if I can enlighten him for the sake of the Fancy I am only too pleased to do so. Now the committee met on April 25th, and drew up a set of rules; that appears as far as "Interested" can get. On May 11th we held a Linnet singing contest, followed by a general meeting, Mr. T. Wood occupying the chair; notice of this contest and meeting was given by printed bills posted in various parts of the town. Rules were passed and adopted at this meeting. I then placed the rules in the printer's hands. After receiving rules from printer I called a meeting in August, for the enrolment of members, notice of this meeting being given by postcards delivered to the residences of those known to me, and by a notice printed in the columns of club notices in Cage Birds. I attended the place of meeting on the evening appointed, fifteen minutes before the appointed time, and waited about three-quarters of an hour after the time, and greatly to my surprise, no one attended. The Thirsk and Dist. C.B.S. is not dead, although up to the present we only muster three members (hardly enough to have a large committee) but shall be exceedingly glad to hear from "Interested," or any of his friends, committeemen, or otherwise, who would like to become members, the club is sound financially. I shall be pleased to answer any further questions, and I ask some of those who took an active part in the formation of the society to come forward and become members

J. H. Barron, Hon. Sec.
Millgate.

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The Shows.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Members' annual winter show held Feb. 15, 58 birds staged. Mr. M. Peel, Skelmanthorpe, judged, and gave general satisfaction. YELL. YORKS., CK. (7): 1, Townend; 2, Greensmith; 3, Rhodes; vhc, Sykes; hc, Cawtheray and Son; c, Beaumont. BUFF (8): 1, Radley; 2, vhc, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Rhodes; hc, Beaumont; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Rhodes; 2, Sykes; 3, Radley; vhc, Haigh; hc, Skinn; c, Greensmith. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Radley; 2, Moss; 3, Atkinson; hc, Sykes; c, Rhodes. CINN. MKD. CK. (1): 1, Rhodes. CINN. HEN (4): 1, Moss; 2, Sykes; 3, Rhodes; 4, Quarmby. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Morris; 3, Jackson. BUFF (4): 1, Jackson; 2, Quarmby; 3, vhc, Cawtheray and Son. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Quarmby; vhc, hc, Morris. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Morris. SELL. (4): 1, Townend; 2, 3, Skinn; vhc, Cawtheray and Son.—Arthur Lawford, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual members' show held Feb. 6 in St. Wilfrid's Rooms, Corporation Street, Preston. There was a good entry of Canaries, all Norwich, and a few British birds. Mr. H. F. Marsh judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. YELL. CK.: 1, Cleminson; 2, Moss; 3, Issott. BUFF CK.: 1, Barton; 2, Sherrington; 3, Pyke. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Pyke; 3, Cleminson. BUFF: 1, Cleminson; 2, Barton; 3, Dent. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Nickson; 2, Barton; 3, Dent. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Pyke; 3, Nickson. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, Issott; 2, Pyke; 3, Barton. BUFF: 1, Dent; 2, Barton; 3, Moss. NOV. YELL CK.: 1, Metcalf; 2, Cottam; 3, Wignall. BUFF: 1, 2, Knowles; 3, Metcalf. YELL. HEN: 1, Metcalf; 2, Howarth; 3, Knowles. BUFF: 1, Cottam; 2, Howarth; 3, Knowles. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Knowles; 2, Howarth; 3, Catterall. BUFF: 1, Kirby; 2, Howarth; 3, Metcalf. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, Cottam; 2, Regan. BUFF: 1, Wignall; 2, Metcalf; 3, Knowles.—T. Barton, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES C.B.S

Members pairs show held Feb. 12, at the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, in a large room, kindly lent by Mr. Hunt. Mr. F. Easterling, Battersea, judged.

YORKS, CL., YELL. CK and BUFF HEN: 1, Capp; 2, Cundy; 3, hc, Tapper; vhc, Askew; c, Hume. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN: 1, Askew; 2, Cundy; 3, Rand; vhc, Deer; hc, Tapper. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN, CL. or TKD.: 1, Askew; 2, Tapper; 3, Cundy; vhc, Deer; hc, Hume. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN. MKD or VARIEG.: 1, Capp; 2, Cundy; 3, vhc, Askew; hc, c, Hume. NOR PAIRS: 1, 2, Askew; 3, vhc, Deer. DITTO: 1, Askew; 2, Rand. DITTO: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Askew. GOLDF.: 1, 2, 3, Franks; vhc, Cundy; hc, Hume; c, Rand. BULLF.: 1, Tapper; 2, 3, Rand. GREENF.: 1, Tapper; 2, Franks; 3, vhc, Pattrick; hc, Cundy. LINNET: 1, Franks; 2, Cundy; 3, Hume. REDPOLL: 1, Cundy; 2, Askew. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Cundy; 3, Askew; vhc, Hume; hc, Hunt. MULES: 1, 2, Cundy. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Hunt. The show was a great success, 119 birds being staged in all classes. Any one wishing to join the society may obtain full particulars from the secretaries.—G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.

WEST BROMWICH C.B-S.

Members' show, held at headquarters, Feb. 11. The turn-out of birds in point of numbers was very disappointing, although quality as usual was up to standard. It is curious that the members will not show, at least, the majority. The specials put up are of good value, and well worth winning, so why the hanging back? It has been said that meetings are not interesting enough, but I have taken particular notice that when anything is put up for their benefit, and we have tried time after time, the majority are conspicuous by their absence. I am afraid unless the management get better support, they will stop trying. This will be a great pity, as no society has more enthusiastic officials, always ready to put their hands down for the benefit of the society. Now, fellow-members, give your support at our next pair show on February 28th, and what is more, get new members, and so increase the competition. Don't leave it to just a few; give encouragement to the management, and let them see you appreciate their efforts. Mr. F. I. Weaver judged, and gave every satisfaction. Special for best Yorks. was won by Mr. Andrews; best Norwich, Mr. Broardhurst; best novice in champion classes, Mr. Greenhouse.

YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Greenhouse. BUFF (1): 1, sp., Andrews. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, Greenhouse. HEN (4): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, sp., 4, Greenhouse. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, sp, Broadhurst; 2, 4, Collier; 3, Taylor; vhc, Barnsley; hc, Viles. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Collier; 3, Broardhurst; 4, Cooper; vhc, Barnsley; hc, Viles. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Collier; 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, Broardhurst; hc, Viles; c, Cooper. HEN (8): 1, Broardhurst; 2, 3, Collier; 4, hc, Cooper; vhc, Butler; c, Taylor. MULES, ETC. (3): All to Tonks. BRIT. HARD. (7): 1, 4, Tonks; 2, 3, hc, c, Palmer; vhc, Johnson.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

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BATHGATE.

Great Show to Wind Up the Season.

The annual show held Feb. 22 drew together a collection of close on 600 exhibits from most of the leading exhibitors in the Fancy. Mules were a choice lot; the dark Mules were a show in themselves. British were extra, some of the classes being very keenly contested, all the cracks being forward doing battle. Unfortunately, in this section, the judge, Mr. Arrighi (who judged even numbers), tested a bird in the presence of society officials, and disqualified the exhibit for alleged staining. This was a Bullfinch in selling class, shown by R. D. Parlett, of Sheffield. [A letter from Mr. Parlett referring to the matter appears in our correspondence columns.—Ed.] Shortly afterwards a protest was lodged against the F.M. winning Lesser Redpoll, and the judge, Mr. Leigh, tested same before officials, and again the exhibit was disqualified for alleged staining; this bird was shown by R. Perrie, Larkhall. We were pleased to see the grand arrangements made for the show. The staging being round the hall gave plenty of room; light was very good, and everything up-to-date. The officials, as usual, are comprised of well-known names in the Fancy, and worked hard to make the show a success. The Fancy is indebted to a worthy patron of the show, Mr. James Livingstone, who, when the show was down in funds last year, kindly entered the breach and guaranteed the money to run another show. Mr. Bald, the worthy president, was, as usual, to the fore, and Mr. J. Nicholson, vice, was a good 2nd. The secretary, Mr. A. Nicol, is the right-hand man of the society, and he carried his duties out to the entire satisfaction of exhibitors and colleagues. The committee, Messrs. M. Bald, Showler, Haldane, Strachan, Cain, Flood, Spence, Cowie, Cruickshanks, Fleming, and D. Sharp, were all there in their respective positions, and did their utmost to make the show the success it deserved. The show was well patronised by fanciers from all over the country, and sales were numerous. The judges were: Mr. L. J. Arrighi (in the place of Mr. J. Brown, who we were pleased to meet in the afternoon and to find again on the safe road to health), and Mr. J. D. Leigh, and after a trying task, their awards met with the approval of the majority of those present, and very few comments were to be heard.

The Critique.

MULE, CL., TKD., OR VAR. (14): 1, Jamieson (Scotland Yet), tip-top cl. Goldie, in grand form, well put down, clear win; 2, vhc, Martin and Archer, leader lightly var. Greenie, well up in size and good shape, fine form; 3, 4, McQuiston, sweet var. yell. Goldie, grand col. and all there for size, and a monster var. Greenie, in grand trim, heavier in markings than winner; hc, Martin and Archer; c, Griffiths, a grand light var. Twite, good one, shade loose in feathers. HYB. (10): 1, Martin and Archer, well-known Chaffie-Greenie, sweet size, A1 qual., in tip-top form, well staged; 2, Inman, sweet Goldie-Bullie, good flush face and nice size and markings, well put down, good cross; 3, 4, Dr. Wilson, Can.-Bullie, good size and well laced, shade pale in colour, nice feather and finish, and a sweet Linnet-Bullie, good one, grand shape, A1 col., well placed; vhc, hc, Bell; c, Jamieson. DARK GOLD. OR LIN. MULE (21): 1, vhc, McQuiston, good Jonque Linnet, rare size and splendid shape, fine Bullie head, and rare front, staged to perfection; 2, Gilchrist, noted Goldie (Border King), grand size and col., a shade rough in finish, looked like having been washing; 3, Martin and Archer, Goldie, sweet col. and shape, fails in size to winner, lacks the face and nap, and not so well filled in at front; 4, Bell, nice Linnet, shade dark in colour, but all there for qual. and finish, good markings; hc, Crone; c, Jamieson. DARK, A.O.V. (15): 1, Parlett (Sheffield Star), grand Jonque Greenie, rare head and nice shape, grand qual. of feather, inclined to be a shade high on legs; 2, Craig, better tone of col. and grand flights and finish, fails a shade in size to winner; 3, McQuiston, tip-top buff, grand shape, extra well polished, as good as a yellow in tone of colour, well worth its place; 4, Johnstone, tip-top Siskin, sweet yell., rare size and markings and extra good bloom, might have split the Greenfinches; vhc, Sykes; hc, Jamieson; c, Bell. SELL., 10s. 6d. (18): 1, McQuiston; 2, Craig; 3, Thomson; 4, Parlett; vhc, Lyall; hc, Bell; c, Bruce. BULLF. CK. (18): 1, McKinley, not a large one, but good stamp, sweet head and bib, and nice breast colour, grand wings and bar, and A1 qual. of feather, real good Britisher, well put down; 2, Griffith, good one, rare col. and grand bib, longer in body than winner, but not so bread in skull, grand depth of breast col., in fine bloom; 3, Saddler, shade pale in breast col., but good cap and bib, sweet qual. of feather, tight as wax; 4, Wallace, good coloured one, lovely breast and shining cap, fails a little in finish, inclined to be rough at thighs, a grand lot; vhc, Christie; hc, Irvine; c, Miller and Eadie. HEN (17): 1, Gentleman, all over a good one, fine sized cap and good bib, lovely tone of colour, in extra good form, tight as wax; 2, Mackie, grand cap and plenty size, not so good in bib as winner, but well up in body colour and all there for finish; 3, Kerr and Smith, very neat one, extra good form, sweet size, shade narrow in head, but rare depth of col ; 4, Stuart and Dalling, sweet shape and qual., not so distinct in col. as winners, fine cap and bib; vhc, Perrie; hc, c, Jamieson. SISKIN (24): 1, Nicholson, good one, grand size, lovely tone of col., good dense cap and nice bib, sweetly laced, in full bloom, extra well put down; 2, Jamieson, not so large as winner, but nice tone of col., well laced and good cap, fails in size of bib; 3, Bald, neat one, good flank markings and nice tone of col., in grand trim; 4, Sykes, sweet size and rare shape, shade smutty in colour, but good markings, very fine feathered bird, well placed; vhc, McGreagor and Boyd; hc, Watson; c, Fairhurst. GOLD (17): 1, Messer, sweet made Finch, nice full face and good bars and tannings, well up in size, in grand bloom, still some thought should have given way to 2, Pringle, a grand Finch, lovely flush blaze, grand square underblaze, dense black cap, rare cheeks, lovely tannings, sweet wing bars and A1 buttons, in full bloom and staged to perfection; 3, McLean and Sons, good face and nice cheeks and markings, fails a shade in body tannings, grand size and good qual. throughout, nice shape; 4, Strachan, good shape and plenty of col., a shade thin in body, A1 wing flights and good stamp all round; vhc, Jardine; hc, Shields; c, Lane. GOLD., F.M. (20): 1, vhc, Morrine, good one, fine square cut blaze and grand body col., good cap and buttons, and fine tone of col., genuine Brit., very likely specimen, well put down; 2, Lyall, sweet made Finch, good qual. of feather and plenty col., beaten in blaze by winner; 3, Thomson, another good one, well up in size and steady, again fails a shade in face; 4, McQuiston, good stamp, sweet size and grand qual., not the density of col. of winner; vhc, Christie; hc, Morrine; c, Black and Lumsden. LINNET, H.M. (18): 1, Wight, bouncer for size, very well mkd., big bold chest, grand flights, good tone of col., inclined to be long in feather, but all round a nice exhibit; 2, 3, Inman, real nice one, grand markings and A1 qual.; 3 a gem, sweet one, splendid lacings and a bouncer for size, good flights and A1 qual., could be greatly improved in staging; 4, c, Parlett, nice shape and grand qual. of feather inclined to run a shade light in centre, well put down; vhc, Esplin; hc, Bell and Nelson. F.M. (30): 1, Watson, steady as a rock, grand col., well laced on front, a shade thin in body, but nice flights, might have given way to 2, Craft, a gem, extra well spangled, grand size and shape, lovely tone of col., rare head and grand flights, fine body and well put down, just a shade thick below; 3, McQuiston, romper for size, darker in col. than winner, and a shade unsteady; good front and wing flights, inclined to face back of cage; 4, Bell and Nelson, neat one, light in body col., but sweet lacing, grand breast and very nice wing flights, in good trim; vhc, Hughes; hc, Connochan; c, Bell. GREENF., COL.-FED. (11): 1, Parlett, wins on colour only, good bold head and nicely drawn, a shade small, but in grand trim; 2, Sharp, nice one, lovely qual. of feather, good front and nice wing flights, in full bloom; 3, Law, shade dark in col., nice bold head and good front, neat shape; 4, Craig, sweet col. and A1 qual., just wants size to make a stormer; vhc, Messer; hc, Craft; c, Stuart and Dalling, hard lines, the best in class, and should have won, must have been overlooked. NON-FED (15): 1, Pickles, well-known Scotch winner, in new hands, lovely Jonque, sweet size and grand depth of col., fine bold front and good head, inclined to be a shade guttered on neck, otherwise in fine bloom; 2, Sykes, sweet one, lovely feather, grand front and lovely wings, not a large one, but a gem for quality; 3, Messer, grand bird, great front and head, but inclined to be short behind, and a bit guttered on throat, grand shade of col.; 4, Thomson, grand body and well up in size, again fails a little in neck, good flights; No. 15, Nicholson, about the best in class, a grand size, but had lost its flight feathers; vhc, Nisbet; hc, McKechnie; c, Gardner. F.M. (26): 1, Gentleman, monster, great size, grand head and front, and lovely wing bars, a gem all over for col., a likely coming champion, we heard a good price was offered and refused for this bird, a clear win; 2, Sykes, demon for col., sweet yell. shade, good bold head, grand front and wing bars, exceedingly well put down; 3, Fairhurst, good stamp, a shade smaller, but lovely order and finish; 4, Forster, also good, nice tone of col. and bold in appearance, well placed, an exceedingly difficult class well judged; vhc, Bell and Nelson; hc, Nelson; c, McLean and Sons. GREENF. HEN (10): 1, Sykes, good type, sweet head and front, and grand wing bars, a shade dark in body, well placed; 2, Orr, good all round, fine bold body and grand head, fails a shade in size; 3, Cain, shade slimmer in body, but extra good in feather, good flights and col.; 4, Thomson, shade on the small side and inclined to be dark in tone, good bloom; vhc, Brownlee and Son; hc, Hunter; c, Bell. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE, H.M. (17): 1, McQuiston, tip-top Twite, in grand bloom, lovely lacing and grand tone of colour, rare size and extra good in whites, well put down; 2, Campbell, a sweet Mealy, grand size and pure in lacings, sweet cap and bib, and in full bloom, nicely staged; 3, Parlett, good Twite, plenty size and good col., fails to winner in lacing, still a good one, well placed; 4, Quinn, good Mealy, shade lighter than winner, but all there for size and markings, good form; vhc, c, Pickles; hc, Gentleman. LESSER, H.M. (14): 1, McQuiston, good all round, well up in size and very nicely laced, fine cap and bib, and good flank markings; 2, Wason, good one, not so pure as winner, but good cap, nice flank markings, fails a shade in size; 3, Bruce, good 'Poll, sweet size, A1 cap and bib, good tone of col., beaten in lacing; 4, Hope, stylish and well marked, fails a little in col., but grand markings and sweet cap, good all round, lovely feather; vhc, Morrine; hc, Leach; c, Lyall. F.M. (25): 1, Perrie, good one for colour and grand cap, disqualified; 2, McGillivray, another hot one for col., enormous bib and bold cap, very nicely laced and grand size; 3, Quinn, good one, fine size and sweet col., well laced; 4, Gentleman, grand flank markings and lovely cap and bib, sweet shade of colour and lovely qual., well staged, worth its place, a grand class all over; vhc, Bell; hc, Nelson; c, Robertson. BUNTINGS (11): 1, 3, Watson, good Yellowhammer leading, grand size, A1 head markings and lovely col. and qual., well put down; 3, sweet Meadow, fine size and markings and very steady; 2, Bruce, tip-top Corn Bunting, steady and well marked, well staged, in full bloom; 4, Arnott, good Snow Bunting, steady and pure in col., grandly put down in full bloom; vhc, Law; hc, Strachan; c, McCall and Henderson. CHAFF. OR. BRAMBLE. (12): 1, 2, c, Sykes, noted Bramble leading, needs no comment, and a grand Chaffie, grand size and A1 markings, steady and well put down; 3, Kerr and Smith, sweet Bramble, good size and well laced, steady and grand col., fails in size to winner; 4, Parlett, good all round Chaffie, shade smaller than winner, good col. and whites, well staged; vhc, Bell; hc, Stuart and Dalling. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, Taylor, good Redstart, fine size and in tip-top form, well staged; 2, Colville and Son, good all round Bearded Tit, grand size and markings, and well put down; 3, Arnott, nice Grey Wagtail, in fine form, well up in size and col.; 4, Miller and Eadie, nice Bearded Tit, a shade small, but nice col. and markings. LARGE (8): 1, Henderson, tip-top Waxwing, grand size and lovely bloom, well shown, extra good specimen; 2, Bruce, Song Thrush, Border Queen, in tip-top form, well put down; 3, vhc, Sykes, good Hawfinch, lovely shape and grand col., grandly staged, good cap and bib, vhc also a grand Hawfinch; 4, Roper, good Song Thrush, well laced, could do with a smaller show cage, fine qual. and finish; hc, Murray; c, McGavin. A good Sandpiper was shown in this class, but passed by judge as unsuitable for a cage. HEN (SMALLER THAN BUNTING) (6): 1, Taylor, noted Black Redstart, looking as well as ever, well put down; 2, McCall and Henderson, sweet Yellowhammer, well up in size and markings, well put down, nicely staged; 3, 4, Strachan, nice Bramble, well up in size and markings, and a good Mealy Redpoll, sweet size and shape; vhc, Lyall; hc, Hunter. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (F.M.) (9): 1, 3, hc, Bald, two good Twites, leader the best in size, well laced and steady, nice pair; 2, Hope, good Twite, well up in size and grand head and markings, sweet flights, in rare order, well placed; 4, Cummings, nice stamp, a shade darker, but all there for size and markings, good all round, nice exhibit; vhc, Strachan; c, Leach. BRIT. SELL, 2/6 (21): 1, Leach; 2, Bruce; 3, McGavin; 4, Doolan; vhc, Pickles; hc, Mackie; c, Strachan. GREENFINCH, SELL., 7/6 (11): 1, Nelson; 2, Calder; 3, Parlett; 4, Brownlee and Sons; vhc, Dick; hc, McKinlay; c, Doolan. LINNET, SELL., 7/6 (10): 1, Leach; 2, Cummings; 3, c, Nicol; 4, Bell; vhc, Bald; hc, Doolan; c, Nicol. NOV., BRIT. (12): 1, 2, Falding, nice Waxwing and a tip-top Hawfinch, both well up in size and good in col., well staged; 3, 4, hc, Brayant, a sweet Linnet and a good all round Thrush, in good form; vhc, Morrine; c, Strachan. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS (11): 1, 2, Strachan, good yell. var. Nor. hen, grand size and a tip-top Brit. Goldie, in full bloom, well staged; 2, Goldie, in grand bloom and a sweet Lesser Redpoll hen; 3, Bishop, romping yell. hen and a good Linnet, a very likely pair; 4, Sharp, a good all round Greenie and a nice yell. var. hen, grand size and quality; vhc, c, Nicol; hc, Sharp. NOR., SELL. (9): 1, Parlett; 2, Dick; 3, 4, Johnston; vhc, Logan; hc, Bruce; c, Scobbie. GOLDF., FOR. (5): 1, Henderson (Knight of the Thistle), and well named, a hot one, grand size and A1 blaze, lovely tannings and good wing flights, well staged, a clear win; 2, 3, Nicholson, good broad skulled bird, grand under blaze, scarcely the tannings or size of front of winner; 3, good all round, a shade lighter than winner; 4, Leach, good coloured bird, a shade thin in body, nice size and shape; vhc, McGavin. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, 4, vhc, c, Arnot, noted Sugar-bird leading, grand exhibit, in tip-top order; 4, lovely Shama, sweet size and colour, well shown; 2, 3, Sykes, lovely Golden-breasted Fruit Sucker and a sweet superb Tanager, both in grand form and well staged; hc, Colville and Son. FOR. BULLF. (1): 1, Lister, well-known winner, as fit as ever, well staged. NOR., LOCAL (5): 1, 2, Sharp, leader a good yell. var. Plainhead, and a nice Green Crest; 3, vhc, Gowans, sweet clear yell., fails a little in head; 4, Stuart and Dalling, nice var. yell., fails a little in size, good quality. BORD., LOCAL (7): 1, Sharp, nice all round four-pointed yell., in good trim; 2, 3, vhc, Spence, a smart buff, a shade thin, and a good yell. green, nice size and quality; 4, vhc, Strachan, nice yell., a shade strong; c, Gowans.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

Pair show held at headquarters, Wareing's Dining Rooms, Feb. 19th. 31 pairs were staged—Nor., Yorks, Rollers, and Pairs for Mule breeding. Mr. W. Lloyd (Pendlebury) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS: 1, Fraser; 2, Spiby. NOR.: 1, Pinington; 2, Pilling. ROLLERS: 1, Morris; 2, Spiby. PAIRS FOR MULE-BEEDING: 1, Lord; 2, Jeffries.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

First Pair Show held February 12th at Johnson's, 353, High Road, Wood Green, N. The show proved a great success, some magnificent pairs being staged (46 all told). The Society was only formed 10 months ago, with 15 members, and it now totals 48.

NOR. (11): 1, 3 spls., A. Brooks; 2, Griffin; 3, Titchner; vhc, hc, P. Brooks; c, Hayes. YORKS. (11): 1, spl., Cobben; 2, hc, Clay; 3, Day; vhc, Huggins; c, Tolfree. CRESTS (4): 1, spl., 2, 3, Pettitt; vhc, Jones. BRIT. (3): 1, spl., Denchfield; 2, 3, Pomeroy. MULING PAIRS (4): 1, spl., Griffin; 2, F. A. Pledger; 3, P. Brooks; vhc, Bates. HYB. PAIRS (2): 1, 2 spls., Pettitt; 2, Griffin. FOR. PAIRS (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, c, Willis; vhc, hc, Bates. A.O.V. PAIRS (4): 1, spl., 3, Warner; 2, vhc, Jones.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A

Monthly show held at Headquarters, Feb. 12, when classes for matched pairs of Canaries and for British birds were judged by Messrs. Owen, Plummer, and W. Cadman, respectively. The specials were won by F. Dandridge, best champion pair Canaries, offered by Mr. Owen Plummer; G. Absalon, best novice pair Canaries, offered by Will. H. Gibb; H. James, best British bird, offered by Mr. F. Dandridge. Class awards were as follows:—CL. YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Dandridge; 3, vhc, Gibb; c, Morrish. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Dandridge; vhc, Holley; hc, Gibb; c, W. Wall. CL. NOR.: 1, Absalon; 2, Dean. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, c, Gibb; 2, Dean; 3, hc, Wall; vhc, Absalon. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Gibb; 2, Dean; 3, Mrs. Gibb. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, James; 2, vhc, Plummer; 3, Wall. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, James; 3, hc, Plummer; vhc, Wall; c, Parsons. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, James. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Gibb.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MOOR (Co. Durham).

The members of the South Moor Social Club and Institute held a members' show February 15 and 16. The cage bird section was held in the large club room, a grand place for a show, it being well lighted, very roomy, and free from draughts, and kept at a nice heat. This, their first venture, was well looked after by a grand body of fanciers. Messrs. G. Bates and T. Howe were stewards, chairman Mr. T. Shelly. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Armatage, who is very obliging, and the society should be very proud of him. Entries came up well, some 75 birds being staged to perfection. Mr. G. Lane was judge, and his awards were satisfactory to all. We hear that these club shows are a great rage about West Stanley. They are increasing the membership of the West Stanley C.B.S. The show was a complete success; some well-known fanciers from a distance were present, and spoke very highly of the exhibits.

BORD. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 2, 3, Bates and Robson, leader, a gem, lovely head, nice level back, grand wings, 2nd, another grand one, nice shape, not quite so tight as leader, 3rd, good shape, nice wing car., grand feather; 4, vhc, hc, c, Teasdale. HEN (12): 1, 2, 3, Bates and Robson, leader lovely exhibit, grand type, nice head, well shown, 2nd, good shape, well braced wings, grand feather, 3rd, smart one, good front and nice tail; 4, Herdman; vhc, c, Teasdale; hc, no name. YORKS. (3): 1, G. Raine, smart upright bird, good style, nice feather, good wings and tail; 2, M. Hall, nicely drawn, good head, well kept wings and tail, would have looked better in Yorks. show cage; 3, Archer, nice slim one, but a bit dirty. NOR. (12): 1, sp., Archer, good head, nice front, fine wing carriage; 2, Shield, good rich col., nice feather, rather long in wings; 3, Chaytor, very hot col., nice stout shape, well shown; 4, Potts; vhc, Hodder; hc, Herdman. BRIT. HARDBILL (15): 1, sp., 3, vhc, Bates and Robson, leader, well-known Bullie, grand bird, dense cap, nice wings, good breast col., 3, Greenie, nice shape, plenty of size, big head, grand polish; 2, W. Laxton, Goldie, nice blaze, good wings, light in tanning; 4, hc, Taylor. LINNET (15): 1, Hills, nice one, good col., lovely head, well pencilled, staged to perfection; 2, Bates and Robson, nice one for col., good brown polish, not quite the type of winner; 3, Archer, good shape, well pencilled, good wings, on the small side; 4, Herdman; vhc, Shield; hc, Robertson; c, M. Hall. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Bates and Robson, leader nice wee Lesser, all there for col., sweet head, good bib, grand lacings, 2, nice Twite, good type and fine feather, nice shape, must have pressed; 3, W. Laxton, Lesser 'Poll, fine back and good wing car., well shown; 4, Potts; vhc, Archer. MULE (3): 1, G. Raine, Linnet-Can., fine exhibit, nice shape, good size, splendid wings, wins easily; 2, Goldie-Can., hot col., shows cross nicely, big blaze, grand wings; 3, M. Hall, Linnet-Can., nice sweet head and face, good col., tail broken.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show of matched pairs, held at the White Hart Hotel, Feb. 17. Mr. G. Bray judged. YORKS. (10): 1, c, Rhodes; 2, 3, Cawthray and Son; vhc, Moss; hc, W. Sykes. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, Rhodes; 2, Moss; 3, c, W. Sykes; vhc, hc, Sykes. NOR. (9): 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Morris; vhc, hc, Moss; c, Rhodes.—A Lawford, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Pair show and judging competition held Feb. 18th, at Park Chapel Schools. Six pairs of birds were entered in the one class provided. Mr. L. Briggs judged and kept his awards sealed until all the entrants in the judging competition had made their attempts. No one of the 14 succeeded in placing them exactly, so the three prizes were awarded to the members gaining most points, as follows: 1, J. White; 2, E. Suddards; 3, C. Cowgill. The competition proved very interesting, and was undoubtedly an instructive experience to those of the competitors who were making their initial venture. The judge's awards were: 1, Cruise; 2, Stables; 3, Midgley; 4, Hill; vhc, Cruise; hc, Stables. The Yorkshire Union ballot paper was afterwards dealt with

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Pair show held at The Clock House, Clapham Park Road, Feb. 22; 200 birds were on exhibition, a record for the society. Mr. J. Robson judged. Quality was very high all round, and the hall was crowded throughout the evening. Mr. Brighty, the hon. sec., pro tem, had matters well in hand, and everything went very smoothly.

From the catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were:—CRESTS, Mrs. Thynne; CHAMP. NOR., Campbell. YORKS., Whittome. BORD., Mrs. Thynne; NOV. CREST, Snook, Taylor; NOR., Taylor; BORD., Snook; YORKS., Miss Hall, Phillips; MULES, Mrs. Thynne, Cooper, Askew, Vale, Setton; GOLDF., Marley; BULLF., Marley, Emms; LINNET, Marley, Emms; GREENF., Marley; BRAMBLE, Marley, Vale; CHAFF., Marley; SISKIN, ETC., Marley; REDPOLL, Marley, Sexton; HAWFINCH, ETC., Marley, Clark; A.O. BRIT., Marley. F.M., Emms, Sexton; SOFTBILL, SMALL, Vale; LARGE, Marley; FOR., Mrs. Thynne, Vale. Winners of specials were: Mrs. Thynne, Miss Hall, Messrs. Marley, Campbell, Taylor, Sexton, Vale.—Ed.).

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Pair show held Feb. 19, at Library hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington. It was a great success, the entry of 100 beating the previous best by 21. Mr. J. Robson, after judging, stated he had judged larger shows this season, but none better in quality. We were pleased with the support given by new members, who met with very good success. All prize-money was paid by 10.30, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, closed the meeting at 10.45.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

[From the sheet catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were CHAMP. NOR., Morris; YORKS, Salter, Forse and Son, Penton: BORD. Harper, Mrs. Salter; MULES, Mortlock; AMATEUR, NOR., Jeffries; YORKS, Lacey, Bush; BORD., Bell, Miss Jeffries; MULES, Bell; NOV. NOR., Trevallion, Salter; YORKS, Dr. Huggins, Percival, Castell. A.O.V., Dr. Huggins; MULES, Stevens, Haslam. London.—Ed.]

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Members' pair show and table show of Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds, held at the "Raglan Hotel," Aldersgate Street, Feb. 20. About 100 entries were staged, and quality was well represented. Mr. Heath judged the pairs section, and Mr. Fulljames the classes for single birds—British, Hybrids, and Foreign. The show was somewhat crowded, the birds being staged in a small room in place of the large room, which had been engaged, a misunderstanding which brought about some little inconvenience, but everything went off very well under the supervision of Mr. Law, the hon. sec., and the judges' awards seemed to meet with very little adverse comment.

NORWICH (17), an exceptionally fine class, and Mr. Heath was quite enthusiastic about the quality of the pairs staged: 1, 2, Hodder, both yell. ck. and buff hen, the hen in the winning pair being of quite outstanding merit; her all round quality was of the very highest degree; 2, almost equal in merit as a pair, but here the cock stood out as considerably the better of the two; both pairs mated to produce extra good progeny; 3, Campbell, buff ck. and yell. hen, the hen of very fine qual. and extra size; 4, Hodder, varieg. ck. and a beautiful yell. hen; vhc, Kilby; hc, Richardson; c, Mrs. Thynne. YORKS (7): 1, vhc, Salter, leaders yell. ck. and buff hen, very nice pair, the hen surpassing in qual; 2, 3, hc, Bullen; 2, varieg. yell. cinn. ck. and buff hen, cock an especially lengthy bird of highest qual.; 3, buff ck. and varieg. yell. hen, smaller than 2nd, but full of qual. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne, C.B. ck., fine, long head feather with good centre; D.C. hen, nice centre, well formed crest, good size; 2, C.B. ck. and crest hen, hen fails a little in back crest. A.O.V. (4): 1, hc, Mrs. Salter, yell. ck. and very nice, even marked buff hen; 2, vhc, Shapespeare, Lizards. MULE or HYB., PAIRS (7): 1, 2, vhc, Tatten, Goldie and Chaff., cock especially nice, hen tight feathered, and nice qual.; 2, Siskin and Twite, the cock a bit unsteady, but the hen an exceptionally good coloured, and well mkd. example of her species; 1, vhc, a Goldie and a Redpoll; 3, c, Hull, Bramble and Bullie, and Bramble and Canary; hc, Mortlock. The members of the L. and P.O.S. are evidently ambitious, and if offspring result from the mating of some of the pairs here shown, fresh records will be set up. NOV. NOR. (10): 1, vhc, c, Fleet, nice team, the hen of the winning pair being of exceptionally high qual.; 2, Kerr, buff ck. and yell. hen, a nice couple, only losing to the winners in qual. of feather; 3, Cooper, yell. ck. and buff hen, might have been higher but for the hen being a bit loose in feather. YORKS.: 1, Bamber, varieg. yell. cinn. ck., nice lengthy bird, and good cl. buff hen; 2, Ward, good qual. buff ck. and a nice yell. hen, only behind the winners in length; 3, Clarke, yell. ck. and buff hen, not quite so finely drawn; vhc, hc, Percival; c, Ward. PAIRS, MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, Clarke; vhc, c, Mdme. Madewell; hc, Fleet. GOLDF. (3): 1, medal, best Brit., Stephens, beautiful bird, nicely tanned, blaze expansive, and very rich in col.; 2, Tatten, good one, well polished, nicely tanned, deep coloured blaze, not the size of winner, but a typical British Goldfinch. LINNET (3): 1, Ramsden, fine big bird, nicely mkd., very even in breast, rich body col., could win in good company; 2, Tatten, extra good polish, not so shapely as winner. A.O.S. FINCH or BUNTING (15) extra good class: 1, 4, Tatten, leader, well marked Twite, sound in body col., beautifully steady, crosses wings at times; 4, nice Hawfinch; 2, Allison, very beautiful Bullie, 4th in novice class of 43, at Palace, close run indeed for 1st here, lovely breast colour, high polish, dense expansive cap, a typical Britisher all over; 3, hc, Stephens, very nice Bramble, well mkd. and nicely polished, not quite so big as could be wished; vhc, Ramsden; c, Lathbell. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (3): 1, 2, Ramsden, lovely feathered, wing mkd. Goldie Can., cl., but for wing mks.; 2, varieg. Goldie Can., extra good qual. DARK (5): 1, Ramsden, Lin.-Can.; 2, Crabb, Siskin-Can., both well-known winners, here fighting another battle, the Lin.-Can. just had it in condition; vhc, c, Tatten; hc, Allison. BRIT. BYB. (4): 1, vhc, hc, Ramsden, leader a beautiful Redpoll-Greenie, in exquisite condition; the vhc, an extra good Goldie Linnet; 2, Crabb, Goldie-Bullie, lovely qual. and condition, a close tussle for 1st. FOR. (7): 1, Mrs. Thynne, Maroon Tanager, beautiful feather, and well shown, wins well; 2, hc, Tatten, leaders a very nice pair of Singing Finches, in perfect feather; 3, c, Bamber, lovely feathered Cutthroat, an extra fine example of this well-known species; vhc, Madame Madewell.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A

Annual show of pairs, held in All Saints' Parochial Hall, February 15. Mr. G. Denham, the hon. sec., and his committee, are to be congratulated upon the hearty response to their appeal and labour in the shape of a rattling entry, and some splendid quality. Borders seem to be going quite strong with the members, there being a fine array of these dainty little birds, and some keen competition. Norwich and Yorks. also were very fine. The specials were allotted as follows: Champion diploma for best in show, Mrs. Thynne, with a topping pair of Norwich, a grand buff cock, equally good yell. hen; Mrs. Thynne also took special for best Norwich. Best Yorks., Mr. Clemants; Bord., Mrs. Denham; novice diploma, Mr. King. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and at the close presented the cups and other trophies to the winners by points during the year. Mr. Gardner complimented the winners in a few well-chosen words, and wished them renewed success during the coming season. He alluded to the pairs on show, and said he was of opinion that the mating of many of the pairs evidenced considerable thought and judgment in selection.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, 3, Martin. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, 3, Martin. YORKS., YELL CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, King; 3, vhc, spl., Lloyd. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, 2, King; 3, vhc, Lloyd; hc, Moore. BORD., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Plank; 3 Mrs. Thynne; vhc, c, Mrs. Moore; hc, Gollop. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, 3, Plank; vhc, Gollop; hc, c, Mrs. Moore. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, 3, Moore. NOV. YORKS. YELLOW COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Clemants. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, Clemants; 2, Notine; 3, Thawe. BORD., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Mrs. Denham; 2, Burgess. BUFF CK. AND YELL HEN: 1, 2, Mrs. Denham; 3, vhc, Burgess. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Cross.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Sixth annual members' show of pairs matched for breeding, held headquarters, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, February 22nd, when that well-known and much respected judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare, placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction. The entry was not quite as large as usual, some of our old friends and patrons, Mrs. G. E. Weston, Mrs. Giddy, Messrs. Lovegrove, and others being absent, to the great regret of all the members. It is hoped that at the young stock show all the members will rally round once again and help to make Highgate and Hampstead what it was twelve months ago, and thus wipe out the great trouble through which the society has passed, and which I am pleased to say, it is emerging from successfully. The show comes out on the right side, thanks to the excellent work of the committee and hard-working secretary, Mr. J. Hyde. The quality of the birds was excellent, and in some of the classes the work of placing the birds was really most difficult. The attendance was good during the afternoon and evening. For the silver cup presented by Mr. G. E. Weston, most points were scored by Mr. J. Hyde. Other special prize winners were: Messrs. Cowie, Byne, Wills, Dann, Shorter, Bush, Walmsley, Bell, Carrington, Milsom, Shearer, and Kent.

CHAMP. NOR. (10): 1, 3, Cowie; 2, hc, Law; vhc, Dann; c, Bell. YORKS.: 1, 2, Kent. BORD.: 1, Dann. GOLDF. AND CAN.: 1, Bell. A.O.S. CAN.: 1, Bell. AMAT. NOR. (10): 1, 2, hc, Byne; 3. vhc, c, Hyde. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bush; hc, c, Knight. NOVICE NOR. (13): 1, 2, Wills; 3, c, Walmsley; vhc, Trigger; hc, King. CREST: 1, Shorter. YORKS. (15): 1, 2, Shearer; 3, vhc, Milsom; hc, Newcombe; c, Johnston. A.O.V.: 1, Milsom. GOLDF. AND CAN. (7): 1, Carrington; 2, Shorter; 3, Shearer; vhc, Street; hc, Withers; c, Milsom. LIN. AND CAN. (4): 1, Street; 2, King; 3, Shorter; vhc, Wilkinson. GREENF. AND CAN.: 1, Carrington; 2, Street. A.O.S.: 1, Street. HYB.: 1, Street.

WIDNES C.B.S.

Pair show held at the Railway Hotel, Feb. 13. There was a nice turn-out in Norwich, Nor. Greens, and Borders, also pairs for Mule breeding. Some nice British Hardbills were also on view. About 55 birds were shown. Sp. for best pair for breeding went to a fine yell. Nor. cock and a very heavy varieg. chubby buff Nor. hen. These, with luck, ought to produce some good show Norwich. All the pairs were of a good stamp and well mated. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and all appeared satisfied.

NOR. YELL. CK., BF. HEN: 1, sp. best pair in show, Hayes, mentioned above, a fine pair; 2, Leicester, cobby pair, both varieg., cock bit narrow on head; 3, Potter, big pair, bit longer. BF. CK. YL. HEN: 1, Tomlinson, cl. ck. and cinn. mkd. yell. hen, fine pair, well mated; 2, vhc, Johnson, cl. ck. and dark varieg. hen, well balanced for breeding; 3, Roberts, dark tail ck. and nice small cl. yell. hen. NOR. GREEN, YL. CK. BF. HEN: 1, Murray, fine cobby good coloured pair. BF. CK. YL. HEN: 1, Hayes, fine foul buff ck. and good self yell. hen; 2, Leicester, smaller, but good col. and type. BORDERS, YL. CK. BF. HEN: 1, Hampson, very neat type and well matched. BF. CK. YL. HEN: 1, Andrews, dark mkd. buff cock and nice ticked yell. hen, very neat. BORD. GREENS, ETC.: 1, Johnson, green and a cinn. foul tail, both nice type; 2, Hampson, good type greens, foul tail and wings. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS: 1, Roberts, pair of Yorks., small but neat; 2, Andrews, pair Scots Fancy, medium size, nicely mated; 3, Tomlinson, pair decent Cinnamons; vhc, Potter, pair foul Yorks. Greens. LINNET and CAN.: 1, Jones, fine Linnet and a rare good clear yell, Nor. hen, ought to breed some show birds; 2, Murray, good Cinn. mark Nor. hen and nice Linnet; 3, not sure whether Jones or Leicester; vhc, hc, Bloor. GOLDF.-CAN: 1, Leicester, good Goldie and nice Cinn. hen. GOLDF.: 1, Hampson, fine blaze, good colours all through; 2, Leicester, stouter, but not up in colours and tight condition of 1st; 3, Capper, bit wild, wants training a bit. LINNET: 1, Jones, best chest and finish at the moment; 2, Leicester, bit unsteady, well marked, etc.; 3, Murray, paler in the breast. A.O.V.: 1, Rice, very nice conditioned Bullfinch.

Club Reports.

BUCKHAVEN C.B.S.

Smoker held in the I.O.R. Hall, February 22nd, and proved a great success, Mr. A. Peters, president, in the chair. Songs, etc., were given by members and friends. The open show date was fixed for November 22nd. Judges were then nominated. The sec., D. Allan, resigned, and I have been elected in his place. A number of new members were made, and a vote of thanks to the singers, etc., brought a very happy evening to a close.—Wm. Foster, 105, Randolph-street, Secretary.

NORWICH P.H.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Meeting held in Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Feb. 19, Mr. Barclay presiding. There was a good turn-up of members to consider the rules drafted by the sub-committee. Some of the rules caused a great deal of discussion; in the end all were passed except rule 20, which read that cups were to be competed for by unflighted birds bred by the competing exhibitor. The latter part has been deleted. Rule books will be ready in a few days. —James Stewart, Sec.

QUEENS PARK AND DIST. C.B.A.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held Feb. 20, Mr. Clarke in the chair. Prize money and specials won at the pair show were presented by the Chairman to the successful exhibitors. The Sec., Mr. Lethbridge, junr., owing to pressure of business, etc., was obliged to relinquish the office, and Mr. H. R. Lowe, of 10, Station Road, Kensal Rise, N.W., to whom all future correspondence should be addressed, was elected pro tem. The programme for the following year was mapped out, and should prove highly interesting, and it is hoped that several new members will join before the Young Bird show, especially considering the highly prosperous financial state of the Society. An interesting discussion then took place as to procedure, and was amicably closed. The new Rule Books with the fixtures will be ready about March 1, and the Sec. will be pleased to send one to fanciers who might think of joining. It is a Society in which a novice can always be sure of good competition. Next meeting, Mar. 13, at Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, when Mr. J. Robson will give a lecture on Canaries. Visitors, including ladies, are cordially invited, and will be made very welcome amongst a warm-hearted lot of fanciers.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

Committee meeting held at Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Feb. 22. Mr. W. A. Cowgill presided over a well-attended meeting. The following members were declared winners of the various competitions promoted by the Club: Open Competition, 1st prize, "The Shackleton Trophy," value £10 10s., together with a club medal value £1 1s., and Mr. Ramsden's silver-plated teapot, Messrs. Ogden Bros., with 126 points; 2, L. Dykes, 106; 3, J. Thomas, 87; 4, C. Morrison, 68; 5, P. Mason, 56; special most points with third birds, C. Morrison, 30 points. Amateur competition: 1, A. M. Craven, 32; 2, C. E. Hall, 23. Novice: 1, S. Binns, 99; 2, B. Wood, 28; 3, H. Tasker 20; 4, (no name given.—Ed.); 5, Highley. If all Yorkshire Union Societies desirous of our patronage will apply to the Sec. not later than April, we could allocate the same where possible at our first meeting in May; this would enable them to draw up their schedules, and forward same to the Union Secretary in time for publication in the Yorkshire Union handbook. Mr. W. Bedforth was elected a member. Several subs. are still unpaid, will members kindly give this their early attention, to enable the Treas. to present a satisfactory balance sheet at the annual general meeting.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF SCOTLAND.

The adjourned annual general meeting to discuss the question of closed rings, etc., was held in Neilson's Hotel, Glasgow, February 18. President Heggie was in the chair, and there was a good attendance. After a discussion, in which practically everyone present took part, it was carried unanimously that all birds in young bird classes competing for club specials and trophies must be rung. Birds not rung may compete in these classes, but will not be allowed to count points for the trophies. If nominated for club prizes, they must be shown in old bird classes. It was decided to raise a subscription to provide a novice trophy, the said trophy to be for most points gained in young bird classes throughout the season, three highest birds at each show to count. Several members intimated subscriptions to this fund. Mr. Gilbert Crichton offered a medal for competition among the novices, and it was decided to allocate same at next meeting. Decided to allocate open show patronage at our first feather show. Clubs applying for our patronage might note the following conditions: Judges to be selected from the following list: Messrs. Heggie, Syson, Bowman, Webster Bruce Martin, Penman, Reid, Girvan, McLellan, Cochrane, and Sinclair; or any recognised English specialist. Classification required is as follows, viz., Cl. or tkd. yell. ck., ditto huff, ditto yell. hen, ditto buff, A.O.V. ck., A.O.V. hen, unflighted yell. ck., ditto buff, and A.V. hen. Members can have rings from the secretary at 1s. per dozen, postage for any quantity, 1d. extra. All Yorkshire fanciers intending to join our club might let me know at once, so that their names and addresses may be included in this year's list of members. Annual subs., 2s. 6d. All other particulars from R. B. Gibb, 2, Alexandria Terrace, Govan, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

Annual Dinner and Smoking Concert.

Following the usual monthly meeting, the Provincial Roller Canary C. held its annual dinner and smoking concert on Feb. 22, at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester. The table decorations and the menu left nothing to be desired, and reflected great credit upon our host and hostess. The talent of the artistes engaged ensured a musical treat. Mr. Wareing, chair, heartily welcomed the four new members: Mr. Hepworth (Wakefield), Mr. McKnown (Shaw, Lancs.), Mr. Burnett and Mr. Law (Southport). He expressed his pleasure at the number of visitors present (the Bolton Society were strongly represented), and trusted that they, also the artistes, would spend an enjoyable evening. Mr. Fielding did full justice to a comic song. This was followed by duets by Messrs. Brooks and Partington. Mr. A. Foulds proposed and Mr. Tomlinson seconded, a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and this was given with musical honours and cheers. The host, in a very suitable reply, thanked them on behalf of himself and wife. Mr. Pilkington followed with a fine rendering of "Which is the sinner and which is the saint?" Here Mr. Wareing took all by surprise, "Gentlemen, the cup winner." Mr. Ives responded. Mr. Fielding contributed "The Herring.' Mr. Schofield sang finely "A little child shall lead them." Mr. Leech aptly displayed a fine tenor voice in "Eileen Alannah." Mr. Brooks sang "When the Ebb Tide Flows,' and a parody on "We all went marching home again.' Mr. Pilkington gave "Pay Now!," "If you don't succeed," "What would the congregation say?" and "You shall die." Mr. Fielding kept the company laughing by his numerous witty sallies. Mr Partington ably rendered "In Old Madrid," and "The Magic of Your Voice." Mr Kilshaw kindly gave his services as pianist. A vote of thanks to the artistes and committee concluded the most enjoyable entertainment that has ever been held by this society. Will all novice exhibitors in the running for the points competition kindly assist Mr. Percival by sending him the number of points they have gained. Please note, on receiving new rule books, fresh rule relating to the winning of the cup.—J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, Staff.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting held in Calderwood Arms, February 22nd, Mr. A. Jardine (president) in the chair. Proposed by W. Smart, seconded Mr. J. Hamilton, that we elect judges at the next meeting. Resolved to do away with the May, June and July meetings. A motion was tabled by Fisher that we appoint a visiting committee at our next meeting. The following new members were admitted: John Steel (Dalkeith), John Currie and John Anderson (Musselburgh), Andr. Sinclair (Rosewell), and Robt. Smith (Roslin). A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—James Stirling, Sec.

CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, February 1, at Punch Bowl Inn, M. Davinson in the chair. There was a good turn-out of members. The society still continues to add to its membership. We had five new members at the meeting, making a total of 36. Decided to have another table show for British birds, with seven classes, Mr. W. Knowles judge. The awards Mr. Knowles gave at the last show made all the members plump for him again; he has promised a show cage as sp. for most points vhc. Secretary will give as special a show cage for the member who shows the most birds, and get the least number of points. Mr. T. Collicot, treas., has also promised a special. All fanciers welcome.—Alf. Dawson, Sec. (Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Red Lion Hotel, Bankfoot, Feb. 18th, Mr. B. Wilman (vice-pres.) in the chair. The balance sheet was presented and showed the society to be in a sound and flourishing condition. The funds have increased slightly year by year since its formation (5 years ago), but the most marked advance has been made during the past year. The amount in hand is over eight times that of twelve months ago; it will therefore be seen that the method adopted by the society twelve months ago has been very successful indeed. Everyone present was thoroughly satisfied with the result. Officers for the present year: The retiring officials, with three exceptions, were re-elected. Mr. B. Wilman was elected assistant secretary in place of Mr. W. North. Messrs. S. Smith and A. Knowles were elected as vice-presidents. In future the meeting night will be the first Tuesday in each month. Regarding joining the Yorkshire Union, it was decided to discuss this at next meeting, March 4th, when it is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend. I would remind fanciers and friends that the third, and probably last dance of the season will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at Brayshaw's Rooms, Bankfoot; programmes, 6d. each. In the "matched pairs for breeding" competition, held during the evening, Mr. H. B. Wood made the following decisions, and in addition gave a very acceptable special to the winner: 1, sp., Mitchell; 2, c, Hudson; 3, Hardaker; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Wilman.—F. Gelder, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held February 24th, at 60, Paddington Street, W. The chairman, Mr. W. A. Shepherd, being unfortunately laid up with an attack of influenza, Mr. F. Knight (vice-chair), very ably presided over the meeting, with Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., and 50 members present. Mr. W. Lathbury and Mr. and Mrs. Salter were elected members, and Mr. A. Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Hobden, and Messrs. Parnaby and Marks nominated for election at next meeting. Medals won at pair show were presented to Mrs. L. M. Thynne, Mr. Thurley, and Mr. T. Hart. The Hon. Sec. brought forward the balance sheet for last year, and Mr. A. W. Curtis, one of the auditors, having replied to queries raised by Messrs. Chard and E. C. Offord, the accounts were passed as correct. The delegates to the London Federation reported proceedings, and members were very disappointed to hear that the Association was liable for about £2 towards the loss sustained at the Federation annual show. Further discussion of this subject was adjourned till next meeting. On lines suggested by Mr. A. W. Curtis, a pair judging competition then took place. Norwich and Yorkshire varieties were staged in two classes. Cocks and hens were shown in separate cages, and members were invited to pair up as they considered the best for producing birds of good type and quality. The idea was excellent, but the time allowed each batch of members for judging (8 minutes) was not sufficient, there being 58 birds in all to select from. Mr. J. Robson was final judge, and after making his awards, he gave most interesting explanations as to his reasons for so doing. Unfortunately owing to the late hour, no discussion could be entered into. The members accorded Mr. Robson a very hearty vote of thanks for his kindness.—Fred Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

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The following are the full number of points scored at all patronage shows. Objections, if any, must be made to the sec. in writing within fourteen days of this notice, otherwise winners will receive their specials:—Club trophy, Dormer, 174; Mrs. Deacon, 150; Hartup, 77; Godley, 73; Roberts, 55; Bentley, 20, Heyes, 18, Pictures, value £4 4s.; Hartup, 97; Roberts, 68; Bentley, 20; Heyes, 18. Champion, most points: Dormer, 248; Mrs. Deacon, 241; Hartup, 97; Godley, 81; Roberts, 68; Bentley, 20; Heyes, 18. Novice, most points: Proctor, 91; Mrs. Tweddle, 88; Smalley, 40; Rev. B. Nunne, 37; Rae, 16; Wagstaff, 2. S. Wilson, Esq.'s medal: Rev. B. Nunne, 37; Rae, 16; Wagstaff, 2.—J. W. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held in Johnstone's Rooms, Feb. 8th, Mr. A. Hendrie presiding over a good turn-out of members. The balance-sheet for 1912 was dealt with, and shown that after paying all working expenses for the year we had a good balance on hand. This was duly adopted on the motion of Mr. G. A. Henderson, seconded by Mr. J. Baird. Office-bearers were elected for the year: Pres., Mr. W. Lunn; Sec., A. Berry; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. Hood and Mr. S. F. Wood; Committee, Messrs. Mackay, Hendrie, Kean. Agreed to have a show of matched pairs at next meeting to be held in Johnstone's Rooms, March 8th. Mr. G. Smart (Carmyllie), judge. Messrs. Rankin, Irvine, Taylor, and Jackson were elected members, and Messrs. Thomson and Allison proposed for next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.—A. Berry, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Second annual smoker, held in the Raith Arms, Feb. 19. A large turnout of members and friends met and had a most enjoyable night. Owing to Mr. John Murray's, president, recent bereavement he was unable to be present. Mr. A. Simpson, vice-pres., took the chair. After a few remarks on the progress, the society had made during the last season, he was quite sure, with the same support they received, they could still make a better success of the forthcoming year's work, with a little more energy put forth by the members. An excellent programme was gone through, the talent being of a superior quality, and was much appreciated. The health of the Cowdenbeath C.B.S. was proposed by the chairman, and met with a hearty response from all present. The following contributed towards an evening's enjoyment:—Messrs. Rattray, Desmond, Reid, Harris, While, Robertson, McVicar, Holms, Simpson, etc.—J. W. Holms, Sec.

LIVERPOOL FANCIERS C.C.

Those fanciers who are able to resist the temptation of studying their birds (after cleaning all the cages out, etc) will find it very healthful to throw in their lot with the members of the Liverpool Fanciers Cycling Club. Botany and birds form two excellent nature studies at the end of a nice run on the cycle. Fully qualified lecturers will attend the runs, and, if not too tired, will conduct the party on wild bird chases, and other equally exciting tours—before and after tea. Gathering wild seeds will be another useful object of the club and its professors. At a general meeting held last week the following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr. M. A. Wilson; captain, Mr. R. Malone; sub-captain, Mr. H. Ritchie; Committee, Messrs. Metcalfe, Robinson, Woods, Steinart, Handley, Parsons and Crowe. Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Ritchie, 65, Wraybourne Street, Earle Road, Liverpool; Hon. Treas., Mr. F. Draper.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Special committee meeting held at the Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Feb. 19. All being present, with the exception of Mr. G. Baker, who is recovering from a serious illness. The committee expressed their regret, and hoped that he will make a speedy recovery. Mr. DeMaillett in the chair. After a short discussion re the Roller section, it was recommended that the society should cater for the Roller fanciers of Birmingham and district. The business for the coming year was next brought forward, and agreed as follows:—March 5, general meeting, re Rollers, 8 o'clock. Lecture by Mr. T. J. Weaver, of Wolverhampton, on the Norwich Canary, at 8.30. April 2, table show of British, Mules, and Muling pairs, and a lecture on British Softbills, by Mr. G. J. Jeffrey, of Birmingham. May 7th, lecture on Rollers, by a Roller specialist. June 4, classification and judge for next feather show. July 2, general debate on colour-feeding. August 6, open show business. September 3, young stock show, classification. October 1, final arrangements for young stock show. November 5, washing exhibition, by a well-known exhibitor. December 3 and 4, open show, followed by a members' show. A date to be arranged as early as possible. The committee also wish that all members will kindly bring as many friends with them as possible to the next general meeting and lecture, March 5.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., R. Tipper, Assist. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The following are winners of cash pjrizes for 3rd, 4th, and 5th birds:—Huddersfield: 3rd birds, M. Peel, B. Wood, and W. E. Hutchinson; 4th, J. Bailey; 5th C. Parkes, L. Jepson, S. Lyas, J. Ackroyd, P. Mason, J. Bailey, H. Lyas, and A. Mottram. Newcastle: 3rd, W. H. Shackleton, Thornton and Bower, T. C. Crawhall; 4th, H. H. Towers; 5th, W H. Shackleton. Great Horton: 3rd, T. W. Mountain, Myers and Lumb, Brown and Son, C. Morrison, T. Elsegood, A. Whitley, and J. Ackroyd; 4th, H. Tyas, C. E. Hall, Brown and Son, M. Peel, A. M. Craven, H. J. Chittenden, and J. Wilson; 5th, H. J. Chittenden. Hartlepool: 3rd, H. H. Towers; 4th, C. Morrison and L. Dykes, 5th, C. Morrison. Windhill: 3rd, J. Farrar, J. Helliwell, T. Elsegood, A. Radley, W. Stables, Sutcliffe and Son, S. B. Grayshon, H. J. Chittenden, C. Morrison, J. Chippendale, and J. Harney; 4th, H. H. Towers; 5th, J. Chippendale. Sheffield: 3rd, A. Radley; 4th, Thornton and Bower; 5th, A. Cooper. Blaydon: 3rd, A. Whitley and T. Elsegood; 4th, A. Whitley and H. H. Towers; 5th, C. Morrison. Bradford East: 3rd, W. Stables; 4th, J. Thomas; 5th, H. Simonett, H. H. Towers, and A. M. Craven. Swansea: 3rd not won: 4th, J. Thomas; 5th H. H. Towers, L. Dykes, and S. B. Grayshon. Rochdale: 3rd L. Dykes and C. Morrison; 4th, L. Dykes, S. S. Rigg, C. Morrison, Thornton and Bower, S. B. Grayshon, and Myers and Lumb; 5th, A. Cooper and S. S. Rigg. Horton Good Intent: 3rd, Brown and Son; 4th, Sutcliffe and Son, A. Radley, A. M. Craven, Brown and Son, A. Whitley and W. H. Dibb; 5th, Sutcliffe and Son and A. Haigh. Harrogate: 3rd, Ogden Bros.; 4th, S. B. Grayshon; 5th, H. H. Towers, C. E. Walker, S. B. Grayshon, Brown and Son, and Ogden Bros. Bradford National: 3rd, J. E. Priestley, W. Crabtree, A. Whitley, H. Charlesworth, Burdekin Bros.; T. Tidswell, J. W. Dewhirst, Wilkinson Bros., Brown and Son, A. Cooper, and C. Morrison; 4th, T. W. Mountain and C. Morrison; 5th, H. Charlesworth. Skelmanthorp: 3rd, J. Bailey; 4th, J. Helliwell; 5th, L. Dyson, S. H. Grayshon, H. H. Towers, Sutcliffe and Son, T. Elsegood, and T. Tidswell. Scottish National: 3rd, Thornton and Bower; 4th, Thornton and Bower, Brown and Son, and F. Allen; 5th, C. Morrison. Bradford (West): 3rd, L. Dyson and S. Binns; 4th, L. Dyson; 5th, Sutcliffe and Son. Crystal Palace: 3rd, Brown and Son; 4th, L. Dyson; 5th, F. Allen. The presentation of prizes will take place at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on March 8th. Will those members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly do so. Tickets for the dinner 2s. 6d. each, can be had from the Sec.—John Greaves.

SCOTTISH B.B. AND M.C.

The annual general meeting will be held in rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on March 8, at 4.30. The following are the winners of trophy and cups: Inches Cup, J. McHolm; Cup No. 1, R. Jamieson, junr.; Cup No. 2, 3, and trophy, J. Sykes.—John Allan, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held Headquarters, Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, Bradford, Feb. 22. Two silver-plated cups were on approval for members' inspection. After discussing the value and cost, it was decided that the society should purchase these, the manner and conditions under which they are to be competed for, being left over until probably next meeting night, when the society hope all members will cancel all other arrangements, and so put in an appearance and have a voice in this matter.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 20. The sec. reported that the dance had been a great success, and that a very fair amount had been paid into the funds of the Society. Arrangements were made for the annual dinner on April 2nd, and it was announced that at the next meeting 10-minute papers would be read by several members. Two new members were elected making a total of ten, so far, this season. A table show and judging competition was held, which caused a great deal of interest. Five members placed the Norwich correctly and three the Linnets. Mr. J. H. Payne selected the Norwich and Mr. Elston the Linnets.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Monthly meeting held at Oddfellows Hall, Moreley Street, Plymouth, Feb. 18. Mr. C. Dart presided over a good muster of members. Letters were read from Messrs. Robson and Battye, accepting judging engagements for open show, Oct. 14, 15. Several alterations were made in show rules, and an extended list of prizes for open classes was agreed to. The members learned with regret of the departure from Plymouth of Mr. W. A. Dyer, for seven years assist. sec. to the society, and the names of Messrs. Reed, Rowe and Snell were suggested as probable successors. It is hoped to have a point judging competition at next meeting on March 18th.—Thos Pope, Hon. Sec.

BUGLE F.A.

Meeting held in the Institute Hall, February 19th, Col. Sir W. Serjeant, Kt., C.B., presiding, supported by Mr. E. H. Richards. The Hon. Sec. brought forward a draft schedule, as per sectional committees. After some little discussion and a few minor alterations, the whole of the classes, numbering over 70, also the estimate for prize money, upwards of £100, were unanimously passed. A valuable lot of specials were also forthcoming, and at the close of meeting two or three cups were promised. It is particularly requested that exhibitors should note all specials are confined to members of the Association, which is open to the County of Cornwall.—A. C. Gregor, Assist. Sec.

[Kindly note that reports of meetings, etc., should be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in POULTRY WORLD. and CAGE BIRDS.—ED.]

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

Meeting held Feb. 20, Chairman Wells being in his usual place before a moderate attendance. The resignation of Mr. Millincamp was accepted, although the members hope that he would reconsider his decision before the show season commences. Balance sheet for the year, after purchasing cups, etc., showed 3/3 in hand, but the coming season was well opened by donations from Mr. P. Lane, the chairman, and others. New and useful rules were passed, and the chairman remarked strongly about several members' action in not sending there subscription, but marking their forms M.C.Y.C.C., and competing for the speciale. A rule dealing with this matter is passed, and all subs. must in future be paid before the first show where the patronage is given. Two new names were nominatod, and Mr. Smith, of Handsworth, becomes a member. It was decided to extend the time for the various clubs to apply for the patronage until Sept. The presentation of the cups and medal was then dealt with, the recipients very suitable responding, and the meeting ended with well wishes for a very prosperous season for the M.C.Y.C.C.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Annual dinner and prize distribution held Feb. 1, at headquarters. About 60 ladies, visitors and members sat down to an excellent repast set out by our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton, in their grand style so well known to fanciers in this district. After tables were cleared, our President, Mr. A. Huddleston, took the chair. In a few remarks he said he was pleased to see so many present; he gave them a hearty welcome on behalf of the society. The following contributed to the evening's entertainment: Miss Greenwood, Mrs. W. Hellas, Messrs. Duckworth, Wilson, Butterfield, Drake and Bawcombe; accompanist, Mr. Goff. During the evening the chairman presented the prizes to the following winners: Mr. F. Gale, cup, gold medal; Mr. Powell (novice), gold medal; Mr. F. Grange, bronze figures; Mr. A. Huddleston, umbrella; Mr. F. Gale, junr., prize coffee pot, presented by Mr. H. Graham. The following won specials presented by our host: Mr. J. Newton, Mr. A. Huddleston, Mr. J. Powell, 2 each; Messrs. F. Gale, G. W. Leather, B. Wilson, J. Ward, J. Newton, H. Grange. The Chairman congratulated the winners, especially Mr. F. Gale, on his winning the premier prize as well as junior novice, a smart performance for a junior novice. The evening closed with the usual vote of thanks after spending a very enjoyable evening.—H. Grange.

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HIRST UNIVERSAL C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 22. Although late in the season, we elected one new officer for 1913, also enrolled four new members, and have a fairly good bank balance. The club is in a good way of becoming a complete success. It was arranged to have another table show at the Ashington and District Social Club on March 1st, when we expect to have a good turn-out.—Jas. Smith, Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting and pair show and lecture at Carnival committee rooms on February 22nd, Mr. Tate in the chair, before a very good attendance. Ten pairs of Yorks., four Nor., and nine muling pairs were on exhibition. We elected two new members, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. R. Jones. Mr. Jones judged muling pairs, and Mr. J. Chambers Yorks. and Nor., and both gave entire satisfaction in their awards. Afterwards Mr. Chambers read a paper on "Mating, Breeding, and Moulting Canaries," upon which questions were asked and answered until the close, when a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Chambers and Mr. Jones for their efforts in trying to make it a pleasant evening for all.

YORKS. (10): 1, hc, c, Richmond; 2, vhc, Page; 3, Steel. NOR. (4): 1, 3, B. H. Wilson; 2, Page; vhc, Etherington. MULING PAIRS (9): 1, B. H. Wilson; 2, 3, hc, Etherington; vhc, Moore; c, Tate. —W. H. Steel, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held in the Co-operative Hall, Feb. 22, Mr. Rankins presiding over a poor turn out of members. Four classes were provided for the novice judging competitions, the winners of same being 1, James Anderson—full honour to him, he being the youngest member in the society; 2, Kilfstrick; 3, Hunter. A letter from the "Gothenburg" Society was read, who very kindly grants us a donation of £1 towards securing a medal for this year's cup winner. Members and friends will be pleased to hear that Mr. A. Howie has again got home from the Eye Infirmary, and is getting things put right again for the breeding season. Will all members kindly keep the next meeting in mind and leave the 29th March free, as on that date the committee have been fortunate to fix up a special night for them, and a full attendance is requested. This meeting will be an open night, and all friends are invited; particulars later.—R. T. Campbell, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Annual general meeting, held at Swan and Peacock Hotel, Wolverhampton, January 30. Mr. Max Jacquemin presided. A good number of members turned up. The secretary was congratulated on the past year's work. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £15 8s. 4½d., and this was considered to be very satisfactory after what had been spent during the year. A presentation of a cash honorarium was made to the sec. for the work he had done for the society, and the sec. suitable responded. Mr. Max Jacquemin was re-elected pres.; Mr. J. H. Willows and Mr. S. Albiston, vice-pres.; Mr. A. W. Cadman, treas.; and Mr. T. J. Smith, hon. sec.; committee: W. Bird, A. Crouch, D. Maybury, W. Harrison, A. Harper, J. Humphries, F. Thompson, A. Turner, J. Brooks, H. Law, T. Twigg, and R. Grainger. Three new members were made: Mr. H. G. Hill (Birmingham), Mr. Hadley (Wednesfield), and Mr. Mayo (Wolverhampton). Roller fanciers wishing to join the above club please communicate with the hon. sec., T. J. Smith, 10, Hall St., Wolverhampton.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, The Old White Swan, Market Place, Leicester. Election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Mr. W. A. Gibbins; Vice Pres., Messrs. E. H. Hulse, C. Walton, J. E. Wood; Trustees, E. H. Hulse and E. Noakes; Treas., Mr. Peberdy; Committee, Messrs. Allen, Reeves, Neal, Moores, Hale, Hayes, Pool, Kilsby, Green, Jolly, Martin and Gilbert; Secretary A. Freestone 79, Clarendon Street. The balance sheet was passed as read, the same showing a balance of £11 in hand. The society is 50 strong, good financial members. The Young Bird Cup having been won outright, a new one is being subscribed for, also a points challenge cup for novices, members responding liberally. The thanks of the meeting were passed to Messrs. Westby and Son for presenting to the society a splendid cup, which was allotted to the British section. The Chairman (Mr. Gibbins) presented the Young Bird Cup to Mr. E. H. Hulse congratulating him on his achievement, and the recipient suitably replied. The Chairman also presented the Points Challenge Cup to Mr. Reeves, and the North Challenge Cup to Mr. W. Neal. Table show held Feb. 18, Mr. Hulse judge.

NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Gibbins; 2, Kilsby. DITTO NOV.: 1, vhc, Day; 2, hc, Wood; 3, Jolly. CHAFFINCH or BRAMBLEF.: 1, Wood: 2, 3, vhc, Kilsby; hc, Reeves; all Chaffies, and good specimens too.—E. H. Hulse, Press Corres.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

Washing competition held Feb. 17. The room at headquarters, the Deansgate Temperance Hotel, was comfortably filled with members and friends. There were not many competitors considering the splendid prizes which had been promised. The open and amateur sections were competing for a gold medal given by Mr. Oldham, and the novices were promised a special by Mr. Jones. As things turned out, we were only able to decide the open and amateur competition. The judges were Mr. Cook and Mr. Atkinson (Mr. Davis being detained by business) and their task was none of the easiest. They had to decide not only the best washed bird, but had also to award points for the handling. Mr. Spencer was declared the winner, having gained the maximum number of points, 100; Mr. Buckley, 2nd, 85; Mr. Raynes, 3rd, 83. We then had an informal chat about the social which is to take place on March 1st at the Clarion Cafe, Market Street. It was announced that a thoroughly good programme had been arranged. It only remains now for the members and friends to buy the tickets, and they may rely on a very enjoyable evening. Perhaps the most important item on the programme will be the presentation to Mr. Bladon, our President. Anyone who desires to show their appreciation of the services rendered, both to the society and to the Fancy generally, should communicate with our secretary, Mr. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme. The balance sheet for 1912 was in the hands of the members, and it was decided to discuss it at the next meeting. We were reminded of the lecture, with illustrations, by Mr. Cutmore, of Liverpool, subject, "Pedigree breeding and heredity." This is to take place on March 14th, and any member who misses this will miss a treat indeed. We shall also be glad to welcome any friends. A table show of British is on the agenda for next meeting, March 3rd. Mr. Smith will judge. We decided to have a ramble to Pickmere on May 4. This finished the business of the meeting, and after passing votes of thanks to the judges, and to the donors of the prizes in the washing competition, the meeting closed.—E. H. Fulcher, Asst. Sec.

SALE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held on February 17. The balance sheet was read and passed; this shows a balance in bank of £3 9s. 5d. The meeting unanimously elected Geo. F. Hardcastle. sec. and treas., H. Whitney assist. sec., and G. J. Dunkley was re-elected chairman. A vote of thanks was warmly accorded to the retiring officials. A table show of Norwich, Yorks., and Borders will be held March 3 next, judge and lecturer, Mr. J. Raynes. I hope all the old members will join the society again, as my committee and I hope to keep things moving. Geo. F. Hardcastle, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 12, Mr. Tindale in the chair. The following officials were elected:—Pres., Ald. Gillies, J.P.; vice-pres., the following were added, Mr. Tindale, Mr. Longstaff; Lady Patrons, Miss Mary Baxter Ellis, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Gilbert, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Blair; chairman. Mr. Holden; vice-chair, Mr. Petterson; show manager, Mr. Hawkins; committee, the following were added, Messrs. Mather, Topping, Pierson, and Bertram. The secretary tendered his resignation, it was left over until next meeting pending his decision. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Tindale for his past work as chairman. Nomination of judges followed, to be elected at our next meeting.—J. G. Greason.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Higgins Hall, February 22nd, Mr. Chambers presiding in the absence of Mr. McGown, over a fair attendance of members. Four new members were proposed and duly elected: Messrs. Hamilton, McArdle, Wilkinson, and Morton. A table show of matched pairs was also held. Entries were much the same as last year, some good birds being shown. Mr. Chas. Campbell judged, and his awards were received with every satisfaction. After judging, Mr. Campbell gave a descriptive lecture on the pairs shown, explaining, in his opinion, where some birds failed and where others excelled. After a good number of questions had been asked and satisfactorily answered, Mr. John Robb moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Campbell, which was heartily accorded. Mr. Campbell kindly promised to give a washing exhibition at our next meeting. NOR.: 1, 2, Tawse; 3, 6, Kane; 4, 5, Chambers. BORD.: 1, Tawse; 2, McBride. YORKS.: 1 4, Kane; 2, 3, Ferguson. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Lang. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Lang; 2, Simpson.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held Feb. 22, 35 birds entered in a three-minutes' time sing. Smith 102, Morley 67, Ratcliffe 59, Smith 59, Brindley 59; also Feb. 23, 17 birds entered for three prizes. 1 Smith, 2 Ratcliffe, 3 Nelson.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Open sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, February 22nd, when 29 birds sang for 3 good prizes: 1, Potter; 2, Collison; 3, Bathe and Wallis, dead heat, decided in favour of Bathe. Members' sing March 1st; first pair 3 prompt; monthly meeting after sing.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street, Feb. 22, for time. 22 birds entered, and the longest time was done this season: 1, Fairhurst, 150 sec.; 2, Hickman, 87; 3, Fairhurst, 86; timekeepers, T. Hindley and J. Jackson; tappers, A. Marshall and T. Joliey; minutes, A. Biddulph; birdman, J. Caswell. Next contest for members only, for time, March 8, first pair at 2.30. Will all fanciers remember Leigh contest at Globe Inn, March 1, for time and quality?—E. Hickman, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

The Pontefract, Woodman Inn, Linnet Club, had no sing on Feb. 15, owing to the loss our landlord had sustained by the death of his dear wife. All our members and friends offer our deepest sympathy to him in his sad bereavement. On Saturday, Feb. 22, we had some very good singing, for four good prizes: 1, Nelson, 110; 2, Jones, 75; 3, Nelson, 65; 4, Pugh, 50. On Feb. 23, in pleasant sunshine, we had 36 birds hung for four good prizes. 1, 2, Nelson, 82 and 63; 3, Piper, 48; 4, Nelson, 45. Mr. Nelson seems to have got a good class of birds, and is well on the road as a winner of league and biggest break this season.—W. Beard, Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Feb. 22nd, when 19 birds sang for 3 good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house: 1, 3, Towers; 2, Ward. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Granger. Also Feb. 23rd, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes, and some extra good singing was heard. The judges gave every satisfaction: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality singing Linnets held at the Old King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 22nd, when 18 birds sang for 3 good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Wigfield; 2, Stead; 3, Butler. Judges, A. Nicholson, W. Naylor. Also Feb. 23rd, when 30 of the best picked birds in Leeds sang for 4 good prizes before a crowded house: 1, Wigfield; 2, Stead; 3, Butler; 4, Richardson. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, J. Thompson.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Feb. 23, when 22 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, Lorriman; 2, Chippendale; 3, Towers. Judges, A. Turner and H. Hayes.—A. Lorrman, Hon. Sec.

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WANTED for cash, Canaries, any variety, quote lowest price; required also Goldfinches, Linnets: P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire. (523)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for Harmsworth "Natural History," three vols., bound, new, cost 31/9: Bebee, 181, Palgrave-rd., Gt. Yarmouth. (511)

WANTED hen Rosella (adult), lowest price, or exchange Yellow Siskin, 1st, special; Canaries, Foreign, Poultry: Wyndham, New Clifton, Bristol. (506)

WANTED, five Seifert hens, also three cocks, for cash; will exchange a mail cart for Rollers, or sell cheap: Simpson, 7, Prince George-st., Oldham. (515)

WILL give 4/6 each cock Canaries in song, 1/6 hen Canaries; best prices given for all kinds of British: Manager, 2, Volunteer-yard, Wakefield. (525)

WANTED, offers, Goldfinches, or Canaries for pair nets, 18ft. by 3½ complete, and four Linnets, singing; yours first: E. Elliott, Spittal Hill, Retford. (516)

WANTED gent.'s cycle, will give a good winning wire hair fox terrier dog, three years old, or sell, £2 2s.: T. G. Brown, 21, Foxhouses-rd., Whitehaven. (524)

WANTED Canaries, cages, anything useful; exchange rabbits, several varieties, many winners: Johnstone, Windmill House, Buller-rd., Thornton Heath. (509)

WANTED Bullfinches, Goldfinches, give 1/3 each cocks, 6d. hens; also hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each: J. Flower, 4, Southampton-cottages, Hackney-rd., London. (518)

WANTED, a good singing cock Canary, or two good hens, for champion singing cock Skylark and muling cock Linnet, worth 7/6: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable. (524)

WANTED Canaries and other birds, monkeys, Parrots, pigeons, poultry, dogs, rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (524)

WANTED, full size woollen blankets for high-class water glucks Roller hens, or sell 4/6 each upwards; own breeding; all cocks sold: Watkins, Eden-st., Astley Bridge, Bolton. (511)

WANTED, good singing Roller Canary, in exchange for three dozen single begonia tubers (cream), value 12/-; approval: J. Hanmer, No. 5, Church-rd., Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay. (512)

WANTED three cocks, one Yorkshire, 2 Norwich, all yellows, will exchange six hens, cock and hen Bullfinch and cock Greenfinch, for the above: H. Dancer, Leatherhead, Surrey. (509)

WILL buy for cash any quantity Goldfinch, Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-, and hen Canaries 1/3 each, large Yorkshire hens 1/6 each: Helyar, 52, Holyoak-rd., Newington Butts, London S.E. (490)

GOLDFINCHES; wanted, a few good cocks, well caged; good price for good birds; also a few large Norwich or Norwich and Lancashire hens: Write Mitchell, 12, Upton-rd., Newport, Mon. (512)

WANTED for export, large or small lots of Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, and Borders, for cash; colour fed or natural; send price and particulars: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (507)

WANTED large stout green ticked yellow Norwich or Cinnamon, or large Siberian H.M. Goldfinch cocks, in exchange for blue serge jacket and vest, new condition; 36 breast, 34 waist: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (525)

WANTED two good buff or cinnamon-marked Border hens, unflighted; exchange Goldfinch Mule cock, value 12/6; also required two large yellow Norwich hens, unflighted; exchange grand dark cock Mule, value 15/-: Hinds, International, Gosport. (515)

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Booklets." These quick-selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries, particularly hens; all breeds for re-sale; give particulars and lowest price; also Linnets, Redpolls, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers; spot cash paid and straightforward, honourable dealing guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (503)

WANTED, singing cocks, Norwich and Yorkshire hens, H.M. cocks, Linnets, Goldfinches, or small foreign seedeaters, in exchange for any of the following, or sell cheap:—Pair Nuns, pair High-flying Tumblers, pair Homers, 2/6 pair; six quarts wild seed, 15 6d. parts, illustrated book, "Canaries and Cage Birds"; four 2/6 parts of Morris's "British Birds"; honourable dealing only; yours first: William Birch, 83, Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale. (516)

WANTED Canaries, breeding cages, Bullfinches, or Goldfinches for muling; give pair nearly new whipcord riding breeches, buckskin strappings, 33½ waist, suit man 5ft. 7in., 12/6, cost 35/-; two new hollow ground razors, Ivorine handles, in cases, 3/6 each; new strop, 2/6: Valentine, 19, St. Marys, Bedford. (519)

WANTED, offers for four double breeders, 34 by 16 by 11, wood, wire partitions, mahogany stained outside, blue in; three-compartment, 53 by 15 by 12, partitions; three singles, 25 by 16 by 11; six box cages, 15 by 13 by 7½, all black outside, blue inside; all good condition: Allen, Upperthrift-st., Northampton. (516)

WANTED offer in good Roller Canaries or Yorkshires, for stylographic fountain pen, 5s.; also another fountain pen, 3/6; and Indian Game cockerel, 7/6; also cross Whippet Terrier bitch pup, 3 months, colour black and white, from good parents, 5/-; send for particulars: Hood, Catherine-st., Pentre R.S.O., Glam. (507)

WANTED, CANARIES

Any quantity cocks, also pairs, any variety: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (523)

COLOUR-FED YORKSHIRES

any quantity, cocks, hens; will give 7/- pair; cash deposited: Oliver, 2, Bridport-pl., Hoxton. (520)

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TWICE house-moulted Linnet, good songster and muler, sale with eggs, 7/6; offers: Alfred, 9, King-st., Treforest. (512)

FOUR cock Greenfinches, 1 cock Chaffinch, 2 hen Bullfinches, sell 6/-, or exchange; what offers: H. Huish, Pound, Chard. (524)

EXCHANGE three good cock Bullfinches and one hen, for good songster Roller; sell 8/-; approval: Rees, College, Pencader. (521)

LARGE good coloured Jay; exchange for large Norwich hen; approval: Williams, 23, Bartow's-causeway, Tiverton, Devon. (516)

FIVE Goldfinches, full song, 2/6; cock Bullies, 2/-; Linnets, singing, 1/-; exchange offers: Durant, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds. (510)

EXCHANGE splendid house-moulted cock Goldfinch for buff or marked Yorkshire hen: 25, Great Croft-st., Darlaston, Staffs. (521)

STEADY house-moulted Muling cock Linnet, 3/6, singing stout; or exchange: H. Smith, Bradmore-lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. (515)

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 4, Southampton-cottages, Hackney-rd., London. (518)

EXCHANGE one Linnet, one Greenfinch, sure Mulers H.M., for good Norwich hen: Russell, 4, Malvern-buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath. (516)

PAIR clapnets complete, 18 by 4, cost 12/6, used twice; exchange selected cock Goldies; offers: Ernest Watson, Kirbymoorside. (517)

TWO large exhibition brown Linnets, 2/6 each; week's approval; exchange cycle cover; offers entertained: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (522)

TWO Muling Goldfinches, H.M., 12/-; exchange double breeders, or Norwich hens; yours first: Lucas, 115, Newport-rd., Stantonbury, Bucks. (512)

HAWFINCH cock, good condition and feather, sell 5/6; exchange yellow or Green Budgerigars, or Norwich cock or hen: Chitty, South-st., Chichester. (504)

HAND-REARED cock Lark, singing, finger tame, 10/-; exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch, Hawfinch; offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (515)

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Thrush, also two pairs Bullfinches, sell 10/-, or exchange Canaries or Mules: A. Clements, 4, Jeynco-row, Tewkesbury. (517)

EXCHANGE four Goldfinches, Goldfinch Mule hens, for singing cock Canary; cock Bullfinch 1/9, cock Goldfinch 2/6; Exton, Newtown, Easton, Stamford. (522)

EXCHANGE 1 cock Goldfinch and Linnet, both singing, 2 Roller hens and cash for 2 pairs Yorkshires, approval: Bowdler, Moor-st., Wednesbury. (517)

EXCHANGE three Larks, singing, gaslight, two cock Redpolls, two hen Canaries, for phonograph and records: Bar[illegible], Lichfield-rd., Edmonton, London. (514)

EXCHANGE British Goldfinch, caged two years, in full song, sure Muler, for Roller cock, must be good songster: Campbell, 35, Bryanston-st., Marble Arch. (515)

BARGAIN. Will sell my six large singing cock Linnets for Muling, 1/3 each, 6/- lot, or exchange anything useful: Hyslip, Campbell Grove, Nottingham. (521)

TAME Blue Tits, two cock birds: two Joe-Bents, singing; sell 2/- each; exchange Canaries or anything useful: Mrs. Riley, 100, Sheinhall-st., Walthamstow. (523)

COCK Goldfinch, cock and hen Bullfinch, 6/-; cock Linnet, sell 6/-; approval, deposit; or exchange two good Roller hens: Dannatt, Tower Villa, Irthlingboro', Northants. (519)

HYBRID pair, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, had fertile eggs last season; exchange house-moulted muling Goldfinch; approval: Hardy, Upper Nisbet, Ancrum Roxburghshire. (512)

TWO good Scotch hen Bullies, caged September, two cock Chaffinches, for Norwich or Yorkshire hen: Ballantyne, Baker, Langholm. (520)

LARGE red-breasted Linnet, singing loudly, with cage, two large yellow cock Greenfinches, in song, 2/6 lot; exchange two hen Canaries: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (511)

TWO warranted hand-reared hen Chaffinches, 2 Rollers, Linnet, Greenie hens, aviary moulted, 10/-; exchange young yellow 8lb. cock, mine first: Shoesmith, 31, Percill-crescent, Fulham. (507)

TWO Scotch cock Linnets at 2/6 each, also a Reed Bunting at 4/-, or will exchange the three for a good cock Goldie or cock Siskin; yours first: Robert Russell, 18, Risk-st., Dumbarton, Scotland. (513)

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, full blaze and colour, in good health, make good muler, sell 6/-, or exchange anything useful; yours first: R. Saunders, Greengrocer, 2½, Clarence-st., Gravesend. (523)

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch and new show cage and box, 16/-, or exchange for second-hand gent.'s riding saddle, or odd harness; no live stock; on approval: Wm. Nicholas, Saddler, Haverfordwest, Pem. (513)

TWITE cock, winner two firsts, 10/-; Lesser Redpoll, vhc, 5/-; hen Linnet, 2/-; all h.m.; also eight pounds charlock seed; exchange lot for good clear yellow Norwich cock; yours first: Turner, Campden, Glos. (510)

AVIARY moulted Britishers, cock Bullfinch 3/6, Bramblefinch hen 1/6, Greenfinch hen 1/6, Linnet Mule hen 1/3; also cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen, 4/-; all real good specimens: Haselden, Walkley-terrace, Heckmondwike. (508)

TWO monster Siberian Goldfinches, pick of 100, no rubbish, 12/6 and 15/- each; hand-reared Song Thrush, full song, 20/-, with new cage; wanted, winning yellow Yorkshire cock, approval both ways: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (520)

TWO grand Siberian cock Goldfinches, giant birds, beautifully blazed and tanned, perfectly tame, full song, 6/6 each, or two 12/-; real bargain for Mule breeder; cash, approval: Howard, 80, Queens-rd., Dalston, London. (517)

EXCHANGE pair Bullfinches, one H.M. hen, H.M. cock Linnet, pair yellow Greenies, cock Chaffinch, cock Lesser Redpoll, twice H.M. Mealy hen, for good cock Hawfinch, Norwich hens; offers: Garrod, 37, Spencer-rd., Rushden. (513)

I WILL exchange exhibition Yellowhammer, Siberians, Goldies, Linnets, and other kinds of British for any breed of Canaries, Mules, and foreign birds; approval both ways; nothing but straight dealings from me; testimonials: Simpson, 36, Lancashire Hill, Stockport. (510)

SPECIAL notice to Exhibitors and Fanciers.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc., also all kinds of British birds, and all kinds of Foreign birds, for any kinds of Canaries and Mules; approval with pleasure; nothing but honest dealings; mention wants to E. Hodkinson, 4, Sandy Lane, Stockport. (525)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WILL exchange cock Goldfinch Mule for large yellow Norwich hen Canary, or sell 6/-: T. Turfitt, Ollerton, Notts. (508)

SELL pair of Norwich, 12/6; or exchange trout fly rod or punch ball: Smith, 13, Scotland-rd., Nelson. (510)

YORKSHIRE, best blood living; exchange household, blankets, tea-set, anything: Vernon, South Molton. (518)

FOR sale, six cock Canaries, six cock Goldfinch Mules, price 3 guineas: Ash, George's-sq., Stepcote Hill, Exeter. (508)

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy yellow hen for good buff pied or green hen: Robert Murdoch, 82, Main-st., Holytown. (521)

WILL exchange six Glucke hens for shutter cages, or sell 3/6 each: Thompson, 17, Florence-av., Kimberley-st., Hull. (519)

CLEAR upstanding Yorkshire cock, 7/-; deep-toned Roller cock, 6/-; good birds: S. Fulton, 7, Brackelston-st., Greenock. (516)

SECOND cross Scotch Fancies, cheap or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshires, surplus: T. McNair, George-st., Paisley. (513)

THREE Crossland Seifert cocks, exchange chickens, or laying pullets, or sell 6/- each: Coates, Augusta-place, Weston, Bath. (524)

1911 yellow Norwich cock, in full song, 10/-; exchange oil lamp, "King of road" preferred: Lewis, Winforton, Hereford. (514)

EXCHANGE 3 pairs high-class Canaries 30/-; wanted fostermother; genuine: Frank Weston, 191, Thorpe-road, Melton Mowbray. (509)

I WILL exchange pair of clear Borders, cards sent, for good pair Cinnamons: Brown, Balfour-rd., Stapleford, Notts. (510)

GOOD Norwich cock, nice size, good type, 12/6; approval; exchange for good violin: Keeton, 412, Alfreton-rd., Nottingham. (519)

EXCHANGE two pairs English Rollers and double breeding cage for gramophone and records: Britten, 156, Woodville-rd. Cardiff. (512)

EXCHANGE four hen Canaries for good cock or hen Yorkshire, or anything useful: Rowe, Brunswick-rd., Shoreham, Sussex. (517)

EXCHANGE Borders, two buff green cocks, one yellow variegated hen, for same in clear yellows: Graham, Harold-st., Carlisle. (510)

THREE matched pairs Yorkshires, perfect type and feather, 12/6 pair; exchange good pullets: Cockhill, Hill Top, Dalton, Huddersfield. (504)

SOME rich yellow unflighted Norwich cock Canaries for disposal, 7/6 each; hens, 3/-; breeding condition: Taylor, Northam-rd., Bideford. (518)

YORKSHIRE Greens, four good birds, one cock, three hens; exchange Rollers, or sell cheap: J. Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Cardiff. (521)

ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung; Border Fancy, double breeding cage, almost new, sell or exchange: Bentley, 35, Broughton-avenue, Blackpool. (525)

EXCHANGE three typical Yorkshire hens for one variegated yellow, unflighted Yorkshire cock, or offers: White, 44, Park-ave., Barking. (509)

EXCHANGE Goldfinch, Linnet cocks, also Cinnamon Yorkshire hen, grand birds, for Yorkshire buff hens: Crisp, Duncans, Billingshurst, Sussex. (517)

BIG yellow Cinnamon hen, pair Yorkshires, cages, cheap; exchange laying pullets, stereoscopic slides, motor rug: Bennett, Quorn, Loughborough. (522)

SIX Norwich and Yorkshire hens, two muling Linnets, cages, 24/-; exchange gramophone records; offers: 36, Wellfield-rd., Preston, Lancashire. (519)

HEALTHY outdoor Norwich cocks, 7/6 each, or exchange for outdoor Budgerigars, Cockatiels, or Lovebirds: Riley, 20, Buckingham-st., Aylesbury. (509)

EXCHANGE good Yorkshire cock for large unflighted buff Norwich hen, good head and chest, on approval: Robinson, 1, Cleveland-sq., Rochdale. (511)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire stock birds, winning strain, for scrap brass, copper, lead, rubber, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (517)

FOUR Norwich hens, 8/-; exchange good field glasses; cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 6/-; yours first: Finigan, 36, Bircham-st., West Stanley, Durham. (519)

SMALL green Crested hen, 2 variegated Norwich hens, 1912 birds, 7/6; exchange yellow Norwich cock, short bird: Roper 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (521)

SPLENDID songsters; high-class Seifert Rollers, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; exchange for healthy pullets, anything: Blythe, Plane-st., Bacup (member B.R.C.C.). (511)

TWO fine large yellow Norwich Crest-bred hens, will sell two for 5/-, or exchange for two Norwich buff hens: Webb, c/o J. Sainsbury, 114, High-st., Lewisham. (517)

TWO pairs good clear Yorkshires, 15/6 pair; pair Norwich, 16/-; cock Bullie with new hanging cage, 5/6; Goldie with trap cage, 3/6; Surfrey, Vicarage, Llandovery. (520)

GREEN Norwich cock, Cinn. blood, two good Muling hens, extra fine Goldie; exchange yellow Norwich cocks or crest-bred hens: Johnson, Workhouse, Newmarket. (513)

FOUR good Crested cocks, 15/6 each; exchange for two good Crested hens, jewellery, anything useful; yours first: Payne, 3, Ormond-rd., Hornsey Rise, London. (509)

EXCHANGE two splendid cock Canaries, singing, nice hen, lot 16/6, for gramophone records, clothing, anything useful, no rubbish: Cleerce, 30, Chesterfield-rd., Harringay. (509)

EXCHANGE three dark Linnet Mules, one a lovely songster, pure Linnet note, for two big Norwich hens; yours first; mine approval: W. White, 177, Adnit-rd., Northampton. (507)

EXCHANGE 2 buff Norwich hens for 2 yellows, sell 3/6 each; variegated cock, 8/6; green cock, 8/6; exchange either for 2 big yellow hens, cold room: Savage, Square, Abingdon. (508)

COCKS, lovely Crested, 12/6, 15/-; Scotch Fancy, 30/-; Borders, 6/-; Yorkshire, vhc, 12/6; exchange Crested, Crest-bred hens, Borders, one Yorkshire hen; approval: A. March, Evesham. (503)

GOOD big Yorkshire cocks and hens, also Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6; or exchange for telescope, electric light fittings, or child's carriage: Young, 36, Church-st., Whitby. (522)

TWO high-class Buff Yorkshire cocks, Ambler's direct, 10/6 each; or exchange single-barrelled gun or eight-day clock; mutual approval; no cards: Phillips, Jonnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. (518)

FOR sale, twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, 6/6; also two good feeding hens, 2/6 the pair; or exchange the lot for two cock Canaries: Walton, 4, Short-st., Castleton, nr. Manchester. (517)

THREE pairs buff Norwich (unflighted) 10/- pair; two cocks, one hen, Goldfinch Mules (parents of same); exchange yellow Norwich or hand-sewing machine: Buckett, 51, Kings-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (516)

EXCHANGE three St. Andreasburg Rollers, Schoolmasters, 1912, sell 25/- the lot; also book on Hybrids, recently cost 25/-, take 15/-; large dog wanted, will give cash: Dawe, Coronation, Oldfield-rd., Willesden. (524)

YELLOW green Norwich cock, 1912, 8/6; clear yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/6; Goldie-Linnet Hybrid cock, 7/6; will exchange for buff Norwich hen, 1912: Jones, 5, Eivion-terr., Talysarn, Penygroes, North Wales. (516)

PAIR Yorkshires, unflighted, yellow cock, buff hen, value 18/-, for two good unflighted yellow Norwich hens; Buff Yorkshire hen, value 10/-, for yellow Yorkshire hen: Monday, "Glenville," Bapchild, Sittingbourne. (511)

NORWICH cocks, large clear buff, monster, marked yellow (1911), 15/- each: clear yellow (1911), 7/6; unflighted clear and foul buffs, 6/6 each; small songster, 5/-; healthy stock; offers hens, anything: Nelson, 81, Bury New-rd., Bolton. (513)

TWO Roller cocks, schoolmasters, 15/- each; Randall's strain, pure; or would exchange for typical buff unflighted Yorkshire and typical Norwich buff Cinnamon unflighted, both cocks: B. McDonald, Meadow Bank, St. Leonards-on-Sea. (512)

HIGH-CLASS clear yellow Crestbred cock, £1; large yellow green Crested hen, £1; buff varieg. Crested hen, 15/-; Crestbred buff cock, £1; large buff Crestbred hen, £1; Barnett's strain; exchange good cobby Norwich hens to value or Norwich cocks, yellow preferred; approval, known fanciers: Apply M. Williamson, 24½, Catherine-st., Leicester. (522)

Mainly Foreign.

GREY and Red Parrot, with cage, £1; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, or offers: H. 197, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green. (509)

LARGE Amazon, says several words, square cage, 70/-; offers bird house, good Yorkshires, anything: 51, Greenfield-st., Bargoed. (519)

TWO cocks, two hen Budgerigars, bit rough; offers, exchange; also large three-domed aviary, 10/6; exchange: Criddeford, Honiton. (512)

GIVE pair Pekin Nightingales and pair Black-headed Mannikins for Goldie Mule or Canary, songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (523)

KING Amazon Parrot and cage, talking, good mimic, exchange gramophone and records; offers; sell £3: G., 72, Surtees-st., Bishop Auckland. (514)

PARROTS.—Lively pet Amazon, splendid talker, suitable for lonely person, 50s., including cage; also nice grey-coloured bird, started talking, 35s., with cage; four months' talking warranty. Notice.—500 testimonials: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford. (523)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

TWO single burner oil stoves, new, 7/6; what offers?—Julian, 24, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (522)

PRETTY tea service, 18 pieces, 8/-; exchange Canaries: Thompson, 80, Greyfriars-walk, Bedford. (513)

THREE-DOMED Palace aviary, 15/-; exchange Canaries: Thompson, 80, Greyfriars-walk, Bedford. (513)

CHAMPION Fox-terrier bitch, by Newmarket Crackerjack, also good dog puppy by Cymw Courtier for Canaries, anything: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (514)

TAMLIN'S 50-egg incubator, in perfect order, sell 25/-; no rubbish: Mattin, 200, Globe-rd., London, E. (509)

EXCHANGE Guinea-fowl for Canaries or Foreigners; yours first: 81Sa, Kennington-rd., London, S.E. (517)

PAIR of Blue Dragoons, 12/6; exchange pair of Norwich: Tattersall, 19, East-st., Farington, Preston. (515)

EXCHANGE square, all-wire aviary, in good order, for Border Fancier: Potton, 46, Southend-rd., East Ham. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE 40 Engineering books, 30 books on photography, for Norwich hen: Stout, J., Smeaton, Dalkeith. (507)

FOX terrier bitch, young, sell 12/-, or exchange birds, or anything useful: Bowbricz, 260, Globe-rd., London, E. (510)

NO. 1a, Kodak folding camera, sell 30/-, or exchange birds, or offer: Haddle[illegible]y, 22, Union-st., Harrogate. (511)

LARGE black double lop doe, sell 6/-, 9 months; or exchange; what offers?—J. T. Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire. (511)

½-PLATE camera, boy's cycle, coaster hub, cheap, cash or Canaries wanted: Green, Bigg House, Arnold, Notts. (510)

LADY'S fur, new, cost 10/-; exchange books, records, anything useful: Haines, 19, High-st., Aston, Birmingham. (515)

SALE: Pair new splint wheels, 12/6, or exchange pair unflighted Norwich: J. Allport, 62, High-st., Pontycymmer. (515)

PAIR French rapiers; exchange for exhibition Goldfinch or Greenfinch; must be good bird: 442, High-st., East Ham. (520)

EXCHANGE all wool Scotch blankets for Canaries or sell 25/-: Wm. Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (520)

ABERDEEN Terrier, pure bred, house-trained; sale or exchange Irish or Fox Terrier: Mitchell, 231, Wimborne-rd., Winton. (517)

TWO four-coupled cages, case and two Yorkshire show cages, for sale or exchange: J. Elwell, 35, Church-st., Shildon. (516)

PHIPPS' 100-egg incubator for sale, or exchange Norwich Canaries, no rubbish: Russell, 1, Hereford Retreat, Peckham. (524)

EXCHANGE punchball cost 21/-, electric reading lamp, 21/-; what offer in Canaries: J. Kearney, 1, Athol-st., Liverpool. (516)

SELL melodeon, 17/6, or exchange for pair of stock Norwich to value; approval: Wade, 1, River-st., Littleborough, Lancs. (508)

SONG Thrush and cage, and other cages, cheap, or exchange anything useful: Hawkes, 16, Smith-st., Trafford-rd., Salford. (458)

SABLE Collie bitch pup, nine weeks; sell 15/- or exchange for two cock Canaries: A. Clarke, Moss-lane, Ripley, Derby. (511)

EXCHANGE "Health and Strength" developers for two Yellow Norwich Plainhead heads: Richards, 94, Bower-st., Maidstone. (523)

EDISON Gem Phonograph in good condition and 30 records; cash 20/- or part exchange: Howarth, Sharpe-st., Dewsbury. (520)

EXCHANGE odourless gas stove (the Omega) for two Norwich cocks or 4 laying pullets; approval: 134, St. George's-st., Norwich. (507)

PAIR divans, couch, four smails, new, richly upholstered; £6 10/- or offer; exchange birds: Greaves, 60, Ling-st., Liverpool. (520)

VIOLIN complete, fine instrument, value 35/-; also folding stand, tutor; exchange Canaries or offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (517)

GUITAR Zither, splendid tone, sale cheap or exchange Canaries or fowls; approval: Ormirey, 162, Wimbourne-rd., Winton. (519)

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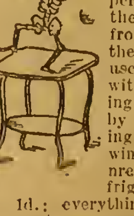

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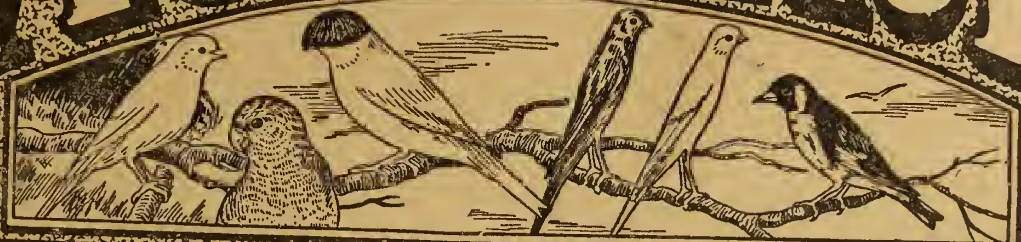

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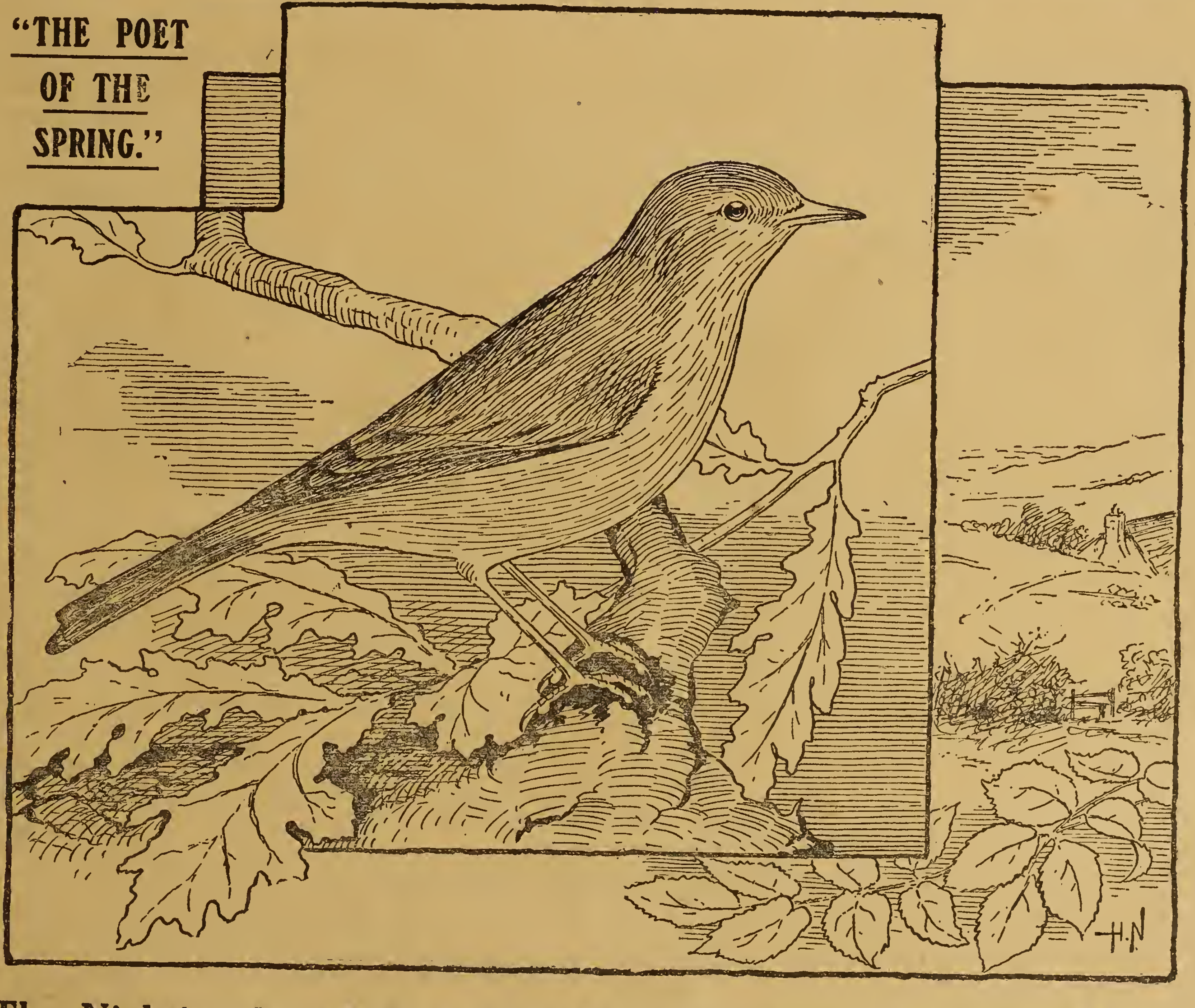

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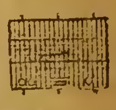

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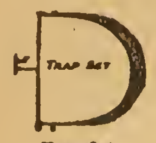

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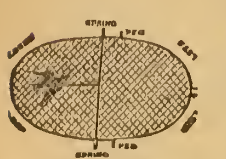

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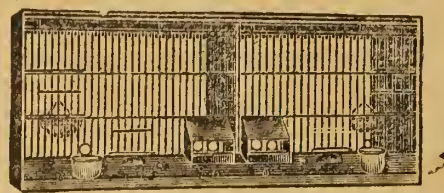

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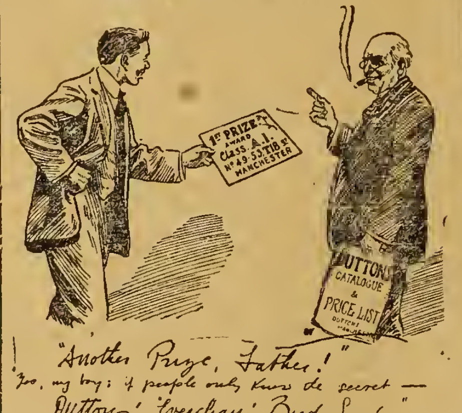
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FOR sale, two self-green Canaries, one buff, one yellow, 3/- each; particulars: W. Roff, Gate Lodge, Malhon Park, West Malvern. (544)

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Norwich.

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SEVERAL fine young Norwich hens, nesting, strong, healthy condition, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (543)

FOR sale, 6 pairs Norwich Canaries, 10/6 pair; approval, stamp: G. Haylett, 14, Garfield-rd., Newtown, Gt. Yarmouth. (532)

NORWICH Canaries for sale, from 8/6; hens 3/0, or pairs; appointment only; Egremont, Blenheim-rd., Caversham, Reading. (542)

EIGHT good healthy 1912 hens, 2/6 each, 16/- lot; approval, cash or deposit: Harris, Meadowleigh, Hanworth, Middlesex. (530)

THREE Norwich hens, 8/6 lot; cocks, 7/6 each, healthy, cold-room birds: Terry, 200, Lordship-lane, East Dulwich, London. (531)

WANTED, extra large yellow hen for stock, must have good head, good price if suitable: Scott, 68, Market-st., Lancaster. (539)

WANTED, unflighted yellow cock; give in exchange good buff cock and buff hen, value 25/-: Nicol, 1, Gladstone-rd., Peterhead. (553)

NORWICH, clear unflighted buff cock, yellow-marked 1911 hen, 12/6: J. Milnes, Church Hill, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. (540)

SURPLUS stock. W. Pound has a few good Norwich cocks for disposal, from 7/6 each; approval: 7, Brunswick-st., Carlisle. (542)

NORWICH cocks, fed, breeding condition, yellows or buff, 10/-, carefully bred birds: Hooker, 91, Effingham-rd., Hornsey, N. (541)

TWO cinnamon buff Norwich hens 3/- each; clear yellow Norwich cock, 6/-; genuine bargains: Carter, Saddler, Uttoxeter, Staffs. (531)

SIX unflighted buff cocks, good stock birds, from winners, 7/6 each, half value: Viles, Warstone-terr., Handsworth, Birmingham. (545)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Norwich yellow cock, 12/-; buff variegated cock, 10/-; bred from winners: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (547)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has three unflighted buff cocks, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-; also some good hens; reasonable approval. (536)

NORWICH; few good birds, yellows and buffs, 7/6 to 25/-; approval: Buckley, 148, Ashton New-Rd., Beswick, Manchester. (529)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; cocks from 8/-, hens from 6/-; seen any time; stamp: Jeffrey and Stevenson, Bakers Entry, Bannockburn. (534)

HENS, 2/-; cocks, 5/6; cold-room bred, guaranteed breeders and feeders; grand quality; stamp: Halhead, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley. (536)

NORWICH cocks, unflighted, in full song, natural colour, clear and marked, 8/- each; own breeding: Leigh, 19, Danvers-st., Chelsea. (537)

TWO young yellow hens, one clear, one variegated, 5/- each; one buff variegated, 3/6; approval: Payne, 29, Alma-st., Coventry. (533)

THREE good Norwich hens, 1912, sell, exchange chubby 1912 yellow Norwich cock: Kendrick, Coachman, Monument-hill, Weybridge. (539)

NICE lot of unflighted typical Norwich hens, cold room bred, in breeding condition, 3/6, 4/6 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (540)

FINAL clearance, the last 6 prize-bred buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; don't delay, send at once: Woodall, 77, Overton-rd., Sheffield. (545)

TWO winning Norwich hens, buff, huff variegated, size, substance, quality, 20/- each; others from 5/-: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester. (544)

MUST clear, unflighted buff cocks, from 5/6 to 12/6 each; variegated buff hens, 2/6 to 5/- each; approval: Muir, Thomson-st., Kilmarnock. (539)

FOR disposal, few large pairs of typical Norwich, from 15/- to 20/-, singles from 7/6; approval, stamp: W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield. (536)

NORWICH, I have a few grand Norwich to dispose of; will sell cheap to clear; stamp, particulars: Smith, Stronvar, Balquhidder, Perthshire. (526)

WANTED, large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (545)

THREE cocks, 2 yellows, large, heavy marked, 10/-; ticked head, 7/-; clear buff, second Leamington, 10/-: Jennings, Newbold-inn, Leamington Spa. (529)

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 3/-; pairs, 8/-, 8/6; exceptional bargains; approval: Hatton, Curzon Aviaries, Belper, Derbyshire. (546)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

WILL exchange good Yorkshire yellow cock for Norwich buff cock, unflighted, two days' approval each way; no rubbish: Larter, 33, Bulstrode-rd., Ipswich. (649)

CLEAR yellow and clear buff Norwich cocks, 1912, 12/6 each; approval, deposit; bred from winner, holder Newark cup: Fitchett, Stodman-st., Newark. (541)

HAVING no time for breeding this season I have a few choice pairs of high-class Norwich cheap: Peter French, 7, Second-terr., Kilbowie, Clydebank. (535)

WANTED, two pairs of Norwich, good strain, Bullfinch type; no rubbish entertained; fair price given; approval: B., 1, Valkyrie-rd., Liscard, Cheshire. (537)

CAN spare some grand Norwich from my noted winners; state wants; approval; can be seen any time: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London. (417)

WANTED, the following yellow unflighted Norwich hens, Greens, variegated, or clears; approval in all cases: Stuart and Dalling, Brighouse, Bathgate. (541)

SEVERAL variegated and clear buff Norwich hens for sale, 2/6, all young, in splendid condition; approval, deposit: Bowman, Kirkburton, Huddersfield. (538)

CHAMPION lot Norwich Plainheads, fine breeding condition, 8/6 pair, 3 pairs 22/6; approval; don't miss these; also about 20 cages, various: Savage, Goole. (539)

A few Norwich Canaries, left over; cocks in song, 8/6, hens 5/-; also dark Goldfinch Mules, cocks, in full song, 10/6: Bindoff, 24, Niton-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (535)

LARGE buff Norwich hen, good head, chest, wing carriage, fine stock bird, vhc Cardiff open show, 14/-; others, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6: Frinch, 8, Malefant-st., Cardiff. (541)

THREE large typical buff Norwich hens, good heads and breasts, close feathers, related to my winners, 30/- each, three for £4: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne. (538)

TWO extra special pairs Norwich, unflighted buff cock, 1911 marked yellow hen, 12/6; heavily marked buff cock, 1911 yellow hen, 15/-: Lill, Osborne-terr., Matlock. (541)

A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, is well stocked with Norwich; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; buff hens, 4/-, 5/- 6/-; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

BUFF variegated cock, 10/-; ditto, 12/6; yellow variegated cock, £1; all 1912, and off winners, cheap for quick clearance: Adam Ironside, New Deer, Aberdeenshire. (542)

ONE yellow cock, one buff cock, both winners, and two buff hens, will take 30/- for the lot; approval: G. Watson, 23, Finedon-rd., Irthlingborough, Northants. (544)

THIRTY clear and marked buff Norwich hens, 3/- each; yellow hens, 3/6; healthy birds; ready for breeding; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (536)

NORWICH Canaries for sale, ten cocks, 5/- each, ten hens, 2/6 each; one Goldfinch, one Greenfinch Mule, 5/- each, cold room; all good healthy birds: Booth, Thrapston. (517)

CALDERWOOD, Kilmarnock, has a few Norwich hens to sell, buffs and yellows, from 10/- each, also yellow and buff cock, singers 6/- each; stamp reply: 65, St. Andrew's-st. (532)

J. D. ANNAND has several splendidly matched Norwich, colour fed, Silk's strain, cold room bred, 15/- to 30/- per pair; approval, stamp: 36, Queen's-rd., Great Yarmouth. (535)

SALE, two good Norwich cocks, clears, five hens, 30/- lot, all genuine birds; also two double breeding cages, 7/6, joiner made: S. Beresford, 20, Station-st., Sutton-in-Ashfields. (527)

BUFF Norwich cock, 10/-; Crestbred cock, 10/-, both in breeding condition, and twice house-moulted cock Linnet, sure muler, 5/-, or 20/- lot, worth double: Walker, 240, Kingston-rd., Hampton Wick. (531)

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NORWICH Canaries, a few good cocks, yellow and buff, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/- each; hens, yell. and buff, unflighted, 2/6 and 3/6 each; approval: Chas. Draper, 103, Belgrave Gate, Leicester. (544)

NORWICH cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; cold room, 1912, ready for breeding, clean and healthy, cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (514)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester. (512)

LARGE yellow cocks, 10/6, 12/6; buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6; bred from winners; cold-room; two yellow hens, 10/6 each; £1 two; also good Yorkshire cocks: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton. (536)

NORWICH, four buff hens, 10/-, 15/-; two buff cocks, 25/- each; one yellow cock, 35/-; see Manchester, Rochdale, L.C.B.A., Scottish National: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'. (536)

J. TRISTEM, winner over 600 prizes, cups, and specials, can spare clear yellow cock and buff hen, 35/-; monster buff cock, 20/-; few odd birds, cheap: 24, Meridian-place, Clifton, Bristol. (545)

NORWICH for sale, young buff cock, cup at Bonnybridge; also 2nd at Paisley New Year show; £2 2s.; big yellow variegated cock, clear buff hen, 25/- pair: Morris, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk. (536)

SIX large typical yellow hens, clear and variegated, 4/6 and 5/6 each; one variegated buff hen, 4/6; approval, cash or deposit: apply, Baker, Breeder and exhibitor, 44, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich. (541)

STOUT cobby buff cock, 8/6; lovely stout yellow hen, 6/-; 13/6, pair; grand stout yellow cock, 8/6; stout cobby buff hen, 5/6; 13/6 pair; bargains; approval: Hattou, Fleet, Belper, Derbyshire. (546)

ONLY 4 left, 2 buff cocks, 15/-, 20/-; 2 yellow cocks, 10/- each; or exchange for change of blood; unflighted buff variegated cock; must be good; approval: James Brown, Jeweller, Catrine, Ayrshire. (536)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, brother to 2nd prize Ramsgate, 15/-; very large buff cock, 1911, son of 1st Ramsgate, 12/-; yellow ticked cock, 12/6; bargains: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate. (544)

OUTDOOR aviary, five, big, healthy Norwich hens, ready to breed, 5/- apiece, 22/6 lot; three Norwich hens, smaller, good breeders, 10/- lot; deposit, no approval: Miss Fountaine Brown, Brockenhurst, Hants. (538)

HIGH class Norwich cocks or hens, clears, marks, greens, large birds, good heads, good type, best blood, 35 years' hreeder, judged 100 shows, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (516)

CHAS. ROBERTS, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, can sell matched pairs of his noted large Norwich to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; also several grand large cobby yellow and buff hens at 20/-, 25/- each. (535)

A FEW more unflighted buff Norwich hens left, 7/6 each, all in breeding condition; also 3 yellow cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, the best of type and quality; inspection invited: Wm. Foxall, Oakenclough, Waterloo, Ashton-u-Lyne. (540)

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare two more pairs from his unrivalled strain, yellow cocks and buff hens, 45/- and 35/- per pair; unflighted ticked buff, 20/-; 1911 yellow cock, 20/- to clear: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (521)

STILL some stock Norwich left, winners and related to winners, yellow cocks, buff cocks and buff hens, hens from 5/-, cocks from 12/-; would exchange for good yellow hens; approval, deposit: Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (539)

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, marvellous size good head only 12/6; clear yellow, good stock bird, 10/-; another marked yellow, 8/-; another clear buff, 7/6; six days' approval, cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (548)

CAN spare good Norwich yellow cock, winner, and bred from winners, 20/-; buff hen, 8/6; smaller, 5/-; 1912 sister to above cock; 2 cocks, Crested and Crestbred, 15/- and 12/6 each; King's strain direct; approval: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate. (538)

TO clear for breeding; 2 pairs 1912 Norwich, properly matched, medium size, cocks in song, hens healthy, 6/6 pair: 1 1912 clear yellow cock, small, grand songster, 5/-; approval willingly; cash or deposit: Dimes, The Mount, Hanworth, Middlesex. (530)

GOING ahroad, must sell all my selected breeding pairs, including winners; pairs from 10/-, odd cocks from 7/6, odd hens from 3/-; all colours, every bird on approval; must be cleared out before the end of March: Richmond, Swinstie Cottage, Cleland, Lanarkshire. (541)

1910 EXHIBITION buff marked Norwich hen, second at Blaydon, first at Haltwhistle, only times shown this season; 25/-, or exchange for unflighted yellow hen, approval; also yellow and buff unflighted cocks, cheap: D. Hermeston, 150, Biddlestone-rd., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (538)

SONGSTER prices, Harland's noted winning strain, must clear this week; large cocks, unflighted, yellows, clears and marked 8/6 each; ditto buffs, 7s. 6d. each; 3 large buff hens, 5s. each; 2 days' approval; cash or deposit "Cage Birds": Duckitt, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster. (533)

NORWICH Plainheads, I have a few more for sale, bred from winners at all the leading shows in the north; prices reasonable; cash or deposit; approval stamp; inspection invited; I have not had one bird returned to me this season: John Hagon, 32, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland. (542)

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and Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; hens, 3/-.—**SANDIFORD, Canary Judge, Preston; also 89, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, London.**

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare two large ticked yellow cocks, 15/- each, worth double; one yellow, two buff hens, 15/- each; several yellow and buff hens, 7/6, 10/- each; also few well-bred cocks, same price, from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in the Fancy; approval. (541)

EXCEPTIONAL large, massive framed, deeply fed buff 1911 Norwich cock, great winner, cost £4 15s. last season, accept 30/-; another, son of above, of exceptional size and merit, has won several honours during this season, accept 30/-, worth treble; approval six days: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (547)

MR. HAWKES' final offer; has three deep-colour-fed yellow cocks, five deep fed buff cocks, Norwich; these remaining specimens are of exceptional quality, for size, type and style will be hard to equal, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, and 25/- each; worth treble for stock; approval six days any distance: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (547)

T. P. BAXTER, York-st., Runcorn, is reluctantly compelled to clear his birdroom, leaving town; 2 unflighted variegated yellow cocks, £1 each, can win; 2 unflighted clear buff cocks, 12/6 and 15/- each; 1 young capped yell. hen, £1; 2 buff hens, 12/6, cash with order; 7 days' willing approval; also exchange entertained. (Q)

SPECIAL bargains, monster stock buff cock, immense size, large head and full neck, only 21/-, honestly worth double for stock alone; also massive stock yellow stock, grand size, type, and quality, make champion stock bird, only 17/6, recently cost 30/-, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (541)

I STILL have the following high-class Norwich to dispose of: Two very large, cobby, unflighted clear buff cocks, 10/- each: make nice stock birds; also large, clear, rich yellow unflighted cock, 10/-; another, clear buff unflighted cock, 8/-; all above are in grand breeding condition; approval, deposit: J. Colling, 5, Mariners-terrace, Filey, Yorkshire. (547)

EXHIBITOR'S stock of high-class Norwich, must clear the lot; clear yellow cock, 30/-; heavily variegated cock, 20/-; clear buff cock, 25/-; variegated yellow and buff cocks, 15/- each; also very good hens, from 5/- to 15/- each; stock of double breeders and single stock cages: Joseph Bixter, 11, Queen's-rd., Prescot. (541)

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

THROUGH pressure of business, I must sell nearly all my stock, large clear buff cock, 1911, with clear yellow hen, 1912, 10/6 the pair, worth 25/-; also clear 1912 buff cock, with clear yellow hen, 1911, same price; a few 1912 clear buff cocks, full song, 5/6 each, and a few buff hens, 1912, clear and variegated, 3/- each; all on approval: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness, Essex. (538)

CHAMPION Norwich; Correctly matched pairs of high-class Norwich Plainheads, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 42/- a pair; these are matched to produce size, type, and quality, and are bred from the best blood in the Fancy; any of these offered are honestly worth double the prices asked; rare chance for beginners; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

TWO grand Norwich clear buff cocks, 1912 and 1911 bred, 15/- each; one variegated unflighted yellow hen, 15/-; one clear yellow hen, 1911, 10/-; two clear yellow hens, unflighted, 7/6 each: two clear buff hens and one variegated, 7/6 each: 36 breeding cages and all accessories, nearly new; 4 show cages and packer: approval, cash or deposit, or exchange gold watch or chain, gold coins, poultry, pure or cross breeds; what offers: R. Allen, Bradford Park, Bolton. (533)

FOR the present am reluctantly compelled to part with all my stock of Norwich, comprising eight grand pairs, as reserved for own breeding; also few odd cocks and hens, totalling 20 birds altogether; having worked a strain to winning point, fanciers securing them would be on the right track; would make bargain, anyone having lot or sell in pairs; write for particulars or seen any time; invitation to known fanciers; approval: S. Prince, 16, Burnt-house-rd., Heanor, Derbyshire. (532)

HOW to become champion exhibitors the first year, for a reasonable outlay, is a sample matter I am offering you this week. (1) Clear yellow cock, winner in the hottest competition, grand head and neck, plenty of substance, a gem, 40/-; (2) grand unflighted buff hen, rare type and quality, 30/-, this pair 60/-; (3) clear buff cock, bouncer, plenty of size, sweet head, fine bold front, topper, 40/-; (4) clear yellow hen, wonderful substance, grand head and neck, a winner, in keen competition, 40/-, or the pair, 70/-, both ideal specimens; (5) ticked yellow cock, fine bouncing bird, wonderful shape, fine head, etc., 35/-; (6) charming buff hen, one which must be seen to admire her wonderful qualities, 40/- or 65/- the pair; (7) three most bewitching yellow hens, 15/-, 20/-, and 25/- each; (8) three of the very best buff hens, good size, quality, etc., 12/6, 15/-, and 17/6 each; (9) rare fine stock buff cock, 15/-; (10) two extra good yellow hens, 30/- each; all my own breeding, and the strain which is known and proved beyond doubt to be absolutely a'' all cold room bred and kept; all on approval 3 days, with pleasure; take this advantage of getting from me now what you cannot get elsewhere; other breeders of note would not part with any of these I offer; state requirements to the greatest Norwich specialist in the Fancy; birds sent per return: Judge S[illegible]k Whitstable. (532)

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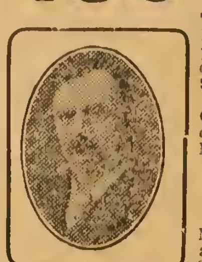

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Compelled to part with three pairs, which I had matched for breeding, all winners this season, variegated buff cock and clear yellow hen 17/6, unflighted yellow cock and buff hen 25/-, clear buff cock and yellow variegated hen 25/-, two buff hens 7/6 and 10/- each, house-moulted Linnet and yellow green hen, bred Mules 12/6, house-moulted cock and hen mealy Redpoll 4/6, large hen Linnet Mule 2/-; breeding cages, carrying cases, show cages, cheap to clear: New address: Hart, 26, Radnor-st., Kilbowie, Scotland. (544)

NICHOLS

34, Beaconsfield-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham, hon. sec., Richmond C.B.S., few odd birds to spare, same strain as winners supplied for Palace, Scottish National, Gateshead, Newcastle, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, Cork, Belfast, and scores of smaller shows, recent winners for sale; massive, typical green buff hen, 1st Richmond over cocks, 20/-; cinnamon hen, 3rd 10/-, bargain; variegated buff cock, 2nd, 20/-; yellow cock, clear, topper for size and type, 30/-; clear buff cock and yellow hen, 1st, 25/-: few others, state wants, stamp; approval; all above guaranteed ready for breeding; see report Richmond this week.

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Norwich Plainheads, that can win, or breed winners, 1912 clear yellow cock, beauty, rare type, quality, with immense stout big-headed clear buff hen, grand pair, gift at 27/6; another clear yellow cock, teeming with quality, large marked buff hen, both stout, good heads, 1912 bred, 30/- the pair; variegated yellow cock, clear buff hen, large, good heads, and feather, 25/-; clear buff cock, 1911 bred, and 1911 yellow hen; this pair has bred great winners, none better, price 30/-; marked buff cock, clear yellow hen, lovely type, colour, 1912 bred, 21/- only; these all honestly worth double; first orders received have them: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (546)

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has still splendid collection Norwich Plainheads for sale, cold-room bred, and in perfect breeding condition, cobby cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; smart hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; pairs for immediate breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; travelling cages, 3d.; approval willingly; cash or deposit; trial solicited; send for list; inspection invited: Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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Owing to pressure of business I am compelled to dispose of all my stock, having no time for breeding; and this strain is well-known over the country. A few results of last season: Crystal Palace winner, winnings, and gold medal for best bird in class, winner of the open Welsh championship, cup, Treharris, open championship, winner of South Wales and Monmouthshire, at Tredegar, at Pentrebach, winner of the open championship, South Wales and Monmouthshire, winner of the open championship cup Blackwood, 25 firsts, 19 seconds, 14 thirds, 11 fourths, 15 specials, winner of medals and diploma, etc., this strain has won over thousand prizes; prices from £1; state wants; stamp reply: W. Davies, 216, Cardiff-rd., Aberaman. (538)

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PURE Roller hens, 1912, cold-room, ready for breeding, 2/- each, 5/- 3: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool. (520)

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ROLLERS, own breeding, cold-room bred; approval; cocks 8/6, 10/6, hens 4/-: Wright, 17, Recreation-terr., Holbeck, Leeds. (520)

FIVE good quality Roller hens 1912, own breeding, 3/- each, ready for breeding; approval: A. Kimpton, 36, Eldon-rd., Walthamstow. (534)

CLARKE'S Seifert Rollers, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6 each; approval anywhere: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (546)

HIGH-CLASS and prize-bred Rollers, Muling Linnets, and Goldfinch; cheap; easy payments; stamp reply: 118, Revidge, Blackburn. (514)

SEIFERT Rollers, pair, green cock, in breeding cage, complete, 15/-; 5 hens, 1912, 2/6 each: J. Pallant, Gumley, Market Harboro'. (537)

HIGH-CLASS 1912 Rollers, Walton's strain, cocks, 7/6, hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (536)

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1912 ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, highest quality, Fould's strain; cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/-; approval: Evans, 45, Edward-st., Wrexham. (470)

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes of notes, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-; approval: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop. Stamp reply. (350)

SEVERAL high-class, 1912, Andreasburg Roller hens, cold-room, 2/6 each, breeding condition: G. Edge, Warmingham-lane, nr. Middlewich, Cheshire. (517)

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HIGH-CLASS Rollers, impossible to get better strain, cold room; call and see them; cocks 10/6 upwards, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds. (537)

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BARGAIN. A grand pair Glucke Rollers, cock, C. International show, 20/-; also hens 3/6 and 4/6, cocks 10/-, 12/- (B.R.C.C.) rung; approval: Hayward, Melksham. (512)

NOTICE, several grand St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, day and gaslight songsters, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

THE late Hon. Sec. Grimsby Roller Club has for sale cocks from 7/6 to 21/-, and hens from 3/6, all B.R.C.C. rung; approval: W. Yardley, 170, Legsby-ave., Grimsby. (532)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold room bred B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters; cocks from 10/-; hens 4/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Bogue, Kirkby Stephen. (501)

ROLLER hens, Randall's and Chillcott's strain, 1912 rung, 3/6, 4/6, and 6/6 each; five 1911 hens, grand breeders, 3/6 each; approval: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (512)

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GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room, English bred, parents and young ones for sale, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: hens, 2/6, 3/6: all young hens guaranteed untried; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (474)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

CANARIES, German Rollers, Chillcott's strain, green cock, splendid breeder, also variegated 1912 cock, 10/6 each; German cages for sale, cheap, giving up: Milward, Fairfields, Basingstoke. (545)

PURE water glucke Rollers, prize winning strain, cold room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, perfectly trained; cocks, in full song, 15/-., 21/- each; hens, same strain, 5/-, 7/6 each; grand lot English bred Seifert Rollers, cold room bred; cocks, in full song, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 2/6 and 3/6; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (540)

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HIGH-CLASS ROLLERS

Very choice hens, related to my prize-winners, for disposal, pure Randall's strain, B.R.C.C. rung: H. Veen, 46, Amesbury-avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W. **(543)**

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Owing to ill-health, Mr. A. G. Pattison, late of Gravesend, has disposed of all his Rollers to Mr. A. Chillcott, of 151, South-avenue, Southend. Most of the 1912 birds are bred from two £5 cocks, bought direct from Mr. Randall; these are bred from the champion cock claimed at club show by Dr. Read at £10. A few of these grand birds for disposal at reasonable prices; enquiries solicited. Some good stock cocks for sale from 12/6. Some clinking hens from 6/6. (204)

HIGH-CLASS ROLLERS

of the popular Glucke strain, only have a few best, schoolmasters and contest singers, at 25/-, 30/- each; also 3 extra good at 40/- each. Only time shown at Bury, with two birds, won 2 prizes, and at the International Roller Contest show I won 3 prizes out of 4 birds I had sent, including second in the team class. The above is proof of the quality of my birds. All young birds, in the pink of condition. I have the best strain obtainable in England; satisfaction guaranteed: K. Pericles, Akropolis, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (530)

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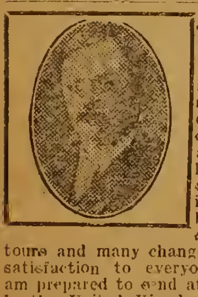

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Note, full name and address, also date, given with each letter below:—"Longley House, Rochester, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Bird arrived safe and I am very pleased. He is a splendid free singer, at it nearly all day. Thanking you for your honest dealing.—Yours, etc., Conway Gordon." "24, Park View, Nantwich, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Received birds on Wednesday, and have great pleasure in stating that they quite surpassed expectation.—Yours, T. Heap." "10, Rossall Road, Chorley, Feb. 1st. Sir,—Received Roller in splendid condition and was soon singing when put in fresh cage. I am more than pleased with your selection. He is a lovely songster. Yours, T. Blackburn." "Shakespeare Street, Cardiff, Feb. 5th. Sir,—Received Bandmaster safe, and must say he is a champion. He sang beautifully one hour after arrival.—Yours, S. Watkins." "6, Filmer Road, Fulham, London, Feb. 10th. Sir,—Please send me a Leipzig Bandmaster. The one I purchased from you last year still sings as well as ever and gives every satisfaction to the friend I gave it to.—Yours, H. Brown." On Feb. 16th Mr. Brown again writes: "Sir,—Roller arrived quite safe on Thursday and started singing when caged and still keeping it up. Your advt. is not misleading; they are, as you say, reliable songsters, free from harsh notes, etc. Thanking you most sincerely for such a good bird.—Yours, H. Brown." "10, Queen Street, Ashby, Doncaster, Feb. 10th. Sir,—Please send Roller hen. The cock you sent is singing splendidly, and started before being taken out of travelling cage.—Yours, F. Mumby." "The Intake, Glenlea Foyers, Inverness-shire, Feb. 11th. Sir,—Roller arrived here safe after being 21 hours on the road. I must say I am more than satisfied with him. Your advt. does not give your Leipzig Rollers half credit enough for their beautiful notes at such a reasonable price, and I think there is nothing to equal them.—Yours, J. McMillan." "125, Windsor Road, Penarth, Feb. 11th. Sir,—Received bird in pink of condition. Am very pleased with your choice. Thanking you for prompt despatch.—Yours, G. Mounter." "Netherton Colliery, Feb. 11th. Sir,—Roller arrived safely and gave us a few tours three hours after arrival. He is a beautiful singer; his song is enchanting. I thank you very much for sending such a nice bird. The other bird I have is not in it with yours.—Yours, J. Wood." "11, School Street, Williamstown, Penygraig, Feb. 12th. Sir,—Please send Leipzig hen to match the cock. He is a little marvel and seems to get better every day.—Yours, J. Williams." "41, Kilmailing Road, Cathcart, Glasgow, Feb. 14th. Sir,—Roller hen arrived safe, and am pleased with same; also cock doing well and singing fine. They are a well-matched pair. Thanks for prompt attention.—Yours, J. McGilp." "Barrington Park, Burford, Oxon, Feb. 16th. Sir,—Many thanks for Roller received on 11th. He is a perfect gem, and was quite lively after travelling 24 hours. Shall recommend you to my friends.—Yours, R. Burden." Please note, as this is most probably the last consignment of Leipzig Rollers I shall receive this season, it behoves all intending purchasers to send their orders early as possible to avoid disappointment. (See British Bird column.)

W. GORE, The Importer, GOOCH-ST., BIRMINGHAM (503)

REAL ROLLERS

Largest stock in England—at London and Preston, direct importer. Buy first hand. Also Hartz cocks; imported direct from Germany to my London address, some of the finest Rollers in Germany; St. Andreasburg, Seiferts, etc., trained under the finest schoolmasters, prices 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; real schoolmasters, 10/6, 12/- each; don't pay any more; try one from direct importer; hens, 2/6 each, boxes, 6/- each, two 11/-; hens, 2/-; beautiful box cages, enamelled, sand drawer, etc., 2/-; shutters 2/9. Mr. Davis, Stockport, winner firsts, championship diploma Crystal Palace, 1912, writes: Send me six of your wonderful Rollers; enclose cheque £3. Send for catalogue and testimonials. Established 1879. Patronised by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judges Bexson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Robson, Dobson, Scothern, Barnes, etc., etc. Hartz Roller cocks, like music boxes, 6/- each, two 11/-, hens 2/-; beautiful enamelled box cages, sand drawer, etc., 2/-, with shutters, 2/9; for proof of grand testimonials, write Editor, who has seen scores of the originals: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancs., also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

Going Abroad!

Some good Roller hens left, cocks all sold: Apply, Thomson, Nobels Villas, Stevenston, Ayrshire, N.B. (520)

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancy, buff hen, 1912, £1; approval: Gardiner, Teindhill Green, Duns. (530)

SCOTCH Fancy, 1912, buff hen, £1; another 10/-; approval, deposit: Duns, Currie-st., Duns. (529)

JAMES STRACHAN, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath, has 20 Scotch Fancy Canaries, must be sold cheap to clear. (544)

SCOTCH Fancy, two buff hens and one cinnamon, good birds, cheap: John Robertson, 41, Prince Albert Buildings, Edinburgh. (507)

SCOTCH Fancies, high-class birds, good sound condition, guaranteed; moderate price; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns, Ayrshire. (542)

SCOTCH Fancy Canaries for sale, cheap, all colours, cocks and hens, prize-bred, all in good condition: Hunt, 4, West-st., Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow. (515)

SCOTCH Fancies, large yellow hen, sister to Glasgow winner, 70/-; two buff hens, 30/- each; two yellow hens, 20/- each: Robert Neil, 1, Barnes-st., Barrhead. (498)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, buff pied hens, buff cock, clear yellow cocks, yellow hen, good stock birds; approval: James Little, 130, Cross Arthurlie-street, Barrhead. (460)

SCOTCH Fancy yellow cock, 20/-; buff piebald cock, 30/-; buff piebald hen, 15/-; two clear buff Border cocks, 5/- each; all 1912 birds; approval: Mills, 29, Royal Park-terrace, Edinburgh. (542)

Yorkshires.

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GRAND lot of unflighted typical Yorkshire hens, cold room bred, in breeding condition, 4/6 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (548)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; two pairs, properly matched to breed winners, sacrifice 15/- and 20/-; approval: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (547)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6, matched pairs from 10/-; approval, deposit: T. Keegan, 6, York-st., Barton Hill, Bristol. (531)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, 1912, 12/6; winner 3rd prize Newark members' show, Yorkshire Class, 1, 2, 3, vhc: Filcbett, Stodman-st., Newark. (541)

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COLD-ROOM cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; long, stylish birds, bred from winners, Clapham, Wandsworth, etc.; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton. (463)

YORKSHIRES, yellow or buff cocks, from winners, Newcastle, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Hull, 7/6 upwards, pairs 12/6: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (472)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, some grand cocks and hens left, also two or three choice matched pairs, £1, £1 10s.; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (530)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, 1912, cold-room bred, cocks 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6; hens 3/- and 3/6; 4 days' approval, cash or deposit: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London, W. (509)

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AVIARY-REARED Yorkshires, outdoors all year round, perfectly healthy cocks (in full song), 7/-, hens 5/-, pairs 10/-: Holloway, North-rd. Aviaries, Wells, Somerset. (539)

FIRST-CLASS Yorkshire hens, clear or variegated from 5/- each, cocks from 7/6, my well-known strain; Inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham. (543)

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YORKSHIRES. Correct type and position, beautiful close feather, full song, cocks 7/6 to £1; hens 5/- to 10/6; pairs to breed winners 12/6 to 25/-: Gamble, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester. (535)

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SEVENTEEN hens; healthy birds, young; mostly Yorkshires, some fed; best cash offer lot; all clears; three 1911 Yorkshire hens, excellent feeders, without cock, 8/6 three: Hartley, 27, Clarence-st., Sheffield. (548)

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Tow Law, March 3, 1913.—Birds arrived. A good pair for price. Cock is worth all the money alone.—J, Graham.

NEVER HEARD SUCH.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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The Shows.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Second table show for 1913, held at the Horse and Groom Hotel, Feb. 22. A good number of birds were staged, and competition was keen. Mr. Richards judged and gave every satisfaction. NOR. HEN: 1, 3, Vardy; 2, Hutler-Barlow; vhc, hc, Ellis; c, Oscroft. CK.: 1, 2, Vardy; 3, hc, Blythe; hc, Keeling. YORK. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Cantrell; vhc, hc, Allsopp. HEN: 1, Oscroft; 2, Cantrell; 3, Allsopp. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Ward; 2, Sparks; 3, c, Jones; vhc, Mallatratt; hc, Gabbitass. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Mallatratt; vhc, Hare. HYB.: 1, Hare.—B Gabbitass, Sec.

LINCOLN C.B.S.

Show for matched pairs in the cafe of the Central Hall, Feb. 22, and as regarded both quality and number, the show was considered a very good one. The judge, Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, spoke in high terms of the quality of the 75 pairs entered for competition. In the Yorkshire section, competition was very keen, and Mr. Barnes expressed the opinion that there was great credit due to the charges of the feathered entrants, of which there were 20. In Nor. there were 11 entries—a very good lot, and in Mules and Hybrids also the quality of the birds was very good.

YORKS.: 1, Sindell; 2, 4, hc, Willerton; 3, Cordwell; vhc, Harris; c, Spurr. NOR.: 1, Willerton; 2, Sindell; 4, vhc, Sisson; hc, c, Foley. A.V.: 1, Lowis. MULES: 1, Shelley; 2, Pinchbeck Bros.; 3, Lowis; 4, Sissons; hc, c, Foley. Mr. Sissons ably discharged the duties of secretary.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held at headquarters, Feb. 19th, when some good pairs were put down to be judged by Mr. P. Hart, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Yorks and muling pairs turned up in grand style, but Norwich were absent with the exception of one pair shown by H. Taylor. Mr. T. Dawson gave a medal for most points scored, and this was won by W. Hulme. After the judge had finished we had a judging competition, which was won by I. Dawson, the biggest share of the members plumping the winners, but put them in the wrong order. It was decided to have a washing competition at next meeting, with Mr. I. Dawson as judge, and it is hoped that a good number of members will participate, so as to make it keener. Awards:—

NOR.: 1, Taylor. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Hulme; vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Charnock. MULING PAIRS: 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, hc, Seddon; 3, c, Charleson.—R. Charleson Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

A very successful pair show was held at Ablett's Cafe, Feb. 18. There was a grand entry of 86, the birds being the pick of the breeders' rooms in the district. Yorks. were the strongest section, Messrs. Benson and Young, who have joined partnership, being the principal winners. Yorks. Greens were well paired, and birds of the highest merit were staged by Messrs. Moss, Shaw, Cooper, and Benson and Young. Norwich were not so numerous, but the quality was grand. Some useful muling and Hybrid pairs were shown by Messrs. E. R. Gaylard and N. Jones, which, with a slice of luck, ought to produce something good. Mr. F. Handley (Liverpool) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all.

YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Benson and Young; 3, Mealor; vhc, Bird; hc, Shaw; c, Morton. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Benson; 2, Morton; vhc, hc, Shaw; c, Roberts .GREENS, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Moss; 2, vhc, Benson and Young; 3, Cooper. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Benson and Young; 3, Moss; vhc, Cooper; hc, Shaw; c, N. Jones. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Howlett; 2, Stott; 3, Shaw. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Mealor; 3, hc, Harding; vhc, Stott; c, Shaw. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Morton; 2, 3, Gaylard; vhc, N. Jones. A.O.V.: 1, Stott; 2, Greatrex.—G. Morton, Secretary.

WANGANUI (N.Z.) C. AND C.B.S.

First F.F. show held in St. Paul's Classroom, on Boxing day, and proved a great success, over 50 birds being staged, all Norwich. It is to be hoped some of the members will take up some of the other varieties, as it would make it more interesting for visitors. Mr. T. A. Gillieson, the secretary, had everything in apple-pie order, and the judges, Messrs. Johnston and Townsend, got through their task very well, especially considering it was their first attempt. Mr. T. Dickson won special for best bird in show, also best amateur, with a nice feathered Green, Mr. A. Malcolmson special for second best, with a fine type of Buff marked Norwich, Mr. Aughton special for best vhc, with a cl. yellow that should do some winning later on.

The Critique.

CL. YELL.: 1, Cooper, nice head, nicely rounded chest, if anything long in tail; 2, Aughton, a baby, nice, chubby, good wings and tail, if it would stay at that would be a champion, same owner had one out of tickets we very much liked; 3, Nicholson, good stamp, but broke in moult; 4, Aughton. BUFF: 1, 2, Aughton, nice chubby bird, good qual. of feather; 2, rather long in barrel, tailless; 3, Cooper, nice stamp of bird, should improve with a moult; 4, Aughton, another of good type, one belonging to Mr. Malcolmson, a bird of rare stamp and qual., appeared to be unlucky in being left out. MKD. or GR. YELL.: 1, sp, best in show, and sp best amateur, Dickson, Green, of nice feather, rather long, could do with some subs.; 2, same owner, we liked better, Green again, nice and chubby, good silky feather; 3, Aughton, nice capped yell., good in col.; 4, Malcolmson, bit too long in side for a Norwich, but rattling good col., some typical birds, out of the tickets. BUFF: 1, sp, for 2nd best bird, Malcolmson, real Bullfinch type, bold round head, great breadth of chest and nicely rounded, admired by all; 2, Gillieson, a bird of equal merit, failing a little in head only, hard lines two such birds meeting in same class, nicely marked on head and wing, will do some winning, a good one; 3, Malcolmson, marked both eyes, grand size, and feather, a good one, but fails in type to leaders; 4, Dickson, heavy var., a nice stamp, fails a little in feather, otherwise good.

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MIDDLESEX O.S.

Pair Show held February 27th, at St. John's Schools, Southall. Entries came up fairly well, and competition was very keen, especially in the Yorks. class, where there were fourteen pairs. Messrs. Bamber, Cambers and Jefferis won specials. Mr. J. Shepherd judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all. NOR.: 1, 2, Taylor and Wright. YORKS.; 1, Taylor and Wright; 2, vhc, Jelleris; 3, hc, c, Bamber. HYB.: 1, Burrows. BRIT.: 1, 8, vhc, Cambers; 2, c, Burrows; hc, Timberlake.—Jeffrey Jelleris, Hon. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held Feb. 19, at St. George's Hall, when about 60 pairs of birds competed. There were some splendid exhibits, which gave Mr. E. Woodhead, who judged, no easy task, but his awards gave every satisfaction. A vote of thanks for his services was proposed by Mr. Robinson, and seconded by the Rev. J. Bennett. YORKS YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (11): 1, 2, E. E. Pyman; 3, hc, Fairey; 4, H. D. Pyman; vhc, Todd; c, Hall. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, E. E. Pyman; 2, H. D. Pyman; 4, vhc, Hall; hc, c, Bennett. NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (12): 1, 3, Bennett; 2, 4, Ronald; vhc, hc, c, Papple. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, vhc, Papple; 2, 4, Bennett; hc, c, Gledden. MULING or HYB pairs: 1, 2, Hall; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Hogg.—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held Feb. 22, at the club-room; 80 birds were staged. Mr. P. Mason judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hodgson; 2, G. Midgley; 3, Ormoroyd; 4, hc, S. Midgley: vhc, Ellis, Self. BUFF: 1, Snead; 2, Shackleton; 3 Pearce; 4, Self; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Gaunt. TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Snead; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 4, Shackleton; vhc, S. Midgley; hc, G. Midgley. BUFF: 1, Lister; 2, Shackleton; 3, S. Midgley; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc Self. GR. or CINN. MKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Shackleton; 3, Hodgson; 4, Snead; vhc, G. Midgley; hc, Gaunt; c, Self. BUFF: 1, Ormouroyd; 2, Ellis Self; 3, Helliwell; 4, Gaunt. GR. or CINN. MKD. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Lister; 3, Pearce. BUFF: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Hodgson; 3, vhc, A. Lister; 4, Ormouroyd. UNFLIG. YORKS. CK.: 1 4, F. Self; 2, hc, Snead; 3, Hainsworth and Son; vhc, S. Midgley; c, Ormouroyd. HEN: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, 3, S. Midgley. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, F. Self; 2, Gaunt; 3, Snead; 4, S. Midgley; vhc, c, Fieldhouse; hc, Hainsworth and Son. BUFF: 1, Snead; 2, hc, Ellis Self; 3, Gaunt; 4, G. Midgley; vhc, Fieldhouse; c, Helliwell.—J. Holroyd.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Annual Pair Show held February 21st, and was the largest that has yet been held during the Society's existence, the arrangements being very ably carried out under the supervision of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Freeman. Mr. Slade, chairman, and several others rendered such services as to make the show in every way a great success. There were staged 90 pairs, against 38 the previous year, quality being well above former years. Champion Norwich did not come up well in numbers, but the quality was A1. Champion Crests made a nice show headed by a very fine clear Crest hen and variegated C.B. cock, real giants, shown by Mr. G. E. Slade. Champion Yorks composed 11 pairs, all of great merit, and should do their owners some good if fortune smiles in rearing youngsters from them. Border Fancies were more numerous on this occasion, and some good pairs were shown. Muling pairs were above the average and well matched. Novice Yorks., 23 pairs, were a clinking lot; some of them ought to produce for their owners some first-class birds. Mr. Robson judged. The public were allowed in free, and a good number took advantage of the opportunity and seemed to appreciate it. Meetings are held on the second Thursday in each month, and anyone wishing to join should communicate with the Hon. Sec., Mr. Freeman, 105a, Bolingbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Thomas. YORKS.: 1, spl., 3, Lilley; 2, 4, hc, McLaughlin; vhc, c, Slade. CREST (9): 1, spl., 2, 4, hc, c, Slade; 3, vhc. Lilley. NOV. NOR.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Broughton; 4, vhc, Gomyer; hc, Mager. YORKS. (23): 1, spl., 3, Freeman; 2, vhc, Hawkins; 4, hc, Mager; c, Arkill. BORDERS (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Burgess: vhc, hc, c, Palfrey. MULING (8): 1, spl., 2, Lilley; 3, 4, vhc, Broughton; hc, c, McLaughlin. BRITISH: 1, spl., Gatfield; 2, vhc, Mager; 3, Arkill. MULES: 1, spl., Arkill; 2, Garfield.

AINTREE F.S.

Annual pair show, held in the Church Hall, Long Lane. The society is lucky indeed to have at command such a suitable room for a show. There were plenty of visitors (being the half holiday) and quite a few pairs changed hands. Our section was in the capable hands of Messrs. Skilling and Handley, who arranged things admirably. Messrs. Battersby and Eaton were late starters, but put in an amount of work during the evening, showing the visitors round. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged, and his awards were well received. He afterwards explained the various points, re. mating up. YORKS, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Handley, swagger cock, mated to a dream of a hen, judiciously mated; 2, Skilling, grand stock cock, but bit down, lovely hen, capital front, sweet head and wing carr.; 3, Eaton, decent cock, hen a masterpiece, worthy of a better mate; vhc, Woodcock; c, Pye. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN: 1, Skilling, rare size and well filled in cock, mated to very racy varieg. hen, good pair; 2, vhc, Handley, clears, hen particularly good; 3, Woodcock, very smart cock, would suit better hen, he deserves it: vhc, Pye. GREEN YORKS., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, vhc, Skilling, self yell. cock, very raky, plenty of leg, foul hen, round, sweet head, neat pair; 2, hc, Handley, small, but very typical, plenty of leg, lovely feather; 3, Eaton, level pair, grand col, typical show birds, a bit more size might be desired. BUFF CK., YELL HEN: 1, 2, Skilling, two grand, well mated pairs, rare subs. and length in cocks, hens of the right type and col., well shown; 3, Eaton, well mated, bit stout if any, should throw some nice smart birds; vhc, Battersby. NOR. YELL., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Wilkins, capital pairs, wonderful head and necks, grand subs., here lovely quality, short and compact; 3, Woodcock, bit long, but should throw some rare stock birds, choose smarter hens Mr. W. BUFF CK., YELL HEN: 1, 2, Wilkins, smart exhibits, built on the right lines for producing winners. BORD. GREENS: 1, 2, Battersby, two exquisite pairs, cocks, lovely col., beautiful contour, jaunty, take perches freely, well mated to hens carrying charming texture of feather, looking very fit. MULING PAIRS: 1, Battersby, fair sized Goldie, paired to nice cinn mkd. hen, likely mates: 2, Wilkins, Greenie, smart yell. hen as partner. BRIT. (Single): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wilkins, capital team, Goldie in front, a little wonder, marvellous blaze, followed a real good Chaffinch, grand whites, and shows lovely sheen; 3, Bramble, in extra good form, shows a wealth of sparkle; hc, c, Pye.

(*Shows continued on page 217.*)

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Are Traders Content to Do Nothing?

Little notice appears to have been taken by the people most concerned of the warning conveyed last week as to the necessity of concerted action by bird dealers in the protection of their trade against persecution. With the exception of the forcible and straightforward letter from Mr. Trower, no correspondence has been forthcoming in response to the suggestion of Mr. Pearson. The bird traders have, of course, only themselves to please, and if they choose to wait individually until an inspector happens to lodge information upon which a summons is issued, the matter is one which concerns themselves only.

If they succeed in proving to a magistrate that the summons is one which should never have been issued, this will only be after an expenditure of anything up to £10 in the way of legal costs, to say nothing of the loss of time to themselves and their witnesses in attending at the original hearing, and the inevitable adjournment. If they are exceptionally lucky, they may get an order against the prosecuting society to the extent of three or five guineas as part of their costs. The remainder they must find themselves. If the prosecution is successful, the penalty, under the Protection of Animals Act of 1911, is a fine not exceeding £25 for each bird, with or without hard labour for any term up to six months. It seems difficult to believe that any section of the community will sit down quietly when menaced with the alternatives here mentioned, and it is to be hoped that every bird trader throughout the land will ponder over the letter of Mr. Trower published this week.

Following upon their defeats in the two cases reported last week, the humanitarian societies, or at least one of them, seem to be tempering valour with discretion. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds had taken out a summons against a Mr. Tresise, a well-known bird dealer of Shoreditch. When it was found that Mr. Tresise would be legally represented, the society asked leave to withdraw the summons, and this was granted by the magistrate. Mr. Young, the defending solicitor, objected to the withdrawal, and the case was reinstated and adjourned until Tuesday this week, March 3. At the adjournment, before the case was called, the prosecuting solicitor voluntarily offered to pay three guineas towards any costs which the defendant might have incurred if he would consent to the case being withdrawn, and this was accepted. A letter throwing some light upon the case appears in another column.

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Henry J. Fulljames,
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Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

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A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

In the "Manchester Guardian" last year there appeared the following clever poem. If we had not been in possession for a long time of the manuscript of our "Xmas Message of a Sparrow," which we recently published, we should have thought it to be a paraphrase of the poem, while if we had published the article before the poem appeared we should have concluded that the latter was simply a poetic rendering of our own Sparrow's message. The parallel is such an extremely close one that we are sure our readers will be interested in comparing the two entirely independent versions of the Sparrow's troubles.

The Sparrow Complains.

We look with alarm on the farmers' intentions.
  Instead of the harmless old scarecrow of yore,
They now get up "sparrow clubs" (horrid inventions!)
  And purchase our corpses at sixpence per score.
In fact, in the country there's mighty small pity
  Bestowed on our harassed and put-upon kind,
And when we retire in disgust to the city,
  Does solace await us? No, what do we find?
We find that the days of the nosebag are ended
  (That jolly old bag round the cab-horse's head,
From which, as he shook it about, there descended
  Of hayseed and corn a most bountiful spread).
Instead, we observe a new species of creatures
Who feed through a funnel and out of a tin,
And never drop anything—meanest of features!
  From which a poor Sparrow could get a tuck in.
And then there is also this fact to be reckoned;
  If two of us pause in the road for a chat,
They go at such rates that the very next second
  It's only too likely we're both of us flat.
And, therefore, from any wise soul who is skilled in
  The solving of problems I'm anxious to know—
Both country and town we must starve or be killed in,
  So where in the world are we Sparrows to go?

Lucio.

SHOW THIS ISSUE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND INTEREST THEM IN YOUR HOBBY.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(J. Brighty, pro. tem., 65, Park Crescent, Clapham, S.W.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 17-18. **Newcastle.** (J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.** (Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paigoton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street).
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.)
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.S.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.)
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.)
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).

Wales.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lur-
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown).
gan).
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(F. Robinson, 126, Green-st.)
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

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Mr. W. A. Wilson, the hon. sec. of Leeds C.B.S., has removed to 39, Burley Road, Leeds.

Mr. J. Gerrard, sec., writes that the Bolton and Dist. C.B.S. will hold an open show Oct. 10 and 11.

We hear that at the show of the Larne C.B., etc, S., Dec. 11 and 12, the cage bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

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Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has we hear, again been appointed as one of the judges at Bradford National, to be held Dec. 5, 6, and 8.

Rotherham C.B.S., writes Mr. Bailey, Sec., has altered the date of the annual show from Oct. 25 and 27 to October 24 and 25, as the members do not like Sunday showing.

By a by-law of Buckinghamshire County Council, the shooting or catching of wild birds is prohibited on Sundays in all parts of the county, with the exception of the parish of Creslow.

I have been appointed secretary pro tem of the Anfield and Everton C.B.S., and all communications, subscriptions, etc., should be sent to me, writes Mr. J. S. Redpath (46, Begel Street, Liverpool).

Kindly allow me to say, writes Mr. W. Fairhurst, that I am not the author of any letters re the Manchester and District Cage Bird Societies. If I eventually should write I shall not hide behind a nom-de-plume.

At the last meeting of the Hull C.B.S., writes Mr E. R. Ridley, hon. sec., Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, and Mr. Geo. Harland, Hull, were elected judges for the annual open show, fixed November 14 and 15.

We thank you sincerely for the honour you have done us by placing our dark Linnet Mule, 2nd prize at the recent Palace show, on front page of Cage Birds. The bird was bred by us in 1911, and has been shown six times in all, securing two firsts, three seconds, and one third. Wishing your paper success.—Sumpton Bros., Cleator Moor.

The Poplar C.B.S. are holding their annual concert, March 8, at Aberfeldy Tavern, East India Dock Road, Poplar, admission by programme obtainable from the hon. sec., Mr. H. W. Cook, 183, Mitcham Road, East Ham. The programme comprises no less than twenty-five items, and promises an enjoyable evening.

We have received from Mr. W. Hutchinson, 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow, the secretary of Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A., the balance-sheet of the society for 1912. This shows that after a strenuous year's work the debit balance of £2 1s. 3d. brought forward from 1911, is slightly increased, and the present debit stands at £2 10s. 6d. The total income for the year was £121 10s. 9d., and the expenditure £122.

Enoch Tams, asks all fanciers to send for his supplementary price list, it contains 20 illustrations of new oddments that are wanted in every bird room during the breeding season. If you have had my regular price list, and would like to see my new addition to it, send a post-card marked "Sup." but if you want a complete set of my price lists, send a post card giving name and address, to Enoch Tams, Church Street, Longton.—(Advt. 546).

We have, writes Mr. H. Hill, show sec., Bradford National Cage Bird Show, engaged the following judges for our next annual show, Dec 5, 6, and 8:—Messrs. J. C. Barnes, W. A. Cowgill, F. Finn, C. A. House, A. Hirst, T. Heath, R. Halliday, W. Mundell, J. Maddison, W. Massey, and John Robson. On behalf of the committee I sincerely thank all those who have so strongly supported us at the last two shows, and trust that we may have a continuance of their favours for this deserving cause. All the patronage of specialist clubs obtained last year will be again applied for.

The very neatly got up Manual for 1913 of the South London Col. and F.A., is to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. G. F. Crawford. It contains a list of the officers and committee, names and addresses of members, the rules of the society, shows and events for 1913, and the names of the present holders of the challenge cups with the dates of their wins.

A Pied Blackbird.

I thought it might interest some of your readers to know that I have caught a Pied Blackbird—pure white head and white on the butts of the wings. It is very steady and going on all right. I may say that I have been trying for three years to catch the same bird.—H. Palfrey (Dronfield).

Thrushes Already Fledged!

A terrier hunting the banks of the river Marron, near Bridgefoot, Cumberland, found a nest of three young Thrushes among the brushwood around the trunk of an elm tree. They were almost fully fledged, and were able to flutter weakly away from the terrier. They were all caught and restored to their nest.—From the "Yorkshire Evening Post," of Feb. 26th.

OBITUARY.

We are sorry indeed to hear of the bereavement of Mr. Wm. McMillan, Dumfries, whose wife, "Lizzie," as she was generally styled by the fanciers from far and near, who delighted to give her a call, passed away on Feb. 24. Her remains were interred in Troqueer Churchyard on Feb. 28. A large number of fanciers attended to pay their last respects, and the sympathy of a very wide circle of friends will be extended to Mr. McMillan in his sad loss. Mrs. McMillan took the keenest interest in the stock of her husband, and in consequence of her decease most of the birds will have to be sold. An advt. appears in our columns this week.

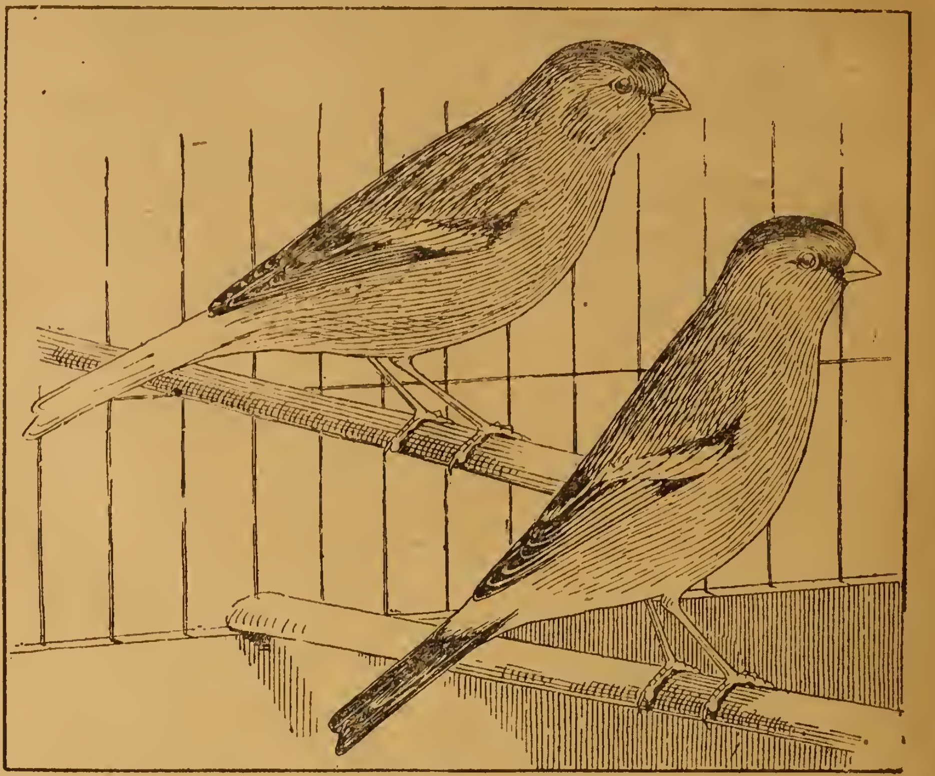
It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) that I have to announce the death of the beloved wife of the much esteemed and most highly respected treasurer to the Sheffield C.B.S., Mr. Wm. Oxley. After a long and severe illness, she passed away on Monday, 3rd inst. I am sure all fanciers will extend their most sincere sympathy to Mr. Oxley and family, in this their sad hour of trouble. May their burden fall as light as possible.

Mr. R. Denholme.

I very much regret, writes Mr. J. Patterson, Chirnside, to record the sudden death after only twenty-four hours illness, of Mr. Robert Denholm, the father of our respected member, Mr. Wm. Denholm. He took a keen interest in our hobby, although not himself an exhibitor, being of a rather shy and reserved and undemonstrative nature, but beneath was a staunch loyalty and an unimpeachable honour. A wide circle of friends will miss him, and I know the Fancy will join me in sincere sympathy to his wife and family in this their hour of trouble.

Mynah Returns Home After a Week's Wandering.

After being lost in London for over a week, "Mynah," a prodigal bird, was then restored to its owner by the agency of "The Evening News." The romantic story of Mynah's disappearance and recovery was told by Miss Spiller, to whom he belongs. "'Mynah' is a mimic of marvellous ability, and is worth his weight in gold," she declared. "Ever since he was a chick, eight years ago, he has had the run of the house, and, in fact, the street as well. He has his meals with me, and when dinner or tea is ready, I simply have to call and he comes at once. Some days he would fly out of the window, and perch on the top of a church steeple opposite. But he has never before wandered away. One morning, some ten days ago, after taking a stroll along neighbouring window-ledges 'Mynah' came back and shrieked to be admitted. I was in a hurry and he was kept waiting outside. I told the maid to let him in, and then hastened out to the street. 'Mynah' was in an awful rage. He perched himself on the porch railings and absolutely jeered at me as I passed by. Soon after that he disappeared, and I could only think he had strayed away in a fit of temper. Day after day went by with no sign or sound of the bird. It was like a child gone from the house. Yesterday, to our great delight, he was brought back. It appears that 'Mynah' flew down on to the pavement and was seized by a laundry man. He was locked away in a clothes basket until Saturday, when the man asked a customer near the British Museum for an old cage in which to keep a bird he had found. The lady at once remembered my advertisement, with the result that the carter drove straight to Sloane-square, and brought 'Mynah' home. His delight at being back again with us all was so great that he did nothing but lough and cry. His joy knew no bounds."



NOVICE HYBRIDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

VARIEGATED CANARY-BULLFINCH: First prize for Mr. H. Lewis, of Pendleton, Manchester.
GOLDFINCH-BULLFINCH: First prize for Mr. H. Morris-Richards, of Llandilo.

Wild-Bird Life.

A Shy Wader.

Occasionally at some of our big shows, we get birds on view that are seldom seen except by the naturalist, who meets with them out in the open, in the woods or fields, where the particular species are to be found. At the National Crystal Palace Bird Show, a common Sandpiper or Summer Snipe, was exhibited in the class provided for some of our rarer British birds. The Sandpiper is a wading bird about eight inches in length, with a fairly long beak, bronzy brown colour above and white underneath. It is a migratory bird, coming in the spring and leaving us in the early part of September. Upon its arrival it haunts for some days the marshes and banks of our southern rivers, gradually passing northwards to its breeding haunts. The males are somewhat demonstrative, expanding their wings and tail, and repeatedly calling. The writer made his acquaintance with this interesting bird upon the banks of the Medway, where all through the summer months a bird or two of the species could be found.

In spring or autumn they were more numerous, and, as the birds seen at midsummer were mostly isolated specimens, it is possible these were young birds of the preceding year that were not breeding. There is a charm about these wild stretches of marshland, with their wide sea walls, browsing cattle, and plaintive calling of wild birds, unknown to the dwellers in the hills. The lazy movement of barges along the waterway is the only evidence of man's handiwork. Of these the birds take little notice, but a human being out on the flat lands puts them into the air at once. The Sandpiper rises quickly, showing plenty of white as it flies; its wings are much bent when in motion; it glides, then flaps them regularly, then holds them almost upright, when it is settling, which it accomplishes with a run, finally standing with neck outstretched, gazing at the intruder. It is at all times a wary bird, and when put up out of the muddy gripway utters a sharp "wheet wheet." By remaining still upon the sea wall, half hidden by the rank grass, the writer has seen them feeding among the cattle in the company of Wagtails and Pipits. It darts after the gnats and flies in the manner of its companions, constantly wagging its tail.

The Rudiments of Angling (Publisher: B. H. Matthews Bristol).

We have received from B. H. Matthews, The Cabot Press, Bristol, a copy of "The Rudiments of Angling," by Mr. W. Powell-Owen, just published. The author is well-known on the Technical Press, being Assist. Editor of our sister paper "The Poultry World," and author of several practical works on poultry. "Rudiments of Angling" is as the title page reveals, "a complete treatise on angling for coarse fish." In the nineteen chapters at his disposal the author deals lucidly with the outfit required, baits, ground baits, species of the fish family, etc. Chapters are devoted to the best methods to adopt in angling for the roach, pike, tench, perch, barbel, chub, eel, carp, bream, etc., whilst a very interesting chapter is that on "spoon and artificial baits." The pages devoted to roach fishing contain notably excellent advice. Equipped with a copy of this work, which is nicely printed and well illustrated, the veriest tyro should soon become an expert angler. The book is published at 1s. net, to be ordered of newsagents, or at bookstalls; or copies may be had of the publisher, Mr. B. H. Matthews, The Cabot Press, Bristol, for 1s. 2d. post free.

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Through a Bird-room Window

MY POPE CARDINALS.

This article on that desirable South American bird, the Pope Cardinal, is No. 35 of the new series of personal birdy experiences related by that eminent aviculturist, the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

I THINK that one of the first of foreign birds I ever succeeded in breeding successfully was the Pope Cardinal, and, therefore, he has always had a warm place in my heart, for, in spite of what my avicultural friends say, I am not incapable of gratitude. At the time of which I am writing I had in my aviary a very fine cock, but no hen, nor any sign of one, and, of course, in certain circumstances, ladies are indispensable. Here was a case in point. I accordingly began to search the advertisement columns diligently in the hope of getting my want supplied. I even went to the length of advertising my wants, but with no result. Pope Cardinal hens seemed to be as extinct as the Dodo.

A Lucky Enquiry.

Curiously enough, I got a letter a few days later from an unknown correspondent asking me, among several pages of other questions, the name of a grey bird she had, which was about the size of a Blackbird, with a red head. You can't tell what interest I took in that question, for, though it was ninety-nine chances in a hundred against the probability, I thought it just possible that the "unknown" might be a hen Pope Cardinal. At any rate, it was worth going to see, so, as the writer lived not twenty miles away, I wrote saying I would be in the neighbourhood, and might I call and see the bird.

I received by return of post a pressing invitation to come, and, if I liked, stay the night. The very first day I could spare the time, I jumped into the train, and was off for C——. When I arrived we were not long in getting to the aviaries, and, though you will hardly believe it, the very first thing I saw was a fine hen Pope Cardinal. The owner thanked me for coming. Her words reminded me of the interview between Madame de Stael and Mr. Bowles, the sonnet writer, at Bowood. When she complimented him on having come to see her, although he had sprained his shoulder, he said, "Oh, ma'am, say no more, for I would have done a great deal more to see so great a curiosity." What was twenty miles, if at the end I had found what I had sought so long?

Better Buy than Borrow.

I realised, however, that I was not yet out of the wood. Suppose the owner did not care to sell? I should only have tortured myself for nothing by the sight of what I couldn't obtain. After casting about, I came to the conclusion that for once honesty would be the best policy, so I made a clean breast of my troubles, and threw myself on the mercy of the court. In the most generous way the lady offered to lend me the hen, but to this I would not consent, as there was the risk of what might happen to the bird, and I always feel it more satisfactory to know that a thing is my own. Like the Patriarch Abraham of old, she said that the bird was worth so-and-so in the current market, but what was that between me and her? I gently but firmly insisted on paying, however, and two hours later I carried off my treasure packed in a soap box.

The moment I got home I put the birds together, and was delighted to see how they made up to each other. They were both in wonderful condition, and I felt confident that if nothing went amiss I should be able to rear a family of little Pope Cardinals.

At about the end of May I turned the Cardinals out into a big garden aviary, full of live bushes, and here for some days they spent a sort of avian honeymoon. As the days grew warmer and longer they began to look out for a likely site for their future home, and selected a fork of an elder, right up against the top of the aviary wires. I did not approve the choice a bit, as it was far too near the reach of cats for my liking, and usually a great fat grey brute used to sit there, except in the frequent intervals when I broke in on his slumbers with a stone. I felt sure that he would sit over that unfortunate nest with all the zeal of a broody hen unless I did something, and that no good results could be looked for.

Trouble Brewing for the Cat.

Accordingly, I put on my inventive cap, and had a good think. I knew by experience how risky it is to interfere with nests or their sites, but here was a choice of evils; if I did nothing Grimalkin would triumph, if I did anything, though I might frustrate his intentions, the hen might, and probably would, desert incontinently. However, as I say, something had to be done, and I chose what I thought the lesser of two evils, and put one of the "lights" of a melon frame immediately above the nest. Fortunately for me the hen did not take umbrage, but went on building as though nothing had been done.

It proved fortunate later on that I put the glass there, for not only did it thwart my feline friend's plans, but, as it came on to rain by bucketful, it prevented the young Cardinals from being drowned. I gave the birds, as building materials, Blackbirds' nests pulled to pieces. Of these they constructed a big nest in the fork, and, in due course, the hen laid three pretty green eggs, thickly speckled with purple at the big end. Then the hen began to sit steadily, and so did Grimalkin!

I was in hourly terror for my poor hen. Stones were of no effect. They simply caused him to jump sulkily down, and wait till I had done with my fooling, and then the moment I got indoors back he was in the old place. I felt that something must be done, and, without any specific reason, I told the gardener to dig a fair-sized hole in the shrubbery. Being an obedient fellow, he did so without any question. Then I went and borrowed an air-gun, and took up a position whence I could, myself unseen, command the aviary roof, and Grimalkin. Half an hour later there was a tiny report, not sufficient to alarm the birds, a body moving spasmodically for an instant, and then silence.

My wisdom and foresight in having that hole dug were now apparent. It was clearly intended to hold something—here was the something. As darkness fell, I made a hasty run for the aviary, secured my friend, and hastily tumbled him into the newly made grave, and nobody has even known from that evening until to-day, "What has become of Peter?" I fear the Misses Robinson will be very angry with me, when they read this, but what would they have done in my case? It is clearly one of those interesting situations that used to be propounded in "Funny Bits," "*What would you do under certain circumstances?*" What I did I have told you. Whether it was right or wrong is not of much importance; I know what Mr. Teschemaker would say!

After this little interlude nothing special happened till the twelfth day, when I found an egg shell near the wires. Birds in an aviary always instinctively carry the shells as far away as they can from the nest. Some people tell you that insectivorous birds will rear their young on egg flake and soft mixtures. If anybody will show me their birds actually so feeding I may believe, otherwise I'm like the Scotsman, "a dour devil to convince."

Hopes Realised; foresight Rewarded.

I was pleased a few mornings later to see the cock visit the nest, sit on the edge, and proceed to pump food into the hen, but I was still gladder a few minutes later to see her raise herself gently on the nest and bend down and feed something underneath her. Then I knew that all was going well. It now became a question how to keep the larder supplied. Nobody who has not tried will know the amount of live food it takes to keep a nest of young Cardinals going. Feeding begins at four o'clock in the morning, and goes on without intermission till dusk, and, of course, the parent birds want a snack or two as well. As the young grow the old birds will collect a perfect bundle of mealworms before they carry it to the nest, just as you see a Blackbird or Thrush on the lawn, with its beak bulging with garden worms.

It is a curious thing, but nevertheless a fact, that no foreign birds will touch our worms. What a saving it would be if they would!

There is nothing for it but mealworms, black clocks, and gentles, and, living in the country, one is in constant terror lest the supply should fail, or that the man, who has been told to send them by a certain train, should suddenly lose his memory. It makes the country breeder turn cold merely to think of it, for one such little accident means the loss of a brood. Luckily, in this case I had an abundant store of fat and succulent mealworms, and, at a pinch, I can always get some gentles at Leeds. The end of the week is my terror, the long wait from Saturday to Monday.

When the birds were about a week old the windows of heaven were opened, and the rains literally descended. I should quite have expected a second Deluge, but that I looked up and saw a beautiful rainbow. How thankful I felt that I had put the glass roof over the nest. I am sure that but for it I should have lost these youngsters. One day, as I entered the aviary to feed, I found sitting on the edge of the food tray the queerest little thing I ever saw in the shape of a bird. It was squatting on its hocks with its bill straight up in the air, and absolutely motionless. It resembled a little grey frog more than a bird not even its eye moved. I recognised a stranger at once, and noting its tiny red cap, I knew that was the first of my young Popes. Was it not Linnaeus who, when he saw a mass of gorse in bloom, thanked God he was alive? Something of the same feeling struck me as I gazed on my new-found treasure.

Triplets.

The next day I looked in the nest and found it empty. The birds had flown. Carefully peering about in the bush where the nest was, I discovered two other motionless little creatures, and then I knew that my cup of happiness was full. I was the owner of three little Pope Cardinals. I am afraid my success was not very amicably received. I received contemptuous comment that Pope Cardinals had been bred before somewhere, though nobody could say exactly where. Personally, I could find no such record, though I searched most carefully. I am of the opinion of Mrs. Brown's husband when he says, "I knows as there's werry few in this world as wouldn't rather 'ear of your troubles than of your good luck. Why, its 'uman natur to 'ate any one to be better off than yourself." At any rate, I received little sympathy, and no encouragement.

When the little Cardinals left the nest they were very unfinished, the chief features about them being their enormous feet. They could hop about at the most surprising rate, and were adepts at keeping themselves out of sight. For quite another fortnight the old birds continued to feed them most carefully, and then the youngsters were able to fend for themselves. At first they were very chary about taking to soft food, decidedly preferring mealworms and gentles, but this was rather too expensive a taste, so I caught them up and caged them, and limited the supply of live bait, so that hunger compelled them to fill up with soft food. They grew into splendid birds, two cocks and a hen, and I sent them away to a friend, who promised them a lovely home in a big garden aviary.

The Widowed Pope.

The old birds went to nest again, but, I fear, owing to a dense fog, that the poor hen caught a chill. At any rate, one morning I found her dead on the floor, and, as a delicate-minded young lady once put it, "lying on the front of her back." The cock seemed a bit disconsolate for a day or two, but gradually pulled himself together, and in a month was quite in his usual spirits. I have known other husbands do the same.

It seems a bit funny to talk about young Popes. It reminds me of something I read the other day. In the "silly season" a daily offered a prize for the most startling "headlines" for a paper. Here was a suggestion which I think it would be hard to beat, "Marriage of the Pope," but does not this article illustrate it? And now I think I had better end, or you may say of me what a little girl said of her friend, that her tongue was like a dock root, so long that there was no end to it.

BIRD KEEPING IN A NORTHERN AVIARY.

The Interesting Experiences of a Lady Bird-Lover in the North of Scotland.

(Continued from page 165).

BY this we were well into August, and the weather being cold, all the Britishers went into a moult, and nesting operations ceased for the season as far as they were concerned. I never saw the Goldie feed the Bullfinch, but he always sat very close to the nest which she was incubating. This hen is very "cheeky," and will fly on to my arm or hand the moment she thinks anything dainty is going.

Reared without Egg-food.

My two hen Canaries kept repeatedly building nests and laying clutches of unfertile eggs and sitting on them. They showed no inclination whatever to pair up with anything (though one of the Twite-Canaries tried to chum up with one of them). This I think must always be a difficulty. Into the nest of one of them I put 2 fertile eggs from a Roller and Norwich pair kept in the house. One only hatched, and as I was sure it would be very cold by itself as the nest was quite in the open, I put a newly-hatched Greenfinch in beside it (these are to be had at all stages in our garden all through the summer). The Canary was an excellent feeder, and the foster children grew apace. I may mention for the benefit of those who think that Canaries cannot be successfully reared without egg food, that this Canary never got any, as none was provided. It was reared entirely on hard seed and green food (Shepherd's purse, chick-weed, etc.), and very hardy it was—it could feed itself almost as soon as the Greenfinch. I lost it afterwards through an accident. The Greenfinch, which is a hen, still remains, but I do not fancy it will breed in the aviary, as there are always so many of them round about in the nesting season.

Providing her own Delicacies.

In April I bought a pair of Zebra Finches. Very ragged they were, just in the middle of a moult. I kept them in a large cage indoors to await some fine weather. I gave them a nest box to sleep in, and the hen began to lay straight away. She went on laying eggs and eating them to such an extent that I thought she would exhaust herself! So one fine day I took the cock away and turned him into the aviary. About a week afterwards I put the hen out also. Immediately down flew her mate and greeted her with a loud blast of his "tin trumpet."

But my old fellow who had lost his wife in the previous autumn arrived on the scene, and drove him away and chased him all round the place, and sang and danced to the hen until she was quite bewildered between the two. Finally she agreed to give in, and was usurped by the old tyrant! Some time afterwards I put in another hen, and he immediately set to work to try and capture her affections also, but in the end he allowed the other widower to take her over, and both settled down with separate establishments. Though they had several nests, however, they only succeeded in rearing to maturity three young birds. These came out of the nest in late June—dear little grey things with dark grey bills and feet—but how quickly they donned their adult plumage. One got killed later on, but the two remaining were cock and hen. The former I gave away, but the hen I kept, and she is even now sitting on eggs, at the end of January.

A Thing they do too well!

That is the worst of those little foreigners. If kept in pairs they lay, on and off, all winter, and the result is, of course, often disastrous, as I have just proved with my Ribbon Finches. They, too, had several nests, but only succeeded in bringing to maturity one cock in one nest and one hen in another. The latter emerged from the nest in the end of November, and in December the old birds again went to nest. The hen laid two eggs and died of egg-binding. I found her dead in the nest with the cock sitting in beside her. I think he must have pined, for I found him dead also a short time afterwards. They are very dull birds, even in an aviary.

My Spice Birds never attempted to build, and I believe them to be a pair. They are also very uninteresting. In the summer I put in a pair of Madagascar Weavers, but the hen soon died. The cock, however, still remains, and is easily "cock of the roost." He keeps all the inmates in order, swooping down on anything that dares to approach his pet corner. He made a few feeble attempts at weaving during the summer, but never anything worth mentioning. Weavers' nests, when completed, are marvellous structures, consisting sometimes of more than one nest built one below the other with tunnels up to them well over a yard long. I have seen them hanging by the hundred on huge bamboo trees by the side of a river in the East.

Unconcerned at the Frost.

I did not think my Weaver would survive the winter out of doors, and when the fearfully cold spell came on in November and he suddenly went into a violent moult, I thought he'd be sure to go, especially as he always roosts quite in the open. But not at all—he recovered from his moult very quickly, and is quite one of the hardiest of the foreigners. He does not seem to feel the cold at all. I believe there were from 17 to 20 deg. of frost at the time of which I speak.

(To be continued)

Correspondence.

Huge Gatherings of Linnets and Twites.

Sir,—I wonder if any of your North Country readers have noticed the "plague" of Linnets and Twites between Alnmouth and Belford. I was out that way on business, and I never dreamt that there were as many Linnets and Twites in the North. I thought all the birds were in the South. I saw some catchers at work, and one had 41 Twites. He told me that was an hour's work. I should think that in about an hour's walk I saw some thousands of Linnets on the hedge sides, and singing for all they were worth. I thought I saw some Goldfinches, but the catchers told me they were Chaffinches. A novel way of catching birds in these parts is with a lamp and net at night.

G. Porter.

Appointment of Judges at Gateshead Show.

Sir,—Through the medium of your valuable paper I should like to ask the secretary of the Gateshead C.B.S. a few questions respecting the last annual show. It will be remembered that Mr. Harland, who was to have judged the Norwich classes, was unavoidably prevented from doing so through illness. I have yet to learn—hence my inquiry—if an official meeting (committee or otherwise) was ever convened to deal with this matter. I therefore hope in the interest of the society that the secretary will answer the following:—(1) The date of Mr. Harland's letter intimating his inability to attend, and the date on which it was received? (2) When, where, and by whom, it was decided to ask judges to take on extra classes? (3) Was a record of such a meeting or decision duly entered in the minute book of the society? If not going beyond the limit of reasonableness and fair inquiry, would he also mind stating the number of persons present when this decision took place?

Bobby.

The Cage Bird Section at Cupar Show.

Sir,—Cupar was where I got my first ticket over twenty years ago, yet at our last show we only got 106 entries in the cage bird section. The general opinion of the committee was that bird fanciers did not care to send their birds to be staged in the same hall with the other sections, and the Balmerins Hall was engaged exclusively for the cage birds, with the foregoing results. At the general meeting of the Cupar O.S., held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms on February 18th, the cage bird fanciers pressed hard for a separate date for a cage bird show, to be held during the month of October, but although not agreed to at that meeting, it may come yet. In the event of us not getting a separate date, it is probable that a separate society will be formed to meet the demand of this section. Judging by the number of entries at last show, it is evident that something is very far wrong, and that reform of some kind is badly needed. It is with this end in view that the foregoing has been penned by me, and we shall be much obliged if exhibitors will be good enough to say exactly why they do not enter birds at Cupar, Fife. Once Cupar fanciers get at the root of the disease, they will undoubtedly take immediate steps to cure it. Thanking your readers in anticipation of their opinions, and wishing Cage Birds the success it so well deserves.

H. Sutherland.

The Provincial Roller Canary Club's Challenge Trophy.

Sir,—At the annual contest held January 17th, at Bury, I claim to have been the winner of the above trophy, and that the awarding of this cup to Mr. Ives was not in order. I make out my claim to the above as follows:—The Provincial Roller Canary Club had no definite printed rules as to cup contests, showing how they awarded this prize. If such rules are in existence they were not printed in the schedule. There are two ways which clubs adopt when singing for cups or trophies: 1st, each member nominates a bird and a separate class is formed for this purpose. This is adopted by the Wakefield Roller Club, etc.; 2nd, or declare the winner to be the one who has the highest song points (if he be a member). See rule of Midland Roller Club, which is given below: "Song points to count; in the event of a tie the novice member to take the cup." As there were no definite rules one is led to suppose that the general rule will be adopted, such as is used by the Midland, Leeds Clubs, etc. Mr. Ives and I tied for this trophy, 26 points each. A new class was at once ordered, and this was re-sung to find the winner. I contend that this re-singing was not in order, as under the rules of the British Roller C.C. and other clubs I was already the winner. The rule of the B.R.C.C. is as follows:—"That when two or more birds tie for a prize, the purest bird to be declared winner." I had 26 points (no faults), and Mr. Ives 28 points (2 faults) making 26 points. I at once appealed against this decision, and I had a reply from the secretary asking me to attend the annual dinner and plead my own case. Business reasons compelled my absence, and it was therefore with pleasure I opened your esteemed paper this morning (Friday) expecting to see a full report, as no word had reached me from the secretary, re my appeal. But I only found an account of the dinner, which, I see, was followed by a fine rendering of "Which is the sinner, and which is the Saint," in which I suppose I was the sinner as I had dared to appeal, and Mr. Ives was the saint. But this is not all, for I note another song, "A little child shall lead them." Whether this refers to the secretary or not, I cannot say, but there is no doubt it must have been truly pathetic, and many a tear bedimmed eye must have been seen. I should be glad to hear from the secretary why I was not informed of the result of the appeal, as one would think that it was the duty of the secretary to at once inform his members of matters of such importance.

Andrew M. Firth.

Linnet Singing in Lancashire.

Sir,—In my opinion nobody is trying to deal a bigger blow to Linnet singing than Mr. Harrison. Not satisfied with running his own contests for time-singing, he is trying to persuade another secretary to do the same. Why does he not come out in the open and say what he has to say about quality singing? He was very keen running to print about a small matter. One of his remarks is that Mr. ——— is always in the prizes for quality singing. Now I may say Mr. ——— is always in the prizes for time singing. I think they deserve to be, too, as both gentlemen possess a good team of birds. Now, Mr. Harrison, what is your opinion?

William Cain.

New Society for Redcar and District.

Sir,—At a meeting held Feb. 27th at the Crown and Anchor, Redcar, it was unanimously decided that a society should be formed to cater for the cage bird fanciers in this district, to be called the Redcar and District C.B.S. We had a capital meeting, making a good start with members, and receiving several promises of support. It was decided that a pair show should be held March 15th at the Crown and Anchor. Judging at three o'clock, where we shall be pleased to see anyone interested. Our next meeting will be held at the Crown and Anchor, March 10th, at 7 p.m. We extend a hearty invitation to all those who are interested in cage birds, to come and join us. I am sure there are a great number of fanciers in this district who are not attached to any society, and I should be pleased to hear from them or see them at our next meeting.

C. L. Mallory.

17, Elton Street, Redcar.

Suggested Southern Border Fancy Club.

Sir,—When the question of a Border Club for the South was discussed some two years ago, I felt that the variety had hardly enough admirers to start a club with sufficient standing to do much good, but since that time several fanciers have either seriously taken up Borders, or have added a pair or two to their stock, so I think there is now more chance of something being successfully carried out in the way of a specialist club for them. If Border fanciers of the South want to put their birds on the same footing as those of other varieties, now is the time to commence. I feel sure Mr. McGuffie would kindly consent to act as secretary, and would only require the whole hearted support of all Southern breeders to give the club a good start.

H. Norman.

Sir,—Re Mr. Fred. Moore's letter in last issue, I was one of those interested in the conversation at the Crystal Palace, on the formation of the Southern Border Club. Mr. MacGuffie informed us that his efforts about two years ago were very discouraging. He spent both time and money without any good results. Possibly now more interest will be taken in this matter. If some one more able than myself will undertake the formation of the S.B.C. I shall be pleased to add my name.

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THE FANCY IN PRE-HISTORIC TIMES.

(1) The early Briton prepares his Great Auks for the show. (2) The novice was handicapped in his search for information. (3) The visit of a Dragon to the bird-room was a thing to guard against. (4) The judge needed to be careful about having "words" with disappointed exhibitors.

Rat and Sparrow Clubs.

Sir,—Can any of your readers oblige by giving in your next issue the names of any Sparrow or rat clubs round or near London?

Reader of Cage Birds.

The Suggested Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

Sir,—In response to your notice in last issue of "C.B.," I would ask the courtesy of a small portion of your space. At this stage I can only write in a personal capacity, and entirely apart from my official connection with the Foreign Bird Club. I can only say this here, that the F.B.C. has not been indifferent to existing conditions, and that many attempts have been made, which have been nullified, in most cases, by the apathy of exhibitors themselves. I certainly hope the suggested movement will succeed in carrying out its aims, and, personally, I see no reason why it should not; it will have but one interest, so far as I gather from the circular, and be entirely unfettered by the claims of systematic nomenclature. Of recent years the movement has been all in the direction of keeping birds in large outdoor aviaries, and this movement is still going forward, but many such aviarists are exhibitors also, and I certainly see no reason why the F.B.C. and the suggested League should not run side by side for the general welfare and furtherance of foreign bird exhibiting. Most certainly any movement which tends to popularise the exhibiting all species of foreign birds under equitable conditions will receive any support I am able to render.

Wesley T. Page.

Roller Canaries at the International Show.

Sir,—Mr. Tomlinson's letter will come as a surprise to many Roller fanciers besides myself, who are told we have no Deep Bubbling Water Tours, and that the Water Glucke is the Bell Glucke. The merest novice can tell the D.B.W.T. when he hears it, and I put it down that Mr. Frisch is either joking or trying to make us look simple. As for the piccolo being used in the training of the German Roller, I know it is; and, although there is no tour of that name, can Mr. Tomlinson deny that the instrument is clearly heard in the Tour of the present highly-trained German Canary? The up-to-date contest singer of to-day, with his 6 or 7 changes of song, is very monotonous, because he has no variation in his song; it is the same thing over and over again for awhile, until he forgets some of his passages and becomes just an ordinary singer. This is why I think we ought to have a standard of our own, and not to be led for ever by the German experts. Under the present German standard of singing we cannot make any headway, because, if we breed a bird with a new tour, it is put down as easy singing, and no class. If a British novice happens to breed a free-singing bird with 14 or 16 changes (not an impossibility), and the bird sings his song with a closed beak without any very faulty notes, such as chopping and yapping, give him credit for it, and don't say, "No class," because it does not come up to the present German standard of what I call flute and piccolo singing with 4 or 5 kinds of organs thrown in. I didn't say that the Glucke was a chop, but how often does the young, when trying to sing this tour, do the chopping business instead. Under the present unnatural training I think the Roller is deteriorating, and I'll tell you why. Never once in the thousands of birds I have heard sing have I heard the Koller sung, and only once have I seen it reported in Cage Birds. The two Koller songsters brought over by Mr. Frisch he described as faulty, and I am afraid that the production of this so-called classic tour will have a bad effect upon the other tours, and breeders should think twice before putting their young birds on it. Whether it is good or bad, it has come to stay, and in a little while we shall have thousands of them.

John Canning.

Looking for Bird Bargains in Liverpool.

Sir,—From the world-famed line of Liverpool docks to the back of St. John's Market is a big jump. If you are interested in shipping, the miles of magnificent docks will impress you with Liverpool's greatness as a seaport. On the other hand, if cocks and hens, rabbits, dogs, cage birds, etc., claim your indulgence then it is the back of St. John's Market that gives Liverpool its distinctiveness. It is the happiest of hunting grounds for the enthusiastic cage bird fancier, who has only a few "bobs" in his pocket. It is here that the expert fancier pays an early morning visit (Saturday, 11 a.m., the only day in the week on which the bird stalls are stocked), and casts a critical eye over the scores of feathered pets. British birds with a future are occasionally "picked up for a mere song" by the man who knows a thing or two. Only a week or so ago a known fancier "confessed" to me that he had bought Greenics, Goldies, and Chaffies at the back of the market (St. John's), and sold them at almost ten times the price he had paid for them. "Of course, you must understand," he went on, "you've got to know your birds. And, what is more, how to make the best of them." Before parting, he knowingly added, "once the birds are right, in goes an advertisement in Cage Birds." Larks and Linnets are the most numerous birds offered for sale behind the market.

Bird Lover.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

RESULT OF SHOCK (H.B.).—(1) It is impossible to forecast the result of such a shock as a cat attacking birds in any particular case. I have known individuals live many years longer than the three years yours has lived, and never resume singing although apparently in excellent health, and on the other hand I have known them sing lustily in literally a few minutes after. To try to bring yours out you should let it hear a lusty, vigorous young cock in the height of his "love-song" for a few weeks. If there is also a hen about calling it may be an additional encouragement. You can do nothing else unless you wait a few months and then turn him into a flight with a group of birds until next spring. Meanwhile, if possible, keep him caged in a room where a number of pairs are breeding. (2) It is quite possible the bird may breed successfully, but only the actual experiment will prove this with certainty.

WASTES HER SEED (Border Fancy).—It is the result of digestive derangement, and if you "hungered" her, as you suggest, the result would probably be a calamity you are not looking for. The following treatment will put her right. Cage separately and keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Keep out of cold draughts, and in healthful surroundings. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water mix six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day. Resume ordinary diet a short time after bird has quite ceased this practice, which it will do when the digestive system again resumes its normal condition.

DIET FOR ROLLER (Hoopoe).—As a staple diet, a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. High-bred songsters are usually fed on a staple of rape alone, but for ordinary use I prefer the above mixture. As tit-bits, or "extra," a small quantity of egg-food, or crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, once or twice a week; a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle, or maw, twice a week, and a spray of green food or sweet fruit, three times a week in winter, and daily in summer, is all that is really required for a healthy Roller. Allow them to bathe daily in fine weather; at other times offer a bath twice a week. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. To prepare for breeding, in addition to the staple diet, give a little egg food every second day, sprinkled with maw, and on the alternate days a small quantity of the seed mixture, and give a little green food —dandelion, if birds are backward—daily. Healthy birds require very little preparation if not mated prematurely. At the proper season nature will do all that is required. You should get the "Nutshell" booklet on the "Roller," for all the fuller details of feeding and foods.

A PANTING YORKSHIRE (Willie, Belfast).—I suggest the bird is in an overfed condition, though you give no idea of your method of feeding. Try the following treatment for two or three weeks, and if not well in that time write again. Give a staple diet of plain canary only, and supplement this with a free supply of green food. Once a week only give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and once a pinch of a mixture of equal parts rape, cole, millet, inga, and teazle. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week. In the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Keep out of cold draughts, and also avoid a heated impure atmosphere. I have no experience of rearing young on the foods you name, so cannot tell if they are as good as home-made egg-food. I prefer the latter, because then one at least knows the freshness of it. You will find several good egg-food substitutes given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

BAD BEAK AND FOOT (Stuart Lane).—The bird seems to have been very much of a physical wreck, and as you evidently had a desire to breed with it, I honestly believe it has done you a kindness by rendering that idea impossible. Better luck next time.

CONVERTING TOOL SHED (Perplexed).—I'm afraid I cannot help you much without more clear information. You omit to mention of what material the shed is composed—whether wood, or bricks and mortar—and your sketch is far from clear. You say the shed is a leanto from south to north, yet you give both sides on sketch the same measurements in height, and I cannot see how the partition marked on sketch affects the interior. Does it go up to the ceiling, and is the floor raised off the ground? You had better try again, and besides giving above particulars, add a rough sketch of the external appearance of shed. The query about bird is equally vague. You say you have a bird with a yellow spot, as if it contained matter, but give no clue whatever as to the size, general appearance, or where the spot is situated. I cannot advise any interference without some more definite clue.

A FEW HINTS (F. Spencer).—I will gladly give you a few hints, but, considering your inexperience, the very best advice I can give you is to invest in a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," wherein you will find far more detailed information on every point than it is possible to give in these replies. Then, if any unforseen difficulty crops up, write me and I will put you right. As regards the cock Yorkshire, the prospects are decidedly unfavourable, and as you are particularly anxious to breed some young birds, I advise you not to rely solely on him. Get a healthy, active cock, bred in 1911 or 1912, in good song, in his place. Do not mate them before the end of this month. You have put the present pair together much too soon. You give me no idea whatever how you have been feeding these birds, so I can only say you should follow instructions in the handbook referred to for feeding and preparing the birds for breeding. Separate the present pair, and you might try a course of treatment as advised to "W.P." last week for the cock, which may bring him into better condition.

TWO HENS WITH ONE COCK (A Constant Reader).—In the case you refer to, the birds were not in ordinary cages, but a so-called aviary. In your case, to run two hens with one cock in ordinary breeding cages you should not put the birds altogether in one cage. You will get far better results by keeping each hen separately in a single breeding cage, and the cock also caged separately. When the birds are all in good breeding condition—say, a month hence—place the cock with the most forward hen, and when she has built and laid her third egg, remove him and mate him with the other hen. When this hen has gone to nest and laid her third egg, remove cock and cage him separately again, until the first hen is ready to begin nesting again for a second brood. Then repeat the same tactics as before. The hens are, of course, left to hatch and rear the broods alone. Should both hens be equally forward, so that the second seemed likely to lay before the cock was at liberty from the first, the cock may be run with both hens simultaneously by changing him from one hen to the other at mid-day each day, which will allow him to be with each hen one-half of each day with a minimum of disturbance in changing.

AN EGG-EATER (A.P.G.).—(1) If the hen has no really outstanding qualities to make breeding from her especially desirable, the best method of curing her of egg-eating is to apply a good dose of chloroform, and let her inhale it until there remains no possible chance of her returning from the Valhalla, where all such wicked hens should go. If she is good in typical points, provide one of the specially constructed nest-boxes described and illustrated in Parts VII. and VIII. of "Our Canaries," which see, and give the eggs to fosters to hatch and rear. (2) The usual staple seed diet is, of course, left undisturbed. When young are expected to hatch, give in addition a small quantity of egg food, and repeat this once or twice a day, gradually increasing the quantity as the young birds grow and consume more food. Always give sufficient to last from one feeding time to the next, but leave little to waste. On the fourth day give a morsel of green food, and from this time continue giving a little freshly-gathered green-stuff twice a day until the young are able to feed themselves. At a week or ten days old add a little cracked hemp daily, and if a large brood is being fed, a little soaked or scalded rape may be added, but be careful that this never becomes sour. For full details on the subject you ought to provide yourself with "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

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NEARLY NAKED (H., Ardrossan).—Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, but don't overdo this. See it is free from cold draughts and impure heated air, and allow it to bathe freely in mild weather. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give either a morsel of banana or a spray of green food, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts millet, teazle, and niger. If available, a mealworm a day would be beneficial. Continue this dietary for a month, and stop all other items or luxuries you may have been giving the bird. In the drinking water add six drops of glycerine and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand.

UNMOULTED AND FREQUENT LAYING (H. Tite).—The ovary of this hen is clearly in a weakened and abnormal condition, and considering also the fact that she has not moulted, you will be well advised to forego any intentions of mating her this season. The chances of her doing any good are very remote, and of the flimsiest kind. In fact, unless she possesses some very good typical points which makes you very anxious to breed with her, I would strongly advise you to discard her totally for breeding. By doing so, you will save yourself much disappointment.

IS IT A COLD? (R. Dyer).—You are overfeeding the bird by giving egg-food every day. This may be the sole cause of the trouble. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor near or over burning lights in the evening. For one week give half-a-teaspoonful of egg-food every second day, and well mix in it four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and give a spray of green food on the alternate days. After this time feed as advised in reply under heading "Diet for Roller." In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, every second day for another week.

DO OLD BIRDS SING? (G. H. L.).—Some old birds sing remarkably well, but it is not uncommon to find specimens that take long periods of rest after moulting. If your bird appears in good health, and is active, it will doubtless resume its song as soon as the weather gets a little milder. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "Brighton," and give a crisp young dandelion leaf daily. This should bring him out.

A BACKWARD COCK (Brighton).—You were evidently a little injudicious in feeding up the birds, and have brought the hen forward more quickly than the cock. It is quite useless putting them together until the cock is ready, and will only induce the hen to come more forward still, and waste her strength by laying useless eggs. Feed the hen rather plainly, and do not give her dandelion at all. In addition to the staple diet of the cock, give him half-a-teaspoonful of egg food, with about half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame and gold of pleasure, mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, and sprinkling of mustard seed. Give also two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. By the end of the month he should be ready.

A PREMATURE START (D. O'Neill).—The answer to all your questions may be summed up in the one term, you started much too early. I doubt whether the hen was really in the forward condition you imagined. She was probably just coming forward, and would have been in better trim for mating three weeks hence than at any previous time. As it is, the recent cold winds probably set the clock back with her a long way. If they have made no more progress by the time this appears, remove all nesting facilities, separate birds, and treat the hen for three weeks as advised to "Brighton," in this issue for a cock. In the third week put the cock on the same treatment, and by the end of the month they may be in better form, and then you may try them again.

ANOTHER EARLY BEGINNING (Novice, Croydon).—There is little you can do now beyond possessing your soul with what patience you can muster. The cock is evidently much more backward than the hen, and as she seems very forward, considering the age of the cock, it would most likely spare you some disappointment if you replaced him, for the first brood at least, with a younger bird in good condition, and full song. You did not say, however, whether this cock is in song, or quite active. It is even now rather early to begin, so if the hen has not made any further progress, I would advise you to separate them for a fortnight, and treat the cock during that time as advised to "Brighton" in this issue. If he is then in good song and active, try him again; otherwise substitute a younger and more vigorous bird to limit your chances of failure.

NEEDLESS ALARM (Cause and Cure).—You mention no symptom whatever which points to anything wrong. I am strongly inclined to think that what you fancy is sickness is nothing more than the bird being in a forward condition for breeding, and it regurgitates a portion of any tit-bit of food, which nature prompts it to do, as an offering to its mates. As it is, I presume, denied a mate, these "offerings" are doubtless disposed of by placing about the perch, or wires, or on the feet, and probably reconsumed if not removed. There needs no cure for this perfectly normal phenomenon. If you cared to provide a mate in a fortnight or so hence, in equally forward condition, these ejections would be quickly diverted into another channel. If I am wrong and the bird appears really ill, write again, and mention full details and symptoms.

A DISAPPOINTING PAIR (S. G. C.).—Sorry you met with such disappointment last season. But now you have "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and are able to see where you went wrong, I can with some confidence wish you better luck in the coming season. I have little hopes, however, of you doing much good with the pair of birds you have, and would advise you to replace both. The hen singing would not necessarily prevent her breeding, but her unmoulted condition renders her liable to drop into moult at any time now, which would put breeding quite out of the question. And both birds being a trifle wheezy, makes it most unwise to breed from them. You might feed the cock as advised to "Brighton," but well mix in the sponge cake each time four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and add also one part of millet to the seed mixture. Continue the gentian and steel mixture until the feathers cease dropping. Then if he is in good condition by the beginning of April, and the wheeziness has disappeared, you might mate him with a fresh hen. Otherwise your best plan is to get a fresh pair of birds. See that the cock is free from draughts, extreme fluctuations of temperature, and impure heated air from burning lights. As soon as the weather gets quite settled, you would do well to take the birds back to the room without a fire.

NAKED NECK (Mrs. G.).—These cases, except when a bird is quite young, or the loss caused by some such external cause as insect irritation, are often most obstinate, and, as a rule, can only be successfully treated at the moulting season. If you had someone expert at hand-washing, it would be a decided help to have the bird washed once, as a preliminary step, seeing that it will never bathe voluntarily. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, and the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, niger, millet, and teazle. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw. Give a morsel of green food, dandelion preferably, daily. Continue this feeding for three or four weeks. In the drinking water add six drops of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece every second day whilst giving the sulphur. If you have the bird washed, you may slightly moisten the bare skin with vaseline a few days afterwards; otherwise there is no necessity for any external application.

IN SINGLE BLISS (Sambo).—You omit to say what breeds the birds are, or whether they were early or late hatched. In the medium and small breeds practically all, save very late hatched specimens, bred last season, will be quite fit for breeding this season. In the larger breeds, especially with late-hatched specimens, it is often a wise policy to keep them unmated—a portion of them—over the first year. All that you would gain by doing so is that the birds, especially the hens, having conserved their strength and vitality, and being fully matured, are so much the more robust and vigorous and more physically fit to produce sound, healthy progeny. It is the stamina of the progeny, which is to form your future stock, which may be expected to gain from the method. In keeping one's birds in this way they should have the run of large flight or stock cages, where they can get unlimited exercise, and the sexes in separate groups, preferably out of sight and hearing of each other.

COLD, LIKE CATARRH (Seeeter).—It seems to me far more likely that the cold, like catarrh, you say the bird suffered from was in reality ophthalmia, though I cannot, of course, dogmatise from this slight evidence, which is practically all the data you give me to work on. Anyway, I fear the blindness which has resulted is irremediable. You might try the effect of a lotion composed of five grains of sulphate of zinc, and ten drops of tincture of opium in an ounce of rose water, using it morning and evening daily for, say, a fortnight. To use it, catch the bird and hold it in the left hand, with the head held gently but firmly between the tips of the thumb and forefinger, and one eye directed upwards. Drop a single drop of the lotion on the eye, and let it float about the eye and work under the lid for a few moments, then absorb it into a bit of soft rag and put on a fresh drop. Repeat the process with four or five drops on each eye. Lotion is rather poisonous, so be careful. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean. Shall be glad to hear result in a month hence.

SAWDUST AND SHED (W. P.).—(1) If the cage floor of quite young birds is strewn with sawdust when they have not previously been accustomed to it, there is a very fair chance of some of them at least picking up and swallowing portions of it. Young Canaries, like young bipeds of the genus Homo, often do very silly things before they acquire experience. During the breeding season it is much better to use good gritty calcareous sand on the cage floors, and this I advise you to do. You may substitute sawdust after the breeding season is over. (2) If your shed got overheated last summer it will certainly do with a little extra ventilation. If you cannot very easily put a louvre ventilator on the roof at the highest part—in the middle, or beside the skylight—cut out a small opening, four by two and a half inches, in the highest angle of each end, at the back, and cover these with two sheets of perforated zinc each, one nailed over on the inside and the other on the outside, and arranged so that the holes in one sheet will eclipse those in the other when looking directly at it.

Owing to sudden indisposition, Mr. G. E. Weston has, to his regret, been unable to answer the British bird queries this week, but hopes to reply to all in our next issue. Urgent answers will be sent by post.—Editor.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

ADELAIDE PARRAKEET (G.P.M.).—The treatment for this species is very simple, the staple dietary being a mixture of canary and white millet seeds in equal parts. A second mixture of crushed oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts can be kept handy, and a little given twice weekly. Also give green food (lettuce, seeding, or flowering grass, green oats and other cereals), and a little ripe fruit, any kind it will take. It must have regular access to grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. Spray the bird twice a week for a time with a tepid quassia solution, and also put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water twice a week; to ensure the bowels moving quite freely, but stop it at once if there is continued undue looseness.

YOUNG GREY PARROT (Grey Parrot).—Wean it from the milk sop as quickly as possible, but there must be no sudden change, though the milk could and would be better stopped at once. In lieu of the milk, use equal parts of warm water, and the Chemical Food as a moistening medium for the biscuit, but as soon as you see it eating heartily of the seed mixture, wean it from the sop altogether. It should get regularly dry biscuit, ripe fruit, a few shelled nuts, grit, cuttlebone, and water should be continually in the cage. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water once a week for the next month, and on other days just colour the drinking water with the Chemical Food. Whenever the weather is mild spray the bird once a week with a tepid, weak quassia solution. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would assist you.

FOR THREE-COMPARTMENT CAGE (Will Weaver).—If your cage is an all wire one, you must screen the portion in each section where you hang the nest-box. Take out of the cage all straight perches, and put two twiggy branches in each section for perching accommodation; these are easily fastened in position with a little binding wire. As you are a beginner you had better get hardy species to begin with, then when you have gained experience you can get more expensive or rarer birds. In one of the outer sections you could have a pair of Green Budgerigars, these would require a coco-nut husk, but not any building material. In the middle section put a pair of Zebra Finches, a small square box, or chip-travelling-cage, with all fittings removed and a hole cut in for entrance hole, with hay and grass for nesting material. In the other section put a pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills, with a rush nest and a little hay, grass, and moss as nesting materials. Your cage would have been much more useful had it been a little higher. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½ post free, would help you, also "Nutshells" Nos. 18 and 20, 2½d. each post free, would assist you greatly, all are published at "C.B." office.

PEKIN ROBIN NOT SINGING (W. Connolly).—Re food, you surely cannot have carefully read your "Nutshell"—a recipe for soft-food is given (the food you name is one of those included as advertised in "C.B."); you are told chicken or game meat can be used as one of the ingredients, and I really have nothing more to add to what I have stated there—a very varied dietary is given, and if you follow the directions given your birds should do well. Again, it is not a case of how much, but a case of noticing what quantity your birds consume, and mixing accordingly,—as regards bought mixtures, it is best either to use these according to the maker's directions or mix your own—do not neglect fruit. The birds would be better in separate cages, and in separate rooms; they should sing well as the bright weather appears, but there is much variableness in the merit and capacity of individual birds; a roomy cage, a varied dietary (see your "Nutshell"), and an occasional fly round the room, will keep your birds healthy and happy, and they should sing.

ST. HELENA WAXBILLS (C. H. Higgs).—You should get our "Nutshell," No. 20, it would help you greatly. The staple seed mixture should consist of canary seed (not giant), white and Indian millet in equal parts, also a millet spray given once a week (or oftener) as a change. Green food, such as lettuce, flowering or seed grass, groundsel heads, etc., should be regularly supplied. This charming species has been bred several times in a cage. Hang up a coco-nut shell nest at one end of the cage, and a rush nest at the other, and supply a little hay and moss (a canary nest bag will do) as building material. The cage should be a roomy one, and should have a twiggy branch fixed at each end to give the bird perching accommodation. You might give a little lightly moistened sponge cake and soft-food when they are feeding young. The "Nutshell" will give you the fullest details, much more than is possible in this column.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

SMALL AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS (E. Kenrick).—It is none too large, and does not allow much wing exercise, but you could keep two pairs therein. The bars are, of course, too wide apart, but it will be a very simple matter to fasten ½in. mesh netting over the bars: this is necessary, even for larger birds, as if they have space to put their heads through the bars, it is not bird keeping, but providing meals for stray cats. A pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds would also do well in the cage, not with the Budgerigars, but to have the cage to themselves. To prevent the birds being scared at night, it would be well to either hang a curtain over the front of the aviary, or make a wood and glass shutter for same. "Nutshell" No. 18 will give you fullest details as to treatment, etc. In future you must enclose your address, or a reply cannot be given—see rules.

BIRDS FOR SMALL AVIARY (S. Price, junr.).—If your aviary is an outdoor one, being only 2ft. deep, I should advise a curtain, or a wood and glass shutter being fastened across the front at night, to prevent stray cats scaring the birds. The "Nutshell" you ordered will suffice for food treatment, as it will cover the needs of all those named below, even though their names are not in the booklet. Cover the back of the aviary with twiggy branches, and on the wall or back hang a number of rush nests, coco-nut shell nests, and one or two of the Hartz travelling cages, with the fittings and perches removed, and two bars cut away for entrance hole; supply hay, grass, and a little moss for nesting material. You could get pairs of the following:—Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Bib Finches, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Bengalese, Spice Finches, and St. Helena Waxbills. Price 2s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair.

INDIAN RINGNECK (E.K., Ringneck).—There are, of course, individuals with every species that do not make talkers; it seems to me, however, a pity to put on one side a bird which is now established and which certainly should talk, especially as it is still quite a young bird. I should say, try it, even for another year; there can be no settled system in training it; winning its confidence is the first step; be quiet and steady when attending it, never do this in sufficient haste to cause hasty movements; offer it its favourite fruit, etc., between your fingers, and talk softly and gently to it while it is nibbling at it; you must persevere with this, and it should ultimately respond and become attached to you, and when perhaps you least expect it, surprise you with some uttered word, then it will soon learn more. If it takes plenty of fruit, vegetables or green food are unimportant.

BUDGERIGARS (D. Barton).—(1) The regular period is spring, summer, and early autumn, but once fairly started they often breed all the year round, only stopping for the moult. (2) By waiting till they are old enough for the colours of the cere to become distinct. (3) A breeding cage of the size given in "Nutshell" No. 18, and a roomy flight cage for the young birds as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. (4) Yes, in such an aviary you could have 3 or 4 pairs, but it is better to remove the young before they get too numerous, or they interefere to some extent with the nesting arrangements of the adult birds, but do not remove them till you have observed them cracking seed freely for themselves and eating heartily unaided by their parents.

CAPE DOVES (Hoopoe).—(1) Give this bird a drinking vessel holding little more than the bird is in the habit of drinking in a day, or even if it does not hold sufficient it can easily be refilled, but a glass or china vessel holding two or three tablespoonfuls should be ample: put into the drinking water half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates daily for a month at least, and feed it principally on canary and white millet seed for a time; keep grit sprinkled over the floor of cage or aviary. It is no use attempting to mate it while it is weak. The element of chance is a very large factor in crossing species, but a union with the Passerine is not improbable. (2) White Bengalese were fairly numerous some years ago. I saw a pair about two years ago, and it is very probable that some are in English aviaries to-day. You should be able to get a pair without much difficulty from some Continental dealer.

GREEN INDIAN PARROT (H.W.E.).—It should ultimately talk, and you should persevere with it. In addition to the seed mixture, it should get ripe fruit, green food, and dry biscuit daily; also have continual access to grit, cuttlebone, and water. A good seed mixture is as follows: One quart each canary and white millet seeds, one pint each oats and hemp, half a pint each small maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Nuts can be given occasionally. So long as the voidings are not watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, if there are any signs of diarrhoea only give the magnesia once a week; when not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water. If the bird will let you handle it, moisten the scaly skin with tepid water, dab dry with a soft cloth, and then anoint with a little clean vaseline, but you must not use sufficient to run amongst and grease its plumage. Continue the above for a month, and then report progress.

WHAT BIRD? ETC. (H.B.B.).—If your bird is exactly like bird on our plate, it is some species of Serin, most probably a Green Singing Finch (Serinus icterus), or the St. Helena Seed-eater (Serinus flaviventris), the former about the size of a Siskin, the latter as large as a small Canary. The plumage of both species is olive green above, variegated with darker olive, with eye streaks, upper tail, coverts, and under surface bright yellow. The sexes are similar; the males I always fancied to be a wee bit larger, more slender, and a little more intense in colour, providing the age of the respective birds was about equal. The cocks of both species have nice sustained songs, of the Canary type, but are not so "shrieky" as the domesticated Canary. They would do well let loose in your attic with the Javas and Cutthroats, and would be more likely to breed under such conditions, but though crosses have been reared between both species and the Canary, these two species have proved rather shy breeders in captivity.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

J. P. Stanley, W. R. Temple.—Your letters have duly been forwarded.

W. T. Manning.—Don't you think it would be fairer and more sportsmanlike to wait and see what explanation is given, before accusing people of not running on "Straight lines"? It does not say much for your sense of justice that you should wish to make public such a charge without first hearing the other side of the case.

W. C. T.—Certainly; only pressure of other matter has kept it out.

W. R. Pike.—Many thanks; but did you not see the full report of the case in last week's issue?

O. T. STONE.—We will give our consideration to your kind suggestion.

O. T. Stowe.—This notion has been frequently exploited by exhibitors. We are afraid, however, that only a very small minority of bird-keepers have the skill to paint "Scotch scenery, bubbling brooks, riversides," etc., on the backs of their cages.

New Reader.—Your reading of the Act is quite correct, but it has been held that the wording does not permit the owner of the land, or occupier, or privileged agent, to remove the birds when caught. The moment you step off the land in question you are "in possession" of protected birds "recently killed or taken"—see?—and can be summoned for this infraction of the law. Any birds not included in the extension of the schedule as applied to Middlesex can, of course, be caught during the open season. You must not forget, however, that certain portions of Middlesex are part of the County of London, wherein all birds are protected. We think you are in error in including the Yellowhammer among unprotected species.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Pair show held headquarters, Jan. 26. There was a splendid entry of 103 birds, and some splendid quality. Our friends from Harwarden district supported the show splendidly. British also had a fine entry. Messrs. F. C. Parker, J. Swindley, and T. Gardner judged, and all appeared satisfied.

NOR. YELL CK. BF. HEN: 1, W. Thomas; 2, vhc, Jones and Chester; 3, Woodfine; hc, Boswell. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Jones and Chester; 3, Redfern; vhc, hc, Woodfine. YORKS. YELL. CK. BF. HEN: 1, 3, Richards; 2, hc, Boswell; vhc, Jones and Chester; c, Redfern. BF. CK. and YELL. HEN: 1, Farrell; 2, hc, Jones and Chester; 3, A. Williams; vhc, Redfern; c, Parker. NOR. NOV.: 1, J. Jones; 2, 3, Cavanagh. YORKS. NOV.: 1, Farrell; 2, Pritchard; 3, vhc, hc, Simpson; c, A. Williams. MULING PAIR: 1, Redfern. LINNET: 1, c, Crane; 2, Spencer; 3, Rowbotham; vhc, Thomas; hc, Redfern. GOLDF.: 1, Redfern; 2, vhc, hc, Crane; 3, Thomas; c, Woodfine. BULLF.: 1, Crane; 2, Simpson; 3, Boswell. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Crane; 2, Redfern; 3, Boswell. SOFTBILL: 1, Pritchard.—R. L. G. Simpson, Hon. Sec.

IDLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

This newly-formed society is making good headway, and already has secured a membership of twenty-six. Mr. C. A. House has consented to accept the presidency. On Feb. 26 the members sat down to a dinner, generously provided by Mr. Dan Best, the host of the White Bear Inn, which is the society's headquarters. The chair was occupied by the president, who, in giving the toast, "The Idle and Dis. C.B.S.," spoke of past history of the Yorkshire Fancy, and societies in Idle. He congratulated the members on the good start which they had made, and promised to assist them in promoting the welfare of the society to the fullest extent of his power. Mr. House proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dan Best for his kindness. Mr. Chippendale, who seconded, said that Mr. Best had given them a good spread that night, and had placed at their disposal the large club room, at anytime, for holding a members' show. In reply, Mr. Best assured the members that his heart was with them, and if they pulled together he would do all he could to help them. During the evening Mr. Winterburn gave two clog dances, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Dennison, Smith, Britain, Burns, and Winterburn. Mr. "Willie" Chadwick, the well-known pianist, made a most able accompanist. The enjoyable evening ended with votes of thanks to the chair and artistes.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aintree F.S.—Mar. 12, at Headquarters, The Church Hall, Long Lane, 8. Business very important. New members cordially invited; subs. 2s. 6d. year.—J. A. Anderson.

Amalgamated Yorkshire.—Mar. 8, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford; dinner 5 p.m., social evening 6.30. Annual presentation of prizes and dinner; splendid musical programme; talented artistes; hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends; social free.—H. Hill.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—March 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Pairing and breeding lecture, by Mr. Taylor.—W. Hallstone.

Beamish C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Business of importance.—Wm. Knowles.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—Mar. 12, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. Committee's report; rules; show; and new headquarters; most important.—J. Sheppard.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Meeting postponed until Mar. 15, owing to Y.U. prize distribution committee meeting, Mar. 14th.—F. Western.—(No times stated.—Ed.).

March 11.—**Bankfoot C.B.S.**, Red Lion Hotel, 8 Special meeting, urgent business.—F. Gelder.

Brechin C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Temperance Hall, 8. Important business.—Geo. Mitchell.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Mar. 12, at Headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting. Table show at 8.30; judge, Mr. W. Swaysland. Classes: Yorks.; Nor.; Crest or C.B.; A.O.V. Can.; Chaff.; Bramble. or Bunting; Siskin or Redpoll; Linnet or Twite; A.O.V. Brit.—Will H. Gibb.

British Roller C.C.—Mar. 11, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Some birds will be present.—J. W. Norris.

Bolton Roller C.C.—Mar. 9, at Joiners' Arms, 8 p.m. Business important.—R. Eastham.

Cambois C.B.S.—March 12, in Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. Classification; all fanciers invited.—Joseph Elliott.

City of Bradford O.S.—There will be no meeting on March 8, owing to the prize distribution of the Yorkshire Union and other specialist clubs.—W. Helliwell.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8. "Egg-food" competition, result by ballot; 3 medals and 6 additional prizes. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 6.30. Election new officers and important business.—A. Smith.

Denton C.B.S.—Mar. 10, New Room, Manchester Road, 8. Table show of Brit.; judge, Mr. Heap, Ashton-under-Lyne; birds staged 7.45; four classes.—W. Hopwood.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Church House, Church Road, 7.30.—W. Dawson.

Fence Houses C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Show cage club to be arranged, and other general business.—W. Halton.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Lockhart's, High-st., 7.30. Election of secretary and selection of judges.—J. G. Greason.

Great Horton Good Intent.—Mar. 8, Wesley Place School, 6. Please note earlier time of commencing, to allow all who wish to attend Yorkshire Union prize distribution.—W. A. Brown.

Great Horton O.S.—Mar. 8, Butchers' Arms, 8. Business very important.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.C.—Mar. 11, 94, West Regent-st., 8. Monthly meeting and show of British: Linnet, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Bullfinch hen, Lesser Redpoll, A.O.V. hen.—F. Taylor.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Crown Inn, 7. Final arrangements for supper.—A. J. Notley.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—March 8, Universal Club, 7.30. To arrange a table show and selection of judges.—James Smith.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Great Northern Inn, 7. Officers for ensuing year; fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—March 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Report of audit; election of officers, and fix date of first feather show.—W. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Hare and Hounds Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judges.—C. W. Town.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Mar. 11, Headquarters, 6. Replies from judges; also appoint Scotch Fancy judge; report of League meeting, etc.—Adam M. Dickson.

Leith O.S.—Mar. 8, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Classification; important motion. Mr. C. Sykes, Musselbrough, gives advice on bird matters.—George Brown.

Littleborough C.B.S.—March 12, Coffee House, 8. F.F. show business; judge; intending members please attend.—H. Woodhead.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Mar. 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Night show of British, and lecture.—F. Eccleston.

London C.B.A.—Mar. 12, "The Feathers," Gt. Chapel-st., Westminster, S.W., 8 p.m. Annual general meeting.—W. H. Mugford and F. Knight.

Longton C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Swan Hotel, 8. Very important business.—Harry George.

Newsham C.B.C.—Mar. 8, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30 Arrangements of classes for annual show and other business.—C. Snowdon.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Mar. 12, 65, Grainger-st., 8 Fixing dates of table shows; general business.—R. Tindale.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Balmoral Hotel, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. W. Robinson on "Norwich"; friends invited.—John Davey.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Mar. 11, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Election of judges for open show; table show of matched pairs for breeding: Norwich Crests, Mules, and Hybrids.—J. G. Royce.

Oldham C.B.A.—Mar. 11. To arrange syllabus for year; also nomination for Mule class. Will fanciers kindly try and oblige us with their presence and oblige.—Jas. Cope.—(No place stated.—Ed.).

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — March 10, Irwel Castle, 8. Balance sheet of amalgamated show; open show business.—J. W. Parkinson.

Pontypridd F. & F.S.—Mar. 8, Victoria Hotel, 7 Fanciers cordially invited with a view of membership.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Mar. 13, Emanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Ordinary business and lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "Canaries: Pairing and Breeding." Visitors heartily invited.—H. R. Lowe.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—March 11, Victoria Hotel, 8 Important.—P. Drake.

Scottish National C.B.S.—March 7, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting.—J. R. Meikle.

Skipton C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Globe Restaurant, 8. Election of officers.—E. Gill.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Garside Street, 7.30. Smoking concert; a good array of talent is expected. Members bring your friends. 3d. admission, in aid of club funds.—J. T. Cheetham.

South London C. and F.A. — Mar. 13, "Royal George," Tanners Hill, Lewisham, 8. General meeting; important correspondence; show of old poultry.—George F. Crawford.

South-West London C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8.—H. Freeman.

Tong C.B.S.—March 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Mar. 11, Village schoolroom Alexandria, 8. Monthly meeting and Mule and Hybrid pair show.—A. H. McLean.

Walkley C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland-st., 8. Lecture on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. Taylor.—A. Lawton.

Walthamstow F.A.—Mar. 13, Trinity Church Room, Orford Road, Walthamstow, 8.30. Table show rabbits and British birds.—H. C. Cooper.

Wandsworth F.S.—Mar. 13, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Fixing of date for annual open show.—W. Lightfoot.

Windhill C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30, Social evening and presentation to two of our members who are going abroad.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Duke of York, 8. Paying out of prize money and other very important business.—J. Gibbons.

York C.B.S.—Mar. 10, All Saints' School Room, 8. Novices' judging competition.—H. Sayles.

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held at Anchor Inn, New Elvet, Feb. 22, 34 birds entered. After some good singing a division was made between Thompson, Franks, and Briggs. Mr. Wm. Fairless judged, and gave every satisfaction.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

LANGLEY MOOR.

A Linnet sing was held at Victoria Inn, Langley Moor, March 1st. 36 birds entered for three good prizes, and some good singing was heard. 1, Brady; 2, Boyd; 3, Martin. Next contest at above house, March 8; 10s. added to all entrance. R. Purdy, judge.—W. Fairless, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, held March 1, 39 birds entered in a 4-minutes time sing, 5sec. a break, and some very good time was done. W. Nelson, Castleford, took all 3 prizes, scores 114, 95, 91. Also March 2, 26 birds entered in a 3-minutes time sing. 1, 2, Smith, 96 and 88; 3, W. Nelson, 52.—Walter Dobson.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, March 1, 19 birds sung for three good prizes, given by Mr. A. Fishwick, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, Sellers. Judges, Clayton and H. Hayes. Also March 2, 18 birds sung for three good prizes, given by Mr. Fishwick, when some extraordinary good singing was heard, to the enjoyment of a packed house from all parts of Yorkshire. 1, 3, Ward; 2, Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open Contest for quality Linnet singing, held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, March 1, when 18 birds sung for three good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Wigfield; 2, Butler; 3, Madden. Judges, Lacey, Naylor. Also March 2, 29 birds sung for four good prizes. 1, Hollingworth; 2, Butler; 3, Stead; 4, Butler. Judges, S. Hardcastle, Naylor, Lacy.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, March 2nd, when 25 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Towers; 2, Chippendale; 3, Bangfield; 4, Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. N. Soloman, and A. Turner. There followed another exciting contest with the entry of eight birds, when J. Chippendale came out the winner.—A. Lorriman.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Mar. 1, when 27 birds faced the board, and some good singing was heard. 1, Tomlin; 2, Collison; 3, Moulding. Monthly meeting held after sing, when we decided to have another open sing March 8. We also intend holding one on Easter Monday. Full particulars next week.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club held a contest March 1, for time and quality; 63 birds sang for eight good prizes. Winners for quality: 1, Statham; 2, Brown; 3, Holcroft; 4, Cain. Time: 1, Fairhurst (134); 2, Hickman (111); 3, Poole (110); 4, Fairhurst (101). Judges for quality: W. Barnes, W. Sissons, J. W. Jones. Timers: R. Statham, R. Disley; tappers, H. Poole, R. Holcroft; minute man, J. Caswell; birdman, H. Fairhurst. Leeds fanciers sent to say that five or six were coming, but only one came, Mr. Sissons. We shall always welcome anyone from Leeds.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Another splendid week-end singing was heard at Woodman Inn. The Pontefract bird lovers seem to enjoy trying to make big breaks and scores. On March 1 we had close on 40 birds to sing for four good prizes, and some very good contests were got through. 1, Piper, 128; 2, 3, Nelson, 124 and 92; 4, Caddy, 79. On Mar. 2 four prizes were sung for. Winners: Piper 73, Nelson 71 and 67, Caddy 55. Next general meeting is March 9. All intending members are invited to attend this meeting. Something extra for Easter contests.—W. Beard, Hon. Sec.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Siskins Absent from the Palace Show.

Sir,—I entered two Siskins at the late Palace show, but did not send, owing to them having missing plumage. I received a catalogue from the Palace show, and was surprised not to find my birds marked "absent," seeing that birds were marked absent which were entered by other exhibitors, and not sent. W. Fairhurst.

[Unless the judges mark the numbers of the absent birds on their judging slips, nothing appears in the catalogue concerning them.—Editor.]

A Suggested Southern Border Fancy C.C.

Sir,—I was very pleased to read the suggestion of Mr. Moore, re the proposed Southern Border Fancy Club. I think it would be a step in the right direction, seeing that the Border Fancy is now so popular in the southern district. I myself cannot put this beautiful little bird on one side, as I consider is one of the best birds bred to the standard type to-day. I feel I am bound to welcome the Border Fancy, along with my old favourites the Norwich Plainheads, after having had a few years' rest. G. Gwilliam.

Late Entries at Palace Show.

Sir,—Mr. Godley is in error in stating that I interfered with entries. I did my utmost for exhibitors, but after the catalogue was numbered I could not accept entries from anyone. I cannot admit the accuracy of Mr. Godley's statements re other exhibitors, as they do not agree with my books. I adhere to my previous statement, and I call upon your representative to state in a footnote whether he found the catalogue numbered throughout in numerical order when he called on the Tuesday (28th) and, after comparing his notes with the catalogne, whether I accepted further entries?

J. W. Ramsden.

[It is only fair to Mr. Ramsden to comply with his request, and we therefore endorse his statement—that the copy for the catalogue was complete and ready for the printers, with all entries numbered (by machine) in strict order, when our representative called on Mr. Ramsden on Jan. 28th for particulars of the entry. It is quite clear that no entries were accepted after particulars were given us. Mr. Godley's entries were received by the last post on the Tuesday night as our representative was leaving after all our notes had been taken, and after the numbered copy for the catalogues was complete for the printers, and Mr. Ramsden expressed to our representative his regret that no course was open to him except to return them.—Editor.]

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's £10 10s. Cup.

Sir,—I would point out to Mr. Baker that I was not present at the S.N.P.C. annual meeting held at the Palace in February, 1909. And I have no desire to obtain cheap legal advice through Mr. Baker, neither do I want any information from himself or the secretary as to what is the position of the £10 10s. cup; but I think it is only fair that all members of the S.N.P.C. should know the position, and as Mr. Baker has declined to give this information through Cage Birds, with your permission I will try to enlighten them. Now in the season 1908-9, the S.N.P.C. offered the £10 10s. cup in question to be competed for at six shows, and these are the conditions printed in the S.N.P.C. Rule Book for that season: "Ten Guinea Silver Challenge Cup to be won three times, for most points each season, not necessarily in succession." Now five of these shows were held, one in October, three in November, and one in December, 1908. The sixth and last show for the season was held at the Crystal Palace, Feb. 5th, 1909. In this Palace schedule for the first time appeared this byelaw for £10 10s cup: "Any number of entries can be made, but only highest bird in each class to count." I don't object to this byelaw governing the Palace Show, but I do object to this byelaw governing the five shows held prior to this byelaw being published. Below I give the points position made by the five leading competitors. List No. 1 is as they stood at the end of the five shows under the conditions printed in the S.N.P.C. rule books for 1908-9. List No. 2 is at the end of the six shows, and counting as per byelaw for this show. List No. 1 (5 shows) Gill and Pethick, 152 points; Rennie, 140; Hodder, 130; Baker, 97; Midgley, 93. List No. 2 (6 shows): Gill and Pethick, 157 points; Rennie, 154; Hodder, 145; Baker, 117; Midgley, 108. We, Gill and Pethick, also won the £10 10s. cup in 1909-10, and again in 1910-11. I think this will make clear to every one the true position of the £10 10s. cup. Now I would ask Mr. Baker were not the rules governing the cup in 1908-9 as binding as they were in 1912-13, and which of the five competitors named wins the cup, according to the conditions published for the season 1908-9? I also enclose the S.N.P.C. Rule Books for 1908 and 1909, so that you, Mr Editor, can see that what I have said about the rules is correct. S. Gill.

The Alleged Stained Bullfinch at Bathgate Show.

Sir,—I received a letter from the Bathgate secretary last Friday with particulars re disqualification of Bullfinch in 7s. 6d. selling class at Bathgate show. I have enclosed you the letter, also the wadding used. I would like your opinion whether you think this wadding is stained sufficiently to disqualify any bird. The judge undoubtedly could not remove anything, so he had to get a chemist to perform the deed, and I think the chemicals used could colour the enclosed wadding as much as it is. I would like the British Bird and Mule Club to put the bird to a proper test and sift this matter out. I am writing the secretary. I may say the bird has never been hand-washed and was hand-reared and has been in an outdoor aviary. I could take as much colour as the wadding produces from any bird after it has been washed one week. I think this disqualification very unjust, as all the open classes had been judged, and I was within twelve points of winning the cup and gold medal and other specials, and had five good birds to be judged in selling class. I could sell them for double as much, but I put them in for the cup. Kindly send back wadding and letter when satisfied. R. D. Parlett.

(Copy of letter from Bathgate Secretary to Mr. Parlett.)

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that I have not had time to write you sooner, giving you particulars re disqualification. In the first place I may tell you that Mr. J. Brown was unable to take up the duties of judge at our show owing to illness, but we secured the services of Mr. Louis J. Arrigi (Edinburgh) to take up the duty, and it was after he had taken the bird from the cage and tested it and taken colouring matter from it in the presence of several witnesses, assisted by a local chemist, and disqualified your other exhibits from competition, that I wired you the result, and I may tell you that I am very sorry that such a thing happened at our show. I enclose you a piece of the wad used, and our president, Mr. R. Bald, has the Bullfinch in his possession.—I am, yours respectfully, Alexr. Nicol.

[We are not able to accede to Mr. Parlett's request, as we take the view that it does not come within our province. If the National British Bird and Mule Club deal with the matter, they will no doubt hear both sides of the case, and we shall be pleased to publish their decision, if they come to one.—Editor.]

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—I was agreeably surprised to see a letter from Mr. J. Dunwoody, the hon. sec. of Holywood C.B.S., in your last issue. He might keep cool and debate the points raised by Mr. Morgan and myself. In my first letter I said Holywood seemed to be asleep as regards fixing the date of their show. As it is not yet advertised, my statement is proved correct. Then I suggested that Holywood fanciers should support more than their own show. Mr. D. leaves this point severely alone. Is it not true that certain of their most prominent cup winners did not exhibit a bird outside Holywood all last show season? Then every member of Holywood C.B.S. exhibits in the members' classes at their own show—not a single entry from one of them in open and novice classes. That is what I complain of and what Mr. D. terms "mud slinging." Then again, Mr. D. ignores Mr. Morgan's letters, which is surely proof that the officials of the Holywood C.B.S. are to blame for the delay in the return of his birds from their show. You say, Mr. D., that all my remarks are grossly inaccurate; if so, correct me, and I will apologise.

"Wide Awake."

Sir,—I see by your list of show fixtures that that young go-ahead society (South Co. Dublin C.B.S.) have fixed their show date for Nov. 26 and 27 (Wednesday and Thursday). This I call good business on their part in meeting the wishes of the majority of Irish exhibitors. I believe in mid-week shows so as to prevent exhibits lying at stations over Sundays. One thing, exhibitors will have to do, and that is, send their entries in time. Some make a practice of sending on the Saturday or Sunday previous to the show. This will not do. I would suggest entries close on Nov. 18; this would give ample time to have catalogue printed. On their first show, I must say that I got a great surprise at the fine hall. Further, it is close to the railway station (you only have to cross the road) which is a great advantage. This society paid out prize-money within one week, although they lost. I call them true fanciers, and hope they will have a record show. Dublin Exhibitor.

A Good and Cheap Lark Food.

Sir,—I notice that Mr. D. Mahoney is enquiring re Lark food. If Mr. Mahoney is troubled about making food for Larks, and will write me I will gladly give him particulars of how to make a good and cheap food. I have kept Larks both for show and song for twenty years and have had little trouble through the food.

J. C. Riley

144, Slough Road, Darwen.

The Keeping and Feeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—I notice in a recent issue of Cage Birds that one of your correspondents finds it difficult to keep Goldfinches in good health, and is asking for a little advice. I for one find no difficulty in the matter, although, as our friend states, Goldfinches, when fresh caught, if not looked after, will often go thin and die. This I put down to chronic indigestion; therefore the bird needs something to digest its food. I have a Goldfinch now which I have had for six years; it began going thin about two months after it was caught, but, thanks to Cage Birds I saw in it the following advice:—Go to the chemist and get 1oz. tincture of rhubarb, 1oz. tincture of gentian, put half a teaspoonful in two tablespoons of water. If your correspondent will do likewise, and give it to the birds as soon as he sees anything wrong, it will soon pull them round. With regard to feeding, I find that Goldfinches keep in good health on the following: Hemp, teazle, niger, with a little flax; I give no canary. Trusting this may be of some use to your readers, and wishing Cage Birds every success.

F. Pratley.

Sir,—I do not claim to be an expert, but have kept Goldies many years. I have one now eight years old. I feed on canary and teazle mixed, and hemp in a separate feeder, the bird having as much hemp as he likes. Goldfinches are bred in aviaries in Spain, and they are fed principally on canary seed. It takes quite a long time to get them to eat hemp. When I get Goldies I like to have fresh caught Greypates. When they arrive I give them 5 or 6 drops of tincture of quinine in two tablespoonfuls of water, and if the weather is wet give them damp and dry food separately. I always use glass drinkers; undoubtedly the zinc drinkers have had a good deal to do with the trouble experienced by "A Goldfinch Fancier." After water has stood in a zinc vessel for a few hours a film can be seen on top of the water, and this is sure to poison the birds. Linseed should be used very sparingly, and inga (otherwise niger) entirely avoided. Maw seed should be used as a tonic or pick-me-up when a bird is a bit soft or has had diarrhoea. I also give sweet apple and thistle heads when obtainable. Goldies also like small green caterpillars when they can be got. My old Goldie will take them from my finger. Don't forget the daily bath. Nosirromwa.

Sir,—A correspondent is asking for a little advice re the keeping, etc., of Goldfinches, and I hope these few lines will be of some little use to him and maybe a few others. In the first place, I should like to say how I feed mine—equal parts niger, teazle, hemp, linseed, canary, and a packet of mixed wild seeds.; the usual tit-bits, thistle, dandelion, maw and gold of pleasure, and a few plantain stalks daily, and a couple of hardheads and thistle heads. But the latter are rather inclined to blow about (one is apt to stir up trouble if the down reaches the drawing-room) but if a bird-room is in use all's well. I give mine green food about three times a week, a piece of ripe apple is also greatly relished; and egg food twice per week. During the cold and inclement weather I also give a few cracked sunflower seeds daily. Mine are kept in a cold room, and sing from morning till night. I keep the Goldfinches and Canaries which I breed with in large double-compartment breeding cages all the season. In treating fresh caught birds one has to consider the nature of the weather and the general condition of their food previous to being caught. As this has been such a wet season, naturally they have had plenty of green food and other various damp foods. Offer when first caged soaked German rape and a little teazle; feed fairly liberally with bruised hemp and a supply of niger; green food every day—watercress if none other available. At first signs of any trouble offer egg-food; this is a most important item of Goldie's menu, and greatly relished; also offer about three or four cracked sunflower seeds daily. With reference to feeding entirely on canary seed, it is out of all reason. We are told that to keep our pets healthy and make them as happy as possible under the circumstances, we must keep and treat them as near to their natural surroundings as possible—hence the variety of their food, etc. How much canary seed do they get in their natural state? This needs no further comment. With regard to the zinc drinkers, I use about 1 dozen, and providing they are kept quite clean, and scalded at least once per week, I do not think they are harmful. In any case they are far preferable to the tin drinkers, which, to my mind, are enough to poison anything. In conclusion, don't forget Goldie's grit and a piece of cuttlebone. Hang it up with a piece of wire (he will make short work of string). He is very particular about his appearance, so don't forget his bath, weather permitting, if in a cold room. Above all, see that all his food is of the very best, especially the hemp. I know of an instance where a Goldfinch was kept on hemp alone for a good number of years. I have about 100 birds, including Canaries, but owing to Goldie's pleasing, confiding and intelligent nature he is the ideal pet. H. E. Smith.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—I would like to take note of some of the items in Mr. Logan's last letter. First: He mentions in passing that the Fancy in his district is greatly interested in mud-throwing at "Plainhead" and in "Plainhead's" twaddle. I don't think it would interest any right-minded fancier. Second: "As I have said before, a great deal of good will result from the correspondence." I can't see myself what good it will do to the Border Fancy in general. I asked Mr. Logan how to stop "clique" judging; he has never mentioned one item on the point. Third: "I appeal to young fanciers to stick to their hobby." What encouragement has he to put forward to young fanciers? I think it is L s. d. every time, not a hobby. I think if he wishes to do any good to the Fancy he should show up the "clique" to the Fancy at large. He needn't be afraid; the truth stands for itself. I was once threatened with law by a Dysart fancier, but it has never come off. I am done with "Mr. Someone told Mr. Somebody," which is no good to Mr. Nobody.

Wm. M. Hastings.

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Plainhead," I think is now hitting below the belt, as he refers to me ("Disgusted") trying to imitate the different makes of cages, also spars and drinkers, etc. Can he tell me of one single show where this occurred? I say it is a falsehood. "Plainhead" is also doubtful of the test I mentioned in my last letter—the "Little Gem" the test was made with came from the place where "Plainhead," got some of his National and Palace winners. The "Little Gem" I refer to has been about a dozen times under this particular judge, and never been out of the tickets; being in the wrong cage this time, I am of the opinion it might have been crossing its wings or dropping its tail! I heard lately of one of the "clique" judging one of the "clique's" gems. It misbehaved itself, its music being too high for the spectators, so the judge had to disqualify it. Naughty little creature! "Plainhead" states I may yet see it is better to have better birds and a uniform cage. I can see birds exhibited away from the "clique" with different results, under judges with more experience than any in the "clique." I only hope "Plainhead" will assist in getting a uniform cage adopted, which would mean different results and more interest in the hobby. Some exhibitors seem to be asleep on this subject—wake up! Disgusted.

Sir,—I have read a good few letters on the above subject, and truth to tell there is more mud-throwing than anything else in the most of them. While reading the letter of Mr. Hastings last week, I took particular notice of one part of it. He blames the committees for putting on the wrong man for secretary, etc. He says, "You must get a man with good business ability and tact, and one who commands the confidence of the Fancy." I expect that every fancier agrees with him on that point. But what if the man with the ability, etc., you speak of, Mr. H., won't come forward and give his services? Why is it, Mr. Hastings, seeing you have had lots of experience as a show secretary, and are a business man at that, that you won't come forward and assist the Arbroath Society at the present time? We are doing our best to get up a strong society, but as far as I know you won't even become a member. No doubt you felt displeased last year at the attempt made to get up a show (and there were more like you). But that is no reason why the society with a new set of officials should not go ahead this year. We have made a good start. At any rate, I think, Mr. H., you would do far more good if you would join our society, and give us the benefit of your experience, than ever you will do by sending such letters to the papers. Our secretary will do his best, and he can do no more, and that is better than the man who has the experience and won't oblige. Another Arbroath Fancier.

A Roller Singing Society for Walkden.

Sir,—A very successful meeting was held at the Stocks Hotel, on Feb. 24. The next meeting will be held March 11, when officers and committee will be elected, and we have every prospect of a very good society. All fanciers wishing to join should send in names and addresses to

Hy. Howard, Sec. (pro tem).
50, New Earth Road, Walkden,
near Manchester.

Canaries and Mules in the Same Clutch of Eggs.

Sir,—I have been a reader of your valuable paper ever since I knew it existed, that is many years now. I have had a new experience this last year (1912), which may be of interest to fellow readers. I had two Canaries and two Goldfinch Mules off the same hen in the same nest. I was telling some fanciers in the Glasgow market about it, and one of them doubted my statement. As he is a very old Mule breeder, I wondered that it had never happened with him (James Lawrie, of Govan). The true facts of the case are these: I had a pair of Plainheads together, and, three or four days before the hen laid, I took out the buff cock, and run in the Goldfinch, putting the Canary cock in a single cage where the hen could see him. I did not remove the eggs, and I keep the door of my bird room locked unless I am there, so there could be no mistake.

G. A. Henderson.

An Automatic Fountain and How it Works.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. H. Miller's enquiry respecting an automatic fountain for his aviary, he cannot do better than adopt the plan which I adopted 3 months ago. He can easily make it himself, or a plumber will fix it with very little expense. The water supply must be kept up by a tank or barrel fixed about 6 or 8 feet above the fountain, or, preferably, by a connection to the water main as in my case. The appliance ought to be so arranged that the dish is automatically emptied and filled. This can only be done successfully by means of a syphon communicating with the drain. The spray can be formed by a short piece of lead pipe soldered to a regulating tap at the end of the supply pipe. The lead pipe to be punctured with a medium-sized darning needle, making as many punctures as necessary round the pipe, the end to be closed up. The basin of the fountain should be filled with stones to within a couple of inches of the rim, so that there is never any considerable depth of water. The syphon should be so fixed that as soon as the water rises up within an inch of the top of the dish, it begins to act and runs off all the water in a short time, when the air enters the syphon and stops the action; then the dish begins to fill again in more or less time, according to the number of holes in the lead pipe. It is a treat to see a bird having a shower under such a spray. I hope the above will be of interest to Mr. Miller and your many readers.

G. B. Usher.

Catching Birds at Night.

Sir,—In answer to query as to hedge netting birds, a pair of bat folding nets must be used. Two persons go along a hedge, one on each side. If Linnets are wanted they are generally to be found in brambles, laurels, yew bushes, shrubs, ivy, etc. Go on the darkest nights possible, one holds the net while the other strikes the hedge with a long stick, as if a short stick is used it frightens the birds upwards. The poles for the net should be 20ft. long and when finished about 8ft. across the bows. Poles are better for being in one piece bent over, instead of L shaped with iron corners. Those hedges that have their ends to the wind will hold the majority of birds. Some people make a pocket at the bottom of the net, but they generally get mixed up enough without. Let the netting meet the wind as much as possible, so that the birds do not hear you coming. Don't try to net under trees, or, in the dark, if so you will get your net fast. I never use a light unless for Bullfinches or Greenfinches, that are inclined to stick to the hedge; then the beater may strike a match, for if you can't get birds out of hedge by beating, a match will cause a stampede away from the light. If the nets are high enough and the pole long enough (as Linnets are inclined to rise) he should catch plenty of Linnets. You very rarely get a Goldfinch in a hedge-net, I never have done, but you will get nearly everything else. I should be pleased if any of your readers can tell me where to get 20 to 25 foot bamboo poles, and price of same per dozen. I can get them now, but I consider them rather expensive at the price I am at present giving. If at any time I can tell your readers anything of use to them in catching by hedge nets, clap nets, spring nets, or any other kind of trapping, I shall be willing to do so.

Bird Catcher.

PROPOSED BIRD TRADERS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

A Fighting Appeal from Mr. T. R. Trower.

Sir,—I thank you for your kind remarks in connection with the work I did in helping to found the old "Bird Dealers' Protection Association" about 1902. Well, it died a natural death after a few months of a very promising career. The principal cause was the apathy and neglect of those for whose benefit it was initiated. Another: Some loyally observed the existing bird laws regarding the close season, but of others the same could not be said. We had a splendid opening meeting at the Old Blue Anchor in Shoreditch; some hundreds attended, but when I look back and remember the utter lack of support from those who get their living by selling birds, bird foods, and appliances in connection therewith, I confess I have not courage enough to attempt to found another; perhaps others may have more pluck left. I still have the old books and papers by me. We even had our own journal, and printed instructions were sent out to each member; the latter would need little alteration even to-day. There is now Cage Birds League, also the National British Bird and Mule Club Birdkeepers' Protection Association recently formed. Both these are for the benefit of the birdkeeper, dealer, or food provider. If they mean business and want protection, they should join in thousands. I ask plainly, have they got pluck enough to spend a shilling or two a year in supporting their hobby or business? I need only refer your readers to a letter written by me and published in your journal of Nov. 19, 1910. You could almost write the same to-day, because since then we have had the "Cruelty to Animals Act" further strengthened by the "Protection of Animals Act, 1911." The first section, clause A, carries the whole text concerning the recent prosecutions of bird-dealers. I cite it in full:—

1. (1) If any person

a "Shall cruelly beat, kick, ill-treat, over-ride, over-load, torture, infuriate, or terrify any animal, or shall cause or procure, or, being the owner, permit any animal to be so used, or shall by wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act, or causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, cause any unnecessary suffering, or being the owner, permit any unnecessary suffering to be so caused to any animal, etc., etc."

A copy of this Act of Parliament "Protection of Animals Act, August 18th, 1911, also the Amending Act, 13th December, 1912, can be obtained for twopence from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Fetter Lane, or can be got through any bookseller. Every dealer should get a copy and read it.

Our Opponents' Powerful Weapon.

The clause quoted above is a most elastic one, and puts a most powerful weapon in the hands of our opponents. When a person is summoned for an offence, a conviction is pretty well certain to follow, if the information on which the summons is issued is supported by evidence before the magistrate. In recent cases the Society has taken care to do so by calling its own veterinary to support the officer's statement. The only chance is having the case carefully and properly defended, and where this has been done the society has invariably lost. Dealers should take care that in any purchases or seizures of birds and animals, the condition of the birds or animals should be immediately verified by a police constable, called by the owner. In addition, the animals should be as soon as possible examined by a veterinary surgeon, for and on behalf of the owner, even if it has been deemed necessary to destroy them. Names and addresses of all witnesses should also be taken with a statement of the actual facts and conditions of the stock and premises at the time of the alleged offence. Then immediate legal advice should be obtained, and the defence properly organised and conducted. Cage Birds League and the N.B.B. and M. Club Protection Association know of two or three good London solicitors, who thoroughly understand this business. We have not done with these prosecutions. The need for banding together to properly fight each one is stronger than ever. Will every bird-dealer, bird-keeper, or seed-dealer, help and assist? Or is this only a small explosion to be forgotten, when the smoke drifts away? If so, one day the big catastrophe will come, and no wild birds will be allowed to be kept in cages.

The R.S.P.C.A. exists by getting convictions. It is its business, and it and its officers would cease to exist if they failed to do this. They very seldom caution. Why not? Why should they not warn the shopkeeper if they think he is keeping his birds in a dirty state? They are supported by a very wealthy and influential set of patrons, and plenty of money to back up their work. When they have a genuine case of cruelty in the bird world, I am sure that they would have the heartiest support of Cage Birds and its readers, but one main feature of all these prosecutions is, as they have plainly told us, to put down what they call "The Cruel Practice of Keeping Birds in Cages." Now you keepers of birds, will you fight and uphold your interesting and valuable hobby? Are you men and women, English people? Are you going to be down trodden and have your shows destroyed, because certain faddists choose to call your innocent and enlightened hobby cruel? I am afraid I have encroached upon valuable space too much, but a few words more to the dealers. Will the bird-dealers strive to keep their shops in a "model state," birds and animals well cared for, well cleaned, and well fed? Will they keep a good supply of food, birds, and cages for their customers to select from? With cleanliness and civility their shop should be meeting places for fanciers and bird-keepers. There is plenty of business to be done, giving a good return for time and capital for those that do this. Many who are doing it find it pays. It avoids trouble, and brings credit to themselves. Others still linger along in that old don't care sort of style. Well, I ask them all, take these words carefully to heart and make their shops and business something to be proud of. I have been thinking for some years of offering some prizes for the best kept bird shop within twelve miles from Charing Cross. I hope to do so this year, and will shortly send you particulars.

T. R. Trower.

Sir,—As the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have to-day agreed to pay Mr. Tresise £3 3s. costs, and have the case dismissed, I thought your readers ought to know on what grounds the summons was issued. Mr. Moxey, the Society's inspector, visited the defendant's shop, and from a shelf at the back took two cages, in which were two sick Greenfinches (not exposed for sale), but being treated for scours. Both cages had fresh seed, sand, and water in them. They were not small back cages, as generally used, but large open show cages. Without permission, the inspector took the two cages into the shop parlour, which he searched for any other birds. Then in the shop, on a shelf, he found a dead cage-moulted Linnet, not in a cage, but which had lain there forgotten. This he called a recently-caught Linnet; of course, this did not have seed, sand, or water. The curious ones are asking why this Society paid £3 3s. costs rather than let the magistrate decide. Some say that after what Mr. Plowden told this inspector last week concerning speaking the truth, there was not much chance of the prosecution succeeding. Certainly it shows the need for the Society to compel these inspectors to speak the truth or take the consequences.

T. Pearson.

Linnet Singing in Lancashire.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Harrison's letter I must say that he is right in arranging the fixtures for contests. He was asked by me and Mr. Hickman, the Pendlebury secretary, what dates he would like to have, and he said he did not want any till we met at the Pendlebury contest, Feb. 15. I gave him one of our bills, and he mentioned nothing about the fixtures being altered, so I think that it is his own fault that he has not had a contest before this. I think Mr. Harrison will not forget what I told him at Leigh on Saturday, March 1. There would be no singing at all in Lancashire if all secretaries were so slow; a man should look after his own club's interest.

R. Holcroft, Sec., Leigh Club.

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The Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club.

An Explanation Wanted.

Sir,—I used to be a member of the above club, and last year forwarded my membership fee to the secretary. This was returned me, with a note stating I had been rejected from membership. I immediately wrote the secretary for an explanation, which up till now has not been forthcoming. Now I demand a public explanation from that body.

William C. Smith.

Stronvar. Balquhidder.

The Suggested Breeders' Cup for the Southern Norwich P.C.

Sir,—I am greatly in favour of a breeders cup, as I think it will prove an interesting competition. I think Mr. Gill's suggestions are very good, but I should like to add to them, that all birds entered for the cup, or cups, competition be rung with a closed ring, the rings to be supplied to members through Mr. Cole, who will keep a record of the numbers of the rings supplied to members. I have forwarded on to Mr. Cole 5s. towards the cup fund.

J. R. Houghton.

Sir,—It is indeed a pleasure to know that I have both "agreeably surprised" and "amused" Mr. Gill. And I am glad that I put him in a generous frame of mind. He has done the right thing—sent a donation for a new cup, and promised to get other help. Good. But that should not prevent the membership of the S.N.P.C. from understanding the real difference—and it was a vital difference—between Mr. Gill and myself and Mr. Cole. Mr. Gill favoured the proposal to alter the conditions under which the £10 10s. cup had been competed for and won at least twice out of three times by himself and Mr. Baker. Mr. Cole and myself suggested a new cup to be competed for under the new conditions, or some such, advocated by Mr. Gill and Mr. Garland. That is the difference, and I say it is a vital one. Mr. Gill has adopted our suggestion; we have not adopted his. And so he is agreeably surprised and amused. Well, let it be so. As to the conditions to be attached to the new cup, no doubt they will be satisfactorily arranged, and it is quite open to Mr. Gill to make suggestions, which, in turn, should have due weight. Now we have found common ground of action, I may say that I hope to have the pleasure of seeing Mr. Gill hailed as the first winner of this new cup, competed for under conditions after his own heart.

"G. G."

The Proposed New Specialist Club for Ireland.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Connell's letter, I shall be glad to hear what Mr James Stewart has to impart re cups of the Norwich Club of Ireland. I was sorry that the competition fell through for these cups, and if I remember aright, one of the rules was: "That the Society cannot be dissolved so long as three members resolve to keep it together." If so, I can hardly believe all dropped out but one who now holds the cups. I think the better way would be to call a meeting, and do the best possible to open up the club again. The club should make certain that the birds competing are bred by the exhibitors, and not purchased to win. This would give the novice a chance. Mention was made of the Crest cup failing for want of competition. Of course, that was years ago. At the last Londonderry show there were on view fifty-one Crests and Crest-breds in four classes. Perhaps some of the Derry men would come in and help. I don't see why it shouldn't work, with such present day fanciers as Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Messrs. Thompson, Faith, Stewart, Connell, Forrest, Osborne, Mulligan, Birse, Tighe, Carson, Adams, Neill, and other good Irish fanciers, to keep the flag flying. Mention has been made of Saturday shows. What about Wednesday's half-holiday? Are there not thousands of workers off this day in Dublin and Belfast? Where outside competition is wanted, therefore, shows must cut out Saturdays. With a small entrance of sixpence, working men have not to wait till Saturday to get this. Even then, the birds are seen by gaslight, as most of the workers take some time to dress up and travel to the show. Then what's the saving for holding a Saturday show? No doubt country fanciers are nervous of their birds missing connection on the different railways when they would lie over somewhere on a Sunday. I am glad Mr. Connell is taking up the pen again in a true fancier spirit. Last season witnessed a lot of clashing of Irish shows. There seems a lot of cussedness somewhere. Could these societies not come to some agreement for next season?

Rip Van Winkle.

Several letters unavoidably held over

SHOWS.—Continued from page 217.

HULL C.B.S.

Members' show of British birds, held at the Feb. meeting, Mr. F. F. Potter judge. Quality was excellent, and competition very keen. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, McKay; 2, Beckett; 3, Pearson. LINNET: 1, 3, McKay; 2, Wardoll Bros; vhc, Riley; hc, c, Cross. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE.: 1, 2, Riley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Riley; vhc, hc, Cross; c, Parker. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Riley; 2, Heseltine.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Annual table show of matched pairs, held at Headquarters, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, Feb. 26. The show was a record one for the club, over 50 pairs turning out. Judges were: Mr. Young, Rutherglen, Nor. and Hyb.; and Mr. Heggie, Glasgow, Bord. and Yorks., and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. Some grand pairs were shown in Norwich and Hybrids.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, sp., hc, sp., Gentle; 2, c, Jeffrey; vhc, Naismith; res, sp, Findlay. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, sp., Stewart; 2, Cairns; 3, sp., vhc, Gentle; hc, sp., Holliday; res, sp., Smith. BORD.: 1, sp, Steel; 2, Morgan; 3, vhc, Brown; hc, c, Lauder. YORKS.: 1, sp., 2, hc, Johnston; 3, sp., vhc, c, Steel. HYB.: 1, sp., 2, McGavin; 3, sp., Morgan; vhc, hc, sp, Holliday; c, Naismith.—Robert Heggie, Sec.

CRAIGHEAD C.B.S.

Members' show of British, held March 1. 64 entries were staged in seven classes. This, the society's second venture, was looked after by a grand body of fanciers. Messrs. M. Beecroft, J. Anderson, and H. Barron, stewards; chairman, M. Davinson; sec., Alf. Dawson; and the birds were staged to perfection. Mr. W. Knowles judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The show was well patronised, and was a great success; some well-known fanciers from a distance were present. H.M. LINNET (5): 1, Davinson; 2, Anderson; 3, Wheatman; vhc, hc, Barron. F.M. (15): 1, Wheatman; 2, Foster; 3, Dawson; vhc, Anderson; hc, c, H. Barron. GOLDFINCH: (8): 1, Davinson; 2, Ranshaw; 3, Dawson; vhc, Collicott; hc, Robson; c, Barron. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Davinson; 2, 3, Dawson; vhc, Collicott. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Davinson; 2, Dawson; 3, Collicott; vhc, Wheatman; hc, Cameron; c, Anderson. REDPOLL (8): 1, Robson; 2, 3, Collicott; vhc, Davinson; hc, Smith; c, Dawson. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Davinson; 2, Ramshaw; 3, Dawson; vhc, Foster. Winners of specials: M. Davinson, A. Dawson, M. Collicott, J. Smith, M. Davinson won, also special for best bird.

GLASGOW AND W. OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Monthly meeting and matched pair show held in Rooms, 94, West Regent-st., Feb. 25, when a good turn-out of members made the meeting a success. The balance sheet for 1912 was read, and showed a balance on hand of £5 1s. 10d., which was considered very good, after a deficit of a like amount for last year. It was decided to give a silver medal to the best bird at evening shows. Some splendid pairs were forward in show, some Scottish National and Palace winners being present. Mr. Craig, Tollcross, won medal for best pair with a grand pair of Norwich. Mr. W. Hutchison, Glasgow, judged Canaries, and Mr. E. Taylor, Shelteston, the Mule and Hybrid pairs, their awards being well received.

NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Barrie, splendid pair, nice qual. and size; 2, Craig, nice pair of good quality; 3, Paterson, varieg. cock, grand bird, cold do with more size in hen. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Craig, grand pair, hen exceptional col.; 2, Barrie, nice pair of varieg., good size; 3, Watson, large varieg. cock, sweet hen; 4, Paterson. YORKS.: 1, 2, Park, two nice pairs, grand qual., well shown. BORD.: 1, 2, Park, leaders varieg. cock and cl. hen, in fine trim, 2nd clears, not far behind; 3, 4, 5, Cunningham. MULING PAIRS: A grand class: 1, 2, 3, Crane, a team a credit to the owner, leader For. Gold. and champion yell. hen, 2nd nice large Greenf. and good yell hen, 3rd Linnet of merit and nice hen; 4, Watson; 5, Craig. BULLF. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Craig, C.F. Greenf. and Bullf. hen, a fine pair; 2, Cunningham, For. Goldie and Bullie, not far behind; 3, Clubbs, Linnet and Bullf., in shining condition; 4, Watson; 5, Crane. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Craig, Goldfinch and Redpoll, in grand order, a likely pair; 2, Cunningham, Goldf. and sweet hen Siskin.—F. Taylor, Sec.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Members' pair show, held at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Feb. 26, 1913. Numbers and quality were very high, 47 pairs being staged in five classes with 2s. each special for each class, besides many other valuable specials. The Crest class was worth going a long way to see, the quality was A1, first going to Mr. Hugill's pair, he also won special for most points in show. Yorks were very strong on the male side, but hens were not so good, weediness and roughness in some cases putting them a little below standard. In Norwich quality was great, and the Muling pairs were a fine lot. The society has a fine lot of workers, including a good business secretary in Mr. Elliott. Mr. W. Messenger judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. (13): 1, sp, Brown, Son, and Hornsby, a right good pair, yell. cock, straight as a rush, good col., well up on leg, in the best possible condition, with a good hen, failing just a little in roughness underneath, otherwise good; 2, Elliott, rattling good pair, beaten a little in size, but all there for quality; 3, Elliott, running the leaders a good race, with one of the best hens in the class; res, Dodds; vhc, Crowther; hc, Foster; c, Button. NOR. (11): 1, sp, Brown, Son, and Hornsby, pair of good ones, yellow cock, massive head and body, short wings and flights, with a right good plump hen, in the best of feather; 2, Burns, evenly matched pair, buff cock, falls short in body and condition to winner, with a right good yellow hen of good size, excellent head and very nice carriage; 3, Elliott, one of the best hens in the class, a big one, but all there for qual. and shape, with good big yell. cock, failing a little in front, but best col. in class; res, Chambers; vhc, Burns; hc, Wilson; c, Elliott. CRESTS, ETC. (13): 1, sp, 4, hc, Hugill; 2, 3, vhc, Richardson; c, Ridley, wonderful lot, not a bad one in the class. MULE or HYB. (11): 1, sp, Hugill, Goldf. and Bullf., Goldie cock, fair size, good blaze, col., and buttons, steady as a rock, in the best of condition, with Bullie hen, also steady, good size, col., and bars, clean cut cap, a right good pair; 2, Wilson, Goldie and Can., biggest in class, steady, good face and buttons, not so well up in condition, with a noble cap mkd. hen, good col., and in the pink; 3, Button, Linnet and Can., big bouncing Linnet, well pencilled, will show up better when more conditioned, grand clear hen, a good pair; res, Chambers; vhc, c, Parnaby; hc, Crowther. A.O.V. (2): 1, sp, 2, Ogden, Bord., sweet and perky, rattling good condition; 2, also Borders, Cinn. ck., pressing winners hard.

KIDWELLY.

After a lapse of six years this Society held a show on March 4, and its members are to be congratulated on the result as the entries came up well, quantity throughout was really first-class, and competition keen. The Town Hall in which the show was held is an exceedingly nice place for a bird show, being roomy, well lighted and free from draughts. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were well looked after by a good Committee of fanciers, headed by Mr. Edmund Cale, Chairman. The Goldfinch class was a grand one, the winner capturing the special for best bird in the show after a tight fight with the Chaffinch of Mr. Jefferys. Special for best members' exhibit went to Mr. Chas. Price with his Missel Thrush. Mr. John Morgan makes an admirable Sec., having everything well in hand, and is most obliging and courteous. The Society is fortunate in having such a worker at the helm. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne, and his decisions were very well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. (11): 1, spl., Bennett, yell., tight as a drum, well drawn out, neat head, tail and wings, stands well but soiled, which nearly let it down; 2, Morgan, buff, lovely feather and condition, stands well, good wings and tail, nice position good back, close run; 3, hc, Francis and Davies, yell., tkd. over beak, stands well on good legs, nice flights and tail, neat head and narrow shoulders, not quite so smooth on breast; vhc, Morgan; c, 96B, no name. NOR. (17): 1, spl., No. 105G, no name, wing tkd. yell., lovely shape and feather, short, well packed flights and tail, nicely rounded chest and rich level col.; 2 105B, Green Crest, wide and dense frontal, good droop and capital body; 3, hc, Davies, cl. buff, gem for shape, feather and qual., short, well-carried wings and neat tail, nice col., bit weak in head; vhc, 105F and 105H, no names. GOLD.: 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, Richards, leader a grand one, expansive blaze of good cut and col. well tanned chest, good bars and buttons, well up in size and good feather, a gem, 2 good square-cut blaze, coming well down, and good col., nice bars and buttons, good back and tanning on chest, not quite so good in feather, 3 lovely feather, nice back, bars and buttons, good col. blaze, but not so expansive; vhc, hc, c, Jefferys. LINNET (11): 1, spl., Richards, nice cone-shaped one, grand solid col., magnificent feather, and as steady as a rock, nicely pencilled; 2, hc, Nicholas, grandly pencilled, nice shape and feather, shows whites well, just beaten in col., close run; 3, Jefferys, nice feather, shape and pencilling, good whites, another good one, close up; vhc, Glover; c, Heal. BULLF., ETC. (11): 1, hc, Jefferys, Chaffinch, wonderful size and shape, nice col. and feather, as steady as a judge; 2, S. Jones, Bullfinch, nice glossy cap, good breast col., nice wing bars and back, in good feather; 3, Hughes, Greenfinch, good size, shape and feather, nice col. and capital bars, good hold head; vhc, c, Gregory; c, Cole. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 3, hc, Heal, Twite, good col. and feather, nicely pencilled and good size, 3 buff Siskin, grand feather, well laced flanks and nice cap; 2, no name, Lesser Redpoll, well marked, grand col. and feather, nice cap; vhc, Glover; c, Hughes, Gregory. SOFTBILL (6): 1, spl., Harvey, Chough, lustrous col., nice shape and feather, fair coloured bill and legs; 2, vhc, hc, c, Price, good Missel Thrush, nicely spotted; 3, Cole, nice spotted and good coloured Song Thrush.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD (Eastfield Side) C.B.S.

Monthly table show, held at headquarters (Mason's Arms), March 1. A fair number of birds were staged, and Mr. Sims gave every satisfaction in placing the cards. Mr. Sims is a son of the late J. Sims, and is upholding a name that has been connected with the bird fancy for more than 50 years. YELL. NOR. HEN: 1, Vardy; 2, Holland. BUFF: 1, Vardy; 2, Holland; 3, Connah. UNFLIG. YELL., NOR., HEN: 1, Vardy; 2, Holmes; 3, Weston. BUFF: 1, Vardy; 2, Connah; 3, Ellis; vhc, Holmes. NAT. COL., NOR. HEN: 1, Keeling. CREST HEN: 1, 2, Nuttall Bros. C.B. HEN: 1, 2, Nuttall Bros. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, Oscroft. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Mallatratt. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Mallatratt; 2, vhc, Gabbitass; 3, Weston. —B. Gabbitass, Press Corres.

ALNWICK C.B.S.

First table show, held in the Long Room Temperance Hotel, Feb. 27, when some really tip-top pairs were staged. Mr. W. Miller won sp. for best pair with a beautiful pair of Norwich. Everything passed off without a hitch, Mr. A. Dipple, Morpeth, judged.

NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, Miller, buff ck., yell. hen, neat pair, well matched, ck. mkd. on wings; 2, clears; 3, tkd buff ck., and cl. yell. hen; vhc, hc, Tate. BORD. (6): 1, 3, hc, c, Robinson, clears, buff ck. and yell. hen, neat pair, well matched; 3, cl. buff ck. and cinn. yell. hen; 2, Miller, buff ck. and var. yell. hen, grand pair, but loses in feather; vhc, Rennison. MULING (6): 1, 3, hc, c, Forster, grand team, Goldie-Can. and Linnet-Can., leading; 2, Miller, Goldie-Can.; vhc, Rennison. A.O.V. (3): 1, Rennison, Linnet-Bullie, a very taking pair; 2, Robinson, do., beaten for col. and size; 3, Forster, Greenie-Bullie.

WINSFORD C.B.S.

Members' show held March 1 in the Assembly Room adjoining the "Wheatsheaf Hotel." Some 19 classes were made, but three of these had to be cancelled for lack of entries. All the birds staged were of very fine quality and merit. Mr. Tomkinson, the Assistant Secretary, looked after all details ably in the absence of Mr. S. S. Brooks, Sec., who has severe sickness in his family. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Tomkinson, all over a sound Yorkshire; 2, T. Weedall, fine slim cl.; 3, E. Perry, tick neck, wee bit of frill. BUFF: 1, E. Weedall, fine and neat all over; 2, J. Perry, good col. and type, nice position. HENS: 1, E. Weedall, cy. yell., small, very tight and neat; 2, 3, Tomkinson, typical buff, A1 feather, etc.; 3rd, tick head yellow. UNFLIG.: 1, Tomkinson, not the largest, but A1 carr. and qual., yell.; 2, E. Weedall, tick head, very close up; 3, vhc, J. Perry; 3rd, fine bold bird, A1 when thoroughly trained in wing carriage; 4, E. Perry, nice yell., dark head. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, J. Perry, clear, fine head, good stout body, A1 col., etc. HENS: 1, J. Davies, fine buff hen; 2, H. Siddall, smaller, fine type and qual. UNFLIG.: 1, Siddall, lightly varieg. buff, A1 shape and qual., fine. A.O.V.: 1, E. Weedall, foul green Yorks. GOLDF.: 1, Davies. BULLF.: 1, Davies. LINNET: 1, 4, Clark; 2, Davies; 3, Siddall. SISKIN: 1 Siddall. MULE, ETC.: 1, Siddall, very large yell. varieg. Gold.-Can., rare col., shape and condition; 2, 3, Davies, dark buff Linnet-Can. and Gold.-Can.; 4, J. Weedall smaller yell. varieg. Gold.-Can.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

Pair show held at Headquarters, the "Royal George," Lewisham, S.E., Feb. 13, and was a record for entries, and easily the best the society has ever held, 84 pairs being staged. Quality also showed a distinct advance, and augurs well for the future. Norwich were truly grand, also the Yorkshires, and the "Wee Gems" were of the highest quality; in fact, every bird staged was a credit to its owner. Special for best pair went to Mr. Hodder for a truly grand pair of Norwich; second, Mr. Lee, yell. ck. and buff hen, and there was not much to choose; sp. for best Nov. Nor. pair was won by Mr. Hodson, for Nov. Yorks., by Mr. Rowson. Best pair Nov. Bord., Mr. Martin. The birds were nicely arranged in double tiers around the large room, and there was a record attendance. The Sec., Mr. G. F. Crawford, had everything nicely in order, and a catalogue of the show was on sale; his assistant, Mr. Coombs, was also most attentive, and nothing was left undone. The President, Mr. G. F. Males, was also present, supported by a strong committee of workers. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Awards.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, sp, Lee; 2, Kilby; 3, 4, Richardson; vhc, Crawford; hc, Kilby; c, Lacobee. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN (13): 1, sp, Hodder; 2, 3, Crawford; 4, vhc, Lee; hc, Kilby; c, Males. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (6): 1, Males; 2, 4, vhc, Fairman; 3, hc, Tringham. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Males; 2, 4, Fairman; 3, vhc, Tringham. BORD. YELL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. BUFF, YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Burton, Bros. CINN.: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Tringham. MULING: 1, Crawford; 2, Richardson. NOV., NOR., YELL. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Hodson; 3, Lagden; 4, Tomsett; vhc, Bell; hc, Wilmot. BUFF, YELL. (8): 1, Hodson; 2, vhc, hc, Bell; 3, Tomsett; 4, Child; c, Lagden. YORKS., YELL. BUFF (9): 1, sp, 2, Rousen; 3, c, Barton; 4, Wilmot; vhc, Clarke; hc, Willett. BUFF YELL. (9): 1, Barton; 2, Wilmot; 3, c, Clarke; 4, Willett; vhc, hc, Rouson. BORD., YELL BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Martin; 2, Kay. BUFF YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, Sutton; 3, 4, Kay.—George Crawford, Hon. Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

First evening table show, held at the Imperial, Richmond, Feb. 26. The affair proved to be a thoroughly successful and enjoyable one, and that the members have complete confidence in their officials was evidenced by the exceptionally good entry (134). Grand teams, in the pink of condition, were put down. Competition was very keen. We must congratulate Miss Wright on her wins in the British and Yorkshire section, including special for best British. Mr. C. Huxley won special for best Norwich, with a topping cl. yell. Our chairman, Mr. W. Phipps, cleared the decks with his yellow Yorks. cock, 2 specials, best York., and best in show. Mr. Birch, a novice, won special in the pair class for Hybrid breeding. Mr. Lingley took special for best Mule or Hybrid with his unique light Goldfinch Mule. Specials, most entries, W. Nichols, also most points, but one exhibitor being allowed only one point special, the latter was awarded to Mr. Phipps (runner up), 2nd most points, Mr. Harris. Mr. J. C. Shepherd, late Newcastle, judged, and gave general satisfaction, and congratulated the Richmond Society on its officials and magnificent show. Thanks are due to Mr. Denham, hon. sec. of the Metropolitan C.B.S., for his kind assistance, which was appreciated by the committee.

The Awards.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, hc, Phipps; 3, Beavington; vhc, Nichols; c, Warner. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, sp., c, Miss Wright; 2, 3, Phipps; vhc, Lingley; hc, Harriss. PAIR MULE AND HYB., BREEDING: 1, sp., 3, Birch; 2, vhc, Beavington; hc, Lingley; c, Foster. BRIT.: 1, sp., Miss Wright; 2, Beavington; 3, Buck; vhc, Lingley; hc, Foster; c, Huxley. YELLOW NOR. CK.: 1, sp., Huxley; 2, vhc, hc, Nichols; 3, Phipps; c Beavington. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Nichols; hc Beavington. BUFF COCK: 1, 3, Cripps; 2, vhc, hc, Nichols; c, Lingley. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Nichols; 3, Phipps; vhc, Huxley; c, Cripps. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2 spls., Phipps; 2, Huxley; 3, c, Harriss; vhc, hc, White. BUFF: 1, Miss Wright; 2, 3, Harriss; vhc, Huxley; hc, Phipps; c, White. YELL. HEN: 1, Phipps; 2, 3, Harriss; vhc, Lallem; hc, Huxley. BUFF: 1, 3, Huxley; 2, vhc, Harriss. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp., Lingley; 2, 3, vhc, Lingley. CRESTS: 1, 2, Gutteridge. GREEN NOR.: 1, 3, W. Nichols; 2, Best; vhc, Beavington; hc, Buck. GREEN YORKS.: 1, 2, Huxley; 3, White. FOR.: 1, G. Whaley; 2, W. Phipps.

HIRST (Universal) C.B.S.

Nice little show held in the West End Society Club, Ashington, March 1. The Fancy seems to be retaining all its popularity in the Colliery Town, entries coming up well while quality was good, especially in Borders, many of the winners having already held their own in open competition. In Mr. E. Edwards the society has a capable secretary, and everything was well forward. Mr. A. Dippie, Morpeth, judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. (8): 1, hc, King, cl. yell., nice size., very shapely, wings and tail well carried; 2, 3, Armstrong, cl. buff leading, grand chest and wings, nice qual. of feather, loses a little in skull; 3, var. yell., head and wings mkd., hot col., nice wings and tail, also a little weak in skull; vhc, Furness; c, Hancox. YORKS (12): 1, Anderson, cl. buff, rare size, tight feather, grand back and tail, nice wing; 2, Furness cl. yell., very smart, nice action, best of body and tail, but on the small side; 3, T. Floyd, var. buff, mkd. wings and eyes, rare size, bold head, and nicely carried wing, fails a little in breast; vhc, Hancox; hc, Charlton; c, King. BORD., grand class: 1, 2, vhc, Furness, nice team, cinn. mkd. buff leading, tight as a Java, well carried wings and tail, lovely head; 2, cl. yell., nicely rounded head, stylish body, must have pressed winner hard; 3, Charlton, cl. yell., nice type, grand head and wings, not so hoxy in feather; hc, Anderson; c, Smith. A.O.V. (4): 1, Anderson, nice sized cinn. Nor., hot col., neat type, well-put down; 2, Armstrong, foul green Nor. rich yell. col., neat body, wings well carried, if anything a little rough in feather; 3, Furness, cinn. Bord., grand col., neat type, but too wild for a Border; vhc, Smith. MULE (4): 1, 2, Hancox, Goldie-Bullies, often described, leader, best size and col., still both are good ones; 3, T. Floyd, dk. Linnet, a real good one, hard lines to meet such opposition; vhc, King. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, hc, Floyd, leading with a nice Goldie, an old champion, looking as fit as ever; 2, Charlton, hot fed Greenie, rare size and shape; 3, King, yell. Bunting, nice head markings, well in V marks, rare size; vhc, King; c, Furness. LINNET (4): 1, Floyd, H.M., neat size, very steady, dense pencilling, an easy win; 2, Edwards, H.M., good size, shade light in col. and pencilling, still a good one; 3, Armstrong, F.M., not so steady; vhc, Edwards. CAN, HEN (6): 1, hc, Furness, Border; 2 Smith, Nor. cl. buff; 3, Anderson, cl. yell. Bord.; vhc, King; c, Hancox.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Second of the series of points specials table shows held Feb. 18th, when a record number of Yorks. matched pairs were staged. Remarks were freely heard than at last the Norwich fanciers were eclipsed, not only for quantity but for quality. Judging was undertaken by our old favourite, Mr. J. Sharples, of Oldham, and once more we were indebted to him for his satisfactory awards. His criticism of the winning pairs, and advice regarding the cardless pairs were much appreciated, and were very helpful to the younger fanciers. The following were the successful exhibitors:—YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Smalley; 2, Foxall; 3, Green; 4, S. W. Howard; vhc, hc, J. Barnes. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, W. Foxall; 2, W. Etchells; 3, 4, W. Green; vhc, J. Barnes; hc, c, J. Smalley.

ECCLES C.B.S.

Table show held at head-quarters, Feb. 21, the last show to count for the cup. After a keen fight this was won by Mr. Astley, who, up to this show, was only one point above two other members. Mr. Tims was a good second, with Mr. Peters 3rd. Mr. Harrison, Altrincham, judged, and after the judging was finished a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded him by the members.

YORKS.: Mr. Walker. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Tims; 2, Peters; 3, Astley. BUFF: 1, Astley; 2, Peters. GOLDF. (grand lot): 1, Walker; 2, Tims; 3, Barlow. F.M. LINNET: 1, Silence; 2, Tims; 3, Barlow; H.M.: 1, Astley; 2, Silence. BULLF.: 1, Barlow; 2, Walker; 3, Silence. A.O.B.: 1, Tims; 2, Monks; 3, Barlow; 4, Peters.—D. T. Monks, Sec.

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SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.C.

Monthly meeting and matched pair show held in Reid Hall, February 12th, Mr. T. Penman, the vice-pres., in the chair over a good attendance of members. Four new members were made. On the chairman asking for specials for matched pair classes six were kindly given by Messrs. F. Taylor, J. McMillan, J. Crawford, T. Penman, F. Williams, and J. Waugh. Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) and Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross) judged, and their awards gave every satisfaction. Many thanks are due to them for their kindness in coming to judge the show.

NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, spl, MacLeod; 3, Smith; vhc, Fyfe. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, spl, McMillan; 2, Donaghy; 3, c, Smith; vhc, MacLeod; hc, c, Crawford. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, spl, McMillan; vhc, hc, c, Lindsay. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, spl, Crawford; 3, Hughes. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Crawford; 2, Donaghy; 3, Swan; vhc, Penman; hc, Hughes. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS: 1, 3, Crawford; 2, Fyfe. MULING PAIRS: 1, spl, Fyfe; 2, hc, Crawford; 3, vhc, McMillan; c, Braid. BULLF. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Dunlop; 2, Taylor.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Druids' Arms, Bentley, Feb. 22. Entries were well in advance of last year, and birds of excellent quality were staged by all members; the total number of entries was 69 in 15 classes, which is not bad considering we had nine shows this last year with the same number to look forward to. The room was well adapted for a bird show, and the arrangements being under Messrs. Presley and Thornhill, everything went off well, with the show open early and staged to perfection. A gold medal kindly given by Mr. Marshall (the landlord) for most points with five starred birds was won by Mr. S. Knowles with 22 points, Mr. Simpson (runner-up) 19. The show was well patronised during the evening and proved a financial success. Mr. Barker (Bentley) judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CK. (5): 1, Blanchon; 2, vhc, Hunt; 3, Presley; hc, Lumby. HEN (7): 1, c, Truman; 2, hc, Hunt; 3, Presley; vhc, Bescoby. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (5): 1, Hunt; 2, Tomkinson; 3, Knowles; vhc, Lumby; hc, Blanchon. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (5): 1, Knowles; 2, Tomkinson; 3, hc, Presley; vhc, Lumby. NOR. CK. (5): 1, Thornhill; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Truman. HEN (2): 1, 2, Thornhill. NORWICH PAIRS (8): 1, Thornhill; 2, Simpson; 3, hc, Flint; vhc, c, Truman. A.V. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Knowles; 2, Thornhill; 3, hc, Truman; vhc, Simpson. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, Chester; 3, Simpson. MULING PAIR (7): 1, Knowles; 2, 3, Simpson; vhc, Wade; hc, Presley; c, Blanchon. HYB. PAIR (4): 1, Wade; 2, Lumbey; 3, Chester; vhc, Simpson. GOLDF., ETC. (4): 1, Blanchon; 2, Knowles; 3, Truman; vhc, Thornhill. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Wade; 2, Thornhill. A.V. BRIT. HARD, F.M. (5): 1, Blanchon; 2, vhc, Truman; 3, hc, Wade. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Wade.—Geo. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and pair show held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Mr. John M. Edwards presiding before a fair turn-out of members. Several important motions were tabled, also abolishing of Rule 15, and it was unanimously agreed to call a special meeting in conjunction with muling and hybrid pair show on March 22nd. The following classification was arranged: Goldf. and Can., Linnet and Can., Greenf. and Can., A.O.V. Finch and Can., Bullf. Hybrids, A.O.V. Hyb. Pairs. Also agreed to have neutral judge. All members will receive notice in due course re the above motions and altering of rule, and it is earnestly hoped that there will be a full turn-out of members. Mr. Samuel Kerr, Townhead, Glasgow, was admitted to membership. Pair show being the next business, the chairman called for specials, six being handed in and allocated. Mr. Robert Jeffrey (Govanhill) judged, and his awards were well received. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for officiating.

CL. NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, 5, spl, Mcfarlane, leaders excel in size and subs., grand pair, should produce something good; 2nd, yell. cock and buff hen, both fine qual., right shape; 5, spl, well mated pair; 3, Campbell, buff cock and yell. hen, cock fails trifle head, grand qual.; 4, Roulstone; 5, Edwards; 6, Connelly; 7, Roulstone. VARIEG. PAIRS: 1, spl, 2, 3, spl, McFarlane, 1st buff mkd. cock and varieg. yell. hen, not the largest pair in class, but all there for type and qual., grand condition; 2nd, buff varieg. cock and almost green hen, cock fails condition, hen very sweet qual.; 3, spl, better size than leaders, fails qual., grand stock pair, we liked; 4, Edwards, also well balanced pair; 5, spl, Roulstone; 6, McNeill; 7, Connelly. BORD.: 1, spl, 2, Edwards, 1st buff varieg. cock and yell. hen, both rich qual., fine type and condition; 2nd, yell. cock and varieg. buff hen, cock rich col. hen, very typical, close up; 3, Connelly, yell. cock and varieg. buff hen, cock fine quality and colour, hen some thought trifle too big; 4, Hamilton; 5, McGowan; 6, Young; 7, Bannerman. A.O.V.: 1, McGowan, varieg. Crest cock and green C.B. hen, decent pair, well matched. SELL., NOR., £1: 1, spl, 2, Connelly, 1st pair soon claimed; 3, Roulstone; 4, Edwards; 5, Roulstone; 6, Young; 7, Bannerman.

Club Reports.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

A referendum of the Crested Canary Club has just been taken, and the following is the result (1) Are you in favour of the principle of closed rings, 39 yes, no 24. (2) Shall the club adopt the C.C.C. ring as used 1912? 6 yes, no 57. (3) Shall the club adopt the use of other rings? 36 yes, 27 no. 94 voting cards issued, 63 returned.—John Tyson, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Monthly meeting, held March 1st, in Nelson's Temp. Hotel. Mr. Jno. Montgomery presided. Specials won at pair show were presented to winners who were present. Classification for annual show, November 29th, was next taken up, and it was decided to include 1 non-fed. class to Norwich section, also 2 additional classes for Yorks.; judges were nominated and voted upon. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. —W. Hutchison, Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 25. Mr. Robinson in the chair. The usual business was postponed so as to give Mr. Tom Harrison, the well-known Altrincham fancier, the full time for his lecture on "Seeds and other foods." He handled the subject well, and the members certainly learned much from his paper. Messrs. Jones, Whittaker, Pike, Robinson, Jackson, Lowe and others joined in the discussion. At the close Mr. Robinson proposed that the best thanks be given to Mr. Harrison for his able lecture, and this was seconded by Mr. Geo. Pike and carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Grigg kindly brought the cup he has given to the society.—John Davey, hon. sec.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting held at Colliery Inn, Feb. 24, Mr. J. Stanger in chair, with a moderate attendance, mainly through the three-shift system in the district. The sec. gave his report for the 1912 season, which was highly satisfactory, showing a balance of £3 for 1913. Schedule for nest feather show was discussed, and it was decided to have same schedule as last year. Following nominated as judges for nest feather show, to be chosen at next meeting:—Messrs. Widdowfield (Boldon), Wm. Reid and Riseborough (Sunderland), A. Holden (Gateshead), J. Maddison (Newcastle), and J. Hands (Blaydon). Nest feather show will be held July 10. We are still open for more members; subs. 5s. per year and 1s. entrance.—Wm. Forster sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting held in Blythswood Halls, Great Western Road, Feb. 28, Mr. Phillips presiding. There was a good turn-out of members to consider the rules drafted by committee. Some of the rules caused a little discussion; in the end all were passed. The club still continues to add to its membership. We had nine new members at the meeting, making a total of 36. Decided to hold a show of British at next monthly meeting, Mar. 28, six classes:—Goldf. or Bullf.; Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; Linnet; Greenfinch; Hen Brit. suitable for breeding; For. Goldf. or Bullf. Specials were kindly granted for same by Messrs. Houston, Thom, Wilson, and Brown. Rule books will be ready shortly.—Wm. Loan, sec. and treas.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A,

Annual general meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Feb. 4. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that, notwithstanding poor results from last show, that same be carried on again and that Mr. Hutchison be again asked to take up secretarial duties for same. Late sec. was quite agreeable to continue for another term, provided that a guarantee fund of £10 against any loss be raised. As a guarantee fund to that amount is now secured, a meeting of guarantors will be held March 18 in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, 7.30 p.m. Late members and any other fanciers are cordially invited, when office bearers, etc., for ensuing year will be elected. As all liabilities arising from last two shows have been met, the committee are sanguine that, provided a suitable date is fixed upon, their efforts will yet be crowned with success. —Wm. Hutchison, sec

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at 6, The Broadway, Mar. 3. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided and there was a very good attendance. The annual report and statement of accounts was submitted by the secretary, Mr. H. Smith. Membership has risen from 105 to 120 since the beginning of the year—a matter of congratulation. Special mention is made in the report of the silver cups given during 1912 for competition by Mrs. Thynne, the Misses Liversage and Bodfish, and the Rev. H. A. Soames, such handsome gifts being very encouraging. The report concludes with an expression of the deepest gratitude of Mr. Smith and his wife for the sympathy and kindness they received from the members in their time of trial, which was much appreciated and a source of great consolation to them. The statement of accounts shows that, notwithstanding a loss of £8 15s. 5d. on the annual show held in November, there is a satisfactory balance on the right side of £31 1s. 11d., and the balance sheet shows the assets of the society to be £44 8s. 5d., including a cash balance of £22 10s. 11d. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said that such a satisfactory state of affairs was entirely due to the hard work and businesslike methods of their excellent secretary, Mr. Smith, and to him they owed their deepest gratitude and thanks. The Chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley, and the sec., Mr. H. Smith, who had both tendered their resignations, were persuaded to retain office for another year. Mr. F. Piper was re-elected president; Messrs. J. Carson C. How, E. J. Lamb, J. Robson, G. J. Warley, and Dr. Spencer vice-presidents, and Mr. P. Rorke was added to the list. Committee, Mrs. Owen and Messrs. A. H. Dyke, F. W. Owen, F. W. Thynne, H. W. Hobden, G. Griffiths, E. J. Whittome, J W. Heath, and R. A. Newley. Six new members were elected. At the monthly meeting in April Mr. J. Robson will give a lecture on "The breeding and care of young birds."—H. Smith.

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SALE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show of Norwich, Yorks and Borders held at headquarters, "Volunteer Hotel," March 3. There was a fine turn-up of both members and exhibits. The principal prize winners were Messrs. Hallworth, Robinson, Royle, Whalley, Dunkley, and Astley. Mr. Hallworth took gold centre medal for most points; Mr. Dunkley second; Mr. Astley third. Mr. J. Raynes judged and explained the good and bad points of each bird exhibited. A very enjoyable and instructive evening was passed. Next table show, March 17, will be for British birds, Mules, and Hybrids, and muling pairs. Schedules will be sent to members.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Election of Officers and Revision of Rules, 1913.

We have received from Mr. H. Hill, Sec., a certified copy of the ballot sheet, duly signed by the scrutineers, Messrs. R. Wilkinson and C. E. Walker, and containing particulars as follows: Vice-presidents, W. Cruise, 151 votes; J. Butler, 68; W. B. Atkinson, 57. Secretary, H. Hill, unopposed. Trustees (2), A Brown and H. H. Towers, unopposed. Auditors (2), R. Halliday, 205; F. Armstrong, 183; R. Garnett, 100; G. White, 62. Proposed alteration to rules: Rule 3: That the words "and from" be deleted. For 158, against 118. Rule 36: That the novice medals given for competition shall be equally divided if possible, so that the novice competition can be split into two periods; exhibitors gaining most points in the first half of the shows, according to the number of novice medals apportioned to that period, shall be winners of those medals and declared champions—same for the second half of the shows. In the event of an odd show, the Council shall decide as to which half of the shows the odd one shall be apportioned to. For, 166; against, 104. Rule 40: That four gold medals be given for competition in open classes. Winners of Shackleton's trophy and Naylor cup to be debarred from competing for same. No member of the Union to win more than one of these medals. For, 78; against, 211. Rule 41: That the novice classes be decreased from ten to eight. For, 64; against, 229. Rule 42: That the limit for novice classes be £3 3s. For, 35; against, 273. Proposed new rules: (1) That no judge of a Union show be allowed to report as he is judging them. For, 268; against, 26. (2) That the agenda of Union Council meetings be supplied to the secretary of each society, seven days previous to same meeting. For, 185; against, 120. (3) That scrutineers be elected by ballot, on yearly ballot paper. For, 168; against 106. (4) That no Union Society holds an open show after December 31st; any society having a date later than this must hold a First Feather Show instead, and all points to count for Union specials. For, 66; against 221. (5) That the two bottom perches in Yorkshire show cages shall be fixed on the fourth wire from each end of the cage, and the top perch be fixed on the ninth wire from either end of cage; all Yorkshire Union Show cages to be seventeen wires in length. The perches must be fixed in the cage with the curved side uppermost. For, 302; against, 3. (6) That a uniform subscription be paid by all societies within a radius of five miles from the Bradford Town Hall. For, 115; against, 152. (7) That there be a reduction in Union Shows. For, 68; against, 215.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held at Horse and Jockey, February 20, Mr. Hibberson presiding over a good muster of members in the absence of our President, Mr. Havenhand. Two new members were elected: Messrs. F. Allen and Hogg, making a total of 11 ordinary and 4 honorary members for 1913, not a bad start. A Table Show of matched pairs was also held, but owing to our meeting having been postponed a week the numbers were not up to the usual, although quality was quite up to standard. Mr. Bagnall judged, and, as usual, gave every satisfaction in placing the cards. Balance sheet was read and passed, and although we have had one of the heaviest years in the annals of the society we still have a nice balance in assets on the right side. MEMBERS YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Webster; 3, Blunt. NOVICE NORWICH: 1, 2, Ridler; 3, vhc, Jones. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 3, c, Merrill; 2, Lowe; vhc, hc, Flint. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 2, Duce; 3, vhc, Hailstone.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

IDLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

On March 1, the members of this newly-formed society held their first show. It was quite an impromptu affair, arising out of a suggestion of the president at the dinner held on the previous Wednesday. Two classes were provided for members, who had previously exhibited, and two for those who had not.—Yellow cock and buff hen, and buff cock and yellow hen—in each section. Mr. House gave a special for the best pair, and this was captured by Mr. Elsegood with a magnificent pair, the yellow in which has a big show record. The society and Mr. Chippendale gave specials for best and second best in novice section, these being taken by Messrs. Thomas and Hall, respectively, with very smart and useful buff cock and yell. hen pairs. For a first attempt, the entry of 25 pairs was most creditable to the members. Amongst the visitors we noticed Mr. J. Bailey, of Sandy Lane. Jimmy coveted a couple of hens but the owners were not selling. Mr. C. A. House judged, and Mr. Hylton, the hon. sec., carried out all the arrangements in an efficient manner. YELL. and BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Studd; 2, Pearson; 3, Hylton; res, Elsegood; hc, Chippendale; c, Wood. BUFF and YELL. (8): 1, hc, sp, Elsegood; 2, 3, Studd; res, Chippindale; vhc, Pearson; c, Hylton. NOV., YELL. and BUFF (3): 1, Baxter; 2, Hall; 3, Garnett. BUFF and YELL. (6): 1, sp, Thomas; 2, sp, Hall; 3, Baxter; res, Garnett; vhc, Renton; hc, Thornton.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Open concert and prize presentation, held at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Bradford, March 1, about 60 were present, including members, and their wives and friends. The artistes contributing to the programme were: Miss Holland, Messrs. S. Wilcock, W. Bennett, W. Whelan, P. N. Jenkinson, and H. Birbeck. After part of the programme had been got through, the chairman, Mr. Morement, called upon Mr. Chittenden to make the presentation of the members' prizes. Mr. Chittenden said he accepted this honour with great pleasure, because he was one of the society's first and oldest members. He expressed his admiration on the society possessing such a large number of novice members. Novice members in his estimation were the backbone of any society, and he hoped they would rally round this showing season in good numbers, and give some of the old fanciers a right proper knock out blow. After the prizes had been disposed of, Mr. Chittenden kindly volunteered his desire to make a donation to the society's prize fund, and other donations were kindly promised by several well-known fanciers in the society. Mr. F. Rhodes (late sec.) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Chittenden for coming to present the prizes, and also for his generous donation, and to the artistes. The propositions were seconded by Mr. F. Ludbrook and supported by Mr. Fortman (late chairman), and were carried unanimously in the usual manner. A dance and a few more songs brought the evening's concert to a successful finish.—P. N. Jenkinson (Assist. Sec.)

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CODNOR PK & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held at Riddings, when a good number of fanciers turned up. It was decided to have a table show at each meeting, when any member may nominate two birds, points to be counted at end of season. The first show, for Greenfinches only, will be held March 15. Three new members were elected. It is to be hoped that old and new members will turn up in good numbers, so as to give some little encouragement to the new sec.—A. Smith.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

On Feb. 26, a lecture on "Cage Birds" was given by Mr. H. Norman. There was a good attendance, and the lecture was followed with the greatest interest. At the close many questions were answered relating to the pairing, rearing, etc., of the various varieties, and a very hearty vote of thanks was recorded Mr. Norman for his very instructive lecture. Mr. W. H. Cook is to lecture on "Poultry" on March 26th. All fanciers welcome.—F. W. Capell, Hon. Sec.—(Please note that reports must be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they should appear in Cage Birds and The Poultry World.—Ed.)

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held March 1, in the Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkus in the chair. Only a moderate attendance of members. It was decided to elect Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, to judge members' show on October 25. Owing to our late secretaries giving up their post, a small fund was raised to pay them a tribute for their services rendered in the past. Mr. W. Tomlinson handed over to Mr. J. Lindsay a handsome snuff-box (his favourite companion), Mr. W. Marsh receiving a walking stick. Both gentlemen responded, and thanked their fellow-fanciers for their presents. Would members please note that it would be more encouraging to the Fancy, especially to the young fanciers, if they would turn out in larger numbers.—E. Jameson and R. Johnson, Secs.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held at the Headquarters, the Boar's Head Hotel, Feb. 27th, when there was a fair attendance of members present. The balance sheet was read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Toynbee, seconded by Mr. W. Measham, and showed a balance on the right side of close on £3, while the society has an asset of a valuable silver challenge cup. During the year two successful shows have been held, and the cage bird fancy in Newark was never more prosperous than at the present time. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mr. E. F. Nicholson; vice-pres., Ald. F. H. Appleby and Mr. J. T. Parnham; chairman, Mr. A. C. Wells; vice-chair., Mr. W. Toynbee; hon. sec., Mr. W. Lidgett; hon. treas., Mr. J. H. Lamb; committee, Messrs. W. Measham, W. Fitchett, A. Martin (Elston), A. Coe, R. Simpson, and W. Staniland (Collingham).—W. Lidgett, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual tea and social held at the King Cross Liberal Club, March 15. About 80 members, friends, and their wives sat down to a knife and fork tea supplied by the committee of the King Cross Club. After tea a whist drive was held, when the following won the prizes: Ladies, 1, Miss L. Pollard; 2, Mrs. Aked; booby, Mrs. Stead. Gentlemen, 1, Mr Burton; 2, Mr. Haigh; booby, Mr. W. S. Sweeting. The rest of the evening was spent in a dance and social. Miss Berry, who was accompanied by Miss M. A. Cockroft, sang "Good-night my little Teddy Bear," and also the "Glee Maiden." Miss Barnes and Mr. Bottomley sang two duets. Mr. P. Child contributed "Mona." Mr. H. Barraclough was the comic, and sang in costume "Shirts," and "When I fought Jack Johnson." The M.C. for the whist drive was Mr. F. Clegg, and for the social Mr. T. Pilling, the President, presided. Mr. J. Dunn proposed, and Mr. W. S. Sweeting seconded a vote of thanks. Mr. S. Sweeting (piano) and Mr. J. Barker (violin) supplied the music.—Harry Clegg, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual meeting held Feb. 19. Mr. Crawhall presided. Messrs. Vallance Bros. and Mr. J. Scott were elected members. The balance sheet was read and adopted; although hardly so good a balance in hand as in previous year, yet considering the extra expenses of printing matter, etc., which will not be necessitated for the ensuing year, a balance of £1 18s. 8½d. was considered highly satisfactory. The proposal to extend the boundary for patronage was fully discussed, and only on the Chairman's casting vote was it decided that same remain as in previous years. The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Pres., T. C. Crawhall; Vice-Pres., G. S. Ellwood, Dr. Duncan O'Neal, T. B. Tomlinson, J. Curry, G. W. Cuthbertson, W. J. Taylor, J. Shepherd, Mrs. R. Irwin Dees; Chair., N. R. Coomber; Vice-chair, C. Cattell; Committee: M. Wigglesworth, R. Hutler, S. C. Dix, G. Tweedie, J. Stewart, M. C. Potts, J. Scott, T. Hedley, F. Mirley, and W. Mather; Auditor, W. Mather; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R. Tindale. Messrs. Crawhall and Tindale were elected delegates in connection with the social and prize distribution of the Northern Specialists Clubs.—Mr. Crawhall, with his usual generosity, proposed to give a valuable silver cup for most points with three highest unflighted birds bred by a member, and same to be rung with closed rings, at shows holding our patronage. Members are requested to place their orders for rings with the secretary as early as possible. Next meeting fixed for March 12.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 26. Mr. Robson presided over a fair attendance. The secretary gave his report on the year's working, which showed that there are 34 members on the books—29 old and 5 new.

The funds of the club are very satisfactory. Having held an open show "on our own," we paid £19 15s. in prize money, which is a fair amount for a show for nothing but Crests. The show proved a success, and while we had only a cash balance of 17s. 11½d. at beginning of 1912, we have now a balance in hand of £2 17s.. Mr. Swan moved the adoption of the balance sheet, and Mr. Mole seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation. The sec. was instructed to write and thank Mr. Crawhall for officiating as judge at our show. The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc. The following were elected members:—Messrs. R. H. Newton, Dickerson Bros., A. Lawson, T. Orton, J. Tate, J. Bread, Greenwood and Burson, and F. Scott. To anyone who is desirous of becoming a member of N.C.C., I shall be pleased to give all particulars regarding the club. The more the merrier! Decided to run another open show, and the sec. was instructed to write the secretary of the Crest C.C. to see if he could induce the members of his club to join us in the venture, and report the result at our next meeting. Also decided to grant our "medal" patronage to Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, and Sunderland shows, if they will provide the following classes: Crest cock; Crest hen; C.B. cock; C.B. hen; young Crest; young C B.; and Crest or C.B. novice The following gentlemen promised to give medals for the novice classes:—Newcastle, Mr. Hutchinson; Blaydon, Mr. Dobson; Gateshead, Mr. Morrison; Sunderland, Mr. Robson. One novice will only be allowed to win one medal. I hope the societies mentioned will provide a class for novices, so as to encourage those who keep the bird that needs a lot of perseverance to attain a position of any importance in the Fancy. Decided to give two medals in open competition at each of the before-mentioned societies: Best old Crest or C.B., and best young ditto. One member shall only be allowed to win one medal during these shows. —J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec. [We have received balance sheet, and are pleased to note the satisfactory increase in the cash in hand, as stated.—Ed.]

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B C.

At the February monthly show points were gained as follows:—Monthly Show Competition: F. Dandridge 17, H. James 15, H. T. Gibb 13, W. Wall 9, O. Plummer 9, D. Dean 8, G. Absalon 5. Judging Competition: E. Holley 67, H. James 40, S. Sparks 33, H. Bignell 28, F. Dandridge 27, C. Pearson 21, A. Goble 12.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 27, in the Museum Hall, Mr. J. H. Dixon, in the chair. The Sec., Mr. Watkinson, owing to removal from Selby, was obliged to resign, and Mr. H. Mathers was elected in his place. Mr. Hallet was elected vice-chairman. All fanciers in the district are invited to attend next meeting as above on March 21, when a lecture will be given by Mr. J. H. Dixon.—H. Mathers, Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 27, at the Star Inn, Church-st., including a judging competition for novices. Nine birds were staged, and eight competitors joined. The prize, a silver medal, with gold centre, was won by G. Whittaker, one of the youngest members. This shows what this society is doing for novices. Mr. T. Edwards was final judge. The trophy we are working for will be competed for at our young bird show, to be held the last Saturday in June. On March 9th, Mr. T. Edwards will give, at the above, a lecture on "Breeding and Pairing of the Norwich Plainhead." All bird fanciers are invited to attend, commence at 7.30. — W. Redman, Sec.

HEYWOOD O.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 25, Mr. J. W. Howarth in the chair. The following were elected officers:—Pres., J. W. Howarth; vice-pres., J. Perry, H. F. Turner, John Lees Wright Scholes, E. Barlow, T. Greenhalgh, W. Barlow, Fred Howarth, and Coun- A. Firth; treas., P. H. Barlow; vice-chair., A. H. Meadowcroft; auditors, James Waddington and Arthur Smith; hon. sec., James Greenhalgh, 167, Bury New Road, Heywood; assist. sec., R. Schofield; sub-committee, Pres., Sec., A. H. Meadowcroft, P. H. Barlow, Tom Meadowcroft. Decided to hold meetings on the fourth Wednesday in each month to see if it will be more convenient for the members to attend. The balance-sheet was read, showing a balance in band of £3. Any fancier in the district would be made welcome at any of our meetings.—A. H. Meadowcroft, late Hon. Sec.

HOLYTOWN NEW STEVENSTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Annual general meeting held in Masonic Hall, New Stevenston. Mr. D. Harper presided over a large turn out of members. The secretary's report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, showing a balance to the good of £6 3s. 6d. This was considered to be very satisfactory, and the committee hope to be favoured with the support of all the fanciers in the district, and with their help make the society financially stronger, and able to encourage the members with more special prizes and other benefits. Officers for the ensuing year were elected: Pres., Mr. D. Harper; vice-pres., Mr. Robt. Davidson; treas., Mr. R. Murdock; sec., Mr. Jas. Lamb; committee, A. Allardyce, sen., J. Gallacher, Wm. Page, T. McVicar, R. Douglas, J. Murphy, J. Hussy, A. Harper. Four new members were enrolled. It was decided to have at our monthly meetings washing exhibitions and lectures by prominent and well-known fanciers around the district. The winners of cups at our annual show in December were: J. Gallacher, Bellshill, Norwich; A. Allardyce, sen., Overtown, Weshaw, Scotch Fancy, Border Fancy, and best old bird. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—Jas. Lamb, Sec.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER DISTRICT C.B.S.

Enjoyable Social and Supper.

Supper and social held at the residence of Mr. Downing, February 25, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the members and wives turning up in good force. The social proved a most enjoyable affair, several showing vocal talent which we did not think them capable of. Mr. Robinson occupied the chair, and got through his work in his usual style. We were all pleased to have our worthy President (Dr. Twigg) with us, he having found time to get away from his patients, and we must say he gave us a treat in songs, accompanied by himself, in both sentimental and humorous style; we were all sorry when he had to leave. Mr. Robinson also kept up the good work by singing humorous songs and patter, causing roars of laughter, also giving humorous recitations. Mr. Spencer, Sec., also came out of his shell and sang with much gusto, showing himself to be in fine singing form. Not to be outdone, Mr. Fulcher took us by surprise and sang in fine style. We also had capable renderings of songs by Mr. Boothman, Mr. Swanell, Mr. Long, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Holland, which stamped them all as first-class. Truly a feast of good things. Mr. Lear kindly gave his services as pianist and showed himself capable of filling all the demands that were made on his talent. Those who did not sing helped to make the social a success with the enthusiasm they showed, several members stating it was one of the happiest nights they had spent in their lives, and hoped it was only the beginning of several such events. We could not let such an enjoyable affair close without tendering thanks to our host and hostess, as well as those who assisted in making it a success, and Mr. Fulcher, who moved a vote of thanks, fully voiced the opinion of the members present in a neat little speech. Mr. Thorpe capably seconded, and Mr. Robinson supported same. Mr. Downing, in accepting vote of thanks, stated that if letting us have the use of his house for such functions ably tied the bonds of friendship, not only on the birdy side, but also on the social side, and helped us up as a Society, he was amply repaid for the trouble, and would be pleased to lend his rooms on any future occasion.—R. Booth.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Drill Hall, Feb. 22, Mr. Thomas Wildridge presiding. Judges were nominated for open show. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Munro Ferguson, of Raith, for permission to have a "Society Ramble" through Raith Estate, on June 2. Fanciers in the district should take this opportunity of a day's study of bird life. —R. Muir, Sec.

WANSTEAD F. & F. S.

A monthly meeting will be held at the Cambridge Park Hall, March 10, at 7.45. A lecture will be given on poultry. Members are requested to attend and bring friends to ensure a good audience. Membership now exceeds 60. Any fancier wishing to become a member of this new society should kindly communicate with Mr. C. J. Moss, Carisbrook Dairy, Nightingale Lane, Wanstead, who will be pleased to forward full particulars. We already have a cup and numerous specials offered for competition. Manuals are expected to be ready for this meeting.—Chas. J. Moss, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF FIFE C.B. LEAGUE.

Meeting held in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mar. 1; Mr. T. Wildridge (Lochgelly), chairman. Office bearers for ensuing year were appointed:—Pres., T. Wildridge; vice-pres., J. Anderson, Kelty, and P. Langan, Cowdenbeath; sec., Jas Cordery, 21, Dewar's Row, Kelty; treas., John Rankine, Dunfermline; auditors, R. T. Campbell, Dunfermline, and Geo. Malcolm, Kelty; committee, the secs. of each society. After a discussion, the delegates were asked to convey a full report of proceedings, and to bring back a report to the next meeting, April 5, when it is hoped the delegates will be out at full strength. It was astonishing to think that though the meeting was held in Cowdenbeath, not one delegate appeared to represent any society from the district. Sec. was instructed to postcard every delegate to each meeting, and after a lively discussion, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

The annual presentation of prizes took place, Feb. 15, at the Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. There was a good gathering of members and friends, and a splendid evening was the result. After the opening remarks by the chairman, Mr. A. Noble, the sec. gave a short review of the past show season, which adds another successful year to the history of the society; there will be a few pounds in hand to carry on the work of the society in the year 1913. A few songs and recitations completed the first part of the programme. After a short interval our chairman introduced Mr. W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. Leeds C.B.S. Mr. Wilson remarked that he was very pleased to come amongst the members of Pudsey and Stanningley, and have the opportunity of distributing the prizes to the successful members. He then handed the prizes to the winners as follows: 1st, W. Richmond, 129 pts., who wins the Society's Cup outright, this being his third year in succession, also a lady's bangle; 2, Towler and Hargreaves, 112 pts., pair of blankets; 3 E. March, 75 points, ornamental clock; 4, F. Page, 71 pts., electro plated teapot; 5, H. Taylor, 52 pts., flower stand; 6, W. Ackroyd, 42 points, umbrella; 7, J. Butler, 41 pts., lady's handbag; 8, A. Noble, 29 pts., flower stand. Songs and recitations followed, ably rendered by the following artistes: Mr. C. Hargreaves, Mr. Lumby, Mr. H. Casson, Mr. L. Deane (lady impersonator), and Mr. Tetley (elocutionist). Mr. E. Sharp presided at the piano, and not a minute lagged while these gentlemen were on their feet. A vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson and the artistes was proposed by Mr. J. Towler, and ably seconded by Mr. J. Kinder. Mr. Wilson replied that for anything he had done that night he had been amply repaid by the splendid evening he had spent amongst us. This brought to a close, at a very late hour, one of the best evenings ever held by the Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

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The following are winners of cash prizes for 4th and vhc birds where club's patronage was allotted: Huddersfield: 4th, G. Harland, H. Clegg; vhc, J. Thomas. Leeds: 4th, A. Humphries, A. Hirst, T. Lingard; vhc, S. Heap. Newcastle: 4th, G. Harland, Pickering and Wright; vhc, not won. Manchester: 4th, A. Hirst, J. Haigh and Son, H. Clegg; vhc, A. Hirst. Sheffield: 4th, G. Harland, W. Johnson; vhc, A. Hirst. Halifax: 4th, A. Hirst, J. Jackson; vhc, A. Humphries, J. Jackson. Hull: 4th, S. Heap, A. H. Waters, D. Hunter; vhc, A. H. Waters, W. Johnson, W. H. Ball. Rochdale: 4th, W. H. Ball; vhc, not won. Bradford National: 4th, H. Simonett, H. Clegg; vhc, S. Heap. Scottish National: 4th, G. Harland, A. H. Waters; vhc, W. H. Ball. If all Yorkshire Union Societies desirous of our patronage will apply to secretary as early as possible, we could allocate same where possible at our first meeting. Several subscriptions are still unpaid; will members kindly give this their early attention.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting, held at Oldham Hall, February 27, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. A notice of motion to reduce the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. will come up at the next meeting. The Sec. reported that all arrangement had been made in connection with the annual dinner, which will be held at the Bee Hotel, St. John's Lane, Liverpool, March 19; tickets, 2s. 6d. each; may be had from members of the committee. Musical items by Mr. Percy O'Reilly's Imperial Concert Party. It is hoped that members will turn up in full force, and also bring their friends; ladies are specially invited. The distribution of silver cups, gold medals, and cash, value over £30, won during the past show season, will take place during the evening. Winners of season specials: Yorkshire section: champ. silver cup, T. Rowlands, 149; gold medal, S. McNulty, 64; 10s., W. C. Robinson, 63; J. McDermott, 60; F. Handley, 51; W. Walker, 47; J. W. Metcalfe, 22; G. Benson, 20; T. Pilling, 6; G. Hickson, 5; J. Abbott, 2. Nor. Champ.: Silver cup, L. F. Harding, 94; gold medal, J. Walker, 77; 10s., F. Handley, 62; E. Lawson, 58; J. Pyke, 21; V. H. Deacon, 17; J. W. Metcalfe, 10. Bord. Champ: Silver cup, J. Johnston, 72; gold medal, E. C. Little, 54; 10s., T. Parker, 54; G. Greenwell, 41. Nov.: Silver cup, W. Morement, 74; gold medal, R. Malone, 29; 12s., A. Mockridge, 24. Any discrepancies must be pointed out immediately to the secretary. Don't forget March 19th, annual dinner, and March 27th, annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Maskell's Hotel, Feb. 20. Mr. S. F. Whetton presided. The chief business was the nomination of officers for next year. At the unanimous request of the members present, Mr. Whetton consented to again take the chair for another year. Mr. E. J. Davis also takes the treasurership again; all other officers will be elected at next meeting, the annual general meeting, when I hope every member will make an effort to attend. Messrs. H. C. Smith and A Maggs were appointed auditors. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Mr. J. H. Brown, but still we were pleased to hear that his son is going to take his father's place. There being a tie for Messrs. Reckett's special, resolved that Mr. Smith, winning most prize money, take the special. I have received a notice of motion from Mr. W Chedgey to rescind this minute. A table show of Border Fancies and British Harbills will be held at next meeting, no entry fee. Three cash prizes in each class, given by Messrs. Maggs, Adams, Smith, Janics, and E. J. Davics. Mr. H. C. Smith to judge British, Mr. E. J. Davies Borders. Also to have a judging competition by the members. The question of guarantee fund was discussed. Resolved that the members pay at each meeting so as to give every member an opportunity of helping. Mr. E. J. Davies and Mr. A. J. Simons started the fund. Prize money was paid out for the matched pair show. If I have overlooked any member or made a mistake, please let me know. I would esteem it a great favour if members who have not paid their contributions will send on, as I have to get balance sheet out by our next meeting. Messrs. J. W. Hidiard and W. H. Webb were enrolled members.—E. Thomas, Sec.

STATFORD AND E. LONDON F.A.

Annual meeting held February 27. The Secretary, Mr. W Maxey, produced a report and balance sheet showing, after all outstanding debts were paid, a cash balance of £1 4s. 1d. This the members thought most satisfactory, as four years ago, when Mr. Maxey took the secretarial position, the Society's balance was nearly £20 on the wrong side. The membership has risen to 80 fully paid-up members, new ones still joining. After balance sheet had been passed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded retiring officials and a special vote of thanks was given to Mr. A. Wasey for the great help he had given the society with schedules, etc. Mr. T. H. Harrison was again unanimously elected Pres.; Vice-Pres., Messrs. T. Threlford, Dr. J. G. Buchan, F. A. S. Stern, Alderman J. R. Hurry, W. Maxey; Patron, Baron de Forest, M.P.; Chairman, A. Scars; Vice, S. Ruggles; Committee, Messrs. J. Sykes, W. H. Collings, Wm. Plummer, R. J. Cape, D. Sholl, Geo. Eves, J. Rudge, W. C. Branch, S. Ruggles, H. L. C. Shergold, G. Stanton, J. N. Garrett, A. L. Hawkes, G. A. Parker, P. Lalfleury; Auditors, Messrs. P. Humphreys and W. Stratton; Hon Treas A Wasey, Hon. Sec., A. E. Baker; Hon. Show Sec., W. Maxey. Resolved: (1) That the Cage Birds cup be for Unflighted Canaries, Canary Mules and Hybrids. (Mr. A. L. Hawkes kindly promised a cup for British birds.) (2) The Hawkes Cage Bird Points cup to be for most points throughout the year in the following sections: Canaries and Mules, Brit. and Hybrids, Foreign, thus giving all sections a chance of winning it. New member: Mr. G. Gillard, 1, Grange-rd., Plaistow, E. Committee meeting March 13th. All committee must attend as list of fixtures will be arranged that night. Fanciers wishing to join this old established Society should send on at once, and so be in time to have name and fancy inserted in annual year book and compete for points, medals and 16 challenge trophies. —A. E. Baker, Sec., 123, Capworth st., Leyton, N.E.

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H.M. cock Linnet and large buff hen Canary, 6/- pair; or exchange; approval: Ellis, 71, Pearhill-st., Rawmarsh, Rotherham. (537)

GOLDFINCHES, three cocks, one hen, hatched and reared by Canary, 2/- each, grand plumage: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge. (540)

WELL marked dark cock Goldfinch Mule, in perfect health and feather, on full song; week's approval, 8/6: 67, Burdett-rd., Bow. (534)

BREEDING cock Greenfinch, mated Chaffinch hen, 5/6 pair; Chaffinch cock mated hen Bramblefinch, 6/6 pair: Cooper, Judge, Nowich. (536)

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H.M. muling cock Goldfinches, 4/6; cock Siskin, 4/-; Goldfinch Mules, 8/6; Cinnamon hens, picked for muling, 3/6: Kipling, Bushey, Herts. (525)

GRAND breeding Linnet, guaranteed safe with eggs; exchange two strong hen Canaries; hens first: William Anderson, Collin, Dumfries. (542)

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FOUR cock Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch notes, 7/6; two cock Goldies, guaranteed Mulers and full song, 6/6; on approval: Edwards, 21, Chestnut-st., Worcester. (541)

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, mulers, can win, 15/- each; house-moulted cock Chaffinch, 7/6; large yellow Greenfinch, 3/6: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne. (538)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light mule breeders, buffs 5/6, yellows 7/6, cocks 7/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

NOTED winners for sale; dark Jonque Goldfinch Mule, big winner, £2 10s.; dark Twite Mule, extra size, big winner, £1 15s.; cheap to clear: Apply, Griffith, Balaclava, Carnarvon. (534)

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LINNET, mad song, mated to Yorkshire, 8/- pair; Mule from above Linnet, 2nd Narberth, 3rd Pembroke, mad song, 10/-; cock Greenfinch, mated to Bullfinch hen, 5/-, approval: Enid Slee, Salvation Army, Pembroke. (532)

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WINNERS, dark Mules; yellow Goldfinch Canary, 30/-; buff Goldfinch Canary, 30/-; Goldfinch, father of above, 30/-; Buff Linnet and Canary, 20/-; all winners, perfect condition; nice lot of Linnet and Goldfinch hen Mules, 1/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (540)

LARGE house-moulted cock Greenie and h.m. hen Bullie, had two nests in aviary last year, 5/6 pair; approval; in splendid condition; large house-moulted cock Chaffinch, grand colour and condition, 1/6: Bowman, Kirkburton, Huddersfield. (538)

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WANTED, extra large typical yellow Norwich cock, exchange typical Yorkshires, winners, or sell cheap; 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland. (542)

WANTED, buff-green Yorkshire hens, unflighted; exchange 7 Roller cross hens and 4 hen Linnet mules; sell 16/-: Andrews, 18, Malyon's-rd., Lewisham. (530)

WANTED, offers in foreign birds, for four pairs long-faced yellow tumblers, Greenwood's strain, or sell 10/- pair: J. Blythe, 111, Burnley-rd., Colne, Lancs. (541)

WANTED, pair Mule breeders, Goldfinch preferred, in exchange for silver watch or ratting pistol; new: W. Harrington, Glebe Farm, Wickham Bishops, Witham. (542)

WANTED 1912 Norwich hen, exchange cock Greenfinch, hen Yellowhammer, Canary reared, and three cock Yellowhammers: Andrew, Little-lane, Stithians, Cornwall. (534)

WANTED a rare clear Mule or Hybrid, must be of best quality and have proved noted winner; state price at once to Griffith, Balaclava-rd., Carnarvon, North Wales. (531)

WANTED, yellow Border hens, good cinnamon-marked buff Yorkshire hen; exchange prize strain buff and green Borders, mutual approval: Croft, 38, Cemetery-rd., Crewe. (543)

WANTED, Canaries, and other birds, Parrots, pigeons, poultry, dogs, mice, rats, monkeys, rabbits, guinea pigs, purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (545)

WANTED, yellow hen, must be good, will give two pairs good Norwich, songsters, also will exchange songsters for new double breeders: T. Rawlings, 20, Portlock-rd., Maidenhead. (539)

WILL buy for cash any quantity Goldfinch, Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-, and hen Canaries 1/3 each, large Yorkshire hens 1/6 each: Helyar, 52, Holyoak-rd., Newington Butts, London S.E. (490)

WANTED offers, Canaries, talking Parrot, lady's or gents cycle, anything useful; exchange large new Palace aviary, 4ft. long; sell 50/-; photo sent: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (544)

1912 FIELD moulted Goldie or Hawfinch, must be good bird, exchange young clear yellow Norwich cock, sell 30/-; yours first: Burrows, The Lodge, Aldersgate Chemical Works, Southall. (543)

WANTED, good Crest or Yorkshires; exchange book on Canaries, Hybrids, and British Birds, 24 coloured and numerous other plates, as new, not soiled, cost 25/-; birds first: Batt, Fruiterer, Pontypridd. (541)

WANTED, offers in household or other goods for a beautiful, pedigree sable and white Collie bitch, splendid head and ears, worth £2; must be sold; sell 12/6, or will exchange, bargain: 43, Woodfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (540)

WANTED, healthy cock birds, only caged previous to closed season; will give 6d. each cock Larks, 2/- cock Goldfinches, 1/6 cock Bullfinches, 2/- cock Siskins, Linnets, Mules and Canaries bought; state prices: Harvey, Volunteer Yard, Wakefield. (540)

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Booklets." These quick-selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED, 50/- for two sets of Norwich (two cocks, four hens), two Border hens, and ten breeders, 20 x 18 x 11, with seed mill and all utensils, worth £4; or will exchange for sewing machine, household goods, or offers; birds must be sold: 43, Woodfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (540)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, and common hen Canaries 1/4, Norwich 1/8, Yorkshires 2/- each, or will exchange large white leg cock Goldfinch, in full song, or sell 10/6, giant white leg cock Greenfinch, sell 5/-, and nice pair green Budgerigars 6/6, buy any kind of birds, cock or hens, same address 25 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London S.E. (537)

WANTED, 100 pairs Yorkshires and Norwich, colour-fed preferred; must be reasonable; cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas. (439)

WANTED cash offers for eight pairs of grand Yorkshires, 1912, natural colour, ready for breeding; single pairs from 10/-; single cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6: Ainsworth, 59, Castle-st., Boston, Lincolnshire. (539)

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries, particularly hens; all breeds for re-sale; give particulars and lowest price; also Linnets, Redpolls, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers; spot cash paid and straightforward, honourable dealing guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (503)

WANTED FOR EXPORT
300 Canaries, Plainheads, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crest; good prices given for good birds: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

WANTED FOR EXPORT
large Norwich, also Crests and Crestbreds, high prices given for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send full partiulars and stamp for reply; all letters answered: H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

COLOUR-FED YORKSHIRES
any quantity, cocks, hens; will give 7/- pair; cash deposited: Oliver, 2, Bridport-pl., Hoxton. (520)

RUTHERFORD, BIRD DEALERS,
333, High-rd., Leytonstone, London.
Wanted 500 Canaries, Yorkshires, and Norwich hens, will give 18/- dozen. (496)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

ANYTHING bought, supplied, or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menagerie, Greenwich.

FRED ALLEN will exchange high-class British for Canaries: 548, Queen's-rd., Sheffield. (545)

HANDSOME H.M. Bullfinch hen, fertile eggs last year, exchange for Norwich cock: Kay, 55, Willesden-lane, Kilburn. (538)

GOOD large H.M. Goldfinch; exchange good Yorkshire cock, full song; approval; yours first: Pearce, Ipsley-st., Redditch. (531)

ONE cock Bullfinch and cock Greenfinch, sell 6/-, or exchange for a cock Siskin: S. Eaton, Red Row, Raunds, Wellingboro'. (535)

SALE or exchange cock Hawfinch for good long Yorkshire cock: W. Gravenell, 3, Hills Cottages, Queen's-rd., Maidstone. (540)

GOLDFINCHES, one H.M., 6/-; one caged four months, 3/-; exchange both buff Norwich hen, offers: 1, Sussex-rd., Southall. (540)

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, has a few H.M. Britishers cheap to clear or exchange; stamp. (536)

THREE cock Skylarks, singing, 1/6 each, wild seed 1/6 stone; exchange anything; useful offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (547)

HEN Bullie, laid eggs last year; hand-reared Linnet; exchange Norwich cock; sell 5/-: Fisher, Henlow, Biggleswade, Beds. (532)

TWO grand house-moulted Goldfinches, sure mulers, on song, 6/- each, or offers in hen Canaries: Dyson, Jubilee House, Linton, Cambs. (538)

EXCHANGE pair aviary-moulted Greenfinches for house moulted cock Goldfinch: A. Edwards, 4, Cotman-st., York-rd., Wandsworth. (547)

EXCHANGE cock Hawfinch, fit for exhibition, for pair Jays or Magpies; sell 6/-: Brutell, 40, Chichester-rd., Leytonstone, Essex. (532)

COCK Robin, singing, 1/6; cock Blackbird, singing, show condition, 2/6 exchange; Pied Blackbird, pure white head, £1: Palfrey, Dronfield. (542)

EXCHANGE two grand house-moulted Linnets, cock Bullie, two cock Greenies, for yellow unflighted Norwich cock: H. Pinnell, Warminster. (540)

EXCHANGE 1912 house-moulted cock Lark, in full song, for buff Yorkshire hen or cock; or sell 8/6: J. R., 62, Stead-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (529)

WHITE-LEGGED Muling cock Goldfinch and cock Linnet Mule, full song, 7/6 each, or exchange good Norwich: 45, Woodbridge-rd., Ipswich. (544)

EXHIBITION Blackbird and show cage, 15/-, first Northampton, etc.; exchange yellow Norwich hen: Jefferis, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middx. (543)

WHAT offers three grand call bird Linnets and one Goldfinch, call bird, full song, 16/-, or exchange: Chris Hatton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton. (542)

GIANT Siberian cock Goldfinch, full song, perfectly tame, splendidly marked, 6/6; cash approval: Howard, 80 Queen's-rd., Dalston, London. (533)

EXCHANGE Welsh Goldfinch or Siskin, exhibition birds, both H.M., for contest singing Linnets: Davies, Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm. (533)

HYBRIDIZERS. Two steady hand-reared Greenies, also do. Linnet, cocks, exchange feeders or picked Bullies; stamp: Townend, Nelson-rd., Bognor. (530)

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, good blaze and colour, guaranteed Mule breeder, 8/6: Cliffe, Hamptonwood, Penley, Ellesmere, Salop. (541)

EXCHANGE splendid cock Goldfinch, singing and piping cock Bullfinch, for Pathe disc records; best offer: F. Stowe, Rosebery Cottage, Ongar, Essex. (531)

HOUSE-Moulted cock Goldie, good size and colour; another, caged January, very steady, 8/- takes them; exchange entertained: Eley, Queen's-rd., Mumbles. (540)

EXCHANGE grand piping exhibition cock Bullfinch for moulted Linnet or good hen Canary: Fred Jacques, 8, Stainburn, Workington, Cumberland. (529)

CAGE-moulted Goldfinch, Redpoll, Chaffinch, Linnet cocks, 10/6; exchange good Yorkshire cock; yours first: Dainty, 115, Stambermill, Stourbridge. (532)

EXHIBITOR, cock Bullfinch, 2nd, 12/-; cock Greenfinch, 3rd, 10/-, card sent; or exchange good yellow Norwich cock: Jones, Harvington-rd., Rothwell, Kettering. (536)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, a good one, show cage, 8/6; also smooth Collie, black, tan and white, 3 months; offers: Weedall, 281, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (547)

HYBRID pairs, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, 3/- pair; Greenfinch-Redpoll, 2/6; exchange hen Canaries: Grice, 36, Upper Beau-st., Liverpool. (532)

COCK Greenfinch, bred mules, show condition, 2/6; Linnet and Canary, 4/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: J. Spencer, 18, Edleston-st., Spring Hill, Accrington. (535)

EXCHANGE house moulted cock Linnet, cock Greenfinch, two Border hens, for good yellow marked Border cock, yours first: Aitchison, Main-street, Fauldhouse. (542)

REDPOLL-CANARY Mule, 2nd Glasgow, 12/6; exchange good Siskin and Greenfinch cocks; steady birds; approval: MacDonald, "Kiaora," Balloch, Dumbartonshire. (544)

STEADY house-moulted cocks; Bramblefinch, 6/6; Goldfinch, 5/-; Linnet, 3/0; Greenfinch, C.R., 2/6; 3 unflighted Yorkshire hens, 10/-; approval: Flatt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (537)

EXCHANGE 12 extra large cock Linnets for gramophone without records; no rubbish wanted; none offered; yours first please: Ashton, The Catcher, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (540)

EXCHANGE for Roller cock, H.M. Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Linnets, cocks, Greenie hen; also for sale 2 pairs of Yorkshires, 7/- pair: Fletcher, Owlett-cottage, Scotland-lane, Horsforth. (537)

THREE large cock Bullfinches, 1/6 each; two large, steady hens, 1/- each; two exhibition cock Linnets, F.M., 2/- each; lot, 8/-; approval; exchange Norwich: Bryce, Johnsfield, Lockerbie. (529)

FOUR Greenfinches, hen Bullfinch, 3/6; two cock Brown Linnets, full song, 3/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, vhc, 7/6; exchange Norwich or offers: T. Cole, 77, Butcher's-lane, Cradley. (532)

EXCHANGE H.M. performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed, thimble for water, for cock Goldfinches or Canaries, or sell 5/- each with cage and fittings: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (538)

TEN of the finest, largest, cock brown Linnets, had them four months, perfect health, compulsory sale, reasons given, 17/6 lot, 2/- each, honestly worth 4/-; exchange: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (539)

GOLDFINCH and Linnet, both used to Muling, cock birds, and both reared young ones last year; would exchange them for two Norwich hens: Apply to, S. Hewitt, The Green, Stotfold, Baldock, Herts. (544)

COCK Linnets, 1/6 each; Goldfinches, 2/- each; Skylarks, 1/- each; all on full song; exchange any of the above for Canaries or Mules; cocks and hens: J. Donaldson, 34, Pitt-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (536)

LARGE house moulted Scotch Bullfinch hen, genuine breeder, also cock Siskin; exchange pair for large Welsh field moulted cock Goldfinch: Telfer, Lancethill, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Scotland; approval. (542)

SIBERIAN Goldfinch prolific breeder, 15/-; yellow cock Siskin, tame, sure breeder, 6/-; grand flight cage, 72 by 18 by 24in. high, splendid condition, 12/6; cost double: exchange Norwich: Morgan, Moira-place, Cardiff. (547)

BREEDING hen, also two young hen Bullfinches, Redpoll, 8/- lot; also cock Linnet Mule, grand exhibition bird, sings pure Linnet, price 10/-; will take pair Yorkshires; rubbish no good: T. Bell, 97, Highgate, Kendall. (532)

RED-BREASTED cock Linnets, 3 for 1/9, 6/- doz.; hen Linnets, 1/-; cock Greenfinches, like paint, 1/6 doz.; warranted cock Larks, 5/- doz.: Twites, Chaffinches, etc., Goldfinch cock, 3/-: J. Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (346)

EXCHANGE Goldfinch cock, H.M., and Linnet, good condition, for yellow Yorkshire hen, good quality, or singing cock; sell 10/-; yours first, on approval: Judson, 7, Great Howarth, Smallbridge, near Rochdale, Lancs. (526)

HENS, hand-reared Bullfinch, Hawfinch, Nuthatch, 2/6 each; cock Greenfinch, paired to hand-reared Bullie hen, 5/-; Ring Doves, 18/-, what offer? 2 cock Bullies, good birds, 5/- the two: W. Allen, Holmwood Park, Holmwood, Surrey. (534)

I will exchange exhibition Yellowhammers, also Siberian Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, and all other kinds of British for any breed of Canaries and Mules; approval; testimonials; nothing but straight dealings: Simpson, 36, Lancashire Hill, Stockport. (546)

SPECIAL notice to Exhibitors and Fanciers.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc., also all kinds of British birds, and all kinds of Foreign birds, for any kinds of Canaries and Mules; approval with pleasure; nothing but honest dealings; mention wants to E. Hodkinson, 4, Sandy Lane, Stockport. (525)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

OFFER wanted for two hen Canaries, 8 months old: Patmore, Vine Cottage, Woodfield, Stansted, Essex. (543)

BUFF ticked Norwich cock, exchange for big yellow Norwich hen, or sell 6/6: A. Bantoft, Newton Orford, Suffolk. (537)

FOUR 1912 Yorkshire hens, 3/- each, ready to nest, or exchange: 11, Walter-st., Clowes-st., West Gorton. (539)

EXCHANGE good Green Crestbred cock for 1912 Crested hen; approval; hen first: G. Roberts, Cley-next-Sea. (537)

EXCHANGE one Yorkshire cock, one Norwich cock, for Seifert cock, sell 13/-: A. Cannon, Portway, Wells, Somerset. (533)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens, bred 1911-1912, anything useful; yours first: Wm. Moore, 34, Springhill, Shotts. (544)

FOR sale, six cocks, nine hens, 1912 Canaries, 40/- lot, or exchange anything useful: J. W. Briggs, Kilburn, Derby. (540)

EXCHANGE Norwich hens, good heads and substance, for Borders: Lloyd, 43, Plum-st., Parkinson-lane, Halifax. (534)

EXCHANGE one cock, 2 hens, Norwich, for 2 Roller cocks; approval: Vernall, 75, Baden-st., Ardwick, Manchester. (529)

SCOTCH Fancies, second crosses, 1912, cheap or exchange for Norwich, surplus stock: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (544)

SALE or exchange, two Yorkshire hens, for Yorkshire cock, yellow preferred; yours first: 44, High-st., Abertridwr, Cardiff. (138)

EXCHANGE good cock Norwich and little cash for good pair of Yorkshires: G. Clark, 2, Foxley-rd., Malmesbury, Wilts. (538)

BUFF unflighted Norwich cock, Dobson's strain, 12/6; exchange good cinnamon marked Border: Pape, Clogger, Haltwhistle. (539)

TWO 1912 Border hens, 1 buff, 1 buff pied, 7/-; exchange 1912 Norwich cock: Russell, 29, St. Stephen's-avenue, Shepherds Bush. (536)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens for Yorkshire, Norwich or Roller cock; yours first: John Lewis, 30, Hamilton-st., Pentrebach. (542)

EXCHANGE pair high-class Norwich Canaries, for English concertina, 48 keys: A. Wilson, 58, Clincart-rd., Mt. Florida, Glasgow. (543)

TEN hen Canaries for sale, 2/6 each, or exchange: A. Hudson, No. 1, Providence-place, Coventry-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (543)

BUFF marked Norwich hen, 7/6, good bird, or exchange for cock Siskin; yours first: John Palmer, 3, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts. (543)

EXCHANGE stock pair Yorkshires, double breeder, Norwich hen, Greenfinch cock, for best offer in Chaffinches and back cages, or Linnets and cages; suit beginner; value £1: Tubbs, 10, Southampton-st., King's Cross. (531)

KEEPING one variety only, good Norwich for sale; exchange, Yorkshire hens wanted: Bourke, Ashworth-st., off O'd-lane, Hallenwood. (540)

1912 NORWICH cock, full song, sell 6/6; or exchange pair Zebra Finches, or two hen Zebras: Wilson, 68, Allen-st., Maidstone. (528)

TWELVE Seifert hens, 2/- each; 3 pair Yorkshires, 7/- pair; approval; offers cycle, anything: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (534)

CRESTED hen, 2 Yorkshire hens, 1912, 6/- lot; 2 H.M. cock Linnets, 3/-; exchange singing Canary: Thompson, 106, Friern-rd., East Dulwich. (539)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries, ready to nest, for six Bantams or 12 pigeons; approval: Arthur Beaumont, 289, Beet-st., Sheffield. (548)

NORWICH cocks, must clear, yellows, buffs, 7/- each; splendid songsters; offers in exchange considered: Lee, Keward, Wells, Som. (545)

EXCHANGE good unflighted large Norwich hen, Barnes' strain, for good big colour and pencil Linnet: Whally, Lenardgate, Lancaster. (542)

EXCHANGE, 1 pair Rollers or Lancashire cock and Norwich hen for pair of good blankets: Howarth, 16, Hallfold, Whitworth, near Rochdale. (535)

EXCHANGE yell. Yorkshire cock and large yell. Norwich cock, 1912, for pair typical Borders, unflighted; offers: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (543)

EXCHANGE, good Yorkshire Canaries for motor cycle suit, or offers, motorish, must be good: Wallace Alderson, Greenfield View, Skipton, Yorkshire. (539)

W. BARKES, Crawleyside, Stanhope, will sell Norwich Plainhead Canary hens, or exchange large Goldfinch cock; approval; write particulars. (534)

EXCHANGE light Goldfinch Mule, value £1, for pair cinnamon Norwich, also two pairs Yorkshires for exchange: South, 30, Melbourne-rd., East Ham. (539)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich hen Canaries for sale or exchange; British and Foreign songsters wanted: Dromgole, 19, Maud-avenue, Beeston Hill, Leeds. (531)

TWO pair Rollers, splendid condition, sell 16/-, or exchange game bag in good condition; no rubbish; anything useful: John Spittal, Kelty, Fifeshire. (535)

PAIR of Yorkshires, large buff cock, 18/-; exchange yellow Norwich hens or large buff cock, yours first: Buck, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (531)

ROLLER Canaries wanted, in exchange for cameos, value 30/-; lady's gold curb bracelet, 40/-; approval, deposit: Reynolds, Supply Stores, Walberswick. (534)

EXCHANGE two buff green Border hens, gems, fit win, for two yellow marked Norwich hens, 15/- two: Wm. Livingstone, 1, Hunter's-lane, Whitburn, N.B. (535)

MASSIVE 1912 green Norwich cock and typical hen, sell 12/6, or exchange yellow or cinnamon stock cock: G. Brighton, All Saint's-rd., Newmarket. (535)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire stock birds, winning strain, for scrap brass, copper, lead, rubber, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (517)

ONE yellow Norwich hen, 5/-; one variegated Norwich hen, 4/-; five buff hen Canaries 2/6 each; exchange: Barham, 11, Ascott-st., Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (537)

EXCHANGE three 1912 clear yellow Norwich hens, for good pair Yorkshires, or sell 15/-; approval, both ways: Harris, 44, Pendarves-st., Tuckingmill, Camborne. (544)

NORWICH hens, yellow, 1911, good size and breeders, 4/-; good buff, 1912, 3/-, back claw twisted; offers; yours first: Allen, 32, Latimer-ave., East Ham. (531)

EXCHANGE, or partly exchange, 1 pair of Norwich for good field-moulted cock Siskin or Hawfinch; approval both ways: Chapman, 228, Bergholt-rd., Colchester. (540)

FIVE Yorkshire hens, 1912, mostly self cinnamons, 3/- each, or exchange three for yellow Yorkshire cock; approval: Kent, Holmwood Stables, Tenderten Grove, Hendon. (536)

BARGAIN, Welsh Goldie, Goldie Mule (exhibition); Green Crests, three, full song, two show cages; £1 cash (mule worth the money): Jones, Vaynol House, Harlech. (541)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, can spare few pairs, clear or variegated, good strain, cold-room, or exchange for boots, underwear: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (538)

EXCELLENT pair cock and hen Canaries, with breeding cage; accept 10/- lot; exchange entertained: Stoppard, Market Place, South Normanton, Derbyshire. (532)

WILL exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, 1912 bred, for a long racy yellow Yorkshire hen, no rubbish sent or accepted: Manning, 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (535)

THREE good pairs Crests, 12/6 pair, varieg. yellow Crest cock, winner first prize, 12/6, card sent; exchange good cobby Norwich: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms. (535)

GRAND pair 1912 Green Yorkshires (Walker's); exchange good pair clears or Norwich, good British; the only address: Amos Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (547)

ONE Yorkshire cock, 3 hens, self-green, 1911 bred, 1 yellow cock, 1 double breeder, 1 single; sell £1, or exchange gramophone: Cotham, 18, Robinson-st., Horwich, nr. Bolton. (538)

EXCHANGE 1911 crest cock, two yellow Border hens, for short, stout, variegated yellow Norwich cock; or sell 15/-; Norwich first; approval: Elliott, Edward-st., West Pelton. (533)

YORKSHIRES,' Green and Clear, 9/6 pair; two house-moulted cock Goldfinches, Canary reared, 6/6; exchange 1912 laying pullets: 26, Vernon-avenue, Raynes Park, Surrey. (536)

DARK Greenfinch Mule, 10/-; Siskin Mule, 10/-, winners; good large Goldfinch, 6/6; exchange any for clear yellow or green Border cock or Norwich: Cutts, 3, Dinorwic-rd., Liverpool. (539)

FOR sale, or exchange for a good buff unflighted Norwich hen, a real good dark variegated Crested hen, one year; on approval, £1, P.O.: David Hunter, 76, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough. (548)

TWO Roller cocks, 1912, vhc. and c. Rossendale Roller Contest, 12/6 each to clear; others, same strain, from 8/6 upwards; exchange: W. H. Blythe, Plane-st., Bacup. Mem. B.R.C.C. (529)

ONE yellow cock and four hens, Borders (Patterson strain), 15/-, or exchange anything useful; also good Norwich cock, yellow, 7/-; or exchange: Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed. (534)

WILL give in exchange three Border hens, 1912 bred, for a self cinnamon or yellow variegated cinnamon Border cock, 1912 bred; approval; yours first: Lyall, Society Buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (533)

COCK Linnet mule, hanging cage, Canary reared cock Linnet, full songs, yellow hen Canary; exchange good crested hen; yours first; sell 14/-, approval: G. Herson, Spittall-hill, Retford. (530)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, Bailey's noted strain; 12/6 to 25/- per pair; exchange camera, Sandow spring dumb-bells, gold guard, other offers entertained: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley. (542)

EXCHANGE two young Roller hens and cash for two young buff Norwich hens; yours first: Shardlow, Bootmaker, Mickleover, Derby. (532)

LARGE buff green crest-bred cock 8/6, yellow Norwich, wing marked cock 6/-, grand birds; approval: Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs. (533)

THREE pairs Yorkshires (Ogden's and Bailey's), 10/0 pair; exchange anything useful for home: Willis, Parkview, Rothwell, Kettering. (535)

EXCHANGE yellow cock, grand songster, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, and house-moulted hen Goldfinch, for crest and crest-bred hens; yours first; approval: Whannell, Cawie-lane, Stonehaven. (542)

LARGE typical buff Norwich cock, brother to my winner Liverpool, Preston, Burnley in class of 42; exchange for typical pair of marked Borders, or sell 15/-: J. C. Heaton, 21, Richard-st., Crewe. (548)

WINNING strain Norwich green muling hen, 3/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 15/-; buff cocks, 10/- each; buff hens, 4/6 each; exchange for microscope, cycle tyres, herbalist books, anything: Knowles, 47, Acregate-lane, Preston, Lancashire. (536)

YORKS., 1 yellow cock, 1 buff hen, 2 yellow hens, all clears, cold room; 3 show cages and travelling case, good condition; lot 30/-; or exchange large Norwich cock and 2 hens to value; no rubbish offered or wanted: Galt, 22, Bristol-rd., Stratford, Essex. (540)

1912 YORKSHIRE cock, 3 Roller hens, one Goldfinch Mule, 3 Linnet Mules, all full song; exchange 1912 Norwich Canaries, anything; lot 25/-; separate; offers: W. Carr, 66, Bridgewater-st., Hindley. (542)

YORKSHIRES, real good pair both winners, with show cage and case, 30/-; good yellow cock, winner, 30/-; two buff cocks, winners, 15/- each; three good buff hens, 10/- each; few unflighted yellow and buff cocks, winners, and bred from winners, 10/- each; good light Goldfinch Mule, winner, 30/-; or exchange boots, drapery, hand-sewing machine, or offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (540)

Mainly Foreign.

VERY fine Canary-wing cock Parrakeet, 15/-, or exchange: B., 1, Valkyrie-rd., Liscard, Cheshire. (537)

THREE hen Canaries, pair Javas, one rather rough head; exchange pair of Yellow Budgerigars, or offers: E. J. Sale, Aylesbury. (547)

EXCHANGE healthy Zebra hen, splendid breeder, for singing cock Canary; mutual approval: Miss Fountaine Brown, Brockenhurst. (538)

EXCHANGE Green Parrakeet and good bell-topped cage for Rollers or Pom. pup; offers: Berriman, Mill Cottage, Roker-st., West Hartlepool. (546)

YOUNG Lemon-checked Amazon Parrot, beginning to talk, good cage, 30/-; exchange Norwich; yours first: Dimmock, Market Square, Leighton Buzzard. (545)

RARE exhibit; American Snow Bird (Junco Hymelis), exchange for two large yellow Norwich hens; approval; yours first: Bond, 25, Bank-road, Bootle. (532)

AMAZON Parrot, blue-fronted, healthy, promising young, including cage; exchange gramophone and records, anything; sell £3: L. Garthwaite, Postman, Bishop Auckland. (535)

WHAT offers in singing Yorkshire, or Norwich Canaries, for a beautiful Indian King Rock Parrot and cage; acclimatised, beginning to talk; sell 35/-: Smith, 111, Hessle-rd., Hull. (540)

LARGE acclimatised Rock Parrot, perfect plumage, splendid whistler, says a few words; sell £1; exchange monkey, squirrels, mealworms, Linnets, anything; yours first: Minikin, Grape-st., Keighley. (533)

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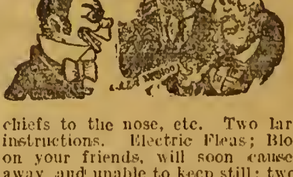

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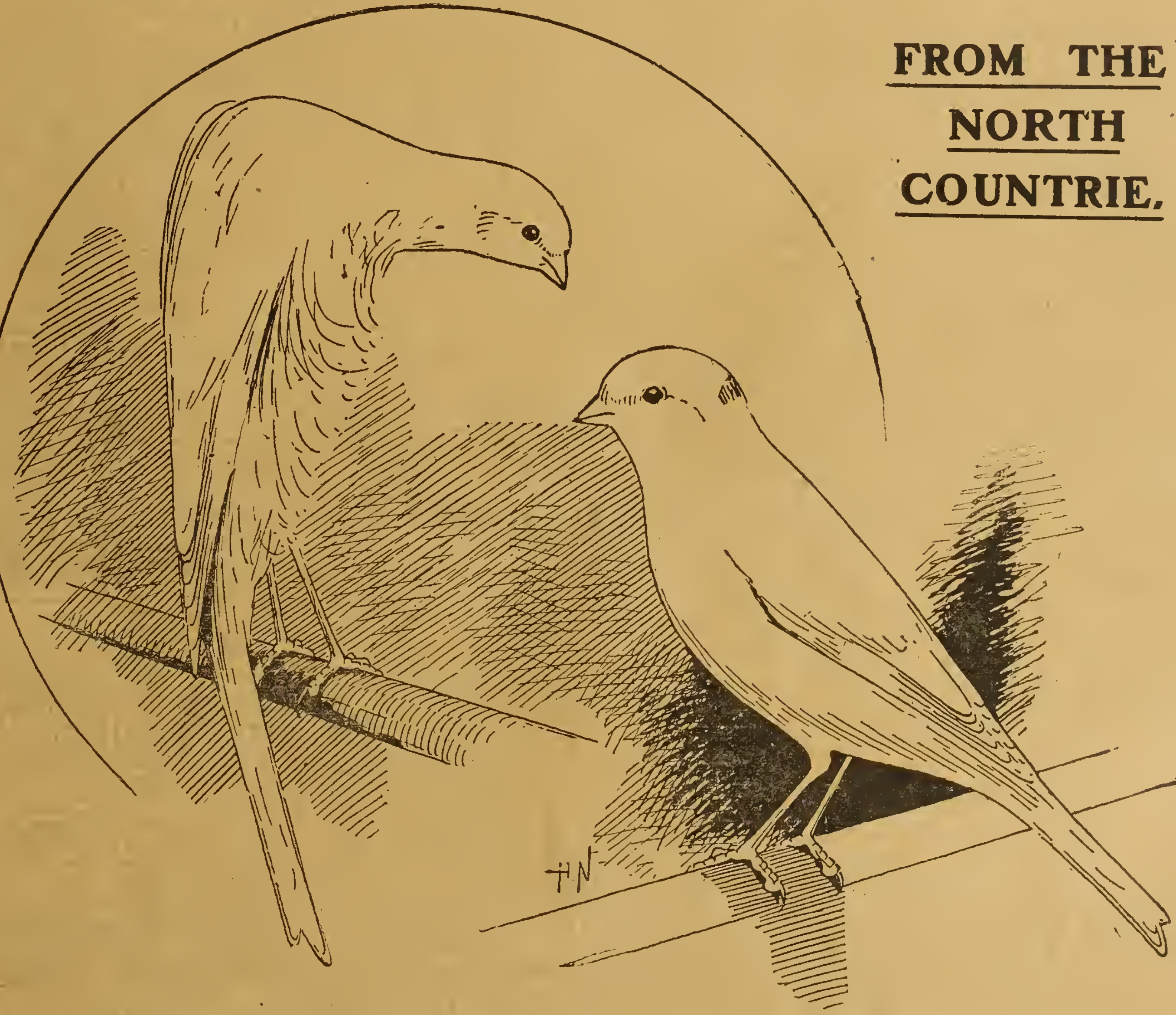

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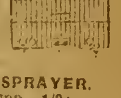

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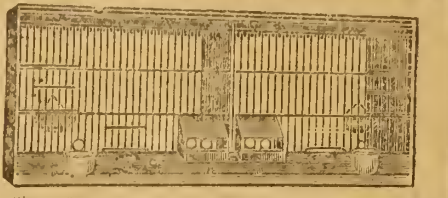

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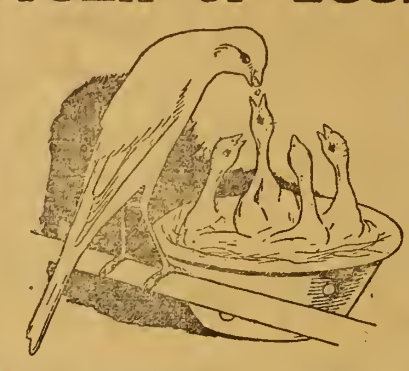

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I HAVE two clear buff cocks, two buff uneven cocks, three buff hens, one yellow-green hen, all high-class bred, will improve any strain; approval: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire. (563)

BORDERS: Clear buff cock, vhc. Dundee, 12/6; clear buff hen, 2nd Forfar, 7/6; clear yellow and buff cocks, from 7/6; hens from 5/-, buff variegated cocks from 7/6: Robertson, 7, Albert-place, Brechin. (566)

TYPICAL yellow cocks, 8/6; buffs, 6/6; hens, 5/-; no finer strain possible, pink of condition, value cannot be beaten; all related to my winners at leading shows; also several winners; prices reasonable; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth. (465)

WINNING Borders! For the chief show points of the Border Fancy Canary and how to develop them, see "Nutshell No. 23," 2½d. post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C., or 2d. from agents (list published frequently).

GOING abroad, must sell all my selected breeding pairs, including winners; pairs from 10/-, odd cocks from 7/6, odd hens from 3/-; all colours, every bird on approval; must be cleared out before the end of March: Richmond, Swinstie Cottage, Cleland, Lanarkshire. (541)

HENRY BENNET, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, whose strain has produced each season over 100 1st winners at principal shows for over 20 years, including large number winners at Palace, having selected breeding stock, offers yellow and buff and uneven cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 5/-, 6/6, 8/6; pair good cinnamons 15/-; pair Greens, 15/-; bargains; approval. (566)

WALTER S. WILSON

Does not advertise "antiquated" cinnamons, but "present day winners" all his own breeding. "Ten distinct birds" this season, won first Carlisle, second *Hamilton, *Blackwood, *Wishaw (*against Greens), first Dysart, second Avonbridge, Uddingston, second Newcastle, 3rd L.C.B.A., and second Palace, exclusive of winners first Palace, first Manchester, first L.C.B.A., etc. Don't worry about their "grandmothers." Secure your stock birds on approval from the man who breeds, shows, and wins; state requirements; reasonable prices; stamp: "Glendyne," South Park-road, Hamilton. (555)

IF you want cinnamons to win the Palace, or birds to breed them, apply to headquarters, where nearly all the winners have sprung from; by buying from me you get the benefit of my wide experience; no swanking, but straight dealings; just few to spare to make room for breeding; cinnamons, greens, cinnamon and green marks, pink and dark-eyed clears: Dan Hamilton, 239, Lowwaters, Hamilton. (566)

Belgians.

BELGIANS for sale, yellow and buff cocks, 1912 cold room, approval; cheap to clear: F. Baker, Brooklands, Totnes. (568)

HIGH-CLASS 1912 Belgians for disposal, both colours and sexes, cheap; approval, deposit: Baker, Duffryn Ville, Cymmer, Port Talbot, Glam. (564)

YELLOW cock, 30/-; buff, 25/-; yellow hen, 12/6; nice typical birds, in breeding condition, from best strains; approval, stamp: Milburn, 29, Rye-terrace, Hexham. (562)

COMPULSORY sale; high class Belgians, pairs 50/-; yellow buff cocks, 20/-; real bargains; approval before payment known fanciers: Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (572)

CHAMPION strain (1912) Belgians disposal, pairs, single birds, both sexes, colours, nesting condition, cheap, must clear: approval.—Baker, 3, Kingsley-avenue, Barnstaple. (571)

GRAND pairs, also cocks and hens, from my winners: highest honours Palace, Edinburgh, Barnstaple this season; cheap to clear; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstaple. (536)

FEW grand pairs of pure-bred Belgians, also yellow and buff cocks, all own breeding, same strain as winners at L.C.B.A., Scottish National, Palace; prices from £3 pair; approval: F. Reddihough, Hillbro', Baildon, Shipley. (510)

Cinnamons.

FOR good and cheap Norwich Cinnamons, see my list: Rudd.

A nice dark Cinnamon Norwich hen for sale, ready for nest, would accept 20/-: Wm. Adam, 3, Nairn-st., Dalmuir, Scotland. (569)

LARGE unflighted buff Cinnamon cocks and hens, Norwich type, 6/- upwards, on approval: A. Bullock, Station-road, Longton, Staffs. (557)

CINNAMONS, unflighted, Norwich type, buff and yellow green cocks, best blood, tight feather, 10/-, 12/-; approval: G. Smith, 63, Fisher-st., Wolverhampton. (560)

SEVERAL large green cocks, 8/-, 10/- each; also buff cinnamon and green hens, 4/-, 5/-; week's approval; deposit: A. Fiddament, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (534)

WANTED, good Buff Cinnamon Norwich cock and two good Yellow Cinnamon hens, colour fed, 1912 bred preferred; only good birds required; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (572)

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, offers several grand Crests and Crestbreds, show or stock.

HAVE you got your "Filup" Feeder? (344)

CRESTED cocks, full song, 7/-, hens 3/-: Bowring, Woodlands, Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea. (570)

YELLOW Crested hen Canary, good colour, 3/-: Morgan, 25, Colebrook-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (543)

CREST and Crestbred; few left; low price; stamps: Boutler, 33, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London. (553)

YOUNG crest cock 30/-, one 25/-, C.B. cocks 10/6 to 7/6: H. Steen, Slateford, Midlothian (National prize breeder). (535)

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale, from 12/6, reasons giving up breeding: Nicholson, 16, Warwick-st., Old Lenton, Nottingham. (557)

HIGH-CLASS dark Crested hen, breeder, healthy, 17/6, worth 50/-; approval, deposit: Moore, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire. (557)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few pairs, also cocks to clear, reasonable; stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (573)

HIGH class Crests, Crestbreds, few to dispose of, very cheap, on approval; please state wants: Onion, Sir Rowland Hill, Nottingham. (568)

1912 Crested cock 1911 C.-B. hen, 45/-; several useful crested and C.B. cocks from 10/-; approval: John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen. (537)

GOOD dark Crest, wing marked buff cock, lightly variegated buff Crestbred hen, 20/-: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham. (565)

THREE pairs pure Crests for sale, 12/-, 14/-, 16/- pair cheap; value, order at once, on approval: Sandiford, Canary Specialist, Preston.

CRESTED cock, Crested bred cock, 7/6 each; Crested bred hen, 10/-; all well bred; take £1 to clear: Nichols Crest Breeder, Wymondham. (556)

CREST pairs, 15/6, worth 30/-; large feathered birds, off prize stock; clearing out; no cards please: "Compton," Waddesdon, nr. Aylesbury. (560)

LARGE well-bred young Crested and Crestbred Canaries, 10/6, 12/6; clear Crestbred hen, 5/6; appro.: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead. (564)

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Breeder and Exhibitor; not dealer. Prizes, 1912 Lowestoft, two firsts, Crest and Crestbred; from 10/- each; approval. (571)

BARNETT'S direct, good reliable Crests, Crestbreds, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; clear body dark Crested cock, 15/6: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich. (568)

C. ROBERTS can supply matched pairs of his Palace winners; Crests from 30/- to £10; single birds from 12/6; state wants: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (562)

W. RADMORE has Crest and Crestbreds to dispose of from his well-known strain; grand stock birds, from 10/- to 60/-; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth. (568)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, having bred scores of winners, and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (495)

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, from 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

EVINS BROTHERS: Nearly sold out; only a few left; cocks from 7/6 to 27/6; green Crest hen, 20/-; all very low in price for early clearance: 250, High-st., Exeter. (558)

CHAMPION Crests, 1912, yellow dark crest cock, winner, 40/-, worth 80/-; several good Crestbred hens; approval; best blood: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (540)

F. W. BARNETT has some useful stock Crest pairs from 40/- to about 70/-; same blood as his Crystal Palace champions; approval: Greenway House, Fakenham, Norfolk. (565)

GIVING Up: Two 1912 green Crested cocks, 15/- each; one variegated Crested cock, vhc Manchester, 20/-, worth double: approval: F. Arnett, 41, Wellington-st., Leek, Staffs. (566)

SEVERAL evenly marked Crest cocks, 1912 bred, £1, £1 10s., £2, £2 10s.; also Crest and Crest-bred hens, 15/-, £1; other cheaper: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (534)

BARNETT'S direct. A few Crests and C.-B.'s from my best birds from Barnett, for sale 5/- to 40/-; apply by letter only: Rev. Runnels-Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham. (546)

HAVING to reduce my stock of Crests, Crest-bred, I offer some good birds from 7/6, my own breeding cold room; approval; deposit: Tetin, 124, Chestnut avenue, Forest Gate, Essex. (465)

F. G. BALL, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, has a few 1912 good stock pairs from 60/-; Crestbred cocks from 20/-; Crestbred hens from 40/-; same as my Palace winners, see reports; approval. (470)

GREEN Crest cock, good bred'un, 25/-; grey Crest, from two good Crests, 17/6; these are both second cross from Lancashires, related to my winners: J. Evans, Horne House, Stockbridge, Sheffield. (569)

WANTED, good Crestbred hen with good entrance, wide skull, good stock bird; give in exchange two grand winning Greenie-Canary Mules, yellow and buff, or sell 35/-, cheap; mutual appro.: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster. (561)

WINNER of a Northern Crest Club challenge cup, also two firsts, second, third at Sheffield, first, two seconds Shildon; offers Crests and Crest-breds from 10/-, cheap; approval: Thos. Bewick, 94, Belford-terrace, North Shields. (562)

A LARGE Crestbred hen, plenty of feather, £1; black cap Crestbred hen, marked wings, £1; light Crest hen, £1; yellow green Crestbred cock, 15/-; reliable birds; stamp, approval: H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham. (553)

WINNING at all the principal shows, having won four cups and bowls, also diploma, breeding the Miners' King, Duchess, Prince of Wales, Emperor, and many other good birds; now is your chance to get this wonderful strain: Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (532)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, finest blood in the world; birds bred by me have won £25, and several £10 10/- bowls this season, C.C.C. special best Crest at Plymouth, ditto, young Crest, Nottingham; never overshow, so vigour kept; a few promising breeders, matched pairs from 50/-, or singles; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (487)

MASSIVE feathered 1912 Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; monster 1912 Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice 1912 Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also grand 1912 Crested cock, large drooping crest, make champion stock bird, only 12/6; any of the above are honestly worth double for stock alone; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (572)

LARGE green marked Crest cock, 35/-; variegated Crested cock, 30/-; dark Crest cock, 30/-; green Crest cock, 20/-; grey Crest cock, 25/-; green Crestbred cock, 25/-; variegated Crestbred cock, 15/-; large clear Crestbred cock, 20/-; dark Crest variegated hen, 30/-; dark Crest wing-marked hens, 20/-; variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; green Crestbred hen, 20/-; large clear Crestbred hen, 20/-; variegated yellow Crestbred hen, 15/-; few good reliable pairs, suit beginners, 30/-; strong healthy birds, in show condition; approval: A. Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (558)

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers immense evenly-marked dark Crest cock, large dark crest, but split, 30/6; beautiful Crestbred hen, 30/6; immense green Crestbred cock, head feather covers half-crown, 90/6; lovely clear hen, large grey crest, 60/6; ticked buff Crestbred cock, 25/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 20/6; good buff Crestbred cock, 20/6; variegated dark crested hen, 30/6; large evenly marked cock, good even crest, 50/6; good Crestbred hen, 30/6; large Crestbred cock, head feather covers half-crown, 80/6; evenly-marked dark Crest hen, 35/6; variegated capped Crestbred yellow cock, show bird, 50/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 30/6; immense variegated Crestbred cock, head feather size half-crown, 50/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 25/6; large variegated Crestbred cock (sire, 1st L.C.B.A., sold for £16), 35/6; variegated dark crested hen, 40/6; clear yellow cock, large grey crest, 25/6; green variegated Crestbred hen, 20/6; nearly evenly-marked Crestbred cock, magnificent head, show bird, 90/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 35/6; good capped variegated Crestbred cock, 20/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 17/6; immense green Crestbred cock; grand head, 25/6; large green Crestbred cock, 15/6; ditto, 12/6; large green Crested cock, 12/6; capped wing-marked Crestbred cock, vhc Cheltenham, 40/6; large variegated cock, beautiful dark crest, 35/6; ticked Crestbred hen, 25/6; capped variegated Crestbred hen, show bird, 60/6; variegated Crestbred hen, good head, 40/6; green Crested cock, 30/6; evenly-marked dark Crest yellow cock, winner, £12, one of the best living. Young variegated Crestbred cock, good head, 20/6; clear body dark Crest cock, 90/6; variegated cock, large dark crest, 30/6; capped variegated Crestbred hen, 35/6; ticked Crestbred cock, good head, 17/6; immense green Crestbred hen, grand head, 70/6; young green Crestbred cock, and buff hen, immense grey crest, 120/6; large ticked buff Crestbred cock, 25/6; capped variegated Crestbred cock, extra long head feather, 80/0. Variegated dark Crest cock, 20/6; evenly-marked cock, large dark crest, 25/6; variegated cock, large dark crest, 50/6. Cold room. Cocks full song. Approval. (518)

IF YOU REQUIRE

a good and cheap Crest or Crestbred cock or hen, send for my list or state wants; it will pay you. I am sure, as I have at the present time some of the best blood in England: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

GOOD 1912 Green Crestbred cock. In song, Evins' strain, 7/6; bargain: Fletcher, 40, Ashcroft-rd., Cirencester. (566)

SOME real good Norwich greens for disposal, same strain my Palace, diploma winner: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these; see "Nutshell No. 24." "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d., see list on another page).

TYPICAL Yorkshire Greens, several good pairs, 15/- pair, hens 5/- upwards; also Borders, cheap: Leatherbarrow, 4, Lodwick-st., Liverpool, N. (566)

SMART yellow-green Yorkshire cock, 20/-, would exchange for good buff stock cock, also few hens and Norwich left.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (572)

NORWICH Four buff hens, 10/-, 15/-, two buff cocks 25/- each; yellow cock, 35/-, same strain as my G.C.A. cup winners: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'. (563)

GRAND pair of Yorkshires, Greens, 10/-, breed winners; two unflighted buff hens, 3/6 each; two 1911 clear yellow and buff hens, 5/- each; 20 nest baskets, 1/6; Lark cage 1/6; approval; what offers: W. Lavis, 259, New-rd., Portsmouth. (563)

Lancashires.

A FEW large Lancashire Plainheads, cocks or hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (543)

ONE buff coppy cock, 15/-; 1 buff Plainhead, 10/-; 1 buff coppy hen, 15/-; 7 show cages and case, 1[illegible]: Smith, 25, Glodwick, Oldham (571)

YELLOW coppy cock, 1911, 12/6; one buff coppy hen, 12/-; unflighted: ditto, 8/-, unflighted; approval, deposit: Dearden, 123, Packman's, Rochdale. (541)

Lizards.

ONLY two Silver Lizards, cocks, left, 5/- each to clear: George Nayler, 1, Cambridge-place, Rochdale. (565)

TWO splendid Silver Lizard cocks, cheap, only 7/6 each, 1912 birds, colour fed: H. Gaiside, Howard-st., Glossop. (572)

HIGH-CLASS silver cocks, 5/6; silver hens, 4/6; no golds left; approval: Brookes, 32, Longacre-st., Macclesfield. (570)

E. OLLERENSHAW can still spare a few Lizards, same strain as my winners, pairs or single, cold room; stamp reply: 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire. (558)

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARD.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich Specialist, over 20 years' study, Sheffield Challenge Cup winner outright (3 years in succession). Few choice specimens to spare; reasonable; write as to terms; inspection cordially invited; approval with pleasure; stamp reply: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, high-class Norwich breeder and exhibitor, winner of championships. Nice birds at low prices. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Breeder and Exhibitor of Champion Norwich; state wants; stamped inquiries solicited.—14, Pugin St., Carlisle.

WANTED Norwich: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

DON'T start breeding without a "Filup" Feeder. (344)

TWELVE good Norwich hens, £2, or nearest offer: 318a, Kennington-rd., London. (551)

WANTED, Norwich Plainheads for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (572)

A FEW Norwich Canaries for sale, hens 2/6 each: H. Foulkes, 22 Maes-y-Coed, Denbigh. (560)

YOUNG Norwich hens, 2/-; cocks, 5/- each: W. Carlton, 83, Edmund-st., Camberwell. (555)

CANARIES: Wanted two young Norwich cocks, good size: L., Teify House, Warminster. (567)

YOUNG 1912 cocks, also hen, 7/6 the two: Roberts, New House, Bettisfield, Whitchurch, Salop. (562)

FEW good pairs Norwich, from 15/-; also odd cocks from 10/6; Gibb, Bond-st., Brighton. (531)

GIVING up Norwich, 3 pairs 10/6 pair, few hens from 2/6: H. Strange, 93, Balfour-rd., Derby. (568)

TEN 1912 buff cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; variegated 25/-; approval: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (542)

ONE nice green hen, 4/-; one yellow marked ditto, 4/-; good stock birds: "Sherwood," Castle-rd., Salisbury. (559)

SIXTEEN strong healthy Norwich cocks, mostly 1912, from 7/- to 15/-, yellow: 318a, Kennington-road, London. (351)

WANTED, Norwich, any quantity, state price and particulars: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalist, Glasgow. (Q)

PATTERSON, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow, breeder, has for disposal 1912 buff cock, 10/-; yellow wing-marked cock, 8/-. (566)

SIX typical unflighted Norwich hens, 4 buffs, 2 yellows, 18/-; approval, deposit: S. Sims, Ashley-rd., Parkstone. (563)

TWO grand unflighted buff cocks, 1 yellow cock, 10/- each, worth double: W. Pillar, Raby-rd., West Hartlepool. (562)

FEW spare colour fed 1912 good buff cocks, cheap; deposit, approval: Dracup, 163, Half Moon-lane, Herne Hill. (529)

NORWICH hen Canaries for sale, cold-room bred, 1912 birds, 2/- each: H. Bartles, 17, Port Arthur-rd., Nottingham. (561)

CLEAR buff cock, winner 2 first prizes, £1 10/-; also few grand stock birds: Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (556)

GRAND pairs Norwich, 10/- and 15/-, variegated, do., Goldies for muling, 5/-; all healthy: Jas. Elvin, East Dereham. (567)

NORWICH cocks, from 6/-, hens from 3/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (571)

GRAND hens for early breeding, 2/6; clearing; few left; approval; C.P. aviary, 8/-: Wilkinson, 85, Walton-st., Chelsea. (570)

TWO good unflighted buff Norwich cocks, one prize winner, buff hen, 20/- for three: Miss Dark, Chipstead, Sevenoaks. (566)

TWO 1912 clear buff cocks, 25/-, 30/-; clear yellow, 1911, 30/-; exchange good hens, A. Tydeman, 45, York-rd., Ipswich. (556)

GOOD pair colour-fed Norwich, 10/-; 7/6 cock, 4/- hen; few small hens, 3/- each: Miss E. Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester. (558)

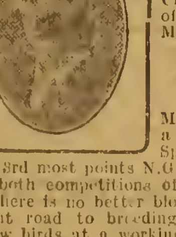
TWO buff Norwich fed cocks, 10/6 each; 2 marked hens, 5/- each, from winners: Walters, 43, New England-rd., Brighton. (563)

NORWICH cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; selected pairs, 10/6; few pairs 8/6; on approval: Cooke, Grocer, Kenilworth. (564)

HEALTHY Norwich hens, ready to nest, buffs and yellow, variegated, 3/- upwards: W. Marjoram, 24, Central-rd., Leiston. (568)

CAN spare some grand Norwich from my noted winners; state wants; approval; can be seen any time: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London. (417)

400 PRIZES AT CHAMPION SHOWS SINCE OCT. 5th, 1912



The above is the record achieved by my birds during the present show season. I have not shown a single bird at members' or club shows where the competition is limited. Every bird has been shown in hottest competition at champion shows, open to all comers. Amongst my wins are: **Firsts and Specials** at all the leading shows in the Kingdom, including the **Bradford National, Scottish National, and Crystal Palace.** Also numerous Challenge Cups, Gold and Silver Medals, and other trophies. I am now in a position to offer **marvellous value** in Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Scotch Fancies, Crests, Mules, Lancashires, etc., as follows:—

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

My Yorkshires have won consistently all through the season. The following are a few out of a large number of honours: Special best hen Bradford National, Special best Yorks. Hartlepool, Diploma best Yorkshire Sunderland, Trophy for 3rd most points N.G.M.Y.C.C., Second most points Yorkshire Union Competitions, Third most points in both competitions of the Y.C.C., etc., etc.

There is no better blood in the Fancy to-day, and I am in a position to put the Amateur on the right road to breeding his own winners, or to supply the "old hand" with splendid stock or show birds at a working-man's price. The following are a few prices:

Yorkshire Cocks, grand lengthy birds, with good position, feathered to perfection, and in full song, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards.**

Grand racy hens, splendid type, and feathered like wax, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each upwards. Matched Pairs correctly mated for breeding winners, and sex guaranteed, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-** per pair. I can supply these in Clears, Ticks, Green Marked, Cinnamon Marked, or Self Greens.

To every Customer I guarantee complete satisfaction or Cash returned in full.

CHAMPION NORWICH PLAINHEADS. THE BULL-DOG STRAIN.

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

THIS strain has again upheld its reputation, and in addition to winning Firsts and Specials all over the country, has secured the following Trophies this year: **THE PERCY ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP** (won outright), the Sandiford Cup, **THE O.N.P.C. CHAMPION TROPHY,** F. Carl's Trophy, and has run second in the Cup competition of the N.P.C.

I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, real good show or stock birds for breeding own winners, at **10/- 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at **6/6 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each; Hens, grand smart-feathered birds, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

Pure-bred Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller Cocks. Have just received (Feb. 22nd, 1913), a consignment of over 300 Roller Cocks straight from the training rooms of Germany. These are the best I have imported. They are in full rolling song, with plenty of changes, and represent the last word in training. Come and make your own selection, or allow me to send one on approval at my risk. Prices, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6.** A few specially selected Schoolmasters at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each; hens, guaranteed same strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-** each; Cages, 3d. extra.

REAL SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH COCKS, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each.

Grand Large Sib. Hens for Muling, either Yorkshire or Norwich type, **3/-, 3/6 4/-, 6/-, 6/-, 7/6 10/-** each.

WINNING BORDER FANCIES.—Having recently purchased the entire stock of a well-known Border exhibitor, who is declining the Fancy, I am able to offer exceptional value in this variety, which includes Clears, Ticks, Greens, and Cinnamons. Cocks, in full song, real gems, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Smart typical Hens, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** upwards. Matched Pairs, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- 20/-, 25/-, 30/-.** Every bird for sale.

LIZARDS.—Am offering 10 pairs Lizards, the entire stock of a well-known exhibitor, at **10/6** and **12/6** per pair. Odd birds **5/-, 6/-, 7/6** each, cocks or hens.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—A few real good birds, Clears and Pied, Yellows and Buffs, including some of this season's open winners. Cocks or Hens, **12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-** each. Every bird for sale. For full particulars of all other varieties, send a P.C. for my **Free Illustrated Catalogue.**

Remember this, please: I offer an open invitation to all fanciers to call and inspect my stock. My rooms are open every day but Sunday. My files are open to all visitors who wish to inspect Testimonials, which I have received from fanciers during the last few months. These prove to all that birds supplied by me have been winning all through the season, both Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders; also that many of this season's winners have been bred from stock supplied by me. If you cannot pay me a visit, however, don't forget that I send every bird on seven days' approval at my sole risk. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer, or cash returned in full. **Easy payments can be arranged to suit the convenience of Genuine Fanciers. No Extras charged.** Travelling Cages, 3d. **Special attention to Export Orders.**

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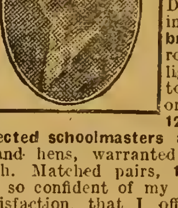

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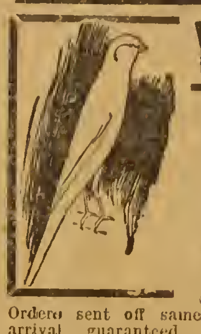

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STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Meeting held March 9th, Mr. G. Lane in the chair, the balance-sheet was read over and passed as correct. Election of Officers same night. Mr. T. Currey, chair; G. Lane, vice.; J. Boyle, treas.; R. Peart, sec., with the following committee: J. Emmerson, W. Elliott J. Charlton, J. Lamb, G. Blogg, T. Blackett, J. Dover, and T. Metcalfe. It was decided to hold our show on Dec. 6 and 7, and other clubs in the district are requested to make a note of our date to avoid clashing.—R. Peart, Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Enjoyable Social Evening.

A grand social was held March 1, in the Vic. Club, at which the committee of the Vic. Club generously provided sandwiches, etc., for the members and friends. We had a company of over 100, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. The social was ably presided over by Mr. G. Lane. The committee of this club are doing a lot to encourage the Fancy in this district, both financially and other ways. We had some grand talent, every artiste being well received. Mr. W. Hancock ably presided at the piano, and the following artistes contributed towards the harmony of the evening Messrs. A. Hancock, E. Mays, J. Mason, S. Chaytor, H. Bickles, and A. Saunders. We also paid prize money same night, 10s. per class for 34 classes, which, I think, is splendid for our first venture. Our members have no subscription to pay, just their entry fee 7d. per entry. We concluded an enjoyable evening with thanks to the committee and artistes for their kindness; also a vote of thanks was passed to the committee of the Empire Club for their donation towards the expenses of the evening.—R. Peart. Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show of matched pairs held March 8, in Johnstone's Rooms, with a good turnout of members and friends. The room was well filled, the business for the evening was the arrangements for first annual social to be held on March 15, in Johnstone's Hall. Tea will be on the table at 6.30, tickets 1s. each. All fanciers in the district wishing to join with us can have full particulars from the secretary. Six new members were enrolled, Messrs. Thomson, Booth, Yule, Allison, Forrest, and A. Taylor. Mr. Smart, Carmyle, judged, and gave every satisfaction. PLAINHEADS: 1, 4, Thomson; 2, 3, Rankine. BORD.: 1, 2, Lunn; 3, Baird; 4, Mackay; 5, Yule; 6, Baird; 7, Jarvie. YORKS.: 1, 3, Baird; 2, Jarvie. MULING PAIRS: 1, sp, Henderson; 2, Rankine; 3, Williams; 4, Berry; 5, Mackay; 6, Henderson. HYB.: 1, Rankine; 2, Hendrie.—A. Berry, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

At a meeting on March 5th, ten-minute papers were read by four members, and a very interesting and instructive evening was passed. The show manager, Mr. W. Pounsett, gave his impressions of his visit to the Palace show, comparing some of the sections with those at our show. He was particularly struck with the splendid show of British Hardbills, and paid a warm tribute to the manner he was received by all the fanciers he came in contact with. Mr. Madagan, vice-chairman, spoke of his favourite variety, the Border Fancy, describing the points necessary for a show specimen, and how to mate to get these points, laying particular stress on using typical hens only. Mr. Short gave a useful paper on common ailments and their treatment, and dealt with constipation, diarrhoea, inflammation of the bowels, colds, fever, indigestion, and congestion of liver. Mr. Hayling, who is a keen observer of British birds in their wild state, spoke of Blackbird, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, etc., giving a short description of their haunts, nests, eggs, etc. A short discussion followed each paper.—A. S. Treasure.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.BS.

Meeting held at Headquarters the Old White Swan, Market Place, March 4th. Mr. Gibbins presiding. Rules were passed to govern the Westby Challenge cup. That it be competed for by British birds and Hybrids. To be won three times, not necessarily in succession. The programme for meetings for the session was drawn up. Such meeting to be held monthly as usual. The first three nights will be taken up with a paper on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. E. H. Hulse, beginning March 18th, on "Mating of Norwich," with illustrations as several members have promised to bring pairs for explanation. It was decided to ask Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingboro) to give a paper on British, the date to suit his convenience. If possible a table nest feather show will be held to come on a meeting night before the annual one. Also an exhibition of washing and preparing birds for show, which will about wind up the session. A table show was held, Mr. Hulse, judge. NOR. BUFF. UNFLIGH: 1, 3, Moores; 2, Gibbons. DITTO, NOV.: 1, C. B. Day; 2, Jolly; 3, vhc, E. Wood; hc, Pole. A.V. CAN. MULE or BYB.: 1, 2, Kilsby; 3, E. Wood.—E. Hulse, Press correspondent.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual general meeting held March 8, in rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh. Mr. Livingston in the chair, before a large turnout of members. The balance-sheet was gone into and passed, the balance in hand of £5 9s. is considered very satisfactory. The next item was the presentation to winners of trophy and cups, unfortunately the medals had not arrived from the maker, but these will be posted as soon as possible. Office bearers were elected for the coming year as follows:—Pres., Mr. Crossley ykes, vice-pres., T. Bell, J. Brown J. McHolm, and E. Taylor; sec., John Allan, 69, Dalmeny Street, Leith; comm., F. H. Craft, Geo. Brown, A. Hoyle, A. W. Watson, J. Leach, J. Sykes, J. Livingstone, L. J. Arrighi, Peter Gentleman; auditors, R. Craig and Jas. Winter. After much discussion the annual subscription was reduced to 2s. 6d., with no entry fee. The following new members were then admitted:—Messrs D. Brown, D. Sayers, J. Cunningham, H. Thomas, A. McKindlay, J. Laird, J. L. Burnett, J. Strachen, W. Sharp A. Craig. On the motion of the secretary, seconded by Mr. Watson, it was agreed to ask that all clubs asking for the patronage will state what number of birds there must be to get full prize money, also the amount of prize money. Moved by R. Craig that judges need not necessarily be members of the S.B.B. and M.C. This was passed after some discussion. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring office bearers ended the business.—John Allan, Sec.

NORTHERN SPECIALISTS' CLUBS

Meeting of the delegates appointed by the above clubs was held March 5th, re making arrangements for the annual social and prize distribution. Decided that the same be held April 8th in the Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook. Tickets to be 1s. 6d. single, or 2s. 6d. double (lady and gentleman) including supper. It was decided to ask Mr. and Mrs. McKinnie to supply the musical part of the programme, and if they decide to do so there will be a treat in store for us birdy fanciers. It was decided to ask Mr. Haggie, the esteemed president of the Newcastle Cage Bird Society, to present the prizes. The order of the presentations was drawn out of the hat as follows:—Northern Yorkshire, Border and Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Cinnamon, British, Mule and Foreign, Lizards, and the Crested Canary. It was also decided to ask Inspector Robinson of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society, to preside over the concert. Will fanciers please note he is a real lover of all varieties of birds, and it would be to the benefit of the humanitarian societies if they had more gentlemen in their ranks who understand their duties as well as does Mr. Robinson. We would then hear less of the prosecutions such as are being carried on at present I appeal to the members of the various specialist clubs, to make this social and presentation a success, by bringing their wives (or sweethearts) and their friends, as it is such functions as these which strength n the bonds of friendship Tickets can be had from the secretaries of the various clubs, or from T. C. Crawhall, St. George's Terrace; Mr. J. Mackenzie, the Aviaries, High Friar Street; or from myself. I shall be pleased to send full particulars to any fancier who does not belong to any of the specialist clubs, and who would like to join in this enjoyable evening.—W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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THE YORKSHIRE UNION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

MAGNIFICENT GATHERING AT BRADFORD.

PRESENTATION TO THAT MOST EXCELLENT FANCIER AND INDEFATIGABLE WORKER, MR. H. HILL.

"It looks to me more like a Co-operative Store display than a Cage Bird Society prize-distribution." Thus spoke Mr. J. W. Ramsden, at the annual gathering of the Yorkshire Cage Bird Societies' annual re-union, held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, March 8, and the description was not very wide of the mark, for on the tables and benches were displayed such articles as challenge cups, rose bowls, gold and silver watches, electro-plated teapots, coffee pots, cream jugs, cruets, gentlemen's gold alberts, ladies' gold necklets, silver tankards, blankets, eiderdown quilts, sheets, rugs, suit lengths, dress lengths, blouses, ladies' furs, butter dishes, glove boxes, dressing cases, brush and comb cases, gold medals, silver flower vases, bronze figures, cases of dessert knives and forks, cases of cutlery, Chrystoleum paintings, mirrors, mirror pictures, smoking cabinets, table cloths, pocket wallets, umbrellas (ladies' and gentlemen's), overcoats, rain coats, sideboard ornaments, large decorative vases, tea urns, timepieces, looking-glasses, preserve dishes, barometers, boxes of cigars, boots, gold pins, hot water jugs, music stools, sewing machines, seed, etc.

The Chairman's "Grace."

The proceedings began at five o'clock, when about ninety sat down to a most excellent repast, which was prefaced by one of Mr. H. H. Towers' humorous remarks: "I suppose I ought to say grace, but at home I usually let one of the kids do it, so you had better get on with your eating." Yorkshiremen seldom need a second bidding of this character, and cage bird lads, and lasses, too (there were a lot of wives and sweethearts present) were soon making the waiters busy.

The dinner was followed by a meeting. Mr. Towers in the chair, and a most enjoyable programme was opened by a pianoforte solo by Mr. J. E. Priestley, and as we glanced round the room, which contained nearly 180 persons, we noticed amongst others the following well-known fanciers: Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, and R. J. Pretty (London), Craven (Plymouth), A. Hirst (Accrington), E. Brunskill (Darlington), W. Mundell, H. W. Battye, Matt. Broadley, H. Naylor, S. Dean, J. Thornton, H. Inman, T. Elam, Ogden Bros., L. Dykes, Joe Thomas, J. Bailey, F. Allen, Sutcliffe and Son, C. Morrison, M. Peel, P. Mason, Brown and Son, E. Stobart, W. Cruise, Wilkinson Bros., T. Moss, A. Radley, A. Whitley, S. Denby, J. Lunn, J. Ackroyd, T. Tidswell, E. Clegg, S. B. Grayshon, T. Elsegood, H. Simonett, A. M. Craven, C. E. Hall, S. Heap, W. Johnson, W. H. Ball, H. Clegg, J. Isherwood, B. H. Wilson, J. Wilson, S. Binns, A. E. Naylor, B. Wood, S. Midgley, E. Saville, W. Helliwell, J. Rhodes, H. Birbeck, J. W. Ingham-Watson, J. Ward, E. Butterfield, H. Taskey, W. Riley, F. Allen, T. H. Inman, Dr. Wilson, S. Woad, W. A. Wilson, H. Lord, F. Armstrong, W. Studd, to say nothing of the most excellent committee responsible for the arrangements of the gathering—Messrs. H. H. Towers (chairman), and F. Hammond (Yorks. Union C.B.S.), R. Halliday, and J. Greaves (Yorks. C.C.), W. A. Cowgill, and L. Ogden (Green-Mkd. Y.C.C.), R. Garnett, and T. Ogden (Cinn.-Mkd. Y.C.C.), H. J. Chittenden, and J. Lane (Yorks. Co. B.B. and M.C.), F. Rhodes and J. Fortnam (Open Nor. Plhd. C.C.), and H. Hill (hon. sec.). In addition to those we have mentioned, there were many unknown to us, and a whole host of ladies, whose names we were too bashful to inquire.

Mr. Towers said the first item on the programme was the chairman's remarks; that was soon disposed of, because there would be none. He would get on with the programme.

The Yorkshire Union Prizes.

Mr. F. Armstrong (President of the Yorkshire Union) presented the prizes won in the Union competition, and prefaced the same by saying that he considered it both a great pleasure and a great honour to be allowed to do so. Speaking words of encouragement to the novices, he said they were the backbone of the Fancy. The novices had to plan and think, and the successful ones were those who worked their plans out well beforehand. Referring to the days which he spent himself in the novitiate, Mr. Armstrong said he believed that all old hands looked back with pleasure and satisfaction to the day when they won their novice medal, no other medal won afterwards brought half so much pleasure. One's novice medal was always treasured and worn with pride. The novice medal competition had done much for the Fancy in the manner in which it had given encouragement to the young hands, and caused them to exercise care and forethought in their efforts. This year, for the first time, they had medals for amateurs. He heartily congratulated them upon their efforts, and hoped the competition would spread and become keener as the years rolled on. It was intended to prevent fanciers dropping away as soon as they had done with the novice section, and to encourage them to persevere until they could hold their own with the champions.

The winners in this section were: Ramsden's specials, Ogden Bros. and Joe Thomas, Errington's specials, T. Tidswell. Amateurs gold medals, A. Radley, E. Clegg, A. M. Craven, and A. Whitley. Novices, S. Binns (and Ramsden's), O. E. Naylor (and Ramsden's), J. C. Beaumont, S. Midgley, B. Wood, E. Saville, W. Helliwell, S. Wilkinson, and J. Rhodes. In connection with the latter award, Mr. Armstrong said that the most creditable point in Mr. Rhodes' success was that it had been secured by one bird, and one bird only, which had gone right through the season. This should encourage the men with small studs, as it proved that one good bird was quite enough to win a medal.

In the Norwich section the winners were: Novice medals: H. Birkbeck, J. W. Ingham, and Watson. Errington's specials: J. Ward and E. Butterfield.

"CAGE BIRDS" Specials.

These, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Carl, were presented by Mr. C. A. House, who in apologising for Mr. Carl's absence, said it was stress of work entirely which prevented that gentleman from attending. He was enjoined by Mr. Carl to say how pleased he was that the competition for CAGE BIRDS' specials had once again brought out such keen rivalry. He was to say that it would give Mr. Carl the greatest pleasure to again offer the prizes. In concluding he paid a well deserved tribute to the work which Mr. F. Hammond had put in in the carrying out of CAGE BIRDS' competition, and the selection of the prizes. It was no light task, as the array of prizes showed, and it was Mr. Hammond they had to thank for the splendid work he had done in connection with the competition, and on Mr. Carl's behalf he thanked him most heartily.

The winners of CAGE BIRDS prizes were:—Yorkshire Union, Champion Section: Ogden Bros., 176 points, gold medal; L. Dykes, 137, cup and glass butter dish; J. Thomas, 136, blouse and coney tie; J. Bailey, 114, pair blankets; Fred Allen, 90, hearthrug; Sutcliffe and Son, 88, rug; H. H. Towers, 80; C. Morrison, 77; M. Peel, 61; P. Mason, 49; Brown and Son, 44; E. Stobart, 41; W. Cruise, 40; L. Dyson, 38; J. Helliwell, 25; Wilkinson Bros., 24; Tom Moss, 17; L. C. Casey, H. J. Chittenden, H. Charlesworth and Shaw Bros. Yorkshire Union, Amateur Section: A, Radley, 115 points, mirror pictures (pair); A. Whitley, 69, gold necklet; Burdekin Bros., 62, 2 pocket wallets; S. Denby, 29; L. Jebson, 23; J. Lunn, 22; J. Ackroyd, 19; S. Tyas, 16; H. Pearson, 15; T. Tidswell. Yorkshire C.C., Amateur Section: E. Clegg, 119 points, lady's gold watch; S. B. Grayshon, 79, rug; T. Elsegood, 36, pair blankets. Cinn. Mkd. Y.C.C., Amateur Section: Myers and Lumb, 38 points, dinner cruet; H. Simonett, 9, electro-plated teapot. Green Mkd. Y.C.C., Amateur Section: A. M. Craven, 32 points, overcoat; C. E. Hall, 23, sideboard ornaments. Open P.H. C.C., Champion Section: Sam Heap, 164 points, tea urn; A. Hirst, 64; W. Johnson, 51, pair bronze figures. Amateur Section: W. H. Ball, 47 points, timepiece; Harry Glegg, 41, down quilt; D. McMillan, pair silver vases. Yorks. C.B.B.M.C., Champion Section: T. H. Inman 113 joints, pair blankets; Martin and Archer, 96, silver tankard; J. Lane, 91, looking glass. Amateur Section: J. Isherwood, 44 points, rose bowl; B. H. Wilson, 15, rain coat; J Wilson 7, down quilt.

A Story of Success.

In presenting the prizes won in the competition of the Green-marked Yorks. C.C., Mr. Cowgill said that the formation of the club had proved a step in the right direction, as though it was only four years old, it had 138 members, but this was not enough. Every breeder of Yorkshires used Green blood, and as they used Green-marked stock, they stood a good chance of breeding a good Green-marked bird. It was due to the club that Green-marks had become worth more money, therefore fanciers should support the club, which had increased the demand and price for good birds, and had also provided extended classification and more specials. The half-a-crown subscriptions did not pay for all this, and had it not been for the help of friends, they could not have done so well as they had. When they started Mr. Shackleton gave a trophy which had to be won twice. It had been won by Messrs. Ogden Bros., Dykes, and Sutcliffe and Son, and now by Ogden Bros. again. The club now wanted someone else to get their hand down and provide another trophy. It was no use being bashful. They wanted another trophy. His circumstances would not allow of his giving one, or he would, but he hoped some wealthy fancier would. The competition during the past year had been a great success; the classes had averaged between thirteen and fourteen. This was not at all bad for an open competition, but he hoped that next year they would have a still better average. There was plenty of room for new blood. (Note Messrs. Ogden Bros. generous offer, vide "Twitterings" page.—Editor.).

The successful ones were: Open section, Ogden Bros., Shackleton trophy, and Ramsden's teapot; L. Dykes, Silver cup; J. Thomas, O. Morrison, and P. Mason. Amateur section, A. M. Craven. Sandiford's case of cutlery, and C. E. Hall. The third, fourth and fifth prizes were not awarded owing to lack of competition. Novice section: S. Binns, B. Wood, H. Taskey, and W. Riley. Again the fifth prize was not taken owing to lack of competition.

In handing Mr. Binns his prize, Mr. Cowgill said:—"Mr. Binns is like Ogden Brothers, he's ta'en t' lot. In t' novices he's carried all afooar him. I congratulate him, an' I'm pleased to hand him these here trophies." Mr. Binns: "I'm varry pleased to get 'em." Mr. Cowgill: I'll bet tha' art, lad!"

A Good Sportsman.

Mr. Cowgill said the club had given specials which had not been won. If some of the fanciers had persevered a bit more they would have had a prize. Fanciers should not get discouraged, but should keep on; it would pay them. There was one more special to be handed over. Mr. Morrison had given a special for the purpose of encouraging the novices. It was for most points gained with third prize birds, and it so happened that he had won it himself. Mr. Morrison, on taking the prize, said he wished someone else had won it, and he hoped next year it would be so, and to encourage the novices to try more, he would double its value.

On rising to present the Yorkshire Canary Club specials, Mr. Towers said that the other week he had to speak at Sheffield, and they told him the least he said the better, and he meant to act up to it now. They had had some good speeches, and he would not say much. This year had been unique in one respect. Messrs. Ogden Bros. had achieved great things in taking both the Bailey Trophy and the Ramsden cup. They had made a great effort, and were to be congratulated on having succeeded.

The winners of Y.C.C. specials were: Open section: Ogden Bros., Bailey trophy, Ramsden cup, and teapot; L. Dykes, Ramsden teapot, silver watch and flower vases; Joe Thomas, third in the Ramsden competition, and that of the club, whilst J. Bailey and H. H. Towers tied for fourth place in both competitions. Open novice section: S. B. Grayshon, smoker's cabinet and Ramsden's cruet; A. Whitley, pair chrystoleum paintings, and Ramsden's cruet; Elsegood, H. Simonett, and L. Jebson, tie for fourth place. Novice section: S. Binns, S. Midgley, B. Wood, and W. Helliwell. Sandiford's case of cutlery was won by F. Allen. Mr. A. Whitley was easily first in the open novice section, but owing to neglecting to mark all his entry forms, had a number of points deducted.

A Well Deserved Presentation.

When he rose to make the Hill presentation, Mr. Towers said he had reached the most important item in the evening's programme. All present were well aware of the wonderful result of the Cinderella Show. Although only established two years, the show had become recognised as one of the finest in the kingdom, and if they went on as they were doing, it would soon be the finest, and second to none. Much of the success achieved was due to one man. They all knew how important it was to have a good secretary for such a show. Mr. Hill had done wonders, and in saying that one did not overlook the good work done by his two able assistants, Messrs. H. Simonett and F. Hammond, and those gentlemen would be the first to praise Mr. Hill. Such confidence had the committee of the National Show in Mr. Hill that when anything awkward turned up that wanted careful handling they knew they could leave it in his hands with safety, and he would deal with it in a manner not to be improved upon. It had been decided to present all three of the secretaries with an honorarium, but Messrs. H. Simonett and F. Hammond said: "No, if anybody is to have anything, it's Hill," and they had generously refrained from taking what the committee wished them to. Could there be any better testimony to the value of Mr. Hill? Mr. Hill himself would not accept a cash present, but he had accepted a bookcase and secretaire. They must not forget that Mr. Hill's work was not all for the Fancy. Underlying all his work in connection with the National Show was his love for the poor children, and what he had done was beyond any power of expression which he (the speaker) possessed. Great as had been Mr. Hill's work, they must not forget the wonderful help he had received from Mrs. Hill. That lady was heart and soul with her husband, and had it not been for her, he could not have accomplished what he had. On behalf of the National Show Committee, he had the greatest pleasure in asking Mr. Hill to accept the present as a token of esteem from his fellow-workers.

Mr. Hill's Thanks.

A tremendous ovation was accorded Mr. Hill when he rose to return thanks—thanks which, he said, were more than he could express. It was with the sincerest pleasure he accepted the bookcase and secretaire as a token of their appreciation of his work. Before speaking of his work in connection with the show, he would like to thank his assistants, Messrs. Hammond and Simonett, for the help they had given him, and the grand work they had done, work which he alone knew of, and alone could appreciate. Further, their fancierlike conduct in declining to accept any presentation, so that the whole might be handed over to him, he should never forget. Their kindness was only equalled by the way in which they had worked for and with him. His reason for selecting the present he had was that books and birds were his dearest friends. The bookcase would hold his books, and the secretaire would be most useful for his work for the Fancy. One thing more than another which pleased him in Mr. Tower's speech was the reference to the help which his wife had given him. Had it not been for that help, he could not have done the work he had for the Fancy. When they came to think of it, the Yorkshire Union, the Bradford East Society, and the Cinderella Show could not leave him much leisure for other things, and Mr. Tower's remarks had given him (the speaker) the opportunity to publicly say how much he was indebted to his wife. Then as to the children. They were very dear and near to his heart. He had worked for the poor children of Bradford for a long time, for years before the Cinderella Show was thought of, and it was for the children's sake he had consented to go on with the secretarial work again. This was no one man's work, and he had been loyally helped by the committee, and each year they had handed over £50 to the Cinderella Fund for the poor children of Bradford. This was a magnificent result, but he wanted to double it before he laid down the reins, and after that night they would hear no more talk from him of resignation, until such time as the National Show had handed over £100. The handsome present they had given him would always remind him of the many friendships he had made in the Fancy, friendships of the nearest and dearest kind.

About the Britishers.

Mr. F. Archer, the president of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., had been announced to present the prizes of that club, but owing to indisposition he was unable to attend, and his place was taken by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, who had warmed himself up for the occasion, and by his humour caused his remarks to be punctuated by roars of laughter. Dropping into the vernacular Mr. Cowgill interspersed his speech with many a "Bit of Yorkshire." He said: "I much regret that the president of the club, Mr. F. Archer, isn't able, owing to a touch o' t' influenza, to be wi' us to-neet to do this here job, and as I'm one o' t' vice-presidents I've been ass'd to tak' his place. I don't knaw what to say, but Mr. Lane has put a paper in mi hand, and I see it tells a varry wet blenkit sooart of a story. We've heeard a lot abart wet blenkits to-neet, but this here is a wet un, an no mistak'. It ommust looks as though t' club wor barn to wink up! T' club's been i' go now for summat like five or six year. I wor in at t' start, and I can tell you we made a gurt effort to 'stablish it. It's gone on all these here years, but hasn't made mitch heeadway. I'm sorry to say that the support given to t' British Bird and Mule Fancy by Yorkshur fanciers isn't at all encouraging. British birds and Mules are two o' t' principal features of any good show, and two o' t' greatest attractions, especially to them as isn't fanciers, and its high time that our Yorkshire fanciers took more interest in this side o' t' fancy. This club has had a hard struggle, but we keep on. We've had to send t' hat round, but we're worth twenty shillin to t' pahnd. I'm pleased to say that if we have had to struggle we've paid wer way, and we're out o' debt. I can tell you, though, that we are just out —— well! we're on wer uppers, an that's t' truth! I know it's a bit of a strain on fanciers to belong to sitch a lot o' clubs, but I do ask 'em to do their best to help t' Yorkshur County British Bird and Mule Club."

The winners were, open section, Mr. T. H. Inman, Dr. Wilson, and J. Lane; amateur section, Messrs. J. Isherwood, B. H. Wilson, and J. Wilson. Dr. Wilson said he was sorry there were not more members in the club. He would do his best to find some more, and also endeavour to get a friend to give them a challenge trophy of some sort.

YORKSHIRE UNION MEETING Continued.

The Cinnamon Marks.

Mr. A. Brown presented the prizes to the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. members, and in so doing, said the club had been through a very trying time during the past year. They had to thank their old secretary, Mr. R. Garnett, for coming to their assistance at a most critical moment, and helping them forward. They also had been helped by Messrs. Towers, Cooper, Sandiford, and Carl, and he had also done a bit himself. They wanted help. There were some who thought and said the Fancy was declining, but he hardly thought so. Still, when an impression of that sort got abroad it did much harm, he, therefore, asked for the support of every breeder of Cinnamon Marks. The breed should be kept to the front. He urged fanciers to make a strong effort.

The winners were, open section, Messrs. F. Allen, C. Morrison, whilst Ogden Bros. and Jim Bailey tied for third and fourth places. Amateurs, Messrs. Myers and Lumb, S. B. Grayshon, and C. E. Hall. Novices, S. Binns, S. Wood, and B. Wood.

"Ahr Albert" Missing.

When the time came for the Open Norwich Club specials to be presented it was found that Mr. Albert Hirst had been forced to leave to catch the last train, so his place was taken by Mr. W. A. Wilson, the newly elected president of the club, and he announced that Mr. Joe Thomas had promised to present gold medals to future winners of the challenge cup, but no member was to take two medals. The present cup had now been won outright by Mr. Thomas, who had also won the Sandiford cup. Mr. Heap had won the Thomas Rose bowl, and coffee-pot, and Mr. Harland came next. The open novice winners were Messrs. W. H. Ball, H. Clegg, and H. Toac. The successful junior novices were Messrs. H. Birkbeck, J. W. Ingham, and H. Lord, whilst Mr. W. Johnson had taken the Ramsden special.

Mr. R. Halliday, in proposing a vote of thanks to the donors of the prizes, said they were greatly indebted to the gentlemen who had so generously helped. It took a great load off the mind of the club committee. Mr. F. Armstrong, in seconding, said that it was only by the generosity of which Mr. Halliday had spoken that the Fancy could go on, as specialist clubs could not possibly meet their outgo from the members' subscriptions alone.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, in replying, said he was sure it was quite as much pleasure to the donors to give the prizes, as it was for the members of the clubs to receive them. Looking round at the heavily laden tables, he said that seeing all these barometers and blankets put him in mind of a Cage Bird fancier who fell ill. The doctor told the wife that she was to put her husband between the blankets, and to take his temperature with a thermometer. When the doctor came again, he asked if she had followed his instructions. She said she had put her husband between the blankets, but not having a thermometer she had laid the barometer on his chest, and when she looked it had gone to "very dry," so she gave her husband a bottle of beer, and it did him so much good that he was all right. Concluding, Mr. Ramsden said "Those who have won barometers to-night will know now how to use them. So far as my specials are concerned I shall have great pleasure in repeating my offer for next season."

The Press.

Mr. Towers said they were all indebted to the Press, and seeing that Mr. Brunskill was present he would like him to say a few words. Mr. Brunskill thanked Mr. Towers for his kindness in referring to him, and hoped the company could not forget that without the Press the Fancy would not be much. Fanciers should support the Press all they could. It was a great pleasure to be present at such a gathering,—a gathering which could with profit be copied by many other parts of the country.

The Workers.

Mr. House proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and committee. They all knew that without good organisation such gatherings could not be carried out successfully. Mr. Towers responded.

During the evening the musical portion of the programme was most ably sustained by Messrs. J. E. Priestley, M. Speight, W. Smith, and G. H. Hawley. The humorous sketch "Trying to oblige his wife," which the last named gave, caused much merriment, and Mr. Smith's rendering of "Glorious Devon," was indeed glorious, and received well-merited applause. Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought the gathering to a close.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Its Methods.

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from the Countess von Hahn referring to the work done by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. On behalf of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE I have great pleasure in agreeing with much of the Countess von Hahn's letter. It is well known, and very greatly appreciated, that the R.S.P.C.A. has done, and is doing, eminently praiseworthy work in preventing the subjection of animals to unnecessary suffering and cruelty, and it is also well known that, when four-footed animals are concerned, the society does an immense amount of good in preventing, as well as punishing. Unfortunately, the word animal, for the purposes of the 1911 Act, includes birds, and it is in connection with the methods of the R.S.P.C.A. when dealing with birds that we, as birdkeepers and bird lovers, have our grievance. The inspectors of the Society whose duty it is to prevent cruelty to beasts of burden are all more or less skilled in their especial duty, and the veterinary surgeon to the Society has, of course, an expert knowledge of horses. The inspectors who visit bird shops, and lodge complaints against the shop-keepers, know nothing whatever about birds and their keeping—this they have had to admit time and again in the witness box. The veterinary surgeon who corroborates the inspectors' evidence as to the condition of the birds himself has to admit that he knows little or nothing about birds, and in a recent case proved this by chloroforming four Linnets because two of them had diarrhœa.

These men do not caution bird-shop keepers. They simply walk into a bird-shop and buy any bird they can find in what they think is a dirty or ill-used condition. This they carry straight to the veterinary surgeon, who promptly chloroforms the bird, and says in his opinion, which he admits is worth nothing at all, it had been subjected to unnecessary suffering. These are the methods against which Mr. Trower is protesting, with every justification, and they are quite different to the methods, very rightly upheld by the Countess von Hahn, adopted by the officials of the Society in cases of cruelty to four-footed animals.

For particulars of membership, badges, etc., see page 163 last week.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
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How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

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THE FOREIGN BIRDKEEPERS' AND EXHIBITORS' LEAGUE.

A Successful Send-off.

Sir,—If proof were wanted that the foreign bird Fancy required wakening up in the direction of exhibiting and show classification, surely the magnificent response awarded to the promoters (Messrs. Silver and Frostick) of the inaugural meeting of the above, which was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn, W.C., on Wednesday, the 5th March, was sufficient to show that the matter only required to be tackled in a business-like manner, and the necessary support of the bird-loving public would be forthcoming. The meeting was a large, enthusiastic, and fully representative one, and must be pronounced an entire success. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Miss Lydia Clare, Miss Flo. Harris, Mrs. F. Thynne, Mrs. H. Schluter, Messrs. G. Collingbourne, Chas. Cooper, J. Dewhurst, Frank Finn, John Frostick, Chas. Harris, F. Knight, C. A. Luer, Rosslyn Mannering, C. T. Maxwell, W. H. Mugford, J. C. W. Meadows (Luton), J. Montgomery, P. Pearson, H. Schluter, Allen Silver, A. J. Shipton, W. A. Shepherd, F. Thynne, T. R. Trower, S. M. Townsend, R. J. Watts (Watford), and V. Wynn. Mr. T. R. Trower was elected to take the chair, and, after a few encouraging opening remarks, called upon Mr. Silver to outline the proposed scheme, which he did in a very lucid manner, with the evident approval of all present. Letters of regret at inability to attend, but in full sympathy with the movement, and offers of support, were read from the Marquis of Tavistock, Lady Morshead, the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Miss A. B. Smyth, the Rev. G. H. Raynor, Messrs. H. D. Astley, John Andrews, Frank Howe, C. H. Row, W. Swaysland, G. Rattigan, W. T. Rogers, J. Robson, A. S. Treasure, J. T. Edmunds, J. Weir, and Wesley T. Page. A proposition that the league be formed was carried unanimously, Mr. Pearson proposing that the word "keepers" should be added to the title, was seconded by Mr. Cooper, and carried. The following is a list of officers elected: President, Mr. A. Ezra; vice-president, Mr. C. T. Maxwell; patrons, Lady Morshead, the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Mr. H. D. Astley, M.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. the Rev. G. H. Raynor, M.A., and Mr. Gerald Rattigan; chairman, Mr. T. R. Trower; executive committee, Miss L. Clare, Mrs. F. Thynne, Messrs. J. Dewhurst, John Frostick, H. W. Meadows, J. Montgomery, W. T. Rogers, W. A. Shepherd, A. J. Shipton, and R. J. Watts; auditors, Mr. C. Cooper, Mr. Rosslyn Mannering; hon. treas., Mr. J. C. Schluter; hon. sec., Mr. Allen Silver, 303, High Road, Streatham, S.W. The annual subscription was fixed at 3s. 6d., in order to bring the privileges of membership within the reach of all. A proposed classification for 29 classes was handed round, and in the event of this being accepted at one prominent exhibition in London, arrangements will be made for the guaranteeing of a certain proportion of classes by the league. As funds come to hand it is hoped to extend the offer to all societies who already give at least six classes for foreign birds. This is probably all that can be done during the first season, but with the hearty co-operation of all bird-keepers much may be accomplished. The following donations were offered towards the objects in view: Mr. Trower, £2 2s., and the offer to guarantee a certain number of classes if the proposed classification was adopted at a selected show; Mr. Allen Silver, two silver cups: Mr. John Andrews, silver cup; Mr. C. T. Maxwell, £1 1s.; Mr. Montgomery, £1 1s.; Mr. J. Schulter, £1 1s.; Mr. Chas. Harris, 10s. 6d.; Mr. C. A. Luer, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Meadows, 10s. 6d.; Mr. R. J Watts, 10s. 6d.; Mr. John Frostick, 10s. 6d. The question of suitable headquarters was settled by Mr. Montgomery generously offering the committee the use of a room free at 24, Duke Street, Piccadilly, S.W., where it was decided to hold the next meeting on March 11th. Hearty votes of thanks to the chairman, the promoters, Mr. Montgomery, and the donors to the guarantee fund closed a remarkable meeting, which, it is hoped, marks a new era in the history of the foreign bird Fancy. It now rests with exhibitors and others interested to prove by their actions that they are not apathetic to the efforts that are being made on their behalf.

JOHN FROSTICK.

Suggested Classification for 29 Classes:—

(1) All species Cockatoos and Macaws.
(2) Grey Parrots and Amazons (i.e., all species *Chrysotis*).
(3) All species Love Birds, Passerine and Lineolated Parrakeets, and all birds belonging to genus *Brotegerys*.
(4) All other species Parrots and Eclectus.
(5) Green Budgerigars.
(6) Cockatiels, Common Rosellas, Redrumps, Quakers, Alexandrine, Common Ringneck, Blossom-heads, Rosa, Malabar, Moustache, Derbyian, Nicobar, and Greatbilled Parrakeets.
(7) Lories, Lorikeets, and Hanging Parrots (*Loriculus*).
(8) All other species Parrakeets.
(9) Yellow Budgerigars, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese and White Java Doves.
(10) Grey Javas.
(11) All species Mannikins (Black and White-headed, Tricoloured, Bronze, Spice, Pectoral, Yellow-rumped, Bib, Quail and Chestnut-breasted Finches, etc.).
(12) All species Weavers, Whydahs, and Combassous.
(13) Common Ribbon Finches, Silverbills, Zebra and Saffron Finches, and Parrot Finches.
(14) Gouldians, Firetails, Painted, Crimson, and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Pintailed Nonpariels.
(15) All other species Grass Finches, including Masked, Longtailed, White and Ringed, Bichenos, Diamond, Parson, Cherry, and Red-headed Finches.
(16) Common African Fire Finches, Cordon Bleus, Zebra, Waxbills, and Lavender Finches.
(17) Green and Common Amaduvades, St. Helena, Grey, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills.
(18) All other species Waxbills.
(19) Cardinals, all species.
(20) All species, Sparrows, Grosbeaks, Buntings, and True Finches not otherwise mentioned.
(21) All species Serins, Wild Canaries, and Siskins, including Alario, Grey, and Green Singing Finches, Sulphur, and St. Helena Seedeaters, etc.
(22) All species Doves, Quails, and Partridges.
(23) All species Sugar and Sun Birds, Flowerpeckers, Quits, Honeyeaters, Zosterops, and Fruitsuckers.
(24) Scarlet, Blue, Black, Maroon, Silver, Blue, Violet, Olive, Palm, Superb, Archbishop, and Tricolour Tanagers.
(25) All other species Tanagers.
(26) All species True Bulbuls (*Pycuonotus*), Pekin, and Blue Robins, Dayal Birds, and Shamahs.
(27) All species Crows, Mynahs, Starlings, Thrushes, Hangnests, Troupials, Cowbirds, Cassiques, and Marsh Birds.
(28) Pied, Albino, Lutino, and Melanistic, or other aberrant plumaged birds, Blue Budgerigars, and Foreign Bird Hybrids.
(29) All other species not previously mentioned, including Birds of Paradise, Manucodes, Touracos, Toucans, Trogons, Tyrants, Shrikes, Woodpeckers, Pittas, Kingfishers, Barbets, etc.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
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J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
JEFFERY JEFFERIS, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middlesex. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms very moderate.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
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W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.
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Get your "Fillup" Feeder in good time.—(Advt. 79.)

Breeders of Yorkshires would do well to refer to Bennett's advt.—(Advt. 543.)

Many thanks for Cage Birds 1913 Annual. I am highly pleased with it.—W. Radmore (Plymouth).

S. Shields C.B.S. will hold their open show on October 25th, their old original date, writes Mr. W. L. Smith, sec.

R. A. Newley is "the" man for breeding and stock cages. Order at once. Address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

We hear from Mr. A. Nicol, sec., that all prize money won at Bathgate Show has been paid, and that specials will follow later.

Have you seen Enoch Tams' advertisement on page 228? If you cannot see what you want in it, send for his new Price List.—(Advt., 572))

Will secretaries please note, writes Mr. J. Stevenson, sec., that the Thrums C.B.A., Kirriemuir, has fixed Dec. 6 for its annual open show.

Please announce in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. Jeffrey, that I have resigned the secretaryship of the Sunderland C.B.A.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of gold medal won by me at the late Crystal Palace Show from Messrs. Trower and Co., writes Mr. T. J. Hose (Clapham).

Mr. John Rukin, so long hon. sec. of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., has resigned, and the new hon. sec. is Mr. A. Martin, 6, Allison Street, Shaw, near Oldham.

I have removed to 19, Fairfield Terrace, Manningham, writes Mr. H. Grange. I intend starting breeding again. I shall be pleased to see new and old friends.

Owing to an oversight, Mr. Harding, of Wellingborough, breeder of Greens, had his advertisement last week placed under "Norwich." Those interested please note.

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., has paid all its liabilities to the London Federation of C.B.S., on its withdrawal from the Federation.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual, I consider, contains a wealth of information and is invaluable to every fancier. I thank you for sending me my copy.—W. J. Dean (Matlock).

At the last meeting of the Bishop Auckland and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. R. Elliott, hon. sec., Mr. H. W. Battye was elected judge for the first annual open show, fixed for Nov. 19th.

We hear from Mr. W. Tallantyre, sec., that the annual open show of the Haltwhistle C.B.S. will be held on Nov. 21 and 22. Messrs. J. Patterson, Chirnside, and T. Dixon, Bedlington, will judge.

At our meeting held March 5, writes Mr. G. Lord, sec. Radcliffe and Dis. C.B.S., we decided to hold our first Feather Show on the first Saturday in July. Room and judge to be decided at a later meeting.

I have been appointed secretary of the Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society, writes Mr. J. Stormont, Glendevon Place, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and all communications should be sent to me.

Will you kindly allow me, writes Mr. W. Hathaway, to remind fanciers about the new new society for Openshaw and district? Next meeting March 19th, at 8, at Good Intent Temperance Hall, Old Lane, Higher Openshaw.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual to hand, and you have indeed "backed another winner," for it eclipses all previous issues. The articles are a credit to the contributors. It is a dirt cheap sixpennyworth.—J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool).

We shall esteem it a favour, write Messrs. Ogden Bros. if you will add to your report of our annual prize distribution that we will give a trophy value ten guineas for competition, in the Y.C.C. We have only decided on this to-day.

I thank Cage Birds and its artists, writes Mr. R. Jamieson, jun., Linlithgow, for the fine drawing of my Light Mule, "Scotland Yet," which appeared on the front page of the issue of March 1. I wish Cage Birds every success.

London and Provincial O.S., Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m., "Raglan Hotel," Aldersgate Street (next G.P.O.). "Questions and Answers." Now then, novices, come and ask questions about your birds, and get them answered by experts, and ensure a successful breeding season. This meeting is free, and all welcome.—(Advt.)

Cage Birds 1913 Annual to hand, bigger and better than ever. It is absolutely indispensable to every fancier. Young fanciers in particular will find it a guide and friend, while old fanciers will find much useful information in its pages. No society official should be without a copy. Truly it is a wonderful sixpence worth. I hope the Annual will have a record sale.—J. S. Napier, hon. sec. Arbroath C.B.S.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays next week CAGE BIRDS will be published one day earlier, and be on sale Thursday Morning, March 20th. All "copy" must reach us Tuesday (March 18) first post at latest.

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The offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive.

We have engaged the following gentlemen as judges for our next annual show, Dec. 6th, writes Mr. Duncan, sec., Clackmannan C.B.S.: Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch, Canaries; Mr. Raine, Cathcart, British and Foreign. A number of classes are to be added to schedule, which the committee hope will meet the wishes of all fanciers in the area (15 miles from Alloa), and they sincerely hope they will have their support. Six new members have joined since last show.

OBITUARY.

The members of Aberdeen and Woodside Bird Associations, writes Mr. J. Lyon, express their sympathy with their esteemed member, Mr. James Sandison, of Great Northern Road, whose wife died very suddenly, and was laid to rest on March 8. The Fancy is poorer by the loss of such a woman, for to her counsel and assistance were due the measure of success achieved by her husband. We all tender Mr. Sandison our most sincere sympthy in his bereavement. May he be given strength to bear up under such trying circumstances.

I do not know whether Messrs. Trower and Co., Food Specialists, of London, have furnished you with a list of the winners of their specials, offered at the last Crystal Palace show, for birds fed on their seeds, etc., but I am pleased to inform you that I had a very pleasant surprise on Thursday morning last, in the shape of a lovely silver medal with gold centre, which I take to be the special offered by this firm for the second best bird in the Canary Classes.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. has issued a very neat book of rules and fixture list for the season 1913-14. It is distinguished by an exceptionally good and attractive series of items arranged by the go-ahead secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, for the entertainment of members on the various meeting nights, and the lectures, discussions, etc., should bring out a great deal of valuable information anent to the hobby. Fanciers desirous of joining should communicate with Mr. Wynn (22, Park Lane, Piccadilly, London, W.).

The Norwich P.C. Patronage.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club should write to Mr. F. Cunliffe, sec., 19, Lark Street, Burnley.

Long Service Appreciated.

The committee and members of the Markinch C.B., etc., Society, held a smoker in the Galloway Inn, March 8th. Mr. John Thomson, sen., chairman, called upon Mr. Adam Grant, the oldest member of the society, to present Mr. Arch Mitchel with a marble timepiece, for his valuable services rendered, first as secretary, and afterwards as president, during a period of 27 years. Mr. Geo. Mitchell was also presented with a timepiece for his services as secretary for the last 17 years. Both gentlemen very suitably replied, and hoped the society would go on and flourish. A very pleasant evening was spent in song and sentiment.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.)
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)
Oct. 25.—**South Shields C.B.S.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen St.)
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street).
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
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My advert. of Goldfinches brought me 19 applications, and I disposed of birds on Monday. I thank all those who wrote me, but could not reply to all of them. "CAGE BIRDS" is undoubtedly a fine advertising medium, people writing me from all over the British Isles.—W. D. Eley (Mumbles).

I am pleased to say my advert. in last week's "CAGE BIRDS" sold me eight birds to people who called to see them. My Norwich hens are now all sold; enquirers please note. This speaks volumes for "CAGE BIRDS" as the best advertising medium. I also had several enquiries from different parts of the country. Wishing our splendid paper every success.—T. A. Hathead (Purley).

Wild-Bird Life.

March Notes.

We are now in the middle of the month of March, and we feel that we have safely passed the worst of the winter, and that although we may get the usual cold cutting winds, we are not likely to have any long period of bad weather. The wild birds are particularly forward; one can hardly see how it could be otherwise, as food has been plentiful, and there have been no adverse climatic conditions to check their progress. Rain we have had in abundance, but this does not appear to have much effect upon adult birds; it is the frost and snow, and the consequent absence of food, that throw them back and deplete their numbers. We are so used to having a single Robin in our gardens, that two of them continually together is an almost startling sight, and, somehow, hardly seems natural. The pair haunting the writer's premises are on the most affectionate terms, and can hardly move without each other. They are constantly peering into odd corners, and appear to pay particular attention to a clump of ivy straggling over an old tree stump, and climbing on the fence. We hope they will find hereabouts a spot to their liking, but fear the ancient elms or the old brick wall, with many cosy nooks in it, surrounding the park will have the same attraction for them as in former years. Even if this should be the case, we shall not lose our familiar friends altogether; they are constantly in the garden, and one, at least, is practically with us all the year round. In selecting nesting sites around buildings and in gardens it always appears that wild birds show more fear of domestic animals than of human beings. A cat or dog constantly running about will do more to prevent birds nesting than the owner's continual presence. Human beings they get used to, and place confidence in, but not animals, for of these they are always suspicious.

THE PHEASANT.

Along the thick hedgerows and in the woods the strident call of the cock Pheasant is now a familiar sound, and if we wander quietly along the edge of the plantation he can often be seen out in the open, accompanied by his soberly-clad partners. The plumage of the male bird is rapidly assuming its most gorgeous colouring, and no wild birds of the woods is such a striking object, his size alone would attract attention, and added to this is a ruddy breast, greenish iridescent neck, and bright red face. His walk is a strut of conscious importance, that tells one plainly he considers himself the Lord of the Woods.

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I have received an order for Mealworms from South Africa, also an order for Husk Nests from Budapest, Hungary, writes Mr. T. Pearson (Royal Menageries, Greenwich).

The Crested Hen, 1st Carlisle, is sold, Mr. John Main, Aberdeen, being the plucky purchaser. I had so many answers to my advert. in "CAGE BIRDS" that I cannot reply to all. All those who sent a stamp I replied to, but wish to thank all.—George Goulden (Carlisle).

Kindly allow me through "CAGE BIRDS" to thank all those who replied to my advertisement, for they were too many to answer singly. I wish all readers success.—J. Morris (Nantymoel).

Kindly thank all those who answered my advert. for Budgies and Cockatiel. I had so many replies (and still they keep coming) that it is impossible to answer all individually. I disposed of the four Budgies and hen Cockatiel to one person, who answered by first post Saturday. With all good wishes for your most helpful paper.—A. Munday (Axminster).

I had 12 replies to my advert. for the two Goldfinches. Please thank all those who replied, as I cannot answer them all.—W. G. Taylor (Southall).

I have had over one hundred answers from my advertisements the last three weeks. Will you please thank all those who answered them, through "CAGE BIRDS," as I cannot write to each one individually. Whenever I have anything to sell I can always do so through "CAGE BIRDS."—J. A. Robinson (Rushden).

Grand result of my last advert. under "Norwich"; nearly all sold. Everyone satisfied I have sent to.—C. Hillmen (Aufield).

BIRD KEEPING IN A NORTHERN AVIARY.

The Interesting Experiences of a Lady Bird-lover in the North of Scotland.

Concluded from page 213.

Besides the large rhododendron in the aviary, I have a cypress bush and another of box wood. I try also to grow hop and clematis; but these have not been very successful, in spite of my efforts to shield them from the attentions of the Bullfinches, etc. As a matter of fact, I find Canaries are as destructive as anything, and my Twite-Canaries are certainly great delinquents. Grass grows over about half of the ground space. The Spice Birds seem to be very fond of eating the tender blades.

Some time ago I noticed in CAGE BIRDS a correspondent stating that to cure bronchial trouble in Canaries a good plan was to turn them into an outdoor aviary. I wondered at the time if it was said in satire! But I may say that one of the two hens in my aviary was put out last May, after a winter indoors, and she had become decidedly "wheezy" (in spite of "cough mixtures" and supposed cures). I was afraid that she would probably get worse, and perhaps succumb during the winter. Instead of that she seems to be quite cured, and I have not heard her cough or wheeze for long, and she does not seem to mind the cold at all.

Nothing Could be Prettier.

Early in the year I was fired with enthusiasm, on reading an article in CAGE BIRDS about Waxbills, to put up a separate aviary, in the sunniest spot I could find, entirely for Waxbills, in the hopes that I would get them to breed. This is a very snug affair, with a span roof partly glass, and a shelter house 3½ft. x 6ft., the flight being 8½ by 6 and a good height. I have a large species of reed planted at one side, which grows to about 6ft., and an artificial grass bank and a box shrub, besides other twigs, etc. Nothing could be prettier than the little Waxbills disporting themselves in and amongst these. I put in originally 9 Grey, 4 Orange-cheeked, one Golden-breasted, and a pair of Cordon Bleus. They got the length of building three nests, all on the ground, and all belonging to Greys; but they did not lay any eggs to my knowledge. I am sorry to say that their number is now reduced to eight, including the cock Cordon Bleu, who now seems very hardy, and the Golden-breast, who is the smallest of all. I hope if they come through the remainder of the winter that they may achieve something next summer.

In May I was given a fine pair of acclimatised Gouldian Finches, and, as I knew they were delicate birds, I decided to put them in with the Waxbills. I turned them out in June, and in July they went to nest in a cigar box inside the shelter house. On August 7 I heard interesting sounds proceeding from the cigar box, which grew louder and louder each day, and on September 1 five fine youngsters put in an appearance in the flight. The youngest of these must have fallen from the nest and been injured, and he died that same night; but I still have the other four outside, in spite of all weathers. I also have their mother. The cock, alas! I have lost. On my return after a fortnight's absence in October I found him dead, as also all the second nest full of youngsters, which had hatched just before I left. The hen had evidently ceased to feed them when the cock died. Had I been at home I might have succeeded in hand-rearing them, as they were partly feathered and well grown.

Something Worth Doing.

The cock was a very fine bird, a Black-head, and always in perfect plumage. I do not know what was the cause of his death, but presumably a chill. The young ones seem quite hardy, and should, I think, come through the rest of the winter all right. I cannot yet tell their sex from their plumage, but I have seen two of them singing for all they are worth, and probably have two cocks and two hens. I shall buy another cock for the old hen, and try my luck again. I think it might be worth while to build up a strain of hardy Gouldians!

To return to the aviary. The Goldie and the Bullie hen paired off as soon as the cock was taken out—she never seemed to miss him at all. This I consider decidedly strange, and I am awaiting with interest to see what will happen this spring, as these same birds are again flying loose in the aviary, and they say that Bullfinches pair for life. The hen built a nest in the "scrub." I may mention that in the flight grows a large rhododendron, which I prune judiciously, making it send out new shoots where required, and on the branches on the side which comes under the tarpaulin I tie large bunches of heather, juniper, and withered bracken. These make a sort of "jungle," which provides cosy roosting places, and delights the heart of mother Bullfinch when selecting a site for building purposes.

Not to be Imposed Upon.

In her first nest she laid two eggs, which I exchanged for Canaries, which looked very much like her own, but she must have detected the deception, for she deserted at once and laid no more there. The two I removed I placed under a Canary, but they proved unfertile. She then repaired into the shelter and built a nest in a clump of whins in the corner. She laid four eggs, but something happened, as I found two thrown out, and she deserted again. Having no Canary ready, I gave the remaining two to a fancier, who had a convenient hen just beginning to sit on 5 eggs. One got broken in transit, but the other egg hatched out, and the young bird lived for a week, but being small it got "smothered out" by the young Canaries.

Nothing daunted, the Bullfinch built another nest higher up in the whin. It was so well concealed that it took me several days to spot it without interfering too much. She sat her full time on 3 eggs, but nothing came of them, though one was fertile. On giving up this lot she built another nest outside, in the "scrub," and, laying four more eggs, again sat her full time. I was just on the point of leaving home again or I should never have done what I did, but thinking the eggs were overdue and useless, I removed them, replacing them by 2 Greenfinches' eggs on the point of hatching, as I wished to see what she would do. I broke my "useless" eggs, one, two three, and the fourth, alas! contained a bird about a day off from hatching! My feelings at that moment were not to be envied. The Bullie hatched the two Greenfinches and was feeding them when I left home, but on my return a week later they had entirely disappeared, and I do not know what happened to them.

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A HARDY ANNUAL AT THE PALACE SHOW.

Mr. Walter Swaysland, of Brighton, is a well-known and popular figure at the Crystal Palace Show: his generous distribution of huge boxes of matches is deeply appreciated.

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SOME PROBLEMS OF MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING UNRAVELLED.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 189.

What new varieties of Hybrids would you consider worth trying for?

While I have seen some breeders put up pairs for Hybrids which revealed either a sad ignorance of species or the possession of an abnormal development of the bump of faith, the number of crosses which, though as yet unproduced, are not outside the bounds of probability, is very large. I find that Hybridisers are strangely averse to trying for anything new, and would rather devote time and patience to the improvement of some variety which has already been proved possible of production. The Canary-Bullfinch is a conclusive proof of this lack of initiative on the part of Hybrid breeders. The pairs I would suggest for experiments would be, Siskin-Bully, Hawfinch-Greenfinch (reversing the sexes if more suitable, or preferred), Crossbill-Bullfinch, Chaffinch-Greenfinch, Bramblefinch-Greenfinch (this latter I have proved possible by breeding and rearing a youngster of this cross to 12 days old), and Linnet-Chaffinch (this also I have verified, quite a number of fertile eggs being obtained from this mating by a Fife fancier last year. I would strongly advise transferring the eggs from the two last-named crosses to a Chaffinch's nest.

Will it prove Fertile Soil?

The Bunting family is virgin soil in which to experiment, as though I have seen quite a few claims to the production of Yellowhammer-Canary Hybrids, all have failed to stand the test of analysis by the best experts. I would confine my Bunting experiments to the crossing of the various members of that genus, such as Corn-Snow, Yellow-Cirl, Reed-Meadow, It will be seen that by reversing the sexes quite a number of crosses are "possible," any of which would, if a good specimen, be a triumph of hybridisation. These eggs would also be safer transferred after they had been proved fertile, as though I have succeeded in Canary rearing both Bunting and Chaffinch, the number of failures does not bode well for the chances of rearing their Hybrid offspring.

Of Hybrids between insectivorous species we have few, if any, instances. I remember seeing an account of Thrush-Blackbird being obtained, but apparently the event failed to create that stir which a new variety of Hybrid generally raises, which is scarcely to be wondered at, as the resemblance such a cross would bear to a hen Blackbird would probably result in its being declared a "rare-feathered" specimen. We have had quite a few such masquerading as Hybrids. The breeding of the Grey Wagtail in confinement by Mr. Nicholson, of Stockton-on-Tees, should stimulate interest as to the possibility of crosses between the various members of this graceful and charming family. In the Warblers the same may be said. The success which has crowned the efforts of that prince of aviculturists, Mr. Teschemaker, of Teignmouth, to breed these in confinement has opened up a vista of possibilities. Of these I am inclined to favour the Blackcap-Greater Whitethroat as being the most likely to be successful. The 'Gale, Robin and 'Starts, members of the same sub-family, are not unworthy of consideration from a Hybridising point of view. If we include all the foreign Finches, Buntings, Larks and Starlings, and weigh up the chances of crosses with their British relatives, we cease to wonder why the foreign section has such an attraction to the Hybridiser. Possibly he dreams of a time when a National Board of Avicultural Research, instead of watching species live their lives out in a zoo, gives hybridising the same attention floriculture gets at Kew, and sees beyond the present to a future when our land shall resound with strange bird voices, and our woods and hedgerows shelter birds of gorgeous plumage, as a result of our old-world avifauna having been blended with that of the new.

(To be continued.)

A photograph of a well-known South-country lover of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, Mr. G. W. Saunders, of Sutton, Surrey. This fancier has been very successful on the show-bench; a few of his trophies and winning birds are here depicted.

The Blue Niltava.

By HUBERT D. ASTLEY, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., Etc.

Many of our readers were delighted with the opportunity of admiring the chaste beauty of the charming Blue Niltava exhibited by Mr. H. D. Astley at the London C.B.A. Show, and pourtrayed by our artist, Mr. H. Goodchild in our Birthday Issue. We are sorry, indeed, to learn of the death of this exquisite little bird, and are much indebted to Mr. Astley for the following notes.

A good many aviculturists have seen the beautiful Rufous-breasted Niltava, with his brilliant purple-blue upper parts, but few except those who went to the L.C.B.A. Show at the Horticultural Hall, in November last, have seen the Blue Niltava. The male bird's head, back, and tail are real sapphire-blue; his cheeks, throat, and breast being black; and his under parts snowy white. I believe that my bird was the only one in Europe, certainly in England, and I only exhibited him once, and never shall again, for he died a few weeks afterwards. A sad loss! Mr. Goodfellow brought him over from S. China last summer, when he, at the same time, imported the rare and lovely Mikado Pheasants from Formosa. The Blue Niltava is a native of China and Japan, is a migrant, and may be seen, I believe, in certain parts, seated in flycatcher-like fashion on tombstones in cemeteries, or on other posts of vantage, his mate accompanying him, looking very different with her pale brown colouring. In the sunshine this blue bird is most beautiful, and I cannot bear to think of his loss, for I took him last September for a two months' stay in Italy, so that I could care for him during his moult, which he successfully accomplished. There I was able to give him plenty of black meadow crickets, which he much appreciated, and he never, until after he had been to the show, evinced any signs of ailing; not that I wish to imply that his death was due to his being exhibited.

He used to come out of his cage, and would sit and sing his charming song. His notes gave one the impression of a Robin's, mingled with wilder metallic sounds, reminiscent of moorlands and heaths, of Whinchats and such-like denizens of the uplands.

Up to the time of his fatal illness he had always appeared strong and healthy, though inclined to corpulency, so that one had to limit his food supply, and allow him plenty of exercise. He would take a mealworm from my fingers, and was a great bather, plunging in to a bath two or three times a day.

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The Evolution of the Canary.

By, J W. CUTMORE (Liverpool).

A Lecture delivered before the Anfield, Everton C.B.S.

It is sometimes asked, which came first, the bird or the egg. When commencing to breed Canaries, we usually procure the birds first, but perhaps the best starting point for a talk of this description is with the egg. The external appearance of a Canary egg is familiar to everyone here, so I will only describe its internal structure. The diagram No. 1 shows the kidneys of a bird and the female organs, the ovary and the oviduct. In the male there are two small oval bodies on the kidneys, which are as large as peas in the breeding season, but as small as a pin's head in winter. These are the tests. In the diagram (Fig. 1), the ova are shown very prominently; one ovum is ready to pass into the oviduct, where fertilization takes place When the ovum is ripe it passes into the upper portion of the oviduct; here it is surrounded by the spermatozoa, which have worked themselves up through the oviduct from the cloaca where they have been deposited by the male, perhaps only a short time previously, or it may have been days. One or more spermatozoa find their way into the germinal vesicle and fuse with the contents; impregnation follows.

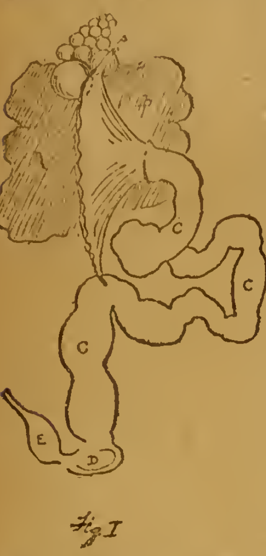
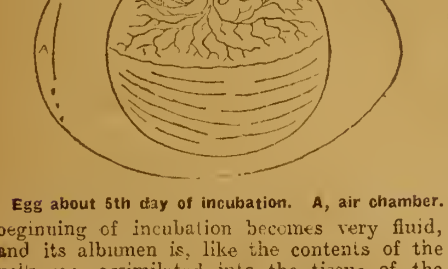


Fig. 1: A, ovary; B, kidney; C, left oviduct; D, cloacal chamber; E, abortive right oviduct.

On Its Way to the Outer World.

The egg, having been received into the oviduct, is propelled in a spiral course by the peristaltic contractions of the walls, and receives from the glands of the lining membrane a mantle of albumen, or the "white of the egg," which contains 86 per cent. of water. At the ends of the egg the white shows like twisted cords acting as elastic pads to steady the yolk. The egg passes on to the part of the oviduct where the shell membrane gives the egg its final shape and covering, first a skinlike lining, and then the shell. At the broad end these coverings tend to separate and form an air-chamber between them: this is not noticeable in a fresh egg, but makes its appearance and increase in size as the white of the egg loses in bulk from evaporation. When the egg shell is completed, the egg is protruded into the lower chamber (the cloaca), big end foremost, and out through the vent by violent contractions of the wall of the cloaca—the egg is "laid."

The whole mass of the white of the egg between the shell and the yolk soon after the beginning of incubation becomes very fluid, and its albumen is, like the contents of the yolk sac, assimilated into the tissue of the young embryo. A few days before hatching it is used up completely. The whole embryo changes its position in the egg about three days before hatching, so as to be lengthways in the egg, with its beak touching the delicate shell membrane where this forms the inner wall of the rapidly increasing air-chamber at the broad end, and on about the 12th day the beak, furnished with the hard "egg-tooth," is thrust through the inner shell membrane, and the bird begins to breathe the air contained in the chamber. Thereupon the heart becomes active, and the blood flows freely to and from the allantois. (See B Fig. 2.) This old supply, "the allantois system," dries up, and the navel through which it had supplied the nourishment closes. The chick by repeated filing motions pierces the shell at the broad end with its egg tooth, that little white speck formed on the end of its beak, (a small crack is sufficient to break the egg), and steps or tumbles out into the world—it is "batched."



Egg about 5th day of incubation. A, air chamber.

The length of the period of incubation varies in different birds, with large birds it is longer than with small ones. Climate and season have their influences, high temperature above the normal does not hasten incubation, but a lower temperature retards it; an occasional slight cooling of the egg retards the development of the embryo.

An Indication of Energy.

We pass on now to the fully developed bird. A bird has been described as an organism round a stomach Birds are big eaters; this largeness of appetite is an indication of strength and energy; little appetite, little energy is a rule that holds throughout nature. Of course, the appetite alone without proportionate digestive power would be worse than useless. In all birds the alimentary canal is well developed. (See Fig. 3.) In the seedeaters the crop is a distinct sac, in which the food is first retained; then it passes on to the stomach proper (the proventriculus), where the soft food is digested, the harder food passing on to the mill (the gizzard), where it is crushed up by the aid of the stones swallowed, and the contraction of the muscular walls of the gizzard. The food is then fine enough to be acted upon by the digestive juices from the liver and pancreas in the duodenum (small intestine). The breathing apparatus in birds is very powerful, the lungs are not large, but have the addition of air sacs along each side of the body, the bones are also hollow.

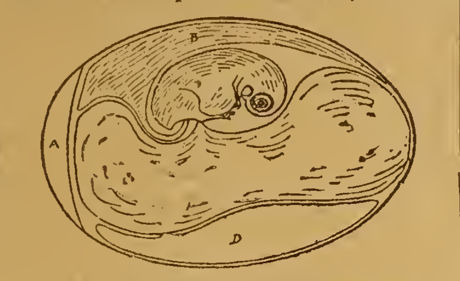
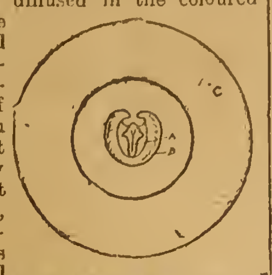


Fig 2: Egg A, advanced stage of incubation. A, air sac; B, allantois; C, yolk; D, white.

A feather is an elaborate growth, especially those of the "tail" of a Peacock or the wing of an Albatross, but it is nevertheless an epidermic growth similar to our finger nails, or to the scales of a reptile; when fully grown it is more or less a dead thing. All feathers are concave underneath for resisting pressure from below, feathers do not grow all over the body, but in tracts. Moulting is a reptilian characteristic, inherited from their remote ancestors (these ancestors we will deal with later on). Most birds moult completely in the summer or autumn; many have in spring a partial moult at which only small feathers are shed. The colour of the feathers is produced by pigment, or by structure, or by the combination of both. First, the so-called chemical or absorption colours are always due to colouring matter, which may exist in the form of a solution diffused in the coloured parts, or in the form of pigmented corpuscles, distributed in and between the cells of various parts; such colours do not change under any position of the light or the eye; black, red, and brown always belong to this class, orange and yellow mostly, but rarely green and never blue.



After about 86 hours of incubation. A, embryo; B, area vasculosa; C, yolk sac.

Some of the principal colour pigments are: Zoomelanin (black), an animal colouring matter distributed in shapeless little corpuscles. Zoonerythrin (red), such as seen in the Red Cardinal and Scarlet Ibis. Zooxanthin (yellow), such as seen in legs, feet and beaks of birds of prey, etc., like zoonerythrin, it is a coloured fatty oil. Brown is the result of a mixture of red and black colouring matter. There are other colouring pigments, such as turacin, found in the wing of the African Turacou, and easily extracted by acidulated water, but these do not concern us here, as we are dealing with the Canary.

The Case of the White Canaries.

As there are white Canaries now, we may consider this lack of colouring matter. White is never due to pigment, it is due to there being an innumerable number of interstices between the molecules (feather structure) or the air cells in its substance. The whole substance of a white feather is colourless, its texture forms a fine network which diffracts and reflects the light. Yellow, as seen in the Orioles, and green, as found in Love Birds, is produced by the combination of a certain pigment with a special structure of the colourless part of the feather. Blue has not been discovered as a pigment, blue feathers contain only orange or brownish pigment, the blue appears on the outer surface structure of the feather. *(To be continued.)*

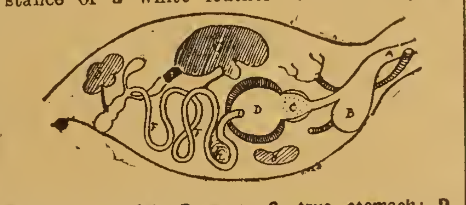


Fig. 3: A, gullet; B crop; C, true stomach; D, gizzard; E, pancreas; F, intestines; G, lungs; H, spleen; J. kidneys.

The Thrush and the Malewurrms.

AN ILLIGANT STORRY AV A BROTH OF A BURRD!

Our esteemed contributor, Mr. J. Steel, Dalkeith, sends us the following contribution. There seems to be poetry, as well as pathos, lurking somewhere in its depths, but we print it in prose form as received.

"Sure, it's busy ye are, Pat, this marning; it's the illigant trinch yez have made. Is it the landschape your afther adarning? Be the powers, yez can handle a spade." "Misther Faney, it's glad aim to say yez, for it's misery loves company, they say, and me heart and me back's far from aisy, what wid sorra and digging this day, but sit down and loit up your dhudeen, and yez may just take a luk at thot can. Yes, thim's wurrms, and its digging the same oi have been. There's a tousand in there if there's wan. But its betther you'll be understanding, since its absint you've been for a whoile, if oi till yez now why oim dispandint, what wance was the loif of Straboyle. De yez moind me woif's brudder, Dan Glaincy, him what lives down beyant at Portrush? Well, he came on a wisit last Saint's-day, and he brought her a foine singing Trrush. Sure the crathur brought joy to the cabin, for the bhoys wid their colleens would come, and sit round the dure ov an avening, whoile it sung till decloine ov the sun. Sure to hear it 'ud done your heart good, Fane; aven the hunthers would come home our way, and sthop for a whoile at the fut ov the lane, and listhen to ut's swate meloday. And sometimes a colleen would favour, wid such songs as rach all Iirish hearts, and the burrd 'ud choime in and sing wid her, and in swate 'Gra Machree' take a part. But black gloom now rists over Balliney, and me Norah's near out ov her wits, and its all Sackville Strate to a pinney, that this moment she's in hoisterics. Oi was planting the praties last Friday, whin Tim Brinnen's bhoy brought me the wurdd, 'You're to come home at once, Misther Grady, for there's something gone wrong with the burrd.' Oi was aff, Faney, loike a lamploiter, but oi knew better far than go home, for oi moinded Phin Dooley, the writer, kept some burrds, and had a tillyfone. And, though his place was a good tin moiles distant, Killmeded Post Office was two, where me brudder Dan's bhoy is assistant, he'd ask Phin what he thinks oi should do. Sure Dan's bhoy soon got talking to Dooley, and they gabbled away for a spell, oi was asked to state simpytums fully, and advoised to get Cage Burrds' Nut Shell. 'Put wan fourth ounce ov spirits in its wather, if it caffed, then give some gloicerine, some male wurrms in the cage I should scatter, and be sure that oi kipt its fate clane.' Sure the spirits ut first was a tazer, for how could we waigh out potheen, till Mike Healey, what knows waits and measures, say ov drams in an ounce there's sixtane. But the male wurrms they bate us complately, sorra won the blamed riptoiles cud sex, Nid Malloy swore faymales differed greatly, for the haymales had rings round their necks. For a whoile, Fane, oi thought we'd have ructions, so sez oi the way out the fix, and to carry out Dooley's insthructions, is the whole wurrms and nutshells to mix. So we dug wurrms ov all sorts and soizes, and turned in a hundred or more, but the number of faymales surprised us, for the whole but won cript to the flure. Phin, the house is a loive wid the varmints, and me wolf's chasing hins in her slape, it's a score more ov ducks we are wanting, to ait up the wurrms that escape. But oi mane to kape at it till Froiday, for oi gave Misther Dooley me wuurd, that from now oim a constant subscriber, for our Trrush owes its loife to Cage Burrds."

"BALDNESS" IN BULLFINCHES.

A CONSIDERATION OF ITS CAUSE AND CURE.

By Mrs. M. B. PARTRIDGE (Worthing).

I think these notes may interest readers of Cage Birds, and I hope that some will correct, and instruct me, if my assertions prove incorrect.

A hand-reared cock Bullfinch, born in 1909, an exceptionally fine bird, developed after his moult this year a yellow scaly disease extending across the back of the skull over the right eye and the edge of the ear. My usual treatment of sulphur and glycerine was apparently too strong for this bird, for the skin became inflamed. Therefore I applied daily, by means of a fine camel-hair brush, Jeyes' fluid, in the strength of three drops to a tablespoonful of water, which caused baldness. Internally, I gave a dose of Epsom Salts, as much as would lie on a sixpence dissolved in his drinking water, for one day only, followed by half a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in water on alternate days, plain water on the other days. After about a fortnight, the scale loosened and came off, leaving healthy skin underneath.

The Trouble Re-appears.

Unfortunately, I was called away from home, and had to put the bird back with the others, and on my return I found that the disease had broken out again badly. After a few more days of internal, and external, treatment, a small scab came off, which I examined under the microscope. It was really too thick to see the structure very clearly, but fibres like branches of trees interlacing were easily seen. Finding the bird inclined to be slightly thin, I gave Parrish's chemical food in his drinking water for a fortnight, which did him much good. After more treatment a tiny scab with feathers attached fell off, and the disease disappeared from the head, the parts round the eye and ear being the last to become clean. At first I feared loss of sight, for it was very difficult to paint so close to the eye, and the constant lowering of the nictitating membrane showed weakness.

When the skin was quite free from scales I rubbed in fresh lard on alternate days, and soon small papillae bearing tiny feathers appeared. These I see daily growing, and fresh feathers breaking through the skin, but in patches (instead of in lines, as usual) thus showing where the softest parts of the skin are. As the bird looks well, and is lively and full of song, I believe the perfect gain of new feathers will be only a matter of time.

The Conclusions Arrived at.

The following points have suggested themselves to me:—1. The disease is a fungus growing on the epidermis only. Proof:

(1) When the scale comes off, the skin is soft, and healthy, underneath.

(2) The presence of these scales does not cause loss of feathers, but the treatment with Jeyes' fluid did.

(3) When the scale is gone, and the skin softened, feathers reappear.

2. The disease is generally (though not in the case quoted), the result of malnutrition. Hitherto, I have found birds thus afflicted in a very thin condition, but this one was in very good condition, with bright shining plumage, and in song.

3. The disease is non-contagious.

4. The disease is peculiar to Bullfinches, probably to middle aged or old birds, and probably due to their being deprived in captivity of the animal food, e.g., flies and insects that they would get in the wild state.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

IS IT AS GOOD? (Miss M. L. B.).—I myself prefer the homely egg and bread or biscuit prepared fresh as often as required. See last part of reply to "Willie, Belfast," in last week.

SWANSDOWN LININGS (R. O.).—(1) Yes, it is necessary to stick the linings in the pans with some adhesive. (2) Ordinary flour or starch paste is perhaps about the best thing for the job, being at once handy, harmless, and effective. A little common flour mixed to a stiff cream with cold water and used sparingly is sufficiently adhesive, although any ordinary paste or "sticker" may be used. (3) It is not necessary to cut out the lining over the holes in the nest pan.

TREATMENT FOR OVERFED HENS (G.M.D.).—By far the best plan would be to keep an eye on the birds from about Christmas onwards and prevent them getting into an overfat condition by limiting the diet both in quantity and quality, if necessary, as soon as they appeared to be getting beyond a condition of moderate plumpness, and giving them plenty of space for exercise. It is quite late now to commence reducing them. Keep in the largest cages you have, as it is rather too late to run them in groups in flights, and allow only a teaspoonful of seed per bird per day. Give only plain canary seed for two days, then equal parts canary and rape for one day, and the next day equal parts canary and white millet, and repeat this course again and again until birds are sufficiently reduced. Give a liberal supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after that six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of calumba for three or four days.

CANARY QUERISTS

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BLEEDING WINGS (E. Warrender).—It is quite useless washing or interfering with the bird's body to prevent red mites. As I am frequently pointing out, these pests harbour in the cage or quite near, and visit the birds only at night. It is quite possible for a cage so recently limewashed as yours to be infested, so you may make a good search about it and its surroundings. On the whole, however, I am inclined to think your attentions to the birds are the cause of the bleeding and loss of feather. Do not wash her again this side the breeding season. Keep mites at bay by regular weekly dressings of the cage with some such insecticide as essence of quassia, but do not disturb the bird. Just touch the ends of perches, joints of floor, and any likely harbour, such as cracks, open joints, or nail holes with a small camel hair pencil dipped in the fluid. Touch the sore places with Lanocyllin three times in one week. I suspect the birds were not really ready to mate, so if the hen has made no preparation for nesting, separate them for a week or ten days, and treat both birds as advised to "Brighton" last week for a backward cock.

A POINT OF HYGIENE (Room, London).—You do not mention the size of the room in question, but if it is of ordinary dimensions, and sufficiently well ventilated for the requirements of human occupants, I do not hesitate to say there would be no risk whatever to the health of a person sleeping in the same room, always provided the cages were kept scrupulously clean. As a matter of fact, if the cubic capacity of the room was too small for the living occupants, or ill-ventilated, so that the air became vitiated and impure the birds would be the first to suffer, so as long as they thrive and flourish and are kept in a perfectly clean and inoffensive condition, their health may be taken as a fairly safe indication of the hygienic conditions of the surroundings.

THE ETERNAL HOPE (A. Jordan).—It is a pity you were so badly advised when you bought the birds, as they were clearly not ready for mating, and the season was also too early. This is the sole reason for the nesting material being pulled about and wasted. To prevent further errors of this kind, you would do well to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d, post free, from our manager, and be guided through the coming season by the information you will find there. Meantime, take away the nesting material, and do not give the fresh supply until you see the hen going often into the nest pan scratching about, turning round, and calling to the cock. Then, if the cock is attentive and copulation is taking place, you may give a supply of material, and things will go more satisfactorily. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three-parts canary to one part summer rape, and add the extras advised to "Brighton" last week for a backward cock, but do not give the medicines in water, as these are not necessary for your birds. For the rest of the season, you will find full information in the handbook mentioned above.

NORWICH HEN ILL (Silarie).—I am afraid the hen will be of very little use for breeding, and you would be best advised to bar her from the breeding cage, and get instead an active healthy hen. In addition to the staple of plain canary, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on these days give also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a seed mixture composed of two parts each of hemp, niger and charlock; one part each of millet and teazle; a half part each of thistle, linseed and broken groats; and a quarter part of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece every second day for a week, and in the following week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

UNRESPONSIVE COCK (Novice, Lincs.).—You are quite correct in your surmise that the cock was not ready for mating. Having this suspicion, it is difficult to see what you could expect to gain by mating them. There is really nothing to gain by such a procedure, but much may be lost, as when the hen is coming forward nicely, as was the case with yours, putting them together incites the hen to start nesting, and, in many cases, to produce a clutch of eggs which are quite useless. Separate the birds again, and if the hen has got forward with nesting and you can get another cock which is a suitable mate for her, and in good condition and full song, let him take the place of the one you remove for the first nest at least. In this way you will avoid having a first clutch of unfertile eggs. Cage the cock you remove alone, give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, mixed together, and treat him otherwise the same as advised to "Silarie" in this issue for two or three weeks.

OUTDOOR BIRDROOM (Experiment).—With the exception of two details, I think you are quite on the right track, and may safely go ahead and carry out your idea. The exceptions are that you purpose building with five-eighths inch wood, but do not say whether you intend to make walls single or double. If the former, your timber is scarcely substantial enough to maintain a fairly even temperature, and you should add a lining inside of thin boards and fill in the space between with wool waste or sawdust. It will be well worth the extra outlay and trouble. The ventilators you mention at each end will, I assume, be high up near the roof, and will be exits for vitiated air, but you make no mention of any inlet for fresh pure air. This must not be overlooked, and should be placed low, near, or in the floor. As the floor will be raised off the ground, I would suggest an airway underneath and a ventilating grid for inlet in the centre of floor. The birds will certainly flourish in such a place without artificial heating.

MATES, AND CROUPY COCK (M. O. P.).—(1) The best age for mates for your young birds bred last June is either 1911 or 1910 bred specimens. They must, of course, match their mates in typical points quite irrespective of age, which is of minor importance compared with physical features. A 1912 bird, early bred for preference, if it matches its prospective mate in typical points, would be preferable to an older bird that did not match it. (2) I would not advise you to breed again with the old cock that makes "a croupy noise." See that he is in a comfortable place free from draughts. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give this every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, teazle, millet, and gold of pleasure. Give two or three dandelion leaves daily. In the water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for three consecutive days, and afterwards five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken in the water every second day for a fortnight.

VENTILATING SHED (Perplexed).—Thanks for your letter with sketch and further details, which put the query much more clearly. With a little trouble the shed adapts itself excellently to very efficient ventilation. Take away one board from the ceiling midway between partition and window, or, if they lie in the other direction, remove one from the end over the window to the partition leaving the ceiling untouched beyond the partition. Then, in the highest angle of the end of the window, or rather as high as the angle will allow you to go, cut out a space six by four inches, and in the middle of the side containing the door cut out another space six by four near the floor. Cover both these spaces with perforated zinc, a separate piece nailed over on the inside and outside in each case, and the sheets arranged so that the zinc of one sheet eclipses the holes in the other when looking straight at it. This will prevent draught, and provide good ventilation when the door cannot be kept open. The shelves for cages will be best placed on the end at the side of the window, the side in which the door is placed, and the partition facing the window. The side opposite the door will be too draught-swept when the door is open, I fancy, so the most I would advise you to have on that side is a large flight or stock cage, placed near the centre. This side would do best for storing seeds, appliances, etc., on shelves or in cupboards.

CREST AND CREST-BRED (F. Wood).—Thanks for letter. You were clearly under a misapprehension, which I am pleased was removed by last reply. There is nothing to add to that reply about the mating of the two hens, save to say that the one with the most perfect crest, irrespective of size, is the one you should mate with the Cinnamon marked Crest. You would do well to read up the chapter on the Crest and Crest-bred in Part XII. and XIII. of "Our Canaries," also the article on mating in the current CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

BREEDING IN LARGE CAGE (J.W.C.).—Your cage is small for running two hens and one cock together. You may succeed, and you may not. It is so much a question of the temperament of the birds concerned that only the actual experiment can decide the matter. You would have had a much better chance of success if you had made the same space into three separate compartments, the bottom one 3ft. 4ins. long, and 19½ins. high, and above this two compartments, each 19¼ins. high, and 13¾ins. long—that is, allowing ample space for the dividing partitions. You could then run a hen in each of the upper compartments, and work one cock with them alternately, or, if you preferred doing so, make up two distinct pairs by using both cocks. The lower compartment would have served the purpose of a nice roomy flight to transfer the young birds to when able to leave the hens. See reply to "A Constant Reader" last week about running two hens with one cock.

YORKSHIRE HEN WITH INSECTS (P.A.N.).—Although you say the hen is in good condition, it is a singular fact that these insects, which are grey lice, almost invariably attack birds that are weak and out of condition, and the panting, failure to moult properly, and the fact she is the only bird in a group of many thus infested, all seems to point to the fact that she is decidedly below par. The quickest and surest way of dealing with the insects is to hand-wash the bird twice with an interval of a week between, and in the first and second waters add a teaspoonful of creolin to each pint of water. Whilst bird is drying, well wash out its cage with a similar solution. Remove the bird to a moderately warm temperature until the weather gets mild and settled, and in addition to a staple diet of plain canary seed, give a small teaspoonful of scalded rape every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of the cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water add twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three. After the first week feed her as advised for a backward cock to "Brighton" last week.

DIET FOR ROLLER SCHOOLMASTER (Constant Reader, H.R.).—A staple diet of good German rape, with a quite mild nutty flavour when a little is chewed in the mouth, is best for a schoolmaster. Reject any dusty samples, or one that "bites" the tongue when chewed. For extras give the same as advised to "Hoopoe" last week, or get the Nutshell booklet on the "Roller," for full details of feeding. You cannot safely prevent the birds coming into breeding condition as Spring advances, especially as you are compelled to keep them in the same room as your breeding stock. The most you can do is to limit the supply of mixed seed and such stimulating foods. Give only a small pinch of mixed seeds about every fourth day, and a small teaspoonful of egg or biscuit food once a week only. As the birds' staple diet will be rape, add one part of good sound canary to the seed mixture. Give a fair sized spray of green food daily throughout late Spring and Summer. It is a bad plan to keep your schoolmasters among the breeding stock. It would be much better to keep them quite beyond ear-shot, and transfer the young cocks as soon as ready from the breeding room to that occupied by the tutors.

A WRONG STEP.—(J.F.).—If the hen has not made any start at nesting separate the birds again for a fortnight, and meantime feed up the cock. The hen seems sufficiently forward, so if you feed her the same as the cock for the last four or five days of the fortnight's separation, it should be quite sufficient. Give the cock a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of egg-food, or crushed sponge cake, with half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure mixed in it. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed in it. Give two small dandelion leaves daily. If the hen has been given nesting material, take it all away until after the birds are re-mated. In case the hen has already commenced nesting, you can do nothing but let nature take her own course, and hope for the best.

MISSING CLAWS (F. T. Craig).—It is difficult to say whether the missing claws will be reproduced or not, as you give no idea how long they have been lost, or of the cause of the loss. In most cases the total loss of a claw is permanent, but the rule is not invariable. I have known a claw torn out by being caught in the wires reproduced in about six months, and in other cases lost claws have regrown after the lapse of more than this number of years. Keep the cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and try the effect of bathing the feet for a few minutes three times a week in a lukewarm solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of luke-warm water. After bathing dry carefully, and anoint them with a little Lanocyllin. You may also try the treatment advised to "Brighton" last week for a backward cock, to bring out his song.

PREPARING CAGES FOR BREEDING (Breeder).—Provided you dried the cages well and allowed the odour of paraffin to pass off in the open air before putting the birds in them, there could be no harm in saturating the woodwork with paraffin before starting to breed. Neither, if the above conditions were fulfilled, could any real good come of it for preventing mites later on in the season. The only reliable way to keep red mites at bay is to thoroughly overhaul the cages before starting to breed, and then maintain constant vigilance throughout the summer to prevent any settling in any likely harbour. It is utterly useless thinking you can paint something over the cages now, and then take no further concern about them all through the summer. Read up my article in the last birthday number on this subject. (2) Beyond a nauseating effect, I do not think the smell of paraffin is particularly harmful to birds. It is a case where one might reason by analogy. Imagine yourself cooped up in a close room, the walls of which were washed over with paraffin, then, surely you would not inflict a similar existence upon a bird. (3) It is early yet to mate birds. The last week in this month, or first week in April is soon enough.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT BIRD? (D.P.H.).—Your bird is the Guira Cuckoo, which, in the aviaries of Lord Poltimore, nested and fully reared one young bird in 1911. Diet: Insectile mixture, live food, and finely minced raw meat. Do not overdo latter. The live food can consist of caterpillars, beetles, cockroaches, mealworms, and almost any kind of larvæ or pupæ the garden supplies. This species is not parasitic. It will be better to give as much live food as possible, and not too much raw meat.

TALKING BUDGERIGAR (Alice Hobert).—Such are not common. At the same time it is merely a case of patient training and attention. I should think the mating would not check its loquacity, though when busy with a brood it might only talk at intervals, or perhaps stop for a short period. Budgerigars breed both in cages and aviaries—more freely in the latter. They do well out-of-doors, and are usually very prolific. Aviary birds seldom talk, however, and any you want to train must be taken quite young and caged. Budgerigars are charming birds in an outdoor aviary.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (Retlaw).—No, the birds certainly would not, or very seldom indeed, go under the partition. What I advise, as the shed is already well lighted by a window, is to board up from the ground to eaves, and only leave open the entire angular portion under the roof. When altering the roof of flight—wood to wire netting, I advise letting the roof of shed overhang flight by from nine to twelve inches. I think you would find the above alterations fully meet the case. You might make a wooden shutter, hinged at back, which would partly cover the flight, to be propped open during the day and let down at night; also during long periods of wet or severe weather. This could be easily arranged with ordinary skylight fittings. What I mean is, the present covered portion of flight could be strapped together to form a hinged shutter, which could be raised and lowered at will; wire netting, of course, being stretched beneath it.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Polly, London).—I do not think you need be under any apprehension. Your bird is a young one, and the earlier moults are irregular with such. Keep it where it will get light and air, be out of draught, but not in a stagnant corner of the room. Give it the following seed mixture (do not allow it to feed entirely on sunflower seeds): One quart each canary and white millet; one pint each hemp and white oats; half a pint each dari, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, half handful of chillies; well mix and keep supply in cage. Dry biscuits, ripe fruit, nuts and greenfood, also to be regularly supplied. Keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage, and keep grit and sand scattered over the tray. While the moult lasts put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates every other day into the drinking water.

IS IT SUITABLE? (J. Fraser).—Yes, the sketch suggests a very suitable small aviary, which at the same time could be made very much more so by the addition of an all-wire flight the same size as shed at the south end. The cost would be very small, and you could grow in it grass and cereals. It would tend greatly to the welfare of the birds. All that would be required would be to erect two 2in. sq posts parallel with the south end of shelter, 6ft. from it; connect these at front, back, and ridges with tie rods, 2 x 1 inch, and a skirting board (9in.) at base of end and front, and then stretch wire netting over it and put in a few branches and turn one of the wire netting spaces in south end of shed into a hinged door to give them ingress and egress from the shed. If your Budgerigars have the constitution they should breed for you this season, presuming they are true pairs. I should not screen off any portion of the shed.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

WHAT BIRD? (D. E. Pithie).—I am rather at fault re the bird you describe, and incline to the opinion that it is in mature plumage and may eventually alter at the next moult. As it is already beginning to talk you certainly obtained it cheaply. I will keep the query by me and try and define if for you a little later. Re the Passerines, some pairs of these are very wild at first, and I can only advise perfect gentleness and quietness when attending to their wants, gradually accustoming them to the sound of your voice, and keeping them where they will not be subjected to hurried movements in their vicinity. With some it is a work of time, but complete confidence should ultimately come. As to how long it takes, this is very variable with respective individuals.

AVIARY QUERIES (G. S. W.).—You give me no idea as to what groups—Parrakeets or Finches—you prefer, neither do you give county, etc., thus my reply must be limited entirely to reasonably hardy species. Here are two selections, either of which you might have, but you must not mix up the two selections: (1) 1 pair each Zebra, Bib, Ribbon, Spice, and Green Singing Finches, Avadavats, Bengalese, Silverbills, Golden-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½, Nutshells Nos. 16 and 20, 2½d. each, will tell you all about food and management for the above varied and pleasing series. (2) One pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds, and either Cockatiels or Ring-necked Parrakeets. "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit," 7d., and Nutshell No. 18, 2½d., would guide you as to feeding and treating above.

GREY PARROT (W. Wood).—You must give me more details. You give me no idea at all. Is the parasite internal or external? If the latter, dust the affected parts with insect powder. You have evidently let it get into a very bad state before asking for advice, but I cannot help you till you give full details, and also tell me how you are feeding it. In the meantime get bottles of Dinneford's Magnesia and Byno-phosphates from your chemist, and put one teaspoonful of the former into the drinking water, stirring this up several times during the day. After an interval of three days repeat the dose; on the others days, that is when not giving the magnesia, stir half teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the drinking water.

PIGEON-COTE AVIARY (R. H. Walsh).—In the first place, unless the cote is well lighted, the birds will not use it. Introduce a square or two of glass, sufficient to make the interior quite light, but all glass must be covered with netting on the inside. Also make one or two holes, say, six inches square, for the birds to go in and out by close up under the roof, as well as one larger one lower down. I do not think I should attempt to do too much filling up. I advise as under: Get mates for the Ring-neck, Red-crested and Dominican Cardinal, and the Ribbon Finch. Also, you could include pairs of the following:—Rosella Parrakeets, Blue-wing Lovebirds White Java Sparrows, Saffron Finches, Red-eared Bulbuls, Pekin Robins, Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers, Cowbirds, Glossy Starling, and an additional pair of Budgerigars.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (Waxbill).—(1) You should put this bird in a roomy cage till early in May, and put half-a-teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in its drinking water every other day; let it have a bath every day if it will take it, and keeps a millet spray continually in the cage, and as soon as you can get sound green food, free from frost, give it a tuft daily. I take it you have an outdoor aviary; if so, you should turn this bird out of doors in mid-May, and leave it there, at any rate, for the summer, and I opine it will recover tone and plumage. (2) I know several aviaries which contain holly, and which the birds use, but I should not personally care to have this for the sole evergreen. I should add a box or some kind of cupressus as well. The common broad-leaved laurel is a good aviary bush, so is euonymus, fir, privet, hawthorn, etc. If you were to give me dimensions of aviary and what it already contains, in the way of plants and birds, I could give a more definite reply.

NEW ARRIVALS (Nemo).—(1) It is impossible give you an adequate reply in this column. Our Nutshells Nos. 6 and 9 should help you, 2½d. each from our manager. All birds, on arrival, need careful nursing. Clean cages should be ready for their reception, and they should not be crowded together, but given conditions which will enable them to feed and rest comfortably, and so recoup after the voyage. They have no chance kept together in a crowd. The room in which they are put should be airy, and at the same time not draughty, and the atmosphere temperate. A few drops of fluid magnesia (Dinneford's) and some form of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water is beneficial. Of course, the birds should have only clean, sweet, wholesome food, and grit should only be given with caution to hardbills at first. Care must also be exercised that the birds do not over-drink, which often occurs when the water supply has been restricted en route. These are general directions, which may be said to apply to all species. (2) Birds in a weakened or debilitated condition are very liable to be so attacked, and on the first sign of parasites, wash them in a tepid solution of quassia, and when dry, dust with insect powder. (3) Our Nutshell No. 19 gives full details. These birds need ripe fruit ad lib.; soft food and live insects. On arrival a little milk sop is very beneficial, and also for a little time afterwards—condensed milk, boiling water, crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, and a little Mellin's Food, mixed rather sloppy. Bathing the eyes with a solution of rose-water and zinc is very beneficial. (4) Bathe the nostrils twice daily till relieved with a tepid, dilute solution of glyco-thymoline. (5) A good simple preparation is one part each ants' eggs and dried flies and two parts each crumbled sponge cake and biscuit (arrowroot biscuits are good). In a dry state this will keep indefinitely. For use, take the required portion and make it crumbly moist (not sticky wet) with boiling water; then afterwards stir in a little grated carrot or minced lettuce. Note.—The birds must be kept under observation, as most of the complaints referred to are contagious, and ailing birds should at once be isolated. Kept together in a crowd, and practically no period of rest after arrival, it is not surprising if mortality is heavy.

PARROT WITH SWOLLEN EYE (Constant Reader).—The eye must be cleansed with tepid water and then bathed with a dilute rosewater and zinc eye solution (from any chemist). At the same time keep the bowels moving quite freely with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water), but the bird must not be scoured. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, it would be well to put half-a-teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking; continue the above treatment while the trouble lasts. Stop giving the bread sopped in tea, but if it cares for the moistened bread, then moisten the bread in a little sweetened water. It should have some kind of ripe fruit daily, and occasionally a nut. Keep cuttlebone in the cage, and it will be well to promptly remove the voidings. Apparently the mouth is a bit slimy also, get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and put a little in its mouth. I have found it easy to give this on end of a stick, most species being quite ready to nibble the end of the stick; but the stick must be cleansed each time previous to dipping it in the mixture. I should say the trouble had arisen in the first instance by a draught catching the eye.

PAINT FOR INSIDE AVIARY (B. S. F.).—Hall's washable distemper is a good preparation if put on thinly and evenly, and allowed to dry hard before the birds are turned in again. Duroline is another similar preparation, and answers equally well. Both preparations can be put on with an ordinary distemper brush, as they are of about the same consistency. It is well to wash walls and woodwork with a strong Condy's Fluid solution before applying the colour preparation. A pale sea green shows up the birds well, and there are very few colour harmonies it clashes with.

AILING GREY PARROT (J. E. K.).—Continue to use the Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but there must be no appearance of scouring. In addition to the seed, let it have ripe fruit liberally, the biscuit is wholesome, it can also have a nut or two occasionally. Keep cuttlebone and grit in the cage. It should be kept in a warm but well ventilated room, yet out of the reach of draughts. I should bathe the nostrils daily with dilute glyco-thymoline. Also it would be the better for half-a-teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water on such days as you are not giving the magnesia. Report progress a fortnight hence.

LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (W. H. B.).—(1) "Foreign Birds for Beginners" tells you how to manage Budgerigars, and many other birds, and the Madagascar needs the same treatment as the Budgerigar, with one exception, that is, a roomy box is a better nest receptacle than a husk for this species; the box must be closed all round with, say, a two-inch circular hole for entrance near the top at one side, or a small barrel would answer equally well; also you must supply it with leaves, pieces of thin bark, etc., which it will carry into the box and construct a nest with. (2) An Alario Finch or a Cape Canary (Grey-necked Serin) would be the better bird for such a cage. It is not roomy enough for a Pekin Robin. (3) A little sweet apple, if they will take it, or lettuce (tender and fresh), but you'll soon be able to get flowering or seeding grass now. They can also be given a little of any sort of salad on hand that they will nibble at.

WILL THEY LIVE OUT OF DOORS? (B.S.F.).—I should not care to risk the Shamah as company for small Finches and Waxbills, unless the aviary is a very roomy one, and the demeanour either of the Loo-choo and Japanese Redbreast is also doubtful; the Robins have not yet been tested out of doors, but unless your locality is in the extreme North, if the aviary has a good weatherproof and well lighted shelter attached to it, I should have no hesitation in leaving them out myself, providing they had been out the whole of the summer. All the other birds you name could be successfully wintered in a properly constructed outdoor aviary, and if not too crowded, should agree well together—a little sparring always occurs during the breeding season.

WAXBILLS NOT AGREEING (E. A. B. N.).—Even in an avairy, except with gregarious species, I never advise more than one pair of each species, and in a cage, if any attempt is made at nesting, three pairs would be fatal, and I am sorry to say that spiteful cock Cordon Bleus are by no means uncommon. Personally I have never found either Avadavats, Orange-cheeks, or Gold-Breasts disagree, and I think you would be safe in keeping, say, Avadavats and Gold-Breasts (Zebras) together, or Orange-cheeks and St. Helenas, or Green Avadavats and Cordon Bleus, if you take the precaution of putting a cocoanut shell or rush nest at each end of the cage; but generally speaking, if breeding is attempted within the limits of a cage, the better plan is one pair to each cage. However, individuals vary very much, and I have seen a crowd of a score or more Waxbills living quite happily within the limits of the so-called "Crystal Palace Aviary." Under the conditions of cage life, plucking each other bald is a vice Waxbills are very prone to, and the only remedy is to isolate the plucked one till in good feather again, and if the plucker persists in his vice, it must have a spell of solitary confinement also, whatever happens. I think I should leave the cock and two hens together, and chance it for a time at any rate. I should say it would be best if you could arrange an exchange, and only keep one pair of Cordons. I fear Firefinches would be quarrelsome if they attempted to breed with other species in a cage. If you have not got our Nutshell No. 20, I should advise you to get it; it will help you.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (Gould).—You cannot do much more than you are doing. You might try a little crumbled sponge cake moistened with a little boiling milk, and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over it. Some Gouldians will peck at a slice of sweet apple, and a small lettuce leaf. You should grow grain for them in half-a-dozen pots on a sunny window sill, and watered regularly according to the weather; one pot could be cut over daily and supplied to the birds. As regards the canary and millet seedlings, they benefit even from the pecking of it, and undoubtedly some little is eaten. Get some Lark turves and put these either in pots or small boxes, and treat as above, and you'll easily be able to keep up a supply, no matter how built in you may be. Moreover, during the season it should be easy to arrange with some cottager in the country to send you up a supply twice a week for a trifle. Take the nest away for a time, unless it contains eggs, in which case leave it, as it will check the attempt to produce others immediately; but if there are either eggs or young, leave them and treat as above. Keep cuttlebone in the cage, and put half-a-teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water daily for a month. If you take away the nest, do not return it till mid-April. The bird evidently is not fully in condition, and she is finding the sudden atmospheric changes trying.

ROCK PARROTS (Rock Parrot).—I am afraid that keeping birds mated does check their propensity to talk. The excitements of married life are too much for him, and for the same cause I am afraid you cannot check the shrieking of the hen; it is pure excitement. I am glad to see they have the liberty of the room, and if you hang up for them a small barrel or log-nest, they will undoubtedly breed. Some of the excitement of the hen may arise from house-hunting and being unable to find what she requires. There can be no given quantity; the appetite of respective individuals varies too much; it's a case of filling the tins and replenishing as required, especially with birds getting ample exercise.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

BREEDING QUARTERS (G. Heath).—You might very likely succeed in the Crystal Palace aviary, but I have no hesitation in saying that a good big box pattern breeding cage would be by far the more suitable.

HAND-REARING BLACKBIRDS (R. Piper).—Get a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Blackbird (only 2½d. post free), and in it you will find the method of hand-rearing described, together with much other valuable information.

A SMALL INDOOR AVIARY (R.M.C.).—Your feeding is far from correct. Surely you must have often read that wild-seeds are for occasional use, not for use as the staple item of diet. Stock seed mixture should be: Canary and teazle two parts each, summer rape and sunflower one part each. Also make up a mixture of wild-seeds two parts, niger and maw half-part each, and vary this with hemp, giving a small tablespoonful of each alternately, every second day. It will no doubt be better to hang the seed and water outside, but make some provision for a bath.

FEATHERS KNOCKED OUT (Joey).—It is not uncommon for a bird to lose its flight feathers, generally as the result of a fright, and sometimes the tail feathers are lost as well. If it happened in the night, no doubt the bird was startled—sudden noise, or light, mouse, cat, etc., possibly (who knows?), a bad dream—when it would dash madly about the cage for a time, losing its feathers in the process, until its alarm subsided. No permanent harm is likely to accrue; no doubt the Mule will have his new feathers all spick and span in 6 to 8 weeks from the day of the accident. If wakened suddenly (startled) birds are very liable to take fright and dash about panic-stricken.

HEN BULLFINCH SINGING (F.W.L.).—You do not own a unique specimen, as the hen Bullfinch always "sings" quite as well as the cock when she is "feeling fit." Hens, too, learn to pipe tunes quite as proficiently as do cocks. One of the best piping Bullies I ever listened to was a member of the gentler sex.

THREE WOODLARKS (O. S.).—There is not any certain way of sexing Woodlarks, except by the song. Cock and hen are very similar in plumage, though the latter, contrary to general rule, is usually the better colour and the better in markings. The male, however, as in the case of the Skylark, is always the bolder in bearing, more fearless and "cocky" in manner, and can be told with certainty by those well acquainted with the species. I should think that the one which has never sung is a hen. Could you not try putting it along with the known cock—or the two cages side by side and watch their behaviour. You should soon then be able to accurately arrive at the sex.

INTO THE UNKNOWN (E.E.S.).—As a Hybrid between Magpie and Jackdaw has never yet been bred, my answer can only be more or less guess-work. It does not occur to me in the light of an impossibility. Your birds certainly seem determined to put the matter to the test, and I hope you will let them go ahead and see the matter through. The fact that the hen Jackdaw is building a nest proves that she, at any rate, is in deadly earnest, and I have no doubt that the Magpie will ably aid and abet her. Whether the Magpie-Jackdaw Hybrid is produced, or whether it isn't, I hope you will kindly let me know how the couple continue to behave, and what progress is made.

CORPULENCY AND MARRIAGE (W. G. Smithson).—The method most likely to bring success would be the mating of (1) cock Siskin, hen Canary; (2) cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch. Still, it would be a far greater achievement to breed Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrids, if only your birds would oblige, as this cross has yet to be obtained. It is useless to attempt to try each cock with each hen; the only tangible result will be "ructions." Make your mating and then stick to it for the season; it is seldom anything accrues from a policy of chop and change, especially where hen Bullfinches are concerned, for they invariably "cut up rough" (very rough) with any fresh husband one endeavours to introduce to their notice. Don't take any notice of slight over-fatness; I would always sooner see my birds a trifle fleshy than a trifle the other way about. Plumpness is no bar to success in the breeding cage—only gross corpulency, such as one sometimes finds in birds getting on into years (Canaries I speak of more particularly). Give the Siskin an occasional mild dose of sulphate of soda; as much crushed as will lie on a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

FEEDING UP THE HEN CANARY (F.H.).—You cannot do better than follow the method advocated in "Canary Breeding for Beginners." In fact, this is the only way to "feed up" hen Canaries to get them into breeding condition; there is no "special way" for muling hens only. As a matter of fact, it is usually bad policy to feed up muling hens at all, for they are generally fit some weeks before one's Finches. Give the hen that is a bit "slack," and wants bracing up, a course of citrate of iron and quinine (see reply to Miss Haydon); this will soon pull her together. Let her have a teaspoonful of egg-food every other day at least. On the days you are not giving egg-food, offer a teaspoonful of mixed hemp and niger seeds.

SEVERAL ITEMS (D. M. Bidwell).—I cannot recommend as a likely muler the Goldfinch with the broken leg, which has "healed the wrong way." The best bird, and the easiest to manage, would be the Linnet. The "correct" time to start is when both the hen Canary and the Linnet are ready; it is no use doing so before. The hen will tell you by carrying about bits of nesting material, and looking for a place in which to deposit them; the Linnet by singing stoutly, having a deep, slate-blue coloured beak, and fussing around the hen. You should purchase the "Nutshell" booklets which deal with the species you mention; in them you will find full details as to sexing, management, etc. The hen Chaffinch is very different in colouring to the cock; and the same remark applies almost as forcibly to the Greenfinch.

A QUARTETTE (Caruso).—(1) I have never tested this point, but should say 3 weeks to a month, easily. (2) The Blackcap is the freest singer, and sings over the longer period of the year. (3) There is little in it, but I should favour the Blackcap, the chief point being the provision of plenty of ripe fruit. (4) I think the Linnet is the best songster of the British seed-eaters. This birds varies much, however, some members of the species being much sweeter and more musical in tone, also with a greater range of notes than others of their kind. Some Linnets are what I can only describe as "Wooden" songsters—jerky in delivery and lacking beauty (roundness) of tone. Others are silvery-voiced, and utter many mellow, quite flute-like, phrases.

BULLFINCH OFF COLOUR (Miss Haydon).—Get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and give the bird a course of this tonic medicine daily for a week. It will also correct any tendency to looseness of the bowels, which will be helped, too, by giving him a small teaspoonful of maw seed daily for a time. Dose: As much of the crystals as will just cover a threepennypiece, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. If necessary, continue it longer, but give then only on alternate days (plain water in between).

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

L. J. Arrigi.—Thanks for cutting which you will see we have utilised.

E. J. Reynolds.—Many thanks for the excellent photos, which we shall have pleasure in publishing in due course.

S. Cooper.—We regret to say that this photograph is not sufficiently clear to permit of satisfactory reproduction.

J. Stout, Jun.—We have read your cutting with interest. It has been held that a cat, like a dog, is entitled to its "first bite." If an aggrieved person can prove that a cat, which has destroyed or injured his birds, was known by its owner to be mischievous in this direction, an action for damages would be likely to be successful. No one has a right to keep a domestic animal which is known to be dangerous to the person or property of others.

H. Saxton.—We cannot understand why you have received no answer. Look in Mr. Page's column next week. We are inclined to think the bird is merely an Ortolan Bunting, an inexpensive bird, sometimes imported in large numbers, and sometimes sold as "Auckland Nightingales," or by some similar ridiculous name.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Abertillery C.B.S.—March 22, Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, 7.30. To select a committee, and other important business.—Geo. Broome.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—March 15, Mr. Hannighan's, 7. Annual meeting, business important. New members welcome.—R. Peart.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—March 18, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on Norwich by Mr. W. Robinson and Mr. H. Boothman. Friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—March 18, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show of muling and hybrid pair; two classes. Judge, Mr. F. Barraclough. Staged 7.30. Entry 3d.—J. R. Colville.

Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.—March 18, Academy Hall, Fort Street, Ayr, 7.30. Annual general meeting. Members please bring unsold social tickets and cash. New members enrolled for ensuing year.—Chas. Irvine.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—March 20, Jolly Gardeners, 8. Show; any age.—John Clark.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—March 18, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Show of British birds, Mules and Hybrids. Classes for all varieties of Hard and Soft Bills; judges, Mr. Mallinson. Friends invited.—G. Morton.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—March 15, Victoria Hotel, 8.30. Auditor's report, balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford East O.S.—March 18, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Selection of assistant judge for annual show and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—March 15, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Arrangement of members' schedule.—F. Western.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—March 19, Lamb Hotel, 8. Table show, Rollers Mr. Short, Goldfinches Mr. H. Brown.—A. S. Treasure.

Clydebank C.B.C.—March 20, Higgins Hall, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. Chas. Campbell, and other business.—William Kane.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—March 19, Crown Hotel, 7. Report of last club show.—J. W. Holms.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—March 15, Fountain Inn, 8. Special meeting; business very important.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh and Dist. C.B.S.—March 18, Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Classification for April table show. Business important. Enrolment of new and old members. Lecture by Mr. Steel (Dalkeith), entitled "British Hybrid and Mule Problems."—J. Charlton.

Garston B.B.A.—March 20, Club Room, 8. Regarding cup and other club business.—G. T. Mullock.

Gainsborough and Dist. C.B.S.—March 15, Central Hall, Hickman Street, 2.45. Washing exhibition and lecture by Mr. C. A. House. Members bring any interested friends.—J. E. Conway.

Glasgow C.B.A.—March 18, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Adjourned general meeting. Election office-bearers; date next show.—W. Hutchison.

Great Horton O.S.—March 15, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special meeting; business very important, re amalgamation.—J. Holroyd.

Heywood O.S.—March 19, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 8. Impromptu speaking. Will members note change of night? Good attendance desired.—James Greenhalgh.

Huddersfield O.S.—March 17, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show. Close of guarantee for first feather show.—Arthur Lawford.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—March 19, Drill Hall, 6.30.—Robert Muir.

Leadgate C.B.S.—March 22, Bambridge's Cycle Rooms, 7. Important business.—Robert Jones.

Leicester C.B.S.—March 19, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnets, Bramble, Chaff. or Greenf., all Brit., all field-moulted. Judging competition. Business important.—J. Cook.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—March 18, White Swan, 8.30. Matched pairs, with illustrations by Mr. Hulse. Table show, pairs for hybrid breeding, and Siskin, Redpoll.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—March 19, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on British Birds by Mr. P. Hart. Fanciers invited.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—March 15, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important business.—Daniel John.

London and Counties A.C.B.—March 15, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Lecture on Norwich Plainhead by Mr. G. Gardner.—G. Stubbs.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—March 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on Pedigree Breeding and Heredity, with illustrations, by Mr. Cutmore (Liverpool). Friends cordially invited.—H. Boothman.

North London C.B.A.—March 19, headquarters, 8. British and Foreign Bird Show; judge, Mr. J. Robson.—P. W. Jeffries.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—March 20, Trinity School, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 7.30. Muling and Hybrid Pairs and British Show; G. Acland, Esq., judge. Birds staged at 7.30. Cup for most points throughout the year. Visitors welcomed.—E. Meades.

Portobello C.B.S.—March [illegible], Masonic Hall, 8. General.—J. Davidson.

Redcar C.B.S.—March 15, Crown and Anchor, Redcar, 3. Members' pair show, meeting to follow; Mr. Milburn judge.—C. L. Mallory.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—March 17, headquarters, 8. General business.—John Bamford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—March 15, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Members' classes, nominate judges, elect secretary.—J. Jeffrey.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—March 15, Club, 7. Table show of British; judge, Mr. G. Smith.—H. Briggs.

Wakefield O.S.—March 15, Crown and Anchor, 8. Important business in connection with members' shows for the year.—J. Isherwood.

Wibsey C.B.S.—March 15, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Annual general meeting; members and intending members please attend.—H. C. Crossley.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Correspondence.

Roller Singing Society for Leigh, Lancs.

Sir,—A very successful meeting was held at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate. The next meeting will be held March 19, at 7.30, when officers and committee will be elected, and we have every prospect of a very good society. All intending members wishing to join should either attend this meeting, or send their names and addresses to me.

J. McAllister (Sec., pro tem.).

1, Brunswick St., Leigh, Lancs.

Partnership Points: How Are They Counted?

Sir,—There has been some little discussion as regards point specials for partners at the meetings of our society, the Abertillery C.B.S. Now, would any member of the Yorkshire C.C. or the Southern N.P.C. kindly let me know how these societies count points in the case of partnerships? By so doing they will greatly oblige their fellow fanciers and members of the Abertillery C.B.S.

George Broome, Sec.

Proposed Amalgamation of Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. and Darlington C.B.S.

Sir,—Kindly insert in your correspondence columns that we, the undersigned, have decided to call a meeting of the members of the two respective societies, to be held at the George Hotel, Bondgate, Darlington, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., to discuss the affairs of both societies, and to endeavour to arrange an amalgamation of the same, so that we may have one good society in Darlington. We shall therefore be glad if all the members of the two societies will use their best endeavours to be present at the proposed meeting in order that we may come to some definite conclusion on the matter.

Arthur Walker,
Sec. Darlington C.B.B.F.A.
Henry Todd,
Sec. Darlington C.B.S.

Appointment of Judges at Gateshead Show.

Sir,—Kindly grant me a little space in reply to "Bobby," re Judges at Gateshead Show. If he is a member of the Gateshead Society I hope he will kindly address himself to the Society. If not, then I cannot see how it concerns him. This question, a one-man affair, was thrashed out at our committee meeting held December 19th, 1912. Furthermore, as far as I am concerned there is nothing to conceal, and if "Bobby" is an honest fancier and a man of principle, he will come from behind his "nom de plume" and prove himself to be such, as in my opinion a man who hides himself in such a manner is afraid of his skin. If he wishes to ventilate his grievance through the Press, then let him show himself, and I can assure him he will receive all he wants. Otherwise he can only expect to be treated with contempt.

J. G. Greason, Sec.

Cockatiel or Cockateel.

Sir,—Although I possess several English dictionaries, not one of them condescends to include the name of this beautiful New Holland Parrakeet. Most people, and most authors (including Greene and Mr. Seth-Smith) spell it Cockatiel, but Mr. Wesley Page and Dr. Butler prefer Cockateel. The latter of these two authors says, "The name is usually spelt Cockatiel, but I have followed the more *natural* spelling adopted by the Zoological Society." Perhaps Dr. Butler will kindly tell us why he says "natural." The name in question *must* be a diminutive of the word Cockatoo (which is of Malay origin), but I can't at this moment think of any other English word ending in -iel, or -eel, and denoting a small form of something larger. I wonder who invented the word I have been discussing.

(Rev.) G. H. Raynor.

Newton's "Dictionary of Birds" gives the following: Cockateel, a bird fanciers' name lately invented by Mr. Jamrach, and now in common use, being an English adaptation of *Kakatieljc*, which, in its turn, is supposed to be a Dutch sailor's rendering of a Portuguese word, *Cacatilho* or *Cacatelho*, meaning a little Cockatoo, and applied to the Australian Cockatoo-Parrakeet, *Calopsitta novae-hollandiae*, a favourite cage bird.—Ed.

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PROPOSED BIRD TRADERS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Some Important Points Discussed by Mr. Prior.

Sir,—Every person of either sex who is interested in the keeping of even a single caged bird is under a debt of gratitude to Mr. T. R. Trower, for the vigorous and forceful appeal he issues through your columns this week for organised resistance to an organised tyranny. Particularly would I emphasise the following passages, which I make no apology in asking you to reprint:—

> "We have not done with these prosecutions. The need for banding together to properly fight each one is stronger than ever. Will every bird dealer, bird-keeper, and seed-dealer, help and assist? Or is this only a small explosion to be forgotten when the smoke drifts away? If so, one day the big catastrophe will come, and no wild birds will be allowed to be kept in cages.
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> "The R.S.P.C.A. exists by getting convictions. It is its business, and it and its officers would cease to exist if they failed to do this. . . . . They are supported by a very wealthy and influential set of patrons, and plenty of money to back up their work. . . . . Now, you keepers of birds, will you fight and uphold your interesting and valuable hobby? Are you men and women, English people? Are you going to be downtrodden and have your shows destroyed, because certain faddists choose to call your innocent and enlightened hobby cruel?"

I beg most earnestly of bird-keepers in general, and the trade in particular, that they will give heed to these repeated warnings from thoughtful people who are far sighted enough to see that, unless this unwarrantable interference is at once defeated, our hobby is doomed to extinction. I also cordially endorse Mr. Trower's appeal to shopkeepers to have everything in their shops in the highest possible state of cleanliness and well-doing. The hirelings of the faddists who are banded together to destroy our pastime have minds as elastic in their conception of truth as that of the average Kaffir. It would be suicidal, then, to offer them the slightest lever to a successful prosecution in the shape of a specimen really suffering, even in the smallest degree, from neglect. We have recently seen cases decided in favour of dealers in which the decision has turned on conflicting evidence, or a learned (?) discursion into the weirdest of side issues. These are not the kind of decisions we want. We have to vindicate not only our right to keep caged birds, but also our claim that the keeping of them is not cruel. The wickedly untrue, or grossly exaggerated charges of our opponents have enveloped our hobby in a sinister atmosphere. It is our business to clear the air. It is for us to educate our legislators, the dispensers of justice at our law courts, and the great, broad-minded public (who after all will be the final arbiters if things are pushed to extremities) that bird-keeping is not the atrocity that maudlin sentimentalists and professional humanitarians wish to make it out; and that the branding of the thousands of kind-hearted bird-keepers as persons guilty of persistent cruelty is an abominable insult. It is the bounden duty of every bird-keeper, in season and out of season, to impress the truth of the matter upon everyone who will pay attention.

It is equally the duty of all birdshop keepers to remove the stigma of dirtiness and neglect, which has rested upon them in the past. A dirty birdshop is a weapon in the hands of the opponents of bird-keeping, and the worst possible advertisement for its supporters. It would be most unwise to be unduly elated at the failure of the prosecution to secure the convictions they hoped for in these few recent cases. We may be well assured that they will return to the charge. We know already that "Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just." We have also to thoroughly learn the cynical truth, "and four times he who gets his blow in fust." The dirty birdshop is a vulnerable point in the armour of our defence. It must be attended to. Let the bird-dealer make no mistake; every prosecution is a nail in the coffin of his business; every successful one may be a whole row of nails. The dirty birdshop must go.

There is another matter which concerns exhibitors and their societies. I refer to the practice of scheduling classes for field-moulted birds. I would ask show committees very seriously to consider the wisdom of providing these classes. Birds caught during the current show season are not as a rule steady enough to be shown in numbers together. They may behave fairly well at home, but the exciting conditions of an exhibition are too much for them. One fidgety bird in such a class is enough to set the whole lot racing round their cages; and the sight of a score or so of, for instance, Linnets, taking the two perches and the cage bottom at the rate of three jumps a second, carrying their droppings from floor to perches, and scattering them amongst their food as well, is not likely to convey a favourable impression to the onlooker. Even old stagers are not always proof against panic. The idle, prejudiced, and wealthy class who have thrust this quarrel upon us have already shown us what they are capable of in the way of misrepresentation. Let us take care that we offer them no point of attack which it would be difficult to defend. Let us, above all, cease talking forthwith, and act.

C. Prior.

Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. Trower in a letter says: "The R.S.P.C.A. exists by getting convictions. It is its business, and it and its officers would cease to exist if they failed to do so." Now such a statement is most unfair and misleading about a society which has done, and is doing, so much good towards the protection of all animals from cruelty and neglect. It is not a prosecuting society, but aims to keep people out of prison by publishing and circulating broadcast *Cautionary* placards warning would-be offenders, and its officers are always ready to help and advise people about treatment of their animals. In 1911 25,540 cautions were given, and 7,038 convictions obtained, which bears testimony to the fact that the R.S.P.C.A. prevents rather than prosecutes. Not a single penny of the fines imposed go to the Society, and it is only supported by voluntary contributions.

C. Von Hahn.

The Countess Von Hahn's letter is dealt with in "Cage Birds League" column this week.—Editor.

The Provincial Roller Canary Club's Challenge Trophy.

Sir,—In the first place let me point out that the P.R.C.C. formulates rules of its own. At a meeting held January 8th, 1910, a minute was passed, "That the best bird (young birds, of course) in each class be eligible to compete for cup. These birds to be rejudged." Under these conditions the cup has been won four times. Mr. Firth was made aware of this rule more than a month ago, for in a letter dated February 7 he says, "Had the special cup rules been pointed out to me earlier, or sent me, the matter would have been done with long ago." I have other matters to attend to, but at the first opportunity, March 1st, I notified him that his appeal had failed, and in reply to mine I received a postcard from Mr. Firth: "Thanks for your letter. Your reply has come too late. Mr. Tomlinson promised to report this, and as he has not done so I sent the full facts to the Press on Saturday." Evidently Mr. Firth thinks I am not capable of telling the truth, or was afraid of bringing his appeal forward. If this is not so, why does he bring in another party? As to Mr. Firth's reference to "a little child shall lead them," I may tell him that his child-like appeal did not lead to very much. His appeal was read. Our President asked if the cup had been awarded according to rules, and it was moved, seconded and carried that judges' decision was final. Had Mr. Firth attended the meeting, and won his appeal, without a doubt, the report would have mentioned something about the band striking up with "See the conquering hero comes," and later, Mr. Ives rendering in good style his well-known tour, "All's well." Now, Mr. Firth, you brought your appeal in very poor form. The different tours were without substance, and not worthy of a point, and the fact of your going into foreign climes for evidence left nothing for general effect.

Andrew Percival.

Sir,—It is lamentable that Mr. Firth should so far forget himself as to endeavour to cast ridicule upon any of his fellow-members through intentionally misconstruing my report of the entertainment following the dinner of the Provincial Roller Society. At a glance some might think it to be intended for humour, but I hold a contrary opinion, on the grounds that it is unusual for a business man to mingle humour in a business letter. Mr. Firth wilfully ignores the stops at the end of the sentences, and construes one as having a bearing on another, and then contemptibly insinuates there is a reference to himself and two other gentlemen. No! Mr. Firth, I am not in the habit of speaking, or writing innuendos. Who is guilty of "Fabrication?" I will leave others to decide. I, also, am a busy man, and have to travel seventy miles to attend a meeting, leaving my home about mid-day, and not arriving back again until 1.30 a.m. Sunday. I recollect telling Mr. Firth to await the committee's decision, and, even should I have promised to report his appeal in the press, the fact that I afterwards found it was being discussed by letter, between himself and the secretary, would have over-ruled any such promise, for I should not think fit to divert it on my own initiative.

J. Tomlinson.

Baldness in Birds.

A Simple and Effective Remedy.

Sir.—I thought you would be interested to hear remedy we have found out for baldness in birds when it is not "red mite." My remedy is: Mix in equal quantities, and quite a little, paraffin and vaseline. Rub on the bald place every other day for a fortnight. Do not be discouraged if the quills do not appear for a month after the first dose, as ours took quite that time before the feathers grew.

M. L. Bidwell.

New Society for Birtley and District.

Sir,—Will you, through the medium of your excellent paper, kindly bring to the notice of fanciers that a meeting was held at the Station Hotel, Birtley, on the 8th inst., for the purpose of forming a Cage Bird Society for Birtley and Dist. After having appointed officers, it was decided to hold a nest feather show about July next. Will any fanciers desirous of becoming a member kindly communicate with me? Next meeting at Station Hotel, March 26th, at 7.

S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec.

Avon Rath, Birtley, Co. Durham.

The Suggested Southern Border Fancy Canary Club.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see the letters of Messrs. Norman, Moore, Gwilliam, and Burgess, re the formation of a Southern Border Fancy Club. That success would follow such a club I have no doubt, for the "Border" has come to stay. I have noticed many new names in the Border classes at Southern shows and of the few I have met their love of the "Bantam" is well over the "fever" line. There has been a large increase in the number of classes at some shows, and more Societies are giving one or two Border classes, which formerly did not. These I take to be good signs that the bird is not only bred more in the South, but that societies are anxious to foster it. The management of the Border Fancy Club are perhaps a little too far away to fully understand the necessities of the Southern Border men, and seeing that the members of the Fancy in the south like to have a finger in the pie and manage their own affairs, I think that a Border club here would succeed. The membership could be open to the United Kingdom, and the shows confined to the South of England and Wales (where all the good 'uns are). Should such a club be formed the "Border" would increase in numbers and popularity down south, and in the course of time we should see the list of winners at the Crystal Palace containing fewer Scotch names. The English and Welsh are fond of a fight. Why not give the Scots a run for their money, and even have an international contest? I would be pleased to attend a meeting to discuss the formation of a club, and would suggest Saturday, March 29th, as a suitable date, and I could announce the place of the meeting in Cage Birds of that date. Will any fancier desirous of assisting in commencing the club write to J. McGuffie, 202, Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, London, N. I shall be only too pleased to send all particuars. I shall be pleased to receive the names of any fancier in Wales, for should there be sufficient members in Wales a sub-committee could be formed to look after the interest of the "Wee Gems" and themselves in the principality.

J. McGuffie.

Sir,—Re Border Fancy Club, I have received several names of fanciers desirous of becoming members. If all Border Fancy breeders willing to support the movement by becoming members will send their names to me, with any suggestions they may wish to make, I will arrange for meeting to take place at an early date, for the purpose of forming the Southern Border Club, and getting it in working order for next show season. Now, fanciers, give me your whole-hearted support, and I will do my best to make the movement a success, and so further popularise the "Wee Gems" in the South.

Fred Moore.

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New Society near Reading.

Henley and District F.S.

Sir,—Will you be good enough to mention in Cage Birds that the above society has recently been formed at Henley on Thames, open for membership of a radius of thirty miles, for the purpose of holding shows of cage birds, poultry, pigeons, etc. President, Mr. C. Barnett; Chairman, Mr. F. Dearlove; Hon. Treas., Mr. G. W. Reeves.

Mr. A. V Gray, Secretary,
55, Reading Road, Henley on-Thames.

Mules and Canaries in the Same Clutch of Eggs.

Sir,—I can assure your correspondent that the above is not an uncommon experience for Mule breeders. Some few years ago I had Brown Linnet and Canary, also Goldfinch and Canary Mules in the same nest—and that selfsame season thought I had at last reached the much-desired goal of the Mule breeder—a clear Mule. I had a nest of three eggs; the cock Canary had only been allowed in with the hen for a few minutes, and during that time I was called from my bird room, and, consequently, saw nothing happen between them. On returning I separated them, and put a cock Goldfinch with the hen, and three weeks afterwards the hen laid her first egg. She went to nest with the three eggs, and two proved fertile, one dark, one light, and at eight days old I was sure I had a clear Mule. Alas, for one's hopes! They grew up, and I kept both young birds until the adult stage. One proved dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, the other a clear yellow Canary—both cock birds. I could have sold the young in the nest for a fair sum, but preferred to wait. The fancier who would have taken the risk was glad afterwards that his impatience was checked.

(Rev.) F. Richards.

Scotch Fancies at Ulster O.A (Belfast) Show.

Sir,—I regret I have to admit some inaccuracies in my letter of Feb. 8 which arose from the fact that I had not read rule 5 of the general rules, the latter part of which says: "And if less than four entries, entry fees will be returned as prize-money." So I beg to apologise to Mr. Winkup for any harm unintentionally done his Fancy in the eyes of any show committee, and to assure him and all Yorkshire fanciers that I would be very sorry to in any way reflect on their very popular and interesting variety. I must point out that Mr. Winkup repeats the inaccuracy your reporter made regarding the Scots Fancy, there being a loss, he says, of 6s. I find from the balance-sheet submitted to the annual meeting that the difference to credit between entry fees and prize-money is £1 14s., made up as follows: Scots Fancy 2s., Norwich 10s., Yorks 4s., Mules 4s., British birds 4s., song bird selling class 10s. profit. I may say that in consequence of the Scots Fancy classes filling so well, the Association did not get so much profit by the "Stuck at Seven Rule." Now for Mr. Barclay. I cannot agree with him that any sore point was exhibited or discussed. Immediately on the matter being referred to the efficient secretary, he gave the name of the writer, and explained how the report was supplied, and in the absence of the reporter no further reference was made to it. I observe Mr. Barclay gives your reporter credit for taking a "bull's eye," but he does not point to a single inaccuracy in my letter. I see he refers to the selling class added in 1912, but he fails to say that in every show of the Association down to 1911 the Scots Fancies had two selling classes, one for each sex. Then Mr. B. ignores the fact that the Norwich for which I presume he takes up the cudgels, have six selling classes, and also that in three years they have had eight classes added to the schedule, with I regret to say an increase of only 4 in entries. I am rather surprised at Mr. B. making light of selling classes, as when he goes to some of the leading shows across the water he appreciates them. Regarding the donors of the special prizes and their allocation, I repeat my assertion and defy Mr. B. for proof to the contrary. Now for the very pertinent question Mr. B. wants answered: I repeat there was a gain on the Scots Fancy classes, and not a loss, as stated by him, and that the other classes judged by the accomplished gentleman showed a profit, and in my humble opinion, the judge costing only £2 2s. was better value to the Association than the one who cost them £3, and whose classes show only a profit of 14s. It has been my privilege and pleasure to be often in a mixed company of fanciers. and I can safely say I never heard the Norwich stigmatised as "White Mice" and if anyone described them so I would consider him colour blind.

Wm. H. Gillespie.

Linnet Singing in Lancashire.

Sir,—My Committee has instructed me to write to Cage Birds to inform Mr. Harrison that if he holds any contests for time alone, the members of the Globe Inn will not attend. If Mr. Harrison will meet me at the headquarters, after the contest on March 15th, we will try and arrange future dates.

R. Holcroft,
Sec. Globe Inn Linnet Club.

Sir, Mr. Holcroft, in his letter admits I was right in the dates arranged. He also says I am slow; well, I shall not be alone in that if Mr. Holcroft changes dates at his pleasure. I have not much chance to look after my club's interests when he has all his own way. I have had two dates for contests, and run them on the dates arranged. Surely secretaries who act as gentlemen will not be in Mr. Holcroft's opinion, "slow"? J. Harrison.

The Proposed New Specialist Club for Ireland.

Sir,—If your correspondent, "Rip Van Winkle," was much interested in the Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland, the reports of recent meetings published in Cage Birds, and contributed by Mr. James Stewart, would not escape his observation. Mr. Stewart imparted in a few words the desired information re cups. The fact is he was rather lenient on his enquirers, particularly the apostle of fairplay, who would have us believe the men who held the cups were not sportsmen. They are ideal fanciers, in my opinion, and I have yet to see them supporting a show by entering four birds in a selling class, and none in open classes, or keeping their birds at home when they could not just be on top. A few weeks back Mr. W. Connell complained of the poor competition for these cups a couple of years ago. It would be interesting to know how many shows he supported; also why he, as a subscriber to the cups, has seen fit to let the cups rest for want of competition this last two years. "Rip Van Winkle" sugests the birds should be bred by exhibitors, not bought. Well, if a cup is for unflighted birds bred by the exhibitor, I think it as "honest" to purchase as to exhibit a two-year old and win a cup with it as a young bird. One of the Knuts.

A Fanciers' Society Formed at Sevenoaks.

Sir,—A new fanciers' association has just been formed in Sevenoaks called the Sevenoaks and District Fanciers' Association. The radius is to be ten mile limit, and the president is J. Russell, Esq. It is proposed to hold the first annual show during October. At next meeting on April 17th Mr. J. Clarke will lecture on Cage-birds, chiefly Canary Any wishing to become members should apply to Hon. Sec. A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage, Sevenoaks. A. H. W.

THE TROUBLE ABOUT THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB'S £10 10s. CUP.

Sir,—I am exceedingly sorry and surprised Mr. Gill has seen fit to adopt the very unkind and unsportsmanlike attitude which he has done, and, in justice to myself, I think it best to give as accurately as I can what all this "storm in a teacup" is about. As far as I remember, after the first season's competition for the cup considerable discussion arose at the annual meeting as to who the winner really was—Mr. Hodder, Mr. Rennie, and Messrs. Gill and Pethick all claimed it. I believe the cup was then awarded to Mr. Hodder. During the discussion, Mr. Gill, in what I then considered a most graceful and sportsmanlike way, withdrew his claim; by so doing, did he not forfeit any claim he may have had to the cup? This discussion arose through some members of the S.N.P. Club thinking that only a limited number of birds should compete, whilst others thought the whole entries made by a member should count. In order that no mistake should be made in future it was decided that all birds entered should compete. The cup, as I then understood, entered upon a fresh basis for competition. Since that time Messrs. Gill and Pethick have won it twice, and myself twice. This, as far as I can remember, is really what happened, but as this took place, I believe, four years ago, I do not remember whether every detail is correct. If it is not, I hope the secretary, who has got the minutes of the meeting, will correct me. On February 20th (the day previous to the appearance of Mr. Gill's letter in Cage Birds) I received a letter form him which somewhat surprised me. As the same was not marked private, I'll quote two paragraphs from the same. First: "Now, I am not going to argue; I shall, if needs be, leave this matter in the hands of the law to settle." Who can wonder at me trembling at such a threat? Now, if Mr. Gill wishes to indulge in that most expensive luxury, he has only himself to please; personally I keep as far as I possibly can from it. The next paragraph shows a most lamentable spirit on the part of so good a fancier. It reads thus: "Now, I have no wish for anything of an unfriendly nature to creep into this matter. I do not crave the cup, and nothing would give better pleasure than to melt it in the pot and then sell it for old silver, and give it to some charity, and so end its unsatisfactory career." Now, Mr. Gill, what do you mean by "its unsatisfactory career?' With the exception of the misunderstanding at the meeting mentioned, I have not heard of any unpleasantness concerning the cup. In Mr. Gill's letter he asked me to state, for the benefit of the members of the S.N.P. Club, what the position of the cup really is? I would like to ask Mr. Gill to state what members of the S.N.P.C. have made any inquiry respecting it, or how many have asked him to plead their cause? From what I know of the members every one has sufficient intelligence to know that by applying to the secretary he could get any information respecting it. Stange to say, Mr. Gill is apparently the only one who has expressed any anxiety concerning it. Will Mr. Gill kindly explain why, if he does not crave the cup, he is so anxious about it? Also why he would like to see it melted down and sold for old metal, and the proceeds given to some charity? Now, Mr. Gill, since you are so generous respecting charities, I consider it would be such a pity for any charity to suffer through your not being able to do as you would like in dealing with it, that I'll make you a sporting offer. The secretary shall get a jeweller to value it at old silver price, and I will give one-half its value if you will give the other, the amount to be sent to the Editor of Cage Birds, and he shall have the option of giving it to any London charity he may choose. I would here like to remind Mr. Gill that until the cup has been won outright every member of the S.N.P.C. has an interest in it, and I may also suggest that it savours somewhat of presumption to suppose that because two members of the club have won it twice they will win it the third time. If I am not greatly mistaken many of the older members of the S.N.P.C. will have to look to their laurels in the future. Many of the younger members staged birds of great promise during last season, which did them great credit. (Success to them.) I do not want to see the cup melted down. I hope it has a long career before it, one that will be an incentive to the younger members to try and win it, and thus help and encourage the Fancy. I also trust they may compete in a generous and gentlemanly way that will be a credit to them, and the Fancy generally. Personally, I have troubled so little about it that I can honestly say, although I have won it this last two years, I have never once troubled about counting the points, and that I do not know how many points I have made in any one season. As regards Mr. Gill's letter of last week, it appears somewhat puzzling. It represents him as being at one time wise, at others otherwise—one week he asks for information, and a fortnight after he does not want it, but most generously supplies the unasked for points of the different seasons. (Unfortunately his memory failed him somewhat, as he did not give the points of the last two seasons.) It is somewhat remarkable that until now there has been no unpleasantness concerning the cup; the question, as far as I know, has not before arisen. Why did not Mr. Gill have this matter thrashed out at the annual meeting? That was the time and place, and not through the Press. I believe the committee of the S.N.P. Club are to be called to settle this matter. If those gentlemen consider that Messrs. Gill and Pethick have won it already, it is their duty to award it to them, and I sincerely hope they (Messrs. G. and P.) may live long to enjoy its pleasing appearance, and I trust it will not deter us from having many a friendly competition. One word more. Even if Messrs. Gardner and Cole may, after due consideration, have changed their opinion respecting a breeders' cup, I still think it would be courting dishonesty and disaster—from a breeder's point of view I do not fear it for one moment; I have bred hundreds of winners, and hope to again. I should like before the S.N.P.C. adopts such a rule to get the opinions and experiences of societies that have tried it; let us know their results.

Cowes. E. Baker.

A New Society for Openshaw.

Sir, A Cage Bird Society has been formed, "The Openshaw and District C.B.S." We are to have our next meeting on March 19, at 8, at the Good Intent Temperance Hall, Old Lane, Higher Openshaw, for election of officers, etc. Will all local fanciers turn up as strong as possible, and help to make this a very large society.

W. Hathaway, Secretary (pro tem).
18, Mattison Street,
Higher Openshaw, Manchester.

The Proposed Foreign Bird Exhibitors League.

Sir,—The proposals of Messrs. Silver and Frostick should be heartily supported by the rank and file of Foreign Bird Exhibitors, and if they will give their support, and let us have some well filled classes, show committee would only be too pleased to extend the classification to any reasonable extent, but without adequate support from exhibitors no society can afford to run classes outside the F.B.C. classification. For instance, at our late show, which was held under the patronage of the F.B.C., we ventured to add a class for Budgerigars pairs, any colour (which is surely a very popular species). We offered 26s. prize money for a 1s. 6d. entrance fee. Result—a grand total of three entries, two of which were made by the lady who asked us to put the class on, and the other from one of our own members whom I asked to show to make some competition. Now is the time to make your wants known as regards classification, so that show committees can include them in their next schedules, and then don't forget to give those shows (which I trust will include Nottingham) a bumping entry.

J. G. Royce.

Suggested Breeders' Cup for the Southern Norwich P.C.

Sir,—"G. G.'s" remarks under the above heading are very misleading. "G. G." states that I favoured the proposal to alter the conditions of the £10 10s. cup. This is not true. I seconded Mr. Garland's motion, which was a necessary provision for the welfare of the S.N.P.C., and which would not alter the conditions one iota—the conditions governing the cup would remain intact, as before. Mr. Garland's motion was to make all the S.N P.C. trophies breeders' trophies, and this is the very thing that "G. G." is now supporting, and claiming as his own suggestion. Now the S.N.P.C. offers six trophies in the champion classes; five of these are won outright each season. If "G. G." did not agree to this motion being attached to the £10 10s. cup, what was there to prevent it being attached to the other five, which would have made the £3 3s. cup a breeders' cup, and there would have been no need to have gone begging? But, no; "G. G." allowed Mr. Baker, and also Mr. Matthes, to drag this motion in the mud. Their remarks on same appear in Cage Birds, February 15th, 1913. "G. G." never said a word in favour of this motion at the meeting. But directly after the meeting "G. G." is discussing this matter, and we find him in favour of a breeders' cup—hence my being agreeably surprised. Now, "G. G." would have us believe that he is a sticker to the rules. Cage Birds, February, 1909, contains the report of the S.N.P.C. annual meeting for the season 1908-9, which gives Mr. Rennie as the winner of the £10 10s. cup for that season. Here the secretary allowed a new bye-law to govern five shows that had been held before this bye-law was published. I objected to Mr. Rennie on those grounds—i.e., that he had not won according to the rules published. The committee then withdrew the cup from Mr. Rennie and awarded the cup to Mr. Hodder under a different rule altogether—a rule that has nothing whatever to do with the £10 10s. cup. I would ask "G. G." is this sticking to the rules, and is this what he calls fair play? "G. G." was one of the S.N.P.C. committee for that season, and did not raise any objection, to my knowledge, to these irregularities; and I say that the real difference is a vital difference between the way "G. G." acted in 1908-9 and the way he acted at the Palace meeting in 1913, hence my being *amused*. S. Gill.

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In the Courts.

A Chaffinch in a Dirty Cage.

Someone has sent us the following newspaper cutting, with the name of the defendant cut out, and as it did not reach us until press-day (Wednesday), we have had no time to obtain this missing detail. The sender asks us to impress upon readers the fact that inspectors cannot claim to enter any house unless they can produce a magistrate's warrant.

At Dartford, —— was summoned at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., for causing unnecessary suffering to a Chaffinch on February 27th. Haydn Fletcher, Inspector to the Society, said that he visited defendant's house, and found a number of cages hanging round a small, dark room. In the dirty cage produced was a bird in a very dirty condition. It had no feathers on its head.—The Chairman: Had you a warrant to go in this house? Witness: No sir.—The Chairman: Did you simply walk in? Witness said that defendant's wife asked him to go in. He afterwards saw the defendant, who said he always cleaned the cages out once a week. Now and again it might be a day or two over.

Edgar Robards, veterinary surgeon, was called. The Chairman: Are you an expert in birds?—I don't profess to be.—Then how can you give expert evidence?—Witness said that he could give evidence as to the general condition of the bird.—The Chairman: You don't know any more than we do.—Witness: If a client comes to me and asks a question about birds, I always say I'll do the best I can, but I know very little about birds.—If a child were brought to you, what would you do?—I should tell them to take it to a doctor.—Why did not you say take this to a bird doctor?—Because there are no expert bird doctors. There are bird fanciers; I don't call them bird doctors.

Witness said the cage was much too small, and owing to dashing against the side the bird had lost the feathers on the head.—Defendant was asked if he had any questions to ask the witness, and replied: "No, he doesn't know anything about it, he's a horse doctor; what does he know about it? (Laughter.)—The Chairman: He has told us very frankly he knows nothing.

Defendant, who gave his address as 7, Plough Court, said the bird had been in captivity four years. It was a wonderful singer, and was just coming into song. Asked by the Chairman why the bird's head was bare, defendant replied that it was due to the moult, and could not be altered. "It's like an aged man. You can't make hair grow on the bald head of an aged man. (Loud laughter.)—The Chairman (ruefully): I know I can't. (Loud laughter.)—In conclusion, defendant remarked: "I've been a fancier 28 years, an' never had a complaint against one o' my birds."

The Chairman said this was the first case of the sort they had had. The defendant ought not to have kept the bird in that condition, and to mark their sense of his conduct, defendant would be ordered to pay 2s. 6d. towards the costs.

Club Reports.

WHITBURN C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held in the Baillie Institute, March 10. Secretary reported that all prizes, including spls., had been paid, and that there was the small balance of £2 2s. to the credit of the society, as against £1 8s. 4d. last year. This was considered very satisfactory, in view of the increased classification, and about 100 less entries. The committee was appointed as formerly. The usual date was fixed for annual show, and judges nominated.—Robert Lambie, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S

Meeting and table show of British held at the Onward Hall, March 4, Mr. Robinson in the chair, and a fairly good number of members being present. Discussion re changing of meeting room came up, and it was decided that we accept the offer re St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick. So will members not present kindly note that the next meeting will be the last at the old rooms. The British men did not turn up as well as we expected, only four showing birds. Result: 1, 2, Hope; 3, Holland; 4, Fulcher, the winner being a grand Goldie, which should be heard of again. Mr. Smith, who judged, had not a big task; all the same, he placed the birds satisfactorily, and after judging gave us the good and bad points of the exhibits, and answered several questions with credit. We also had an amateur judging competition, eight of the members competing, Mr. R. Booth being the winner, correctly placing the birds. Several questions were asked relating to sick birds, and were answered by members present. The thanks of the members were given Mr. Smith, who so kindly came and judged, and Mr. Smith ably responded. Altogether we had an enjoyable evening. Next meeting, Mr. Boothman and Mr. Robinson will lecture on the Norwich Canary, so we hope all the members will rally round and make the meeting a success.—R. Booth (Reporter).

OPEN NORWICH P.H.C.C.

Annual general meeting, held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, March 8th, 1913. Chairman, Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington. The following resignations were accepted with regret: T. C. Crawhall, Newcastle; J. W. Holmes, Bradford; H. H. Towers, Glusburn; John Haigh, Buttershaw. The following were accepted as new members: Mr. J. A. Watson, Halifax; Mr. H. Gledhill, Ambler Thorn. The balance-sheet was passed, subject to the report of the auditor, who was not present, showing a balance in hand of a few shillings. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. P. H. Illingworth, M.P.; vice-pres., Messrs. H. W. Battye, J. W. Ramsden, J. Thomas, A. Humphries, G. Harland, W. A. Cowgill; chair, W. A. Wilson, Leeds; sec. and treas., F. Rhodes, Bradford; auditors, Messrs. H. Simonett and J. P. Moir. Messrs. T. Fortnam, J. Roe, R. J. Jones, and F. Rhodes were elected to represent the club on the Bradford National Show Committee. Mr. Joe Thomas kindly promised to give a medal value one guinea to winners of "Rose Bowl" which he presented to the club last year. Several others contributed to the prize fund, and we shall be pleased to accept any other donation. An alteration in Rule 11 was made, and this will now read as follows: That the members be divided into two grades, viz., "Novice" and "Champion." The word novice shall mean a member who has not won more than three first prizes in open competition, Norwich classes, before the current season (first feather or members' classes not to count). Any member residing in the same house as a champion exhibitor shall be debarred from competing as a novice. This rule should now give us an increase in membership, which I should like to see, and would gladly forward to any intending members all particulars, so roll up amateurs and join us. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all retiring officers. Mr. A. Hirst, who has been chairman for the past three years, ably responded, and thanked all members for the courtesy they had shown towards him, and hoped they would extend the same to the new chairman elected. F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

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REDHILL C.B.A.

Annual meeting held March 4th, at Lindsey's Hotel. A good number were present. Proposed that in future the meeting nights will be the first Wednesday in the month at Lindsey's Hotel, at 8 p.m.; also proposed to hold Y.B. show July 2nd. Officers selected for year: Mr. Baldock, Chairman; A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.; Committee: Miss Edwards, Messrs. Marriott, Whitmore, Tillett and Bignall.—A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held March 3rd for the third annual open show, which has been fixed for Nov. 13th. Decided to appoint Mr. J. H. Roe as judge. Essay competition was then considered, and as two other prizes have been offered, it was decided to extend the time for handing in the papers until the April meeting. I hope those members who have not written a paper yet will now do so. All can write one that will be more or less interesting to the other members. It need not be a lengthy one, nor does it require a lot of experience, so that all members should participate in the competition, which is sure to prove of a helpful nature. Several members have been endeavouring to improve their stock by recent additions and(given a good breeding season and a favourable moult, will no doubt gain honours when the show season comes round again.—J. Pitchford.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, Mr. T. Dawn chairman. Members turned up in full force (numbering nearly 50) to listen to a lecture by Mr. G. Brotherton on "Hints on Breeding," a very appropriate subject at this season. He went into the matter from the foundation, first taking the cages, construction, cleaning, etc., then he took us through every little matter up to staging for nest feather show. His remarks were keenly listened to, and a good many questions were asked, all of which were ably answered by the lecturer. Nine new members were elected, which makes 26 this year. All fanciers and friends are invited next meeting, April 1st, table show of British birds (3 classes); prize money, 4s., 2s., 1s. No entry fee. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham) followed by lecture by the same gentleman, "What Constitutes Ideal Specimens of British?" Don't forget April 1st. Make a big entry; members nothing to pay. Anyone joining April 1st can compete at table show same night.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent

PARTICK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting and muling pairs show held in Trades Hall, Anderson Street, March 7th, Mr. Fraser presiding over a fair turnout of members. The following classification was arranged for our British show: For., Goldf. or Bullf., Brit. Goldf. or Bullf., Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, Greenfinch, A.O.V. Finch, Light Mule or Hyb., Dark Mule, Foreign. Mr. Huggings, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Swan were elected members. Mr. Fraser then called on Mr. E. Barron to deliver his lecture on breeding and rearing Canaries, which he did in a very able manner, and members and friends learned a great deal from his lecture; Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Park joined in the discussion. At the close Mr. Barron was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Barron replying said he would like to see lecturing taken up more. Muling pair show being the next business, Chairman called for specials, and six were handed in and allocated. Mr. M. Craig judged, and his awards were well received.

FOR. GOLDF. AND CAN.: 1, Fraser; 2, Priest; 3, R. Anderson; 4, McMillan; 5, Aitkenhead; 6, Park. BRIT. GOLDF. AND CAN.: 1, spl, 6, MacRobbie; 2, Fraser; 3, Anderson; 4, Priest; 5, Park. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, 4, spl, Henry; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, McMillan; 5, Fraser; 6, Priest; 7, Anderson. SISKIN AND CAN.: 1, 5, Fraser; 2, 4, Webster; 3, Priest. REDPOLL AND CAN.: 1, 6, Fraser; 2, 4, Anderson; 3, spl, Webster; 5, Priest. TWITE AND CAN.: 1, 2, Webster. GREENF. AND CAN.: 1, 2, spl, 6, spl, McMillan; 3, 5, spl, Webster; 4, Fraser; 7, Priest. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, Priest; 2, 3, Webster; 4, Anderson. A hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Craig for judging, and Mr. Fraser for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual social and prize distribution, held in the club rooms (Shoulder of Mutton), Girlington, when about 60 members, wives, and friends sat down to an excellent repast provided by our worthy host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Payne). After tea the Chairman, Mr. W. Crabtree, opened the programme with a few choice remarks, and called upon Master L. Crabtree to play a selection on the piano, who was greatly appreciated. The artistes contributing to the programme were Messrs. A. Hird (tenor), A. Bentley (baritone), A. Star (comic), who caused roars of laughter, A. Whitley (sentimental), T. Terry (elocutionist), and G. Willock, who gave us a treat in songs, and was loudly applauded. At the interval prizes were presented to the successful winners as follows: Champion Section.—Mr. A. Whitley, 1st, cup and spl., 59 pts.; 2, E. Clegg, gold chain and pendant, 50; 3, F. Wallbank, pair of vases, 40. Novice.—1, F. Weston, cup and spl., 96 pts.; 2, A. Bennett, flower stand, 83; 3, E. Butterfield, flower stand, 39; 4, A. Craven, bird and cage, 36. Winner of Mr. Payne's cup for amateurs and novices was F. Western, with 96 pts. After a few remarks by the winners, Mr. E. Clegg and Mr. W. Crabtree gave donations to the society to encourage competition next season. Both gentlemen were thanked by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, who spoke on behalf of the members, for their generous offer. Songs and recitations were then continued. The chairman kept the ball rolling, and there was never a quiet minute until getting near time, when a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, artistes, and chairman was proposed by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, who fully voiced the opinion of the members present in a neat little speech. Mr. E. Butterfield capably seconded, and Mr. T. W. Mountain supported same. This brought to a close one of the best evenings ever held by the Bradford West C.B.A.—F. Western, Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY F. AND F.S.

Meeting held in Colliery Institute, March 8th, J. Stephenson presiding. There was a fair attendance of members present. W. Reid, of Sunderland, was selected to judge our first feather show. The formation of the rules caused a fair amount of discussion, but they were drawn up satisfactorily. Two new members were elected: E. Johns (Boldon) and W. Metcalf (Jarrow). Next meeting, April 5th.—Anthony Widdowfield, Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Special meeting March 8th, when, owing to failure of smoking concert organised to wipe out existing debt in club finances, it was resolved to hold a judging competition at Club House on March 28, all members to take part. Particulars will be sent to those who were not present. Will those members who were not present at last meeting please make a special effort to attend, as more enthusiasm must be put into these meetings if the society is to continue to forge ahead.—Wharam and Bansey, Secs.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Mar. 3. There was a good turn-out of members, and it is hoped that in future every member will make a special effort to attend the monthly meetings. The balance-sheet showing a balance in hand of £1 10s. 9½d., was submitted and passed as read. Officers were elected for the year:—Pres., W. R. Elgar; vice-pres., C. Town, E. Tidy, E. F. Handcock, and F. Filmer; chair, R. Churchill; vice, T. Attwood; sec., W. G. Broadbridge (pro. tem); stewards, G. Burley, H. Olive, E. Stevens. Mr. E. Smith was elected a member. Mr. C. Town presented the specials given in each section for members making most points during the year to the winners as follows:—Canary Section: H. Olive, silver cup, 107 points; runner-up, W. Broadbridge, gold medal, 63; Brit.: G. Grant, rose bowl, 130; runner-up, T. Attwood, gold medal, 73; For.: J. Jacobs, china clock set, 32.—W. Broadbridge, Sec. (pro. tem).

YORKS C. & C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Annual general meeting held at 5 South Anne-st., Mr. J. Dowling in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's balance-sheet were then put forward and passed unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. W. Smyth and Son, solicitors, for their kindness in defending our case for the recovery of our staging, also for lending us an amount of staging until our own was recovered, and charging us with no costs. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Barclay for his kind donation. New rule: "Relatives exhibiting birds must show in the highest class in which any of them have exhibited." This caused a great discussion, but it was eventually passed. The next business was the suspension of two members, which came up for either rescission or confirmation. In one case the suspension was rescinded, and in the other case, after a great controversy, the suspension was confirmed. The following were appointed scrutineers: Messrs. Smyth, Bolton, Mahon, and Waters. Result of ballot for officers for 1913: Pres., Mr. Rooney 28, Mr. Dowling 2; Vice-Pres. (2), Messrs. Furley 30, Keating 29, Barclay, Sholedice, Rooney, Norton, Honan, 1 each; Hon. Sec., Messrs. Lattimore 30, Holley 1. Committee (12): Messrs. Dowling 39, McDonnell 27, O'Callaghan 27, McNally 25, Bolton 24, J. Fleming 24, Bannon 23, Mahon 22, McGee 22, Walsh 22, Lea 21, Payne 20, O'Carroll 20, O'Toole 17, Keogh 10, Mulcahy 8, Kelly 6, Barclay 5, Lawless 4, McKeon 3, Briggs 3, Carolan 3, Reville 3, Furley 2, Mathews 2, Wall 2, Carroll, Hyland, Mullen, and Gillen 1 each. Provincial Council (8): Messrs. Devins 30, Tansey 30, Dunwoody 31, Dawson 31, Ryan 31, Waters 29, Sholedice 28, Birch 28, Stewart 7, Dr. Lavery 2, Fleming 2, Keating, Hawkins, Morgan, Woods, Dunlop, 1 each. Date of annual open show was fixed for Oct. 22 and 23. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Mr. J. R. Hyland upon the loss he has sustained by the death of his father; all members standing. This report will probably be a surprise to some fanciers, as it was thought that we were defunct, but we are in a better position now than ever, having a balance on hand of £13 7s. 9d., notwithstanding all the opposition we met during the past year.—C. Lattimore, Hon. Sec.

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THRUMS C. AND C.B.A.

Meeting held Airlie Arms, March 7th, Mr. David Lawson presiding. Judges were nominated for open show. A motion was tabled to alter date of show, and after a very lively discussion it was agreed to fix same for Dec. 6th. Also agreed that we advertise same in Cage Birds. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.—Joe Stevenson, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Y.M. Hall, March 8th. Agreed to abandon the pair show owing to the hall being engaged on the date fixed. A motion was laid on the table to raise the annual subscription from 2/6 to 3/6. Office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mr. Rundell; Vice-President, Mr. Kennedy; Treas., Mr. McEwan; Sec., Mr. Allan Thomson, Croft Place, Larkhall. The committee to be fixed later. At next meeting, May 22nd, the question of an open show is to be considered, and it is hoped the members will turn out and give their views on the matter.—A. Thomson, Sec.

AYR C.B.S.

The first social evening the members of this club have had since its inception five years ago was held in Academy Halls, Ayr, March 5th. Mr. John Forbes, president, was in the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks opened the proceedings. After tea had been served, and full justice done it, Mr. Forbes presented our retiring sec., Mr. Sloan, who has gone to Glasgow to a new situation, with an English lever watch, and Mrs. Sloan with a gold broach, in recognition of services rendered to the club. We were entertained to some well-rendered songs by Misses Roxburgh and Buchanan, and Messrs. Craig, Forbes, Young, Aitken, and McKay. Mr. Forbes brought a most enjoyable evening to a close by moving a vote of thanks to the purveyor, Mr. Provan, and to the committee responsible for the arrangements, especially Mr. McKay. Over 50 sat down to tea. The company dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Sync."

LEEDS C.B.S.

The pair show held at headquarters, March 1st, brought a splendid entry of 42 pairs. These were greatly admired by the numerous visitors present. Special winners were: E. Norton, most points Yorks; E. Hattersley, Norwich; W. Hornby, A.O.V. class; E. Hattersley, British. Mr. Hattersley kindly handed the latter special over to Mr. E. Middleton, who was runner-up in the section. W. Graham, Nov. Yorks; Mr. Norwood, Nov. Nor. The winner generously handed his special over to be given for best pair, and it was won by W. A. Wilson with pair of Norwich. Messrs. C. E. Hall and J. Owen judged and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS (10): 1, 2, 3, E. Norton; 4, Sykes; vhc, Storey; hc, c, Baldwinson. NOR. (6): 1, hc, Wilson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hattersley. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hornby. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS (15): 1, 2, hc, Hattersley; 3, 4, c, Middleton; vhc, Kay. NOVICE YORKS (7): 1, 2, Graham; 3, Gaunt; 4, c, Reed and Longley; vhc, hc, Gath. NOV. NOR.: 1, Norwood.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Liberal Club, Hope Street, March 8th. The President (Mr. Lumsden) presided over a capital attendance of members. We regretted that not one breeder of the Scotch Fancy section put in an appearance on such an important occasion as the fixing of the classification for annual show, as that was the principal business of the meeting. After a good deal of discussion the following classes were agreed upon: Scotch Fancy 10, Norwich 9, Crests 4, Lizards 2, Bord. 10, Brit. 14, Mules 2, Cift 1. A motion to limit the number of entries per member was defeated. Mr. Sykes (Musselburgh) very kindly gave the members some capital advice on the treatment of British birds for exhibition, and his remarks were listened to with wrapt attention, and it is hoped the members will profit greatly thereby. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close. Next meeting will be held April 12th, usual time and place. Any fancier desirous of becoming a member might kindly send his name to the Secretary, who will give all information necessary.—George W. Brown, Sec., 89, Henderson Street, Leith.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

A successful whist drive was held February 19th, at the Reform Club, when upwards of 120 players took part in a contest for ten valuable prizes. After paying expenses the function produced a balance of £2 10s., to which is to be added the profits of another to be held later on. Specials purchased with the profits will be competed for by our members at our back-end show. Also on March 5th we had a very good attendance at headquarters, several local societies being represented, to hear Mr. R. Schofield, of Heywood, give his lecture on Yorkshires, etc. Mr. C. Pleasance took the chair, and after opening the meeting Mr. Schofield began by saying that when undertaking this lecture he had to bear in mind that to interest the meeting he would try something rather different owing to the fact that the Fancy papers nowadays contained so much valuable information. After dealing with the subject of Yorkshires right through to cinnamon marks, he took up the subject of management. For the prevention of mite he finds that the best way is to smear the cages at the back with lard. Since using it he has been rid of them; he wired the ends of perches to keep the birds from the woodwork. Many other items of interest concerning the successful breeding and management of birds were dealt with, after which Mr. Schofield was kept busy answering questions for a while. Mr. W. T. Banks proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Schofield for the help he had rendered the society in giving his lecture; Mr. R. Blincoe, in seconding same, said how pleased he had been to spend such a pleasant evening with us. Several others also supported the vote of thanks, and Mr. Schofield suitably responded.—Wm. Adams.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S. HOLD SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL EVENING.

PRESENTATION TO A RESPECTED MANCHESTER FANCIER.

A social evening, which included a presentation to Mr. Bladon, was held March 1, at the Clarion Cafe, Market Street, when over sixty members, their wives and friends sat down to tea. In opening the concert Mr. Bladon said he was pleased to see so many present. He hoped all would enjoy themselves; he always enjoyed being amongst them. After songs capitally rendered by Miss Welch and Messrs. Williams, Meadowcroft, and Fulcher, and a humorous recitation by Mr. Kail, came the most pleasing part of the evening's entertainment—the presentation to our worthy president of an illuminated address and a pair of handsome marble and bronze vases and a silver tray for Mrs. Bladon. In making the presentation Mr. T. Pease (who is one of our oldest members) said it gave him great pleasure to be there that night. He saw the first president in 1883, and now they all saw the present one, whose ambition had always been to make it one of the best societies in England, and he felt sure he had done so. The society had advanced since the beginning, and never advanced so well as it had done since they had their present President. He was greatly esteemed, not only by the members, but by the Fancy in general, and always got on well with his hard-working committee. It therefore gave him great pleasure in asking Mr. Bladon to accept the illuminated address and vases and silver tray for Mrs. Bladon, and hoped they would both be long spared to be among them.

It took Mr. Bladon some little time to pull himself together, all present being able to see his emotion. He said he had no idea he was going to have such a handsome present given to him that night. He and his wife would always look on these as a token of the earnest regard they had for him, and he appreciated it very much. Mrs. Bladon had always done whatever she could to help him with his hobby and his office. He had always been helped by a good committee, and had always tried to get this society as one of the best in the kingdom. He felt sure it was looked up to all over the country. Mr. Bladon concluded by saying he thanked the members very heartily.

We then had a few minutes' interval for all present to look at the address, etc.

The address read as follows:—

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES
ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

To Mr. W. A. Bladon.

The members of this society, on the occasion of your taking the office of President for the twentieth consecutive year, desire your acceptance of this address and accompanying vases, as a token of their great personal esteem, and to record their deep appreciation of the general broad-minded and kindly manner in which you have for so long a period presided over the meetings of the society and watched over its affairs. We are mindful that you were one of the promoters of the society 31 years ago, and have continued your membership through all these years, that for four years at an earlier period you held the position of President, that during its varying fortunes you have ever been loyal to the society and most zealous for its welfare, and that it has been your greatest endeavour to uplift its tone and character and maintain its prestige as one of the foremost societies in the kingdom. As some acknowledgment of these services the members at the annual general meeting were unanimous in electing you a free life member of the society. It is the members' earnest hope that you may long be blessed with health to evince the same keen interest in the society as heretofore, and in the furtherance of the cage bird hobby.—Signed on behalf of the members by the sub-committee, J. Raynes and Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, vice-presidents; H. Boothman, hon. sec.

After the interval Mr. Ashurst, ventriloquist, gave us a very amusing entertainment, accompanied by his doll, Tom Jones, which caused much laughter. Mr. Griffiths then gave us a treat with his concertina, holding us spellbound with the "Intermezzo" from "Cavalleria Rusticana," and a selection from "Il Trovatore" as an encore. We then had more songs (including encores), from Miss Welch, Mr. Williams, Mr. Meadowcroft, Mr. Fulcher, and Mr. Welch, and Mr. Wilding ably accompanied at the piano. Mr. Raynes, in a few remarks, said he was glad to see so many ladies present; they would see what kind of company their husbands kept when they were away at the meetings. They were a great help to their husbands when they were away all day during the breeding season, giving the birds egg food and looking after them in general. Eleven o'clock came all too soon, when Mr. Lythgoe moved a vote of thanks to the artistes and all those who had helped to give us such a grand entertainment. This was seconded by Mr. Atkinson, who mentioned that it was not only social, but educative. In replying, Mr. Meadowcroft said he was only too pleased to come at any time we wished. "God Save the King" was then sung, and we all went home having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE ROLLER C.S.

First annual meeting held March 4 at headquarters, 150, Whitegate Drive, before a good number of members, Mr. J. Lightbown in the chair. The balance sheet was read showing a balance of £5 7s. 5d., which was considered very satisfactory for the first year, and unanimously adopted. The Committee hope to be favoured with the support of all the Roller fanciers in the district, which has a radius of 20 miles. Any fancier wishing to become a member should kindly communicate with Mr. S. Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool, who will be pleased to give full particulars. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chair, Mr. J. Lightbown; Vice-Chair, Mr. R. Tomlinson; Hon. Sec., Mr. S. Morrison; Treas., Mr. Ferguson.—S. Morrison, Hon. Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Annual meeting held March 4, at the Staffordshire Knot. Mr. Hathaway presided over a fair muster of members. Great dissatisfaction was expressed at Sheffield deciding to clash with us, and some very strong comments were used. The balance-sheet was read and adopted, and was considered highly satisfactory, a good balance being carried forward. It was decided to have a Table Show of British, and also a question night at the next meeting. The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Pres., Col. Ratcliff; Vice-Pres., E. Street, W. J. Read; Treas., H. Bond; Auditors, H. L. Bond and C. P. Smith; Chair, Dr. Docherty; Vice-Chair Mr. H. Hathaway; Committee, T. Kirkland, W. Elliot, J. Englang, J. Lee, A. Crouch, A. Ford J. Freer, J. Oldham W. Springall J. Fitchett, J. Emery, H. Emery, W. Mason A. Emery; Secretary, A. Wood.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 8, Black Bull, Mr. Presley in the chair. There was a good turn out of members and business was gone into with a will. Decided that Dr. Gray's cup be competed for by three unflighted birds bred by a member, points to count upwards. It was also proposed that we try and arrange an open Nest Feather Show (with British classes) in conjunction with the Doncaster Agricultural Society's show, June 26. Mr. Tonkinson gave us his promised washing exhibition, which was enjoyed by everyone present, as he handled the birds and put them through their paces with the skill of the master (which he is). Mr. Truman, in moving a vote of thanks, said he had learned something (and he is no novice at washing birds), but would like to know some of the secrets which the cracks have, and will not let out. He was ably seconded by Mr. Binks, and the vote was carried unanimously. We should very much like to see some more fanciers joining us, as subs. are only 2/6 with 1/- entrance.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 6th; Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. J. Gray, Newcastle; W. Turnbull and R. Calvert, Gateshead; and Mrs. Crosby, Newcastle. Decided that the question of having a social be left over until April meeting. The nest feather show will be held July 5; the following judges were selected: Messrs. W. Curry, R. Tindale, A. Montgomery, and J. Maddison. A table show took place with results as follows:—LINNET: 1, Cotiman; 2, Reed. GREENF: 1. McGuire; 2, Voult. SOFTBILL: 1, Graham. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Scott; 2, Petterson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1. Scott; 2, McGuire. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, McGuire; 3, c, Graham. FOR. SMALL: 1, 3, Scott; 2, c, Petterson; 4, Voult. LARGE: 1, Petterson. Mr. J. Scott won medal given by Mr. Curry for most points. Mr. W. Mackenzie promised medal to Mr McGuire. The donors of medals were thanked for same. Vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Maddison for judging. Mr. Petterson had on exhibition a specimen from which the present day Canary is supposed to have originated. An interesting chat took place on the pairing of birds, several members giving their opinions and experiences, from which those present no doubt learnt something. Mr. Gill, curator of Newcastle Hancock Museum, will give us a lecture at April meeting, entitled "The Structure of Birds." Those who were privileged to listen to the last lecture given to us by this gentleman got a treat, his subject being "The Migration of Birds." Mr. Gill is too well known for me to dwell on the abilities he possesses to impart his practical knowledge of bird life. We shall be pleased to see anyone, whether fanciers or not. So do not forget April 3rd, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30 p.m. Let us have a good turn up. Subscriptions now due. Intending members note: 1s. on nomination; 2s. 6d. subscription per year.—J. W. Reed, Secretary.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters, Bull's Head Hotel, March 5th, Mr. Hawthorne presiding. At a committee meeting it was proposed to hold a whist drive to raise funds for the purchase of a cup for the Canary section, but as there was such a small attendance at the ordinary meeting nothing could be done in the matter, and it was decided to leave it open until next meeting, March 19th. The question of having all birds rung was raised, and this was also left over until next meeting. The best thanks of the society were expressed to Mr. Westby for his most generous gift of a cup. We should very much like to see more members present at our meetings, especially the older fanciers, so as to give some encouragement to the younger members. Mr. Yates placed the following awards at the table show, giving every satisfaction. NAT. COL. CK. OPEN: 1, Gamble. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Davis. HEN OPEN: 1, Gamble. NOV.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, vhc, hc, c, Davis. SELL.: 1, vhc, Brooks; 2, hc, Davis; 3, Gamble.—J. Cook, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C. O.S.

General meeting held at Deansgate Temperance Hotel, March 3, when Mr. Atkinson presided over a good attendance. The secretary read his annual report and the balance sheet. (There is a printer's error in balance sheet. In the October show account the amount for entry fees, etc., should be £127 19s. 6d., and not £129 19s. 6d., as printed.) A table show was held, 23 birds being entered in the four classes for Mr. A. G. Smith to judge. The following were his awards, which gave every satisfaction:—GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, hc, Metcalfe; 2, Atkinson; 3, Oldham; 4, c, Critchley; vhc, Jones. LINNET: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Oldham; 3, Bennett; 4, hc, c, Metcalfe; vhc, Fulcher. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Metcalfe; 3, Massey; 4, Oldham; vhc, Fairhurst. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Oldham; 3, Boothman. Mr. Smith, after judging gave his reasons for his placings. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith. We hope to see a crowded room on Monday next, when Mr. Cutmore will be giving us his lecture (see Notices). Those who have heard Mr. Cutmore before will not need asking twice; they will come with a rush. Friends are cordially invited.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE O.S.

Monthly meeting, held in the Higher Grade School, Juniper Green, March 8; President Mr. Begbie in the chair. Mr. J. Dewar (Juniper Green), Mr. P. Riddell (Balerno), and Mr. W. Elder (Balerno) were elected members. Decided to have a nest feather show, June 28, in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, with 9 classes: 2 Scotch Fancies, 4 Borders, 2 Norwich, and 1 Mules. 3d. per cage; admission to show 2d. Members admitted free. Entries close first post June 26; birds staged 3 o'clock. Three model and three commended cards for each class. At the close of the meeting a very interesting lecture on British birds, their selection and management, was given by Mr. Steel, of Dalkieth. Mr. Steel dealt very minutely with the Finches, and one or two softbills, and his hints on feeding and catching were very much appreciated. Mr. Steel illustrated his lecture with coloured plates from Cage Birds. He took every bird he lectured on and showed what was wanted and where most failed. In short, he practically told the members how every feather should be placed. On the motion of the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Steel for his kindness in lecturing to us.—J. Napier, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Committee meeting held Feb. 26th. Mr. Holden took up his new position as chairman. Show date, as passed at previous general meeting, was rescinded, and December 12 and 13 fixed instead. Sorry to record the death of one of our members, Mr. John Brown, of Elswick, one of our late show stewards. One of our members has had to be expelled, through breaking the rules re members' classes at our show. Omitted from last report: Mr. J. W. Reed and Mr. R. Topping were elected auditors, and Mr. J. Bertram as a new member. J. G. Gresson, Sec.

OLD RADFORD C.B.S.

General meeting held at White Horse Hotel, Mar. 3. Books were audited, and several items were brought forward that were of very great interest to the club. Our club has only been started since the first of January, 1913, and we find the balance on the right side. The chair was taken by Mr. C. Pratt, ably supported by W. Grunday and R. Clifford.

A table show of Norwich and British stock pairs was held on March 8. NOR.: 1, Pratt; 2, Spencer; 3, Dickinson. BRIT.: 1, Spencer, Goldfinch; 2, Smith, Linnet; 3, Dickenson, Snow Bunting.—A. Spencer, Sec.

PENZANCE F.A.

Annual meeting held February 19. The Hon. Treas. reported a balance of £12 19s. 10d. in the bank, an increase of £1 2s. 3d. on the year's working. Sir Clifford Cory, Bart., M.P., was re-elected President and the following gentlemen Vice-Presidents: The Mayor, A. H. Barnett, Esq., Major Harvey, Col. T. H. Cornish, Messrs. J. H. Tonking, J. V. Thomas, Howell Mabbot, C. E. Venning, J. P. Milton P. T. Chirgwin, J. W. Scobell-Armstrong, S. G. Bazeley, Edgar Hall, W. Badgery, W. Bazeley, C. Hanley and J. W. Hawke; Chair, Mr. Ernest Michell; Vice-Chair, Mr. J. C. Rogers; Hon. Treas., S. O. Watkins; Hon. Auditor, J. P. Sampson; Hon. Sec., W. C. Bodinnar; Assist. Hon. Sec., W. H. Batten. The annual show will be held at Corn Exchange, November 19, 20. Mr. W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon, will judge.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

On March 4th this Society held what was termed a "surprise supper," on premises kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. W. Hutchinson. Before the supper two interesting addresses were given by Messrs. J. Hirst and W. Wadsworth on their experience in breeding and rearing, both gentlemen describing the development in type and quality during their experience of the Yorkshire Canary. Mr. Hirst is well known by all the old fanciers, having for a great number of years been represented on the bench of our Union shows with honours. For the past few years he has been obliged to relinquish his usual occupation owing to rheumatism, and he has devoted all his time in the interest of his favourite hobby, therefore Mr. Hirst may be safely relied upon as an expert authority. In his opening remarks he strongly advised us not to be over anxious in pairing up too early, as he had found in the course of his experience in Canary breeding, the best results were obtained when the birds were paired up at the beginning of April. He next drew attention to the treatment of the birds in bringing them into condition ready for pairing up. Mr. Hirst said he never gave the hen Canary any egg-food or mixed seed, but always specialised with the cock bird, thus avoiding getting the hen so eager to nest that she begins plucking her feathers. He warned us against the dangerous practice of frequently handling the nest when the hen has laid her eggs, as many valuable birds had been lost by this unnecessary habit. He then described to us his method of rearing the young. For the first few days after the young were hatched out he will give nothing but egg and bread, well mixed with maw seed. When about four days old he then throws in a good teaspoonful of mixed seed into the cage bottom, consisting of hemp, maw, inga, and rape, as a special inducement to keep the hen from sitting too closely and sweating the young. Mr. Hirst said strict attention should be given the young birds until well on seed, as they seem to have inherited innumerable kinds of diseases since his first acquaintance with the Yorkshire Canary. Mr. Hirst's address throughout was deeply interesting, infinitely more so because his hearers know he breeds as many birds annually as most fanciers, and invariably produces among them a few of those such as which all exhibition breeders are striving after. This appealed to us all as being the strongest evidence of a fancier's ability in the selection of a typical breeding stock, and their efficient treatment for producing the best results. Both speakers denounced the idea of introducing the Cinnamon for improving the green blood. A lengthy discussion followed. Several theories were advanced on the cause of so much disease and fatality amongst the young birds. A few preventions were suggested, but no cures. We terminated an instructive meeting with a lively song well rendered by G. H. Fisher.—J. Hird, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 8th. There was only a small attendance. Decided to write judges re their terms, etc. It was also decided to advertise our annual show in Cage Birds, the show to be held November 14 and 15th. One new member was proposed, and there are several more who intend to be members.—Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec.

HUTHWAITE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show held at the Shoulder of Mutton. A good number of members were present, and five new members were enrolled. Mr. Marshall judged and gave very satisfaction. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Gabbitass; 3, Butler and Barlow; vhc, hc, Sheppard and Williams. NOR. STOCK PAIRS £1 10s. limit: 1, Vardy; 2, Butler and Barlow; 3, Sheppard. £1 limit: 1, Vardy, 15/-: 1. 2. Connah.—B. Gabbitass.

FENCE HOUSES C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 8, at Station Hotel, Mr. R. Gowland in the chair. A good number of fanciers turned up and a lot of business was got through. The nest feather show will be held July 5th. We nominated a few judges, of which one will be chosen at our next monthly meeting. We enrolled another four members, this making up a splendid total of membership. I also would like to thank Messrs. Hyde, seed merchants, through your valuable paper Cage Birds for sending us without charge a good amount of printing for the use of our new society. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—W. Halton, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual general meeting held March 1, at the Plummit Line Hotel, Mr. T. Pilling in the chair. The balance-sheet was read and passed to the satisfaction of the members present. Special winners for most points throughout the season were: Champion section, 1 Messrs. Burdekin Bros, 2 D. A. Macpherson; novice, 1 A. Mann, 2 E. Saville. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Pres., J. J. Dunn; vice-pres., A. Rose, S. Haigh, and D. A. Macpherson; sec., H. Clegg; assist. sec., J. Burdekin; auditor, D. A. Macpherson; steward, W. Wild; delegates to the Yorkshire Union, P. Child, S. Haigh, and F. Townend; trustees, T. Pilling and J. Mottram; comm., J. Mottram, W. H. Ball, T. Pilling, S. Haigh, H. Lord, P. Child, F. Townend. Five new members were enrolled.—J. Burdekin, Assist. Sec.

THATTO HEATH O.S.

Monthly meeting held at Railway Hotel, March 3rd, Mr. H. Enever in the chair. A good muster of members came to hear Mr. R. P. Bixter give his paper on the Norwich Plainhead, which he did in a most able manner, not forgetting to mention those minor points that are essential in a good bird. He also put some very realistic sketches before the members. Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of everyone. Mr. A. Ashcroft proposed a hearty vote of thanks, in which all the members joined, and Mr. Bixter suitably responded. Mr. H. H. Bixter kindly promised to give, at next meeting, a paper on "Hints on Cage Making." Mr. Bixter being an authority on the subject it ought to prove a very useful lecture. Hoping members will turn up as they did at this meeting. Mr. R. Barker, Widnes, was elected to judge at our Nest Feather Show, July 5. Other business was gone through, which brought an interesting meeting to a close.—H. Cuttler, Hon. Sec.

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CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Monthly meeting held in Laidlaw's Rooms, Lenord-st., March 3, Mr. A. G. Forest, President, in the chair. There was a good turn out of members, when the following judges were appointed: Judge for our open show in the Co-operative Hall, Mr. J. Sanderson, Aberdeen, Crests and Nor.; Mr. J. Craig, Brechin, Borders; and A. W. Watson, Edinburgh, British, Mules, and Foreign. Two new members were enrolled.—John L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

PONTYPRIDD AND DIS. F. & F.S.

Monthly meeting held March 8, at the Victoria Hall. It looks as if the membership will reach at least 50 this year. Six names of fanciers were given in to become members. It was unanimously decided to have a dinner on Whit Tuesday, the date of the annual meeting. The Secretary will be pleased to to receive the names of any fanciers wishing to join and make this function—the first of its kind in the history of the Society—a grand success. Selection of judges was left over to next meeting, April 7. Owing to the great interest taken in the competition for the cups which the Society have at present, it was stated by the Sec. that he intended trying to have a few more for the next show.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting held March 1, with a good muster of members, Mr. Forster in the chair. Decided that we accept Mr. A. Holden's tender for our next feather show, and he was elected to judge same; also decided to hold first annual open show Oct. 25, and not Nov. 22 as previously reported. Decided to hold table show next meeting night, March 29. Class 1, Goldie or Bullie (Brit. or For.); Class 2, Redpoll. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Redpath for judging table show. We have eight new members joined this year; we would like a few more, all fanciers welcome. Second monthly table show British held same night, and proved another success, both classes being well filled. Mr. J. Redpath judged to the satisfaction of everybody present. HARDBILLS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Davidson, rattling good Goldie, Bramble in grand trim, very good Linnet, and Bullfinch; hc, Hedley; c, Forster. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, 3, Davidson, very nice Thrush, in the pink, 2nd Waxwing, 3rd Blackie.—R. Ward, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Usual meeting held March 5th, before a very good attendance. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Lovegrove and Lovegrove (Henley) and Mr. Eggleton. Discussion took place re proposed summer ramble, and hon. sec. was left to try and arrange one for Henley. Sec. would be glad if members having any suggestions for annual show would send them on; also fanciers wishing to join us should send their names. Mr. Brooker kindly gave us his idea of how to wash birds properly, illustrating his remarks with birds provided by members; three were washed in a masterly fashion, and the operation was followed with great interest by members present. Questions were asked and answered in a practical fashion, and then Mr. Yates had a turn. We are lucky to have two such pastmasters of the art, and the members greatly appreciated their kindness. Next meeting will be question night, so bring a stock of questions with you. Also please note that all subs. not paid by March 31 will be 3s. instead of 2s. 6d., so do not blame me if you forget it.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec., 102, Radstock-road, Reading.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

At headquarters, Mar. 4. Mr. J. Hodder was announced to lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Unfortunately, Mr. Hodder found himself unable to keep his appointment owing to sudden attack of influenza, which confined him to his bed. A large number of members and friends were present, and much disappointment was felt at Mr. Hodder not being able to be present. Regret was expressed at his illness, and best wishes for his speedy recovery. Mr. Frank Cole, who was in the chair, kindly undertook to say a few words on the Norwich, which those present had come to hear about. Mr. Cole kept his audience well interested for close on an hour, after which he invited questions or a discussion. He was well plied with questions, which he ably answered, many of the points raising very considerable discussion, those taking part being Messrs. Tringham, Crawford, Tomsett, Cant, Goodwin, Hazell, Clarke, and Fairman. After a very animated meeting, a vote of thanks to Mr. Cole for so ably carrying out his double office of chairman and lecturer, was unanimously carried.—W. Hodson, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

General meeting held at Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, March 1. We had a very good muster of fanciers present, amongst whom we were pleased to see Mr. W. P. Barnes, from Grantham. Sec. placed the balance-sheet before the meeting. Total income being £[illegible] 18s. 4d.; expenditure, £3 1s. 3d.; balance in hand, £3 17s. 1d. Photo. of members, value 1s., being in secretary's hands, there remains £3 16s. 1d. to be paid away in specials. The charge of 2s. 6d. for room was made up by the members present. There was also a matter of £1 9s. 6d., which had been paid from funds for losses at the Sheffield and Nottingham shows, and which sum had been guaranteed by our members generally. Towards this 17s. was collected from the members present, so that there is a sum of 12s. 6d. still to be subscribed to put matters right. The loss per member amounts to a shilling per head, and the sec. was instructed to write each member not present to see if he be willing to help to pay the same. The following were elected as officials for coming season: Pres., Mr. J. Garner; vice-pres., Messrs. W. P. Barnes, G. Fitton, C. F. Bosworth, Dr. Maitland, S. R. Compston, W. Ridgard, E. Fuller, and N. Stansfield; treas., Mr. J. Swalwell; sec., Mr. A. Martin, Shaw; comm., Messrs. E. Ollerenshaw, J. E. Ollerenshaw, T. H. Collinge, B. Clegg, E. Lord, J. Lee, J. Hampshire, F. Hamer, J. Hamer, Geo. Thurling, A. Hordern, J. Vickers, W. Kay, H. Mowbray, I. White, J. Oldham, and J. Rukin; auditors, Messrs. J. Oldham and J. Rukin. Decided that we have a tea and social to present prizes. This will be held at Oldham on April 12. Further particulars as to room, price, etc., will be sent out later. Mr. A. Martin is making all arrangements for the meeting. Members are particularly invited to bring their wives and friends. Mr. W. P. Barnes made a notice of motion that we have a special meeting to discuss the best way to provide specialist judges at any show where our patronage is given, and it is hoped that every member will endeavour to be present and get the thing into working order. Now, Lancashire and Lizard fanciers, we have a good man in our new secretary; he is young, enthusiastic, and one with the club's interest at heart; so just find him some new members, and help him as you have helped me, and things will go with a swing with our favourites the coming season. Mr. Martin wishes me to see things through till our social, after which all communications must be addressed to Mr. A. Martin, 6, Alison Street, Shaw, nr. Oldham, hon. sec. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Garner as chairman concluded the business.—John Rukin, late Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the College Inn, Feb. 22, Mr. W. Brotherton in the chair. Decided to alter the date of annual show to Oct. 24 and 25 instead of 25 and 27, some of our members not being in favour of Sunday showing. It was also passed to use closed rings for the cups. We have fixed our next feather show for June 28 at the Mail Coach Inn. Birds staged at four o'clock. Mr. J. Webster judge.—B. Bailey, sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held Mar. 3. Prizes won at recent Pair and Finch show were presented to the winners by Mr. C. T. Maxwell. Balance-sheet of same passed, showing a balance of 10s. 6d. to the club funds, which is a record. Mr. Brighty being unable to continue in office as secretary, Mr. T. J. Hose, 5, Wells-terrace, Camberwell, S.E., was elected to fill the vacancy. All communications should be addressed accordingly. Carried that for the future the headquarters of the society be the "Clock House," Clapham Park road, and the meeting night the first Tuesday in the month. Mr. Simpkins (Balham) and Mr. Gardiner (Peckham) were nominated for membership, and will be elected at next meeting. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to chair.—T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Monthly table show held at headquarters, March 3, for pairs and British. YORKS.: 1, 2, Olive; 3, Tidy; 4, E. Stevens. NOR.: 1, Olive; 2, E. Stevens; 3, Tidy; 4, H. Stevens. HYB.: 1, 2, Grant; 3, Tidy. GOLDF.: 1, Grant; 2, E. Stevens; 3, Young; 4, H. Stevens; vhc, Knight. GREENF.: 1, Grant; 2, Jacobs; 3, E. Stevens; 4, Knight. BRAMBLE: 1, 3, E. Stevens; 2, Grant.—W. Broadbridge, Sec. (pro. tem.).

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Annual pair show, held Feb. 15, at the new headquarters, the Union Buildings, High Street. About 30 pairs were nicely staged. Mr. T. P. Baxter, Runcorn, judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction. YORKS. (13): 1, 4, Boote; 2, Jones; 3, hc, Rone; vhc, c, Sutton. NOR. (8): 1, 2, hc, Guy; 3, vhc, Hayes; 4, Jones; c, Sutton. CRESTS (1): 1, Guy. NOV., NOR. (4): 1, 3, Fearnett; 2, 4, Rogerson.—T. P. Baxter.

LUTON C.B.S.

Second Table Show held March 4. Mr. W. M. Thring judged. There were some good pairs put together for Mule breeding, and by the look of it we are going to have in Luton some of the rarest crosses in existence. The awards were: CANARY CROSS (9): 1, 4, Smith; 2, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, Titchfield and Sons. OTHER CROSSES (7): 1, 3, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, Anstie. GOLDF. AND BULLF.: 1, 2, Smith. OTHER BRIT.: 1, Smith; 2, Bloomfield and Rose. A rare team of Foreigners was shown by Mr. J. C. W. Meadows.—E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec.

FILEY F. AND F.S.

Second annual show, held at the Masonic Hall. Mr. George Simpson (Scarborough) judged. The members' cup was won by Mr. J. R. Bottomley (Bridlington), Mr. F. Gray won special for best Canary and Mr. H. Wilson for best Yorks.

YORKS., CK.: 1, 2, Gray; 3, Cook; 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, 2, Gray; 3, Wilson; 4, Cook. UNFLIG.: 1, Wilson; 2, Gray; 3, Cook; 4, Gray. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Gray. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Gray. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Gray. A.O.V.: 1, Farline; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Fell. BRIT.: 1, Dukes; 2, Watkinson; 3, Mrs. Southwell; 4, Watkinson.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual matched pair show held Feb. 20 at Naish's Royal Stores, kindly secured for us by Mr. W. Harrington. Entries did not come up to last year by 30, the total being 117. Norwich and Yorks. were good, but the British and Mules were poorly represented. Quality was good throughout. Several well-known winners had to take a back seat through not being put down in the usual show style. The chief winners were: Norwich, W. Chedgey; Yorks., H. C. Smith, these exhibitors putting down their teams in faultless style. Members should look to this in future, as it is evident that condition plays a big part on the show bench. Mr. F. Jones judged Norwich and British, Mr. T. Meluish Yorks., etc., and their awards gave satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Chedgey; 3, 4, Maggs; vhc, G. Slocombe; hc, Thomas. BUFF: 1, Chedgey; 2, 4, Thomas; 3, Maggs; vhc, F. Slocombe. HEN: 1, hc, Chedgey; 2, vhc, G. Slocombe; 3, F. Slocombe; 4, Maggs. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Chedgey; 2, Maggs; 3, F. Slocombe; 4, G. Slocombe; vhc, Thomas. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, G. Slocombe; 2, Chedgey; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, Maggs; hc, F. Slocombe. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Hopson; 2, Simons. BUFF: 1, Simons. HEN: 1, Hopson; 2, 3, Simons; 4, Legg. PAIRS: 1, Hopson; 2, Simons; 3, Legg. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Smith; 2, Merritt; 3, vhc, Dugmore; 4, Bale. BUFF CK.: 1, 4, Smith; 2, vhc, Dugmore; 3, Bale. HEN: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Merritt; 4, Bale; vhc, hc, Dugmore. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Dugmore; 4, Merritt; hc, Bale. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Smith; 2, Merritt; 3, 4, Dugmore; vhc, Bale. NOV. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Merritt; 3, Raymond; 4, Bale. BUFF: 1, Raymond; 2, Bale; 3, 4, Merritt. HEN: 1, 4, Raymond; 2, Bale; 3, vhc, Merritt. PAIRS: 1, 2, Raymond; 3, 4, Merritt; vhc, Bale. A.O.V. SINGLE: 1, Smith; 2, Chedgey. PAIRS: 1, Chedgey; 2, Smith. CAN. MULING PAIRS: 1, Morgan; 2, Simons. A.O.V. DITTO: 1, 2, Morgan. MULES: 1, Ball. GOLD.: 1, 2, Davies; 3, 4, Morgan; vhc, Hopson. GREENF.: 1, Legg. LINNET: 1, Morgan. SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, 2, 3, Morgan.—E. Thomas, Sec.

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TORBAY C.S.

Pair show held at the Lower Public Hall, Paignton, March 5. Mr. F. Redwood judged. Awards:—NOR. YELL. COCK, BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Jeffery and Sons; vhc, hc, Daw. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Daw; 2, vhc, Jeffery and Sons. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Bishop; vhc, Roper. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Innes; 2, Roper; 3, Badcott; vhc, Clay. CAN. CK. AND BRIT. HEN: 1, J. Jeffery. GOLDF. CK. AND CAN. HEN: 1, 2, Wyatt; 3, Roper; vhc, Badcott. A.O.V. BRIT. CK. AND CAN. HEN: 1, Wyatt; 2, W. Jeffery; 3, Roper. BRIT. CK. AND BRIT. HEN (two distinct varieties): 1, 2, Roper; 3, W. Jeffery. At the meeting that followed, it was decided that the ramble fixed for June 4 be at Dittisham on the Dart.—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Hon. Secs.

TONBRIDGE F.A.

Annual members' show held at Headquarters, Feb. 26, some very good birds were staged in the Norwich section, a nice class, but Yorkshires were short in numbers. Should like to see more Yorkies turn up to make better competition. Among the Norwich was the fine yellow var., which stood 4th at Palace show, belonging to Mr. Greenaway, and this was much admired. Mr. F. Wraight, Tunbridge Wells, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., FED.: 1, W. Creid; 2, 3, H. Cross. NON-FED: 1, W. Creid; 2, 3, H. Cross; 4, Creid. NOR., FED: 1, sp, L. Richards; 2, 3, vhc, c, Greenaway; 4, Smithers; hc, W. Creid. NON-FED: 1, W. Creid; 2, L. Richards. PAIRS: 1, 2, Smithers; 3, W. Creid (all Norwich). BRIT.: 1, 2, H. Cross; 3, Reid. MULES: 1, 2, Smithers.—P. Stonestreet, Sec.

DEAL AND WALMER F.A.

A very interesting feature of the special and very successful table show, held at Nelson Hall, March 6th, was the presentation of fountain pens to W. H. Thompson and W. H. D. Lacy, the joint secs., as a token of appreciation of the devoted services they have rendered. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Mr. Alec. Pattenson, late of Gravesend, judged cage birds, and commented on the birds as follows:—Yorkshire cocks and hens a good class; toppers. Norwich cocks and hens well up to standard. A.O.V., very fair class. Brit. in good form and plumage. The exhibits are rather excited owing to near approach of breeding season, but taking them as a whole they are all in good condition and well staged. YORKS, CK.: 1, 4, Mowle; 2, vhc, Lacy; 3, hc, Thompson. HEN: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, 4, hc, Mowle; vhc, Lacy. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Pilcher; 4, vhc, Thompson; vhc, Mercer; hc Lacy. HEN: 1 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Pilcher; vhc, Lacy; hc, Mercer. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 4, Avis; 3, Sneller. BRIT.: 1, Mercer; 2, 3, 4, Lacy.—W. H. Thompson, W. H. D. Lacy, Secs.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Pair and British show held at Hartley Avenue Schools, Feb. 15. The weather was most depressing, but the attendance was good. The society made a fine show with over one hundred entries. It was most encouraging to have so fine and interesting a show. Some splendid pairs were put down, and the British were a fine lot, everyone seemed pleased, and all had a pleasant evening. Mr. A. E. Pattrick judged. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: Sp, 1, 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Cooper. BUFF CK. & YELL. HEN: Sp, 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Taylor; 4 Cooper. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Bennett. AMAT. NOR.: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Walker. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN. YORKS.: 1, 2, Farmer; 3, 4, Parker; vhc, Fox. BUFF CK., YELL HEN: 1, 3, Farmer; 2, Fox; 4, vhc, Parker. VARIEG.: sp, 1, 4, Farmer; 2, 3, Fox; vhc, hc, Parker. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Parker. NOV. NOR.: sp, 1, 3, vhc, Dalton; 2, 4, hc, Lawrence. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Rowe; 3, Mays; 4, Wilkins; vhc, W. Walker; hc, Carlton. BUFF CK., YELL HEN: 1, Mays; 2, Reynolds; 3, Carlton; 4, Wilkins; vhc, Pask; hc, Palm. VARIEG.: 1, Mays; 2, Rowe; 3, vhc, Wilkins; 4, W. Walker; hc, Reynolds; c, Pask. CL. TKD. BORD.: sp, 1, 2, vhc, hc, Fisher and Pollen; 3, Onslow; 4, Fordham. VARIEG.: 1, Onslow; 2, Fordham. FINCH and CANARY: 1, Parker; 2, Oliver; 3, T. Walker; 4, hc, Fisher and Pollen; vhc, Cooper. FINCH. PAIRS: 1, 3, hc, Cooper; 2, Oliver; 4, vhc, T. Walker; c, Pask. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Pask; sp, 2, 3, Curd; 4, T. Walker. LINNET or REDPOLL: 1, W. Cornell; 2, Hammerton; 3, 4, T. Walker. A.O.V. HARDBILL: sp, 1, sp, 2, T. Walker; 3, vhc, Lowe; 3, Curd. SOFT.: 1, Walker.

PENRHIWCEIBER.

Fourth annual show held February 27, at Park Hall, an admirably adapted place for an exhibition. Owing no doubt to the lateness of the season our section was rather poorly represented in point of numbers; some really good quality exhibits, however, somewhat made up for the lack of entries. The birds were well looked after by Mr. Wilkins, who is an enthusiastic fancier. The sec., Mr. W. Brown, was a very courteous and obliging official. The placing of the awards by Mr. D. A. S. Longden gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK. (3): 1, 2, Muscott, cl. yell. leading, good type, nice col. and qual., neat head; 2nd, good size and shape, trifle pale, and inclined to cross wings; vhc, Watkins. YORKS., YELL., ETC. (3): 1, Gregory, wing mkd. yell., good length, nice straight back, well up on leg; 2, Wilkins, cl. yell., close up, good type and qual.; 3, Maidment, wing mkd., good length. HEN (3): 1, Wilkins, cl., nicely braced wing, good round head, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Maidment, good size, nice position, well up on leg; 3, Gregory, nicely rounded head, good wings and tail. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Bevan, varieg., good length, well up on leg, lovely qual. and condition; 2, Maidment, mkd., nice size, good straight back, well on leg, trifle weak in head; 3, hc, Gregory. HEN (5): 1, Bevan, tkd., good straight back, nicely braced wings and tail, stands well; 2, Wilkins, cl., good qual. and condition, 3, Maidment, nice qual. and condition. A.O.V. (10): 1, Mitchell, varieg. Bord., lovely type and qual., very jaunty, staged to perfection; 2, c, Muscott, neat Green Crest, good size and qual.; 3, 4, Davies, cl. buff and varieg. buff Nor., nice size and shape, in A1 order; vhc, Wilkins; hc, Powell. GOLDF. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Richards, grand team, leader wonderful blaze, good tans, bars, and buttons; 2nd, close up, good col. blaze, lovely tans, bars and buttons; 3, Heal, good size, neat tans and wing bars; hc, Griffiths; c, Watkins. LINNET (6): 1, Nicholas, good col. and qual., nice size and shape, distinct pencilling; 2, Heal, nice col. and qual., neatly laced, good size and shape; 3, Glover, F.M., nicely laced, good rich col., neat shape, should moult a good one; 4, Richards; vhc, Mitchell; hc, McLucas. A.O.V. HARDBILL (9): 1, Heal, Twite, neat exhibit, good size and shape, nice White, well laced; 2, Glover, Bramble, grand size, col., and qual., well spangled; 3, Wilkins, col. fed Greenie, lovely qual. and condition, nice size and shape; 4, Griffiths, Hawfinch, good size, shape, col. and qual.; vhc, Nicholas; hc, McLucas; c, Watkins. FOR. (2): 1, Morgan, well known Adelaide Parrot, in nice bloom; 2, Muscott.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Annual table pair show held March 6, at St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. There was some good competition in the Hybrid pairs. Mr J. Gough judged. NOR.: 1, sp, Lewin; 2, 3, Lees. A.V. CAN. (Amat.): 1, sp, Simms. STOCK, 30s.: 1, Wren. STOCK, 15s.: 1, 3, George; 2, vhc, Wren. CAN. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, Wren; 2, Lees. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, sp, 2, 3, Wren; vhc, White; hc, Simms. STOCK, 10s.: 1, Wren; 2, Simms.—A. F. Fifield, Press Correspondent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Third table show of the season. A fresh record was put up for a B.B. table show. Mr. W. Chadwick judged, and got through to the satisfaction of the exhibitors. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Marsland; 2, Heap; 3, Mellor; 4, Stubbs. BULLF. OR GOLDF. (14): 1, 4, Heap; 2, Etchells; 3, hc, Gavin and Broadhurst; vhc, Flowers; c, Stubbs. GREENF., ETC. (9): 1, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst; 2, hc, c, Heap; 3, vhc, Marsland.—J. R. Colville, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

The ninth annual pair show, held at the Reindeer Hotel, Peckham, Feb. 25. The entry was not extra large, but the pairs staged were of tip-top quality. Norwich, both in champion and novice classes, were well above the average, and should produce some real good birds for their owners during the coming season. Yorks. were a nice lot, and those in novice section were distinctly better than anything seen here before. Some very nice muling pairs were also shown. A good attendance of fanciers visited the show during the evening. Catalogues with awards were on sale a few minutes after judging was over. Mr. J. Robson judged. The secretary had everything well in hand, being ably assisted by Messrs. F. Cole, H. W. Tomsett, J. S. Fairman, and G. Cant.

(From the catalogue received, we gather that the principal winners were: CHAMP. NOR., Cole; YORKS., Fairman, Carpenter; MULES, Clark, Richardson; NOR. NOV., Hodson, Tomsett; YORKS., Cornish, Cant; MULES, Tomsett.—Ed.)

LONG EATON C.B.S.

General meeting and stock pair show held Mar. 1. We had a full gathering of members, and, besides other business, decided to have an open show in connection with our annual members' show, Dec. 6. There will be 20 classes; our last members' show was very successful, and we have a bit of cash to add to the bank balance. The general balance for the year was just under £9, thanks largely to some excellent local patronage. We have four cups and one rosebowl at present in the society, having been given by local gentlemen. Mr. J. Lowe judged, and his awards were well received. Only eight members showed out of 23, and it was only in Yorks. that there was any competition. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Horwood. YORKS. (8): 1 2, sp, Wall; 3, Baker; vhc, Kilvington; vhc, hc, Bevan; vhc, hc, Beers. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, sp, Barker. BORD.: 1, 2, sp, Brown. MULE AND HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, sp, Beers.—Geo. T. Wall, Sec.—(Kindly note that matter for publication should be written on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

Singing Contests.

LEIGH.

A meeting was held at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, March 7th, and as no other club has taken March 15th for a contest, we decided to have a contest on that date for time and quality, and eight good prizes given. Will secretaries meet me at the Globe Inn after the contest to arrange future dates.—R. Holcroft.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held March 8; 42 birds entered for four good prizes. 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Longfield; 3 and 4, Nelson. Also March 9, 29 birds entered for three good prizes given by the landlady. 1, Smith; 2 and 3, Nelson. We are having an open sing on Easter Monday, first pair of birds in the window at 1 p.m. prompt.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Open sing, held at headquarters, March 8th. 31 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, Collison; 2, Wallis; 3, Bath. Members sing next week, March 15th, when we hope to see a good attendance of members present. Next open sing, Easter Monday, first pair in window at 3 prompt.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

LANGLEY MOOR.

Linnet sing held at the Victoria Inn, March 8th, 54 birds were entered, and some grand singing was heard. Mr. R. Purdy who was to judge, did not turn up, so Mr. Geo. Reid, our old judge, was elected and did his work well. Owing to the late start the following made a division: Plews, Walker, Robinson, Boyd, Lee, Happylad. Next contest, March 15, at the Bottom House, Sacriston, near Durham; £2 given; entrance 1s. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed-Brandon.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street, March 8th, for members only. Six prizes were given by the Club. 47 birds were entered and some very good singing was done. 1, Biddulph, 151 sec.; 2, Syddall, 123; 3, Fairhurst, 109; 4, Jackson, 97; 5, Hickman, 96; 6, Pool, 83. Timers, Messrs. Hindley and Harrison. Tappers, A. Marshall and J. Talbot. Minutes, A. Biddulph. Birdman, T. Jolly. After contest we held our usual concert. Three new members were enrolled.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, March 8; 18 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Wigfield; 2, Butler; 3, Hollingworth. Judges, Lacy, Naylor. Also March 9, 28 birds sang for four good prizes before a crowded house. 1, Wigfield; 2, Butler; 3, Chadwick; 4, Stead. Judges, Lacy, Naylor, Hardcastle.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, Mar. 8, when 19 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Hayes; 2, Green; 3, shared between Sellers and Towers. Judges, J. Granger and C. Clayton. Also Mar. 9, when 24 birds faced the judges, and some extraordinary good singing was heard. 1, Biss; 2, Sellers; 3, Ward; 4, Longley. Judges T. C. Summers, C. Clayton; timekeeper, J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, March 9, 28 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Clark; 2, Ayers; 3, Chippendale; 4, Clark. Judges, N. Solomon and A. Turner.—A. Lorrimun, Hon. Sec.

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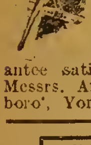

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TWO 1912 hen Canaries, ready to nest, 3/- each, or 6/6 the two: Jones, Saddler, Albury, Hadham, Herts. (562)

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THREE cock Linnet Mules (never heard Canary song), 5/6 each; five Linnet and two Goldfinch hen Mules, 10/-: M., Quarry Hill Lodge St. Leonards.

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GOLDFINCH Mules, cocks, 7/6, 15/-, and £1; hens 3/6, all healthy and strong: Jas. Elvin, East Dereham. (567)

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TWO cock Goldie Mules, pure Goldie song, [illegible] and [illegible] Newark show 1912, 7/6 each.—A. Martin, Elston, Newark. (562)

THREE good Sib-bred yellow hen Canaries, last left, 3/6 each, 10/- the three: [illegible], Langport, Somerset. (557)

SIBS., many years inbred; hens 3/6, cocks 5/6 each; Norwich cock, large yellow bird, 5/6: Belletti, Killigrew, Falmouth. (564)

FOUR large unlighted hens and good Welsh cock Goldie, 12/- lot, or separate: Robinson, 1, Cleveland-square, Rochdale. (558)

1912 Dark Goldfinch Mules, fine songsters, nice colour, splendid birds, 7/-, worth double: Cave, 43, Sarah-st., Leicester. (567)

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GREENFINCHES, three cocks, one hen, hatched and reared by Canary, 2/- each, grand plumage: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge. (540)

THREE by six cock Goldfinch, right sort for light Mules, 6/6; approval, cash: Williamson, Sommerville-Court, North Berwick. (557)

TWICE house-moulted Muling cock Goldfinch and clear hen Canary, 8/6; approval; deposit willingly: Kito, Bedford-st., St. Neots. (563)

TWO champion cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, grand songsters, sure winners, 15/- each; approval: "Princess Mary," Market-st., Poplar, E. (572)

INCESSANT singing cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6; hens 1/6; cage-moulted muling cock Goldfinches, 5/-: Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich. (547)

MULING pair, grand cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 5/-; fine cock Goldfinch, 3/-; approval; deposit: Conie, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingboro. (567)

FOR sale, large Goldfinch Mule, Linnet Mule, cocks, rare singers, 7/6 each; cash or deposit: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, Scotland. (562)

LARGE Norwich cocks, 6/-; parents bred light Mules; hens 3/-; Crestbred hens 6/-; stamp for reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (560)

CANARY reared Greenfinch hen, good specimen, splendid condition, 5/6; approval willingly, cash or deposit: Reynolds, Bootmaker, Cranleigh. (569)

HENS for light mule breeding pink eyed strain, yellows or buffs, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; cold-room; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (339)

FOR sale; one large Greenfinch cock, one large hen, both house moulted, for Mule or Hybrid breeding; approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire. (567)

BEAUTIFUL variegated yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule cock, grand songster, 10/-; approval; deposit: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham. (568)

THREE genuine Sib. hens, two thrown light Mules, other 1912 bird; also white-legged (breeder) Goldie, 25/- lot, or separate: Pearce, High-st., Barnstaple. (571)

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, with deep square blaze, sacrifice, 6/6; also yellow 1912 Yorkshire hen, 5/6; cash; approval: D. Betty, Goodwick, Pem. (570)

YELLOW Greenfinch Mule cock, two firsts, special; exchange cock Goldfinch Mule, or sell 15/-; approval both ways: A. E. Gardner, Parkfield, Potters Bar. (564)

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FOR sale, one Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid cock, one Jonque Linnet Mule cock, 8 Norwich hens; stamp reply: Dixon, Tailor and Costumier, Norton Malton, Yorkshire. (565)

HYBRIDS.—Beautiful steady cock Linnet, bred Mules last season, 4/6; nice clear bred muling hen Canary, 3/-; approval: Waldock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green. (572)

TO Mule breeders: splendid brown Linnet, full song, matched to hen Canary, sell 6/-, or exchange house moulted Goldfinch: R. Bailey, 179, Cromwell-rd., Peterborough. (557)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light mule breeders, buffs 5/6, yellows 7/6, cocks 7/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

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TWO Goldfinch Mules, pure Goldfinch song, been used catching two seasons, 15/- each; also cock Linnet, muler, now fit, 7/6, or exchange for cock Canaries: Clarke, 13, Maddin-rd., Sydenham. (556)

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GUARANTEED breeding Greenfinch and Bullfinch, 7/6; Goldfinch and Bullfinch, 12/6; also muling Greenfinch, 2/6; we guarantee all above birds to be in breeding condition and genuine bargains: Morris and Adams, 219, Henley-rd., Ilford. (571)

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WINNERS, dark Mules; yellow Goldfinch Canary, 30/-; buff Goldfinch Canary, 30/-; Buff Linnet and Canary, 20/-; all winners, perfect condition; nice lot of Linnet and Goldfinch hen Mules, 1/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (540)

HIGH class Sibs, few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 44 years inbred, warranted, 10/- each, breeder, Mr. Jones's champion light mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes; bred 1911, ticked yellow, ticked buff; 8 lightly marked, bred 1912 two four-point buffs, one ticked yellow; six lightly marked mules; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester. (464)

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DOVES.

WANTED hen Australian Bronzewing, hen Diamond Dove, hen Scaley Dove: Colonel Walters, Rougemont, Ryde. 554)

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HEN Rosella, outdoor aviary, 18/-: 7, Victoria-terrace, Walsall. (558)

FINE African Grey Parrot, beautiful talker, etc., square cage, £5 10/-: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (562)

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PAIR Indian Green Parrots, talkers, guarantee would breed, 20/- and 40/-, with cages; exchange high class Norwich to value; must be good; approval, state particulars: Witton, 204, Magdalen-st., Colchester. (557)

ONE pair Bichenos, 25/-; 1 cock Diamond Sparrow, 12/-; 1 pair Zebra Finches, 7/6; 1 pair Cordon Blues, 5/-; 1 cock Orange-cheek Waxbill, 2/-; all winners; wanted, cock Indian Shama: Crawford, 11, Braeside-st., Glasgow. (569)

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COCK Yellow Napel, cheap, or exchange hen; wanted pair Mealy Rosellas, also any variety of Grass Parrakeets; Yellow-winged Sugar Birds for sale, also cock Barnard: Miss Clare, 194, Coombe-lane, Wimbledon. (Q)

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WANTED ½ or ¾ Belgian-Yorkshire cock, exchange Yorkshire hen, mutual approval; also hens for sale cheap, tip-top condition: Jeans, Hendford Station Cottages, Yeovil. (558)

WANTED, good Yorkshire Canaries; exchange for four volumes of "Modern Physician," by Dr. Andrew Wilson (new), or sell 21/6: H. Crossley, East Hardwick, Pontefract. (563)

WANTED, good pair Scotch Fancies or Yorkshires; will give 36 good cylinder records and case, or sell 22/-; approval both ways: Jacob, 17, Denton-rd., Harlesden, London, N.W. (568)

WANTED extra proud, fierce singing Linnet, one that will sing at empty cage, on approval; would exchange Foreign birds or Canaries, or Goldie Mule: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (573)

WILL buy for cash any quantity Goldfinch, Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-, and hen Canaries 1/3 each, large Yorkshire hens 1/6 each: Helyar, 52, Holyoak-rd., Newington Butts, London S.E. (490)

WILL give 7/6 each for two extra large, Norwich type, muling hens, unflighted yellows preferred, or will exchange large H.-M. cock Goldfinch for one: Ryan, Templehouse, Ballymote, Sligo. (571)

WANTED large cock Goldfinch Mule, good songster, or will exchange large Sib. buff hen, good feeder, and unflighted cinnamon hen, value 12/-; approval: Walker, Queen's Hotel, Tirril, Penrith. (568)

WANTED following hens: Crested, Crestbred, Cockatiel, and Rosella,' exchange Siskin, 1st epl., Pile Game, Rosecomb Bantams, poultry, small Foreign: Wyndham, New Clifton, Bristol. (560)

WANTED, first-class house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, must be big, with square cut blaze; good price for really good bird; approval; deposit: W. P. Thomas, Pantteg, Ystalyfera, nr. Swansea. (565)

WANTED, "Our Canaries" (bound), confectioner's scales and weights; exchange Borders to value; cocks from 7/6, hens 4/-, pairs from 10/6; three typical Yorkshire hens, 12/-; offers: 126, Lee-rd,. S.E. (568)

WANTED, three Yorkshire hens for Silver Sebright Bantam cock (winner) and Old English Spangled Game hen, both in perfect condition; with cash for good birds: Forsyth, Chapel-square, Colcraine, Ireland. (563)

FIELD-MOULTED Siskin or Greenie; must be good; exchange 1912 Linnet Mule, full song; field-moulted Linnet-Redpoll, winner, monster bib, 22/- lot; yours first: Burrows, The Lodge, Alderegate Chemical Works, Southall. (564)

WANTED, birds, any description, in exchange for double or single breeding cages, fitted with loose fronts, sliding divisions, etc., or loose fronts; any size made; good value given: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (566)

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, and common hen Canaries 1/4, Norwich 1/8, Yorkshires 2/- each; I buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens; Linnets wanted; same address 25 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (569)

WANTED, Canaries, Hybrids, etc., in exchange for black dog Pomeranian, "Book on Canaries, Hybrids, and British," large gramophone, 120 10-inch records, hand or stand extending camera; see Mainly Canaries and Miscellaneous: Lewis Edgeley, Leytonstone. (572)

WANTED FOR EXPORT

500 large colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; must be of good type and quality; will give 7/6 pair in large or small quantities; also 400 cock Goldfinch Mules, must be in full song; will give 5/- each. Genuine honest dealings; highest references; established generation. Bankers, London City and Midland Bank, Bethnal Green Branch. Stamped envelope for reply: Enock Power, Sole Importer of German Canaries and Siberians, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

WANTED FOR EXPORT

300 Canaries, Plainheads, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crest; good prices given for good birds: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

RUTHERFORD, BIRD DEALERS,

333, High-rd., Leytonstone, London.

Wanted 500 Canaries, Yorkshires, and Norwich hens, will give 18/- dozen. (496)

WANTED FOR CASH

Any variety Yorkshire and Norwich; will purchase odd hens; write particulars, quantity and price: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax. (556)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

ANYTHING bought, supplied, or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menagerie, Greenwich.

COCK Bullfinch, grand plumage; exchange for Norwich hen: Winton, 30, University-st., Glasgow. (567)

THREE large cock Larks, singing, 1/6 each; exchange offers, anything useful: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (570)

EXCHANGE for cock Yorkshire, cock Goldfinch and Linnet, bred Mules, sell 10/6: 51, Spon-lane, West Bromwich. (566)

ONE H.M. hen Bullfinch, also H.M. hen Greenfinch, both laid in cage; 5/- two: Brewer, 184, Rodbourne-rd., Swindon, Wilts. ([illegible]64)

COCK Bullfinch, best in strong class, 5/-, or exchange yellow Norwich hen; approval: J. Davies, 881, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire. (562)

LARGE Mealy Redpoll, prize winner, mule breeder, exchange large muling Goldfinch; approval; offers: Young, Ro[illegible], Cambois, Blyth. (559)

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, 8/6; ditto cock Greenfinch, 2/6; mulers; hand-reared cock Linnet, 2/-: Dimmock, Market-sq., Leighton Buzzard. (54[illegible])

THREE exhibition cock Bullfinches, 8/- each, exchange yellow or buff Yorkshire cock, unflighted: Stubbs, 23b, Wells-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (564)

TWO splendid house-moulted muling Linnets and Greenfinch, singing, 5/-, exchange two big Norwich hens: Dickens, 71, [illegible]-st., St. Albans. (571)

COCK [illegible]-throat Goldfinch, steady, 7/-: unflighted yellow Norwich hen, 6/6; wanted, yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen: Morgan, Moira-pl., Cardiff. (567)

WILL exchange two Goldfinches, two Redpolls, one Linnet, one Linnet Mule, for foreigners, or aviary; yours first, or sell 13/-: Forrest, Carlton, Minehead. (557)

SALE or exchange two cock Bullies, two cock Greenies, two hen Goldfinches, exchange hen Canaries: T. Parker, 35, Wharf-rd., Stamford, Lincs. (557)

EXCHANGE house-moulted Greenfinch, proved muler, and hen Goldfinch, for good yellow Norwich hen; approval: Wm. Allan, 23, Kelliebank, Alloa. (559)

MUST clear 3 grand British; Chaffinch 10/6, winner; Bullfinch, 7/6, winner; Twite, 5/-; sell or exchange anything: Wantling, Hr. Tunstead, Stacksteads. (573)

GOLDFINCH cock, father of nine Mules, also Goldfinch Mule, good birds, in full song; exchange Norwich, or sell 15/- the two: Hayward, Steep, Petersfield. (563)

EXHIBITORS! Two fine big Greenfinches, white-legged, and Linnet, fit for show; exchange Roller cock, or sell 12/6; approval: T. Denby, Bradley, via Keighley. (561)

COCK Linnets, selected, 1/- each; cock Skylarks, 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; exchange any of the above for Canaries and Mules, cocks or hens: J. Donaldson, 34, Pitt-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (557)

TWO cage moulted cock Linnets on song, 1/6 each; H.M. hen Chaffinch, 1/6; H.M. Greenfinch, muler, 3/6; hen Bullfinch, 1/6; cock Yellowhammer, 2/-; exchange Canaries: Baldwin, 108, Melton-rd., Wellingborough. (564)

TWO cock Mealy Redpolls, three September-caught cock Linnets, hand-reared hen Bullfinch, H.M. cock Greenfinch; exchange tricycle horse for child, or disc records; or sell 15/6; no rubbish: W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop. (568)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE yellow ticked Norwich cock, full song, for Yorkshire cock; offers. Newton, 39, Gledhall-st., Salford. (559)

GREEN Canary hen, wire flight cage, 6/6, would exchange for Roller, in song: Payne, 86, Maygrove-rd., Kilburn. (558)

SALE or exchange eight Roller hens, in good condition; what offers: 2, Seymour-place, E., New Brighton. (564)

CAN spare three good German hens, good breeders and feeders, 3/- each, or offers: Wilkinson, 5, Crossrow, Bacup. (565)

EXCHANGE one pair of Canaries for good Whippet bitch; yours first: Wm. Booth, 9, Colinview-st., Belfast, Ireland. (555)

CLEARING out six good hen Canaries, for sale or exchange: J. Taylor, Holmewood, Havelock-rd., Luton, Beds. (561)

GRAND Yorkshire cock Canary, 5/6; ditto Norwich, 5/-; good hens, 2/6; cages cheap: Chard, 48, West-st., Bridport. (567)

YELLOW Yorkshire cocks, grand feather, 12/6, 15/6, 21/-; or exchange yellow Norwich hens: 24, Chelsham-rd., Clapham. (549)

FOR sale, my entire stock, Norwich and Yorkshires, mostly winners, cages, etc.; exchange: Rixon, 6, Ash-rd., Birkenhead (557)

TWO pairs Rollers, £1; four-compartment breeder, 10/-; exchange pictures, Toy dog or bitch: Love, 2, Park-lane, Tipton. (567)

EXCHANGE pair 1911 Canaries for pony harness, 10 hands; sell 15/-: Callis, 13, Canal-st., South Wigton, Leicester. (569)

EXCHANGE Norwich cocks, yellow or buff, for six laying pullets; stamp reply: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (532)

EXCHANGE two clear Norwich cocks and one variegated hen, for good Yorkshire cock: E. Mays, Hummer-rd., Egham. (549)

EXCHANGE good pair of Norwich, Hodder's strain, for good long yellow Yorkshire cock: 61, St. Dunstan's-rd., Worthing. (570)

MATCHED pair Borders, 10/6; exchange for matched pair Lizard Canaries, or cock Goldfinches: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm. (561)

FOUR grand Yorkshire hens, one Norwich, 2/6 each; clear, ticked; useful exchange considered: Webster, 82, Ballyhooly-rd., Cork. (558)

SIX chubby Norwich hens; exchange for pair of Yorkshires, or 3 cock Goldfinches: Smith, Camden Laundry, Fulham Cross. (556)

BORDERS for sale, 3 cocks, 2 hens, good birds; cocks 6/-; hens, 3/-; or exchange Britishers: Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (561)

EXCHANGE two cocks, 4 hens, Yorkshires, good birds, for good cycle; offers: Sergeant, Evelyn-st., Cliffe Vale, Stoke-on-Trent. (550)

THREE Norwich hen Canaries, C.F., good condition, exchange for good yellow cock Budgerigars: Dewett, Brackley, Northants. (559)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire stock birds for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (567)

EXCHANGE two 1912 typical buff Yorkshire hens for Yorkshire or Norwich cock, or sell 6/6: J.R., 62, Stead-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (5[illegible])

EXCHANGE two pairs Norwich Canaries, Clark's strain, four-compartment breeder, for cycle, camera, anything: 7, Reid-st., Morpeth. (567)

BUFF Belgian cock, big winner, 1st Palace, etc., £2; exchange lady's gold guard, anything useful: Lehr, Confectioner, Carmarthen. (569)

EXCHANGE a buff Yorkshire cock, unflighted, for a yellow Yorkshire hen, unflighted, must be good: T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven. (557)

EXCHANGE 1912 buff Scotch Fancy cock for 1912 buff Yorkshire hen, good, value £1; hen first: Waters, 4, Argyle-square, Wick. (555)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, [illegible] exchange for Spam[illegible] seed, or good clear buff hen, [illegible] advertisement Yorkshires: Appleton, M[illegible]. ([illegible])

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, two hens, 12/-; worth double; exchange offers wanted, anything: Sawney, 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley (566)

EXCHANGE one cock and three hen Borders for good matched pair Rollers; mutual approval: Mc. Gladman, [illegible] Strand-st., Kirk[illegible]. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE buff Crested cock for good buff Crest-bred hen, or two single breeders, new: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate. (563)

NOBLE pedigree Aberdeen Terrier bitch, rare hunter, [illegible], exchange hen Canaries, feeders: Metcalfe, 8, Vicar-st., Broughton, Manchester. ([illegible])

TWO Yorkshire cocks, full song, 7/6 each; two Norwich hens, 3/6 each; exchange fowls, latest disc records: Tutty, 10, Square-st., Tooting. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, 1911 bred, for Norwich yellow hen; yours first; or sell 6/6: Johnston, [illegible], Haltwhistle, Northumberland. (567)

FOUR buff Cinnamons, two cocks, two hens, will exchange for two yellow Cinnamon hens, or sell, 15/- lot: Smith, Garsdale, Emsworth, Hants. ([illegible])

GREEN Crest, capped Crest-bred cocks, both breeding condition: offers, Budgerigars (pairs), Greens, or Yellows: Allison, [illegible], Blyth. (559)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; my whole stock (50 birds) cheap from 7/6 pair; what offers, or would exchange for Minorcas: 285, Normanton-rd., Derby. (562)

LARGE Linnet Mule, pure Linnet notes, 8/6; exchange good Norwich or Yorkshire cock; approval; offers: Eames, 7, Princess-st., Wombwell. (565)

WHAT offers 10in. double records for one cock and two hens Seifert Rollers; approval; yours first: Rooney, 4, Vernon-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (563)

A FEW high-class yellow Border hens, cold-room bred, 1912, 4/-, 5/-; two good Siskins, one colour-fed, 5/- each: Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles. (573)

THREE variegated hens, two Norwich, one Norwich and Yorks. cross, sell 7/6, or exchange yellow Norwich cock; yours first: Finch, Glocalid, Pembrey. (561)

PAIR Yorkshires, 20/-; pair Borders, 15/-; "Ticka" camera; exchange incubator, plate camera, and Norwich: R. Berwick, Kinness Cottage, St. Andrews. (567)

EXCHANGE good buff Border Fancy hen, with show cage and case, for buff Yorkshire cock; yours first; approval: 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (563)

TWO typical buff Border hens, 7/6; large buff Norwich cock, 10/6; exchange either for large H.M. Goldfinch; approval; yours first: D. Shearer, Thurso. (555)

TWO pairs Borders, even marked bred, 12/6 pair; what offers in field-moulted British for exhibition purposes? approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire. (567)

HEALTHY young aviary-reared rich coloured hen Canaries, specially bred for muling, 2/6 each, exchange 10in. records: Garner Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs. (559)

TWO Green Crests, 6/- each; 2 Crestbreds, 4/6 each; 2 variegated, 2 yellows, 4/6 each (Plainheads), all 1912 hens: Andrews, 44, Buller-st., Gorsehill, Swindon. (535)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, can spare few pairs, clear or variegated, good strain, cold-room, or exchange for boots, underwear: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (538)

GRAND 1911 Cinnamon Green Norwich cock, large unflighted hen, exchange good yellow stock cock, Cinn. preferred; offers: Riddington, Mafeking-terr., Newmarket. (554)

UNFLIGHTED hens, clears; one buff Norwich; one yellow Norwich; one buff Yorkshire; exchange anything useful; sell 10/-: Coward, St. James, Shaftesbury. (568)

EXCHANGE three hen Canaries for good Yorkshire hen, or sell 6/-; six dozen cylinder Edison records, in good order, 5/- dozen: Toyne, Wainfleet St. Mary, Lincolnshire. (563)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, two unflighted marked hens, Goldfinch mule hen, one cavie; exchange Rollers: C. Shipley, 69, Stephenson-st., North Shields. (569)

CAN spare five Yorkshire cocks, 8 hens, marked and clears; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; exchange anything useful; approval, deposit: W. Rothery, Bramwell Mount, Batley (557)

EXCHANGE C.B. cock, and C.B. hen, 1912, from winners, value £1, for a buff Crested hen, 1911 no objection; yours first: Gilan, c/o Lingley, 60a, Constitution-st., Leith, N.B. (559)

TWO pairs cross-bred Seifert Canaries, 7/- pair; exchange cross-bred pullets; two pairs Bullfinches, 3/6 pair; four Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each: Coates, Augusta-pl., Weston, Bath. (567)

PEDIGREE Norwich breeding stock for sale or exchange for good violin, pedigree fox terrier dog, or good motor cycle, with extra cash: Chisholm, Shipston-rd., Stratford-on-Avon. (561)

ST. Andreasburg Roller, splendid songster, day or gas light, 12/-, ticked yellow Norwich cock, in song 8/-; 1912 birds; exchange Norwich hens: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (562)

HAVING purchased well-known exhibitor's entire stock of Green Borders, can spare few high-class Buffs, cocks, hens, reasonable; would entertain exchange yellows, must be first-class birds: Woods, 19, Sunlight-st., Anfield, Liverpool. (572)

WILL exchange buff or variegated buff Border hen, value 10/- (Wilson strain), sisters of my prize winner, for large genuine pink-eyed Sib.-bred hen; must be genuine muler and feeder; yours first; will deposit: Stewart, 40, Union-st., Greenock. (567)

WORKING Men, Look Here: Heavily-marked buff Yorkshire cock, unflighted; exchange clear yellow Yorkshire cock; sell 10/-; approval both ways: A. Denby, Bradley, via Keighley. (561)

CAGE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6; variegated Norwich cock Canary, 8/6; exchange either for big yellow Norwich cock, healthy, cold-room: Savage, Square, Abington. (559)

EXCHANGE one large cock, two hen Norwich Canaries, 1 cock Goldfinch, 1911 birds, for pair Yorkshires; Canaries sell 13/-, or exchange watch, etc.. J. Wheeler, Griffin Wood, Epping. (570)

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (not rubbish), Bailey's strain; sell, or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (570)

SPLENDID Norwich type yellow cinnamon hen, 7/6; unflighted green cock, 7/6; green hen, 6/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 4/6; approval; clearing out: E. Mitchell, Theatre-st., Dereham. (570)

EXCHANGE 4 Roller cocks, 1912 birds, rung, bred from cup winners, Randall's strain, for Blankets, curtains, anything useful, member B.R.C.C., or sell 12/6, 15/-: Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool. (563)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, marked Norwich cock, 5/- each: both full song; two buff, one marked Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; two buff Border hens, 2/- each; or exchange bedding, or anything for house: Holmes, 23, Jefferson-st., Liverpool. (564)

WANTED Norwich [illegible] in exchange leather bound "Book of Canaries, Hybrids, and British," recently cost 25/-; magnificent [illegible] large gramophone, cost £3 10/- Christmas, 28 [illegible], 88 double [illegible] 10-inch records, cost 1/6 to 4/- each; or [illegible]: Lewis Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (572)

EXCHANGE high-class yellow Yorkshire [illegible] high-class buff Yorkshire [illegible], or [illegible] pair Yorkshires, [illegible] 1 [illegible] pairs, 26/- [illegible], all unflighted, not [illegible], over twenty single cages, [illegible] boxes, and [illegible], 20/-: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire ([illegible])

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE two hen and one cock Budgerigar for small Foreigners, or cash: Lee, 47, Melville-st., Castleton, nr. Manchester. ([illegible])

AMAZON Parrot, commencing to talk, exchange [illegible] pairs of Common Canaries; approval willingly: Fred Allen, 54a, Queen's-rd., Sheffield. ([illegible])

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for young Lemon crested Cockatoo and cage, make good talker: Watts, Grocer, Albert-st., Merthyr. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE, from outdoor aviary, two young Norwich hens, for pair Zebra Finches (acclimatised), or cock Goldfinch and yellow hen, for pair adult Cockatiels; offers: Schoolmaster, Holme, Peterboro'. (561)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

RACK and cages for sale cheap, or exchange fowls: 20, Link-av., Urmston Lane, Stretford. (566)

SPLENDID Bull bitch, nice pet, due in season, 30/-; part exchange: 67, Bury-park, Luton. (562)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Terrier toy bitch, for rabbits, or sell £1: Aldworth, High Flatts, Crook. (Q)

WHAT offers ½-plate hand camera, 10/-; also punching ball, 5/-: 64, Spon-lane, West Bromwich. (5[illegible])

EXCHANGE good mandoline and cock Linnet, for Yorkshire Canaries: P. Cullen, Littlekenny, Co. Donegal. ([illegible])

PIANO harp for sale, 25/-, or exchange talking Parrot or foreign pairs: G. Proctor, Harmston, Lincoln. (564)

WHAT offers in Canaries for pair trap lamps, good condition?—G. Brazier, Debden Green, Loughton, Essex. ([illegible])

PHONOGRAPH and 38 records, 25/-; exchange Canaries, anything: Box, Middleton-sq., Chatham, Kent. (569)

ZITHER harp, cost 45/-, also magic lantern, for birds or anything useful: Clabon, 14, Cecil-rd., Ilford. (566)

NEW set donkey harness; Linnet Mule, full song; what offers chicks: Henry, 212, John Williamson-st., South Shields. (Q)

EXCHANGE collection of stamps, 2,050, large album, for Canaries or any birds, sell 60/-: West, Beach-rd., Clacton-on-Sea. (558)

DOUBLE breeding cage, 4ft., cost 15/-, exchange Siskin and Twite, or offers: Rev. Henry Soames, Bromley, Kent. (554)

EXCHANGE Black Dutch buck, winner, for cock Hawfinch and cock Goldfinch: C. Savill, 27, Lea-road, Waltham Cross. (562)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, one dozen disc records, 12ins., or cycle tyres, 28 x 1½: Loader, Oakfield-st., Blandford, Dorset. (560)

WHAT offers exchange for 12 gross Canary eggs; sample gross 9d.: H. Hughes, 44, Wellington-rd., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. (559)

EXCHANGE new Pathe disc records, 10, 11in., for Canaries or Amazon Parrot: 1, Alexandra-terrace, Long Sutton, Lincs. (563)

EXCHANGE pair old fruit dishes, hand painted, for Yorkshire or Roller cock; yours first: 318a, Kennington-rd., London. (551)

TROUSERS to measure in exchange for breeding cages, 12/6 to 17/6; patterns submitted: Brown, 12, Sydney-st., Brighton. (569)

ROSECOMB Bantam cockerel for Yorks. hen, good head and neck; yours first: Snowden, 18, St. Mark's-terrace, Southampton. (556)

WILL exchange Norwich Canaries, Goldfinches, for Toy Yorkshires or Poms.—Syd Mothersole, 88, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (570)

EXCHANGE 26-inch cycle for buff or pied Scotch Fancy hen; or sell £3; in good condition: Black, 12, Quality-st., Dysart. (565)

VERY powerful air-gun, cost £2, for good printing outfit, or sell 25/-, or useful exchange: Braddy, Hairdresser, Colchester. (556)

TWO small oil paintings (old masters), good preservation, £5 each; part exchange Canaries: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (562)

OFFERS wanted in Canaries, pullets, or Budgerigars for well-stuffed fox in glass case: Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex. (568)

EXCHANGE "Cassell's Canaries," Vol. 1, coloured plates, for Norwich pair, or what offers?—Walter Wendon, South-st., Braintree. (565)

PAIR of Yorkshires and Norwich hen, prize-bred, small flight cage, exchange lady's bicycle: Badger, 16, School-st., Drayton, Daventry. (560)

ONE double breeding cage, one flight cage, 36in. by 18in., new, 5/- each; approval: Wilkinson, Brecon-hill, B[illegible], Darlington. (562)

CAMERA, ¼-plate, speeded shutter, 3 magnifiers, automatic indicator, extra bottom door, accept 15/-: Stack, 20, Wellington-rd., Cork. (560)

TOY Yorkshire puppy female, six weeks old, 12/6, or offers; exchange, approval, deposit: Walker, Usworth Colliery, Co. Durham. (572)

BANTAMS, three Brown-red hens and cock, exchange cage birds, foreign birds, Pigeons, anything: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester. (557)

EXCHANGE rubber gloves, padlock, 11/6, for Yorkshire cock or revolver; yours first: Parker, 4, Bank-st., Port Dundas, Glasgow. (567)

LARGE domed wire aviary, 8/6; large square wire aviary, 7/6; exchange poultry or chickens: Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere. (567)

GENT.'S cycle, good order, back pedal brake, also pair wheels, 28 by 1½; exchange Canaries to value 25/-; Rushton, Moss-st., Prescot. (564)

TWO double breeding cages, 6/- each; exchange Crests, Yorkshires, small foreigners: Miss Elliott, Shadycombe, Salcombe, S. Devon. (568)

LADY'S 18-carat gold watch, sell £4 10s.: perfect timekeeper; exchange Crest or Plainheads: Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., Lowestoft. ([illegible]62)

WILSON treadle sewing machine, spool shuttle, perfect stitcher, bargain, 15/-; or exchange three cock Canaries: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton. (567)

SHOW Homer cock, winner last week, 15/6; two red cheq., 5/- each; exchange tyres, leggings, boots, aviary: 15, Frome-terrace, Dorchester. (564)

BLACK and white greyhound for sale, £1, or exchange pair Yorkshires to value; birds first: William Tudor, 18, Prospect-st., Aberystwyth. (514)

WILL exchange double-barrel muzzle-loader for Canaries, pairs or songsters, 1912 birds: W. J. Turrall, Stretton-on Dunsmore, nr. Rugby. (566)

PAIR Black Piguins, good breeders, exchange unflighted cock Canary, in song, or sell 6/6. Arthur Masterman, Castlegate, Kirbymoorside. (554)

NEW set goat harness, 8/6, worth 30/; useful donkey harness, 15/-, exchange Canaries, British: Royder, 37, Herbert-st., Kentish Town. (561)

GRAMOPHONE, new, 15 double-sided records, £3 lot; full particulars sent; exchange Rollers, or offers: Fish, Cycle Agent, Snaith, Yorks. (552)

WILL give double breeder for cock Canary or three hens; see appliance column: B. Savory, Cage Works, Great Hampton-row, Birmingham. (516)

EXCHANGE 100-candle power ruby globe oil lamp for Black Retriever or Bull Terrier pup, or sell 12/6: Cross, 37, Burntwood-lane, Lower Tooting. (560)

GRAND black and white Dutch buck, winner, sell £1, or exchange Canaries, Parrot, or Yorkshire Terrier; offers.: Grout, 1, Milton-st., Norwich. (569)

TWELVE finest exhibition roses, guaranteed true to name, all distinct sorts, for exhibition Jay or Foreign seedeaters: Hunter, Main-st., Cambusbarron. (558)

WANTED offers in birds for pair of show homers, winners; also pair 1913, bred from above, all conference rung: Shearn, Tobacconist, Hanley. (554)

LARGE gas stove, suitable office, warehouse, spring folding bed-rest, bargain, 30/-; exchange Canaries, anything: Phillips, Lincoln-st., Birmingham. (554)

I WILL buy for cash, any kind of live stock, or will exchange bird cages, ready made, or to order: T. Tresise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (531)

"CANARIES, Hybrids," cost 25/-, also fretwork machine, both as new; sell, or exchange Canaries or anything useful: Smith, 16, Wall-st., Blackburn. (562)

EXCHANGE hall-marked silver English lever, fine condition, cost new £3 10/-, for good Roller cock: J., 181, Mary-st., Balsall Heath, Birmingham. (564)

EXCHANGE 2 dozen Cage Fronts, suitable double breeders; wanted house-moulted Siskin or Goldie; approval, deposit: Phillips, High-st., Portishead. (560)

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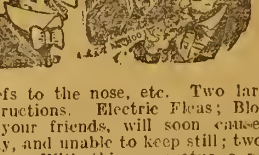

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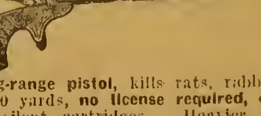

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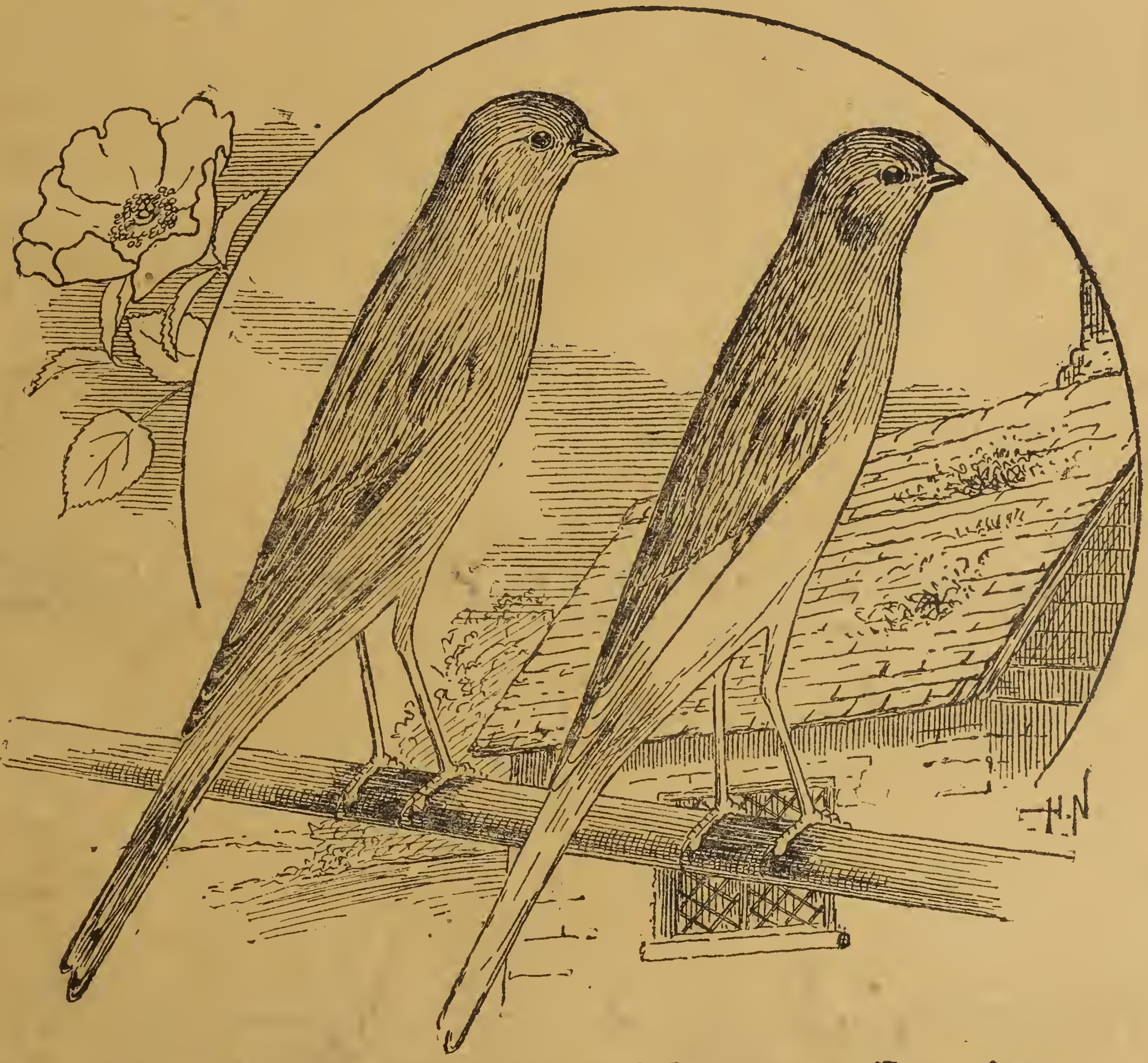

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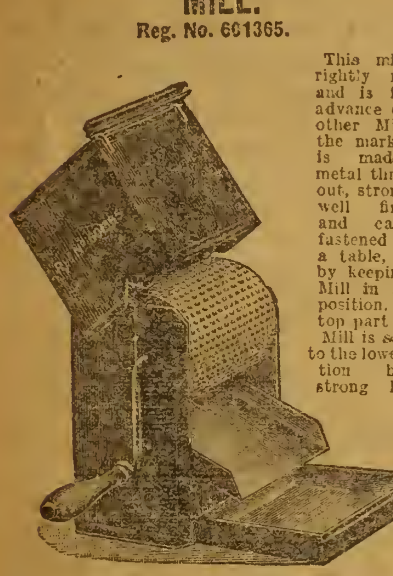

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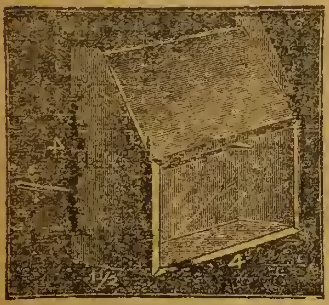

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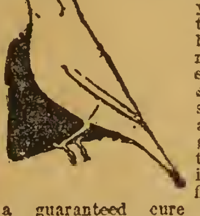

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GIVING Up: Two 1012 green Crested cocks, 15/- each; one variegated Crested cock, vhc Manchester, 20/-, worth double; approval: F. Arnett, 41, Wellington-st., Leek, Staffs. (566)

GIVING up; dispose pair Crests, heavy feathered dark Crest hen, perfect crest, large clear Crest-bred cock, ready to nest, £3; appoval, deposit: F. Walsh, 15, Union-st., Glossop. (588)

LARGE clear body dark Crest, buff cock, 1912, 25/-; even wing marked dark Crest hen, £1; same strain as my winners; both in breeding condition; approval: Forsyth, 39, Castle-st., Dune. (582)

BARNETT'S direct. A few Crests and C.-B.'s from my best birds from Barnett, for sale 5/- to 40/-; apply by letter only: Rev. Runnels-Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham. (546)

HAVING to reduce my stock of Crests, Crest-bred, I offer some good birds from 7/6, my own breeding cold room; approval; deposit: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex. (463)

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, has a few 1912 good stock pairs from 60/-; Crestbred cocks from 20/-; Crestbred hens from 40/-; same as my Palace winners, see reports; approval. (470)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years, having bred scores of winners, and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (495)

A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, has the following Crest cocks:—Green Crest, grand head and crest, £2; two evenly marked, neat Crests, £2 10s. and £2; another, variegated, £1; also others, cheaper; state requirements; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (581)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, finest blood in the world; birds bred by me have won £25, and several £10 10/- bowls this season, C.C.C. special best Crest at Plymouth, ditto, young Crest, Nottingham; never overshow, so vigour kept; a few promising breeders, matched pairs from 50/-, or singles; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (487)

MASSIVE feathery 1912 Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; monster 1912 Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice 1912 Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also grand 1912 Crested cock, large drooping crest, make champion stock bird, only 12/6; any of the above are honestly worth double for stock alone; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (572)

LARGE green marked Crest cock, 35/-; variegated Crested cock, 30/-; dark Crest cock, 30/-; green Crest cock, 20/-; light Crest cock, 20/-; green marked Crestbred cock, 20/-; variegated Crestbred cock, 15/-; dark Crest variegated hen, 30/-; variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; large clear Crestbred hen, 20/-; variegated yellow Crestbred hen, 15/-; some good reliable pairs, 30/-; suit beginners; strong healthy birds, in show condition; approval: A. Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (590)

CHAMPION Crests.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, winner premier prizes Horticultural Hall, Nottingham, Cheltenham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Crystal Palace, during last 40 years, offers 20 pairs good stock Crests, 30/6, 40/6, 50/6, 60/6, 80/6 upwards, real good Crest and Crestbred cocks, hens, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/6 30/6, 40/6 each; bred from birds worth as many pounds; cold-room; cocks, full song; hens, ready to nest; all untried, as he does not mate up before 7th April. (588)

POWICK'S CHAMPIONS.

large massive Crests and Crestbreds, stock and show birds, from 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

Greens.

SIX good Yorkshire Green hens, 3 buffs, 3 yellows, good buff cock, cheap: Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Liverpool. (562)

SOME real good Norwich greens for disposal, same strain my Palace, diploma winner: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

STYLISH, lengthy, grand feather, yellow self green Yorkshire 1911 cock, full song, 15/-; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (587)

TWO large Green Norwich cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; others, 6/-, 8/-; hens, 4/-; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st. Norwich. (581)

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these; see "Nutshell No. 24," "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

Lancashires.

LARGE buff Lancashire Plainhead cock, 1911, perfect health and feather, 15/-; approval: Clarke, 33, Church-st., Basingstoke. (580)

A FEW large Lancashire Plainheads, cocks or hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (543)

LANCASHIRE Plainhead cocks, 10/6 each; dark Crested cocks, 7/6; ditto 8/6; strong healthy birds; sell or exchange for laying pullets: W. Sanger, Ellerhayes Villas, Ifele, Cullompton. (584)

THREE pairs of Lancashires, 20/- pair; ten cocks, four yellows, four buff Plainheads, two buff Coppies, 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit: Doleman, No. 1, 2, Court, Market-st., Shaw, Oldham. (581)

Lizards.

HIGH-CLASS silver cocks, 5/6; silver hens, 4/6; no golds left; approval: Brookes, 32, Longacre-st., Macclesfield. (570)

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARD.

J. HODDER, high-class Norwich breeder and exhibitor, winner of championships. Nice birds at low prices. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Breeder and Exhibitor of Champion Norwich; state wants; stamped inquiries solicited.—14, Pugin St., Carlisle.

WANTED Norwich: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. DON'T start breeding without a "Filup" Feeder. (344)

WANTED, Norwich hens; state colour and lowest cash price: Blackie, Balskiven, Paisley. (578)

WANTED good buff Norwich hen; approval, cash with editor: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay. (587)

ONE good buff Norwich hen, 3/-, 1912, ready to nest: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (585)

EXTRA large Norwich, yellow cock, 10/6, buff 8/6, yellow variegated, smaller, 6/6: Ling, 18, Fleet-st., Derby. (575)

NORWICH cocks, full song, right for pairing now, 7/6; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred: 32, Lytton-rd., Leytonstone. (584)

CLEAR buff cock, winner 2 first prizes, £1 10/-; also few grand stock birds: Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley. (556)

20 young Buff Norwich hens, strong, healthy birds, 3/-, 4/- each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (591)

NORWICH cocks, from 6/-, hens from 3/- each; 30 years' breeding: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (571)

FOUR pairs Norwich, unfed, 9/- pair, or sell singly to clear; exchange entertained: Hellis, 42, Leconfield-rd., Highbury. (583)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks from 8/-, hens from 6/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester. (568)

GOOD pair colour-fed Norwich, 10/-; 7/6 cock, 4/- hen; few small hens, 3/- each: Miss E. Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester. (558)

GRAND clear, chubby Norwich buff cock and green hen, 15/- pair; genuine: Weedall, 214, Weaver-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (588)

TWO unflighted, one flighted, variegated buff hens, bred from winners, 6/- each, 15/- lot: Hayward, 22, Franklin-st., Reading. (585)

TWO pairs prize-bred Norwich Canaries, 3 large breeding-cages, 35/-: B. Haustock, 162, Rushdale-rd., Meersbrook, Sheffield. (578)

PAIR 1912 Norwich, yellow cock 7/6, yellow buff hen 2/6; 9/- pair; approval, deposit: F. Cooper, 19, Collins-rd., Southsea. (587)

SPLENDID pair young Norwich, clear buffs, hen winner; cold-room; ready nest; 10/6: Godman, Police, Stotfold, Baldock, Herts. (588)

GOOD unflighted yellow Norwich hen, 10/-; buff ticked cock; 8/6 (Iron and Baker's); bargains: Eddy, Bellevue-terrace, Penzance. (584)

WANTED two large yellow hens (clear or variegated) for muling, cheap for cash; approval, deposit: Wilson, Taylor-st., Methil, Fife. (582)

BUFF hens, 5/-; buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, Mr. Spillman's strain; approval, deposit: Terry, Norwich House, Hampstead-rd., Brighton. (578)

NINE large healthy hens, four cocks, full song, breeding condition, 3/- each all round, compulsory sale: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (584)

OWING to illness; must clear my three pairs Norwich, 6/- pair; breeding condition, cash with order: Gardiner, 10, Withipoll-st., Ipswich. (576)

HAVE clear yellow cock, 15/-; ticked yellow cock, 15/-; buff hen, 6/-, for disposal; 30/-, or nearest offer: H. Cundiff, 12, Albion-st., Macclesfield. (582)

YOUR last chance, only a few hens left, clear buff, 1912, the right sort, 3/6 each; one cinnamon, 3/-: Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (591)

CAN spare one large unflighted, colour-fed, clear buff, typical Norwich hen, healthy, 5/-; exchange; letters: Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury. (581)

TWO good Norwich hens, best of feeders, 3/- each; Norwich cocks, good songsters, 7/- each; week's approval: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (585)

CAN spare some grand Norwich from my noted winners; state wants; approval; can be seen any time: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London (417)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, unflighted; cocks in full song 6/6, hens 3/6; approval: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (533)

TYPICAL Norwich: 2 unflighted buff cocks, buff green cock, 7/6 each; yellow cock, 10/-; inspection invited: Ashcroft, Farnworth, Widnes. (559)

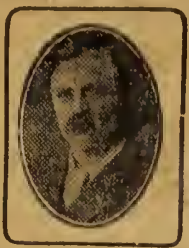
FIVE good cocks for disposal, yellow, variegated, and buff, from 8/6 upwards; flighted and unflighted, cheap to clear: Jolly, Post Office, Johnshaven. (589)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (429)

CLEAR yellow unflighted cocks, 8/6 and 10/6; variegated cock, 1911, 8/6, from winners, lovely quality, good heads: Miss Gwyn, Somerville N.-avenue, Ramsgate. (581)

NO room for breeding; prize-bred pairs, buff cock and yellow hen, 25/-; yellow cock and buff hen, 25/-; worth double: Hart, 26, Radnor-st., Kilbowie, Clydebank. (589)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, cobby, unflighted hens, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6; large matched pairs, to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; single birds from 10/6; state wants: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton-drive, Blackpool. (562)



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Are you wondering where to spend your time during Easter? If so, remember, I offer an open invitation to all fanciers to pay a visit to my Aviaries. I shall be at home all through the holidays, and all visitors, whether intending to purchase or not, will be assured of a hearty welcome. I have nearly 4,000 birds in stock, including some grand specimens in all varieties, and it will be a pleasure to show you round. If you should be able to pay me a visit, however, and are in need of any variety of birds, **don't forget** that I am prepared to send on seven days' approval at my sole risk, to any address in the United Kingdom any of the following varieties:—

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

My Yorkshires have won consistently all through the season. The following are a few out of a large number of honours: Special best hen Bradford National, Special best Yorks, Hartlepool, Diploma best Yorkshire Sunderland, Trophy for 3rd most points N.C.M.Y.C.C., Second most points Yorkshire Union Competitions, Third most points in both competitions of the Y.C.C., etc., etc.

There is no better blood in the Fancy to-day, and I am in a position to put the Amateur on the right road to breeding his own winners, or to supply the "old hand" with splendid stock or show birds at a working-man's price. The following are a few prices:

Yorkshire Cocks, grand lengthy birds, with good position, feathered to perfection, and in full song, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards.**

Grand racy hens, splendid type, and feathered like wax, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each upwards. Matched Pairs, correctly mated for breeding winners, and sex guaranteed, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-** per pair. I can supply these in Clears, Ticks, Green Marked, Cinnamon Marked, or Self Greens.

To every Customer I guarantee complete satisfaction or Cash returned in full.

CHAMPION NORWICH PLAINHEADS. THE BULL-DOG STRAIN.

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

THIS strain has again upheld its reputation, and in addition to winning Firsts and Specials all over the country, has secured the following Trophies this year: **THE PERCY ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP** (won outright), the Sandiford Cup, **THE O.N.P.C. CHAMPION TROPHY, F.** Carl's Trophy, and has run second in the Cup competition of the N.P.C.

I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, real good show or stock birds for breeding own winners, at **10/- 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at **6/6 7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each; Hens, grand smart-feathered birds, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

Pure-bred Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller Cocks. Have just received (Feb. 22nd, 1913), a consignment of over 300 Roller Cocks straight from the training rooms of Germany. These are the best I have imported. They are in full rolling song, with plenty of changes, and represent the last word in training. Come and make your own selection, or allow me to send one on approval at my risk. Prices, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6. A few specially selected Schoolmasters at 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; hens, guaranteed same strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; Cages, 3d. extra.

REAL SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH COCKS, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each.

Grand Large Sib. Hens for Muling, either Yorkshire or Norwich type, **3/-, 3/6 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 10/-** each.

WINNING BORDER FANCIES.—The entire stock of a well-known Border exhibitor for sale. These include Clears, Ticks, Marked, Self Greens, and Cinnamons. Cocks in full song, real gems, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Smart typical Hens, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** upwards. Matched Pairs, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/, 30/-.** Every bird for sale.

LIZARDS.—Am offering the entire stock of a well-known Lizard exhibitor, at **10/6** and **12/6** per pair. Odd birds, **5/-. 6/-, 7/6** each, cocks or hens.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—A few real good birds, Clears and Pied, Yellows and Buffs, including some of this season's open winners. Cocks or Hens, **12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-** each. Every bird for sale.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY or LINNET-CANARY MULES.—Bold free songsters, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6** each. For full particulars of all other varieties send a postcard for my free illustrated price list.

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CORBETT, Pennygate, Pinchbeck; Norwich cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6; bred and wintered in exposed outdoor aviary; ready for breeding, inspection invited. (Q)

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater, has still a few nice cobby Norwich cocks and hens, from winners, from 7/6; see reports Federation, City and Suburban. (568)

CHAMPION Norwich, clears, variegated, or greens, large birds, good heads, good type, breeder of the best, 35 years; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (581)

NORWICH cocks on full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, hens 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; cold room, 1912, ready for breeding, clean and healthy; cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (556)

FOR sale, four pair large Norwich Canaries, ready to nest, 6/- pair; four good feeding hens, 2/-, or best offer for lot; approval: James McWilliam, 57, Alpine-st., Dalbeattie. (582)

FIVE unflighted yellow cocks and one buff, 6/- each, clear buff hen, good breeder and feeder, 5/-; all champion strain, and cheap to clear: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (584)

GRAND yellow cock, buff hen, 45/; buff cock, yellow marked hen, 30/-; two buff cocks, few good hens, winning Starling, show cage, case, 16/-; Kemp, Rose Row, Redruth, Cornwall. (583)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 6/-, guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester. (512)

TWO good clear yellow cocks, 10/6 each; ticked buff cock, 6/6, grand songster; pair Chaffinches, house-moulted, 2/6, cash or deposit: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch. (583)

WANTED, good Buff Norwich cock and two good Yellow Norwich hens, colour fed, 1912 bred preferred; only good typical birds required; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (591)

A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, has good lot of clear and variegated buff cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; also clear and variegated buff hens, 4/-, 5/-; deposit; week's approval: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (581)

MONSTER stock Buff Norwich cock, immense size, grand type and quality; make champion stock bird; only 12/6; recently cost 20/-; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (591)

MAGNIFICENT deep yellow Norwich cock, 1912 bred, from £5 stock cock, fed, 7/6, worth double; two clear buffs, one variegated, 1912, Norwich hens, healthy, 4/- each, must sell: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (584)

A. L. HAWKES, winner numerous prizes, offers buff colour-fed Norwich cock, of immense size, rare skull, thick-set, cobby specimen, with size, substance, and quality, accept 25/-; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (586)

YOUR last chance to secure Harland's pedigree strain, at giving away prices; two yellow cocks, 7/6 each; two buffs, 6/6 each; one buff hen, 6/-; all unflighted; breeding condition: Duckitt, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster. (582)

WANTED, unflighted clear yellow cock and unflighted buff hen, large, cobby, good heads, necks, wing carriage, etc., for stock, good price for the correct birds; approval, deposit: B., 1, Valkyrie-rd., Liscard, Cheshire. (584)

A. L. HAWKES, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, has few of his noted winning strain colour-fed yellow and buff Norwich cocks for disposal, which are of exceptional merit and quality, 15/- and 20/- each; approval six days. (586)

SIX breeding pairs Norwich Canaries, going to nest; one Linnet Muler, one Greenfinch Muler, and 5 hens, show cages, and breeding cages; what offers: no time to attend to them: Kingsman, 141, Lower Park-rd., Peckham. (591)

UNFLIGHTED buff hen, large, grand type, £2 only; another, not quite so large, 30/-; smaller one, splendidly bred, 15/-; excellent typical 1911 stock yellow cock, 20/-; bargain: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. (563)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has two unflighted yellow Norwich cocks, 12/6 each; will mate fine buff hens to either, 20/- pair, worth double; also massive variegated yellow cock, 25/-, mated good hen 35/-; from my challenge cup birds. (558)

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, has the following last lot for sale:—Clear yellow, yellow green, both cocks, 10/- each; five buff cocks, 7/6 to 10/-; 4 yellow, 3 buff hens, not over large, but the best of type and bred from the best of stock, price 7/- each; dirt cheap; worth double; approval. (580)

CHANCE for novices: Massive clear buff cock, 1911 bred, 35/-; good stock bird; clear buff cock, 1911, 15/-, grand body, cheap; four pairs at 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, and 25/- per pair, or would separate, all in breeding condition; state wants; approval: J. Woolhouse, 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield. (585)

NORWICH Plainheads, I have a few more for sale, bred from winners at all the leading shows in the north; prices reasonable; cash or deposit; approval stamp; inspection invited; I have not had one bird returned to me this season: John Hagon, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland. (542)

OWING to removal, must sell the following high-class Norwich, also single and double breeding cages, cheap to clear; yellow cock, 25/-; two buff hens, 15/- each; yellow cock, 20/-; two buff hens, 12/- each; buff cock, 25/-; two yellow hens, 15/- each; not half their value; stamp reply: White, 226, Denton-st., Carlisle. (580)

COMPULSORY sale, owing to business arrangements; Norwich from my cup and medal winners; buff cock and yellow hen, 35/- the pair; yellow cock and buff hen, 40/- the pair; two buff hens, 15/- each; yellow hen, 20/-; two buff cocks, 25/- each; yellow cock, 30/-; worth double; Bullfinch type; colour-fed; approval, deposit only: J. H. Beaumont, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield. (590)

HENS which will not feed show plainly they are out of sorts; no hen is naturally a bad feeder. "Phosto" decreases your worry and increases your youngsters. Try it on some of your old favourites, those you would like to get just one more season from; "Phosto" will do the trick for you. Read what well-known fanciers say:—"Mr. Dines, Hanworth: "My hens are feeding finely on 'Phosto'; one that starved her first nest has brought up a grand lot this time since using it." Mr. Bandbridge, Brixham, Devon: "I cannot speak too highly of 'Phosto' for Canaries. I have some five weeks old larger than their parents." Try it at once; delay is dangerous. Tins, 1/-, 2/6, 4/6, carriage paid, with directions: Judge Silk, Cage Bird Expert, Whitstable. (585)

CHAMPION pair, correctly matched, high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, and quality, feathered like silk, certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 17/6, honestly worth £2 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner, cold-room bred, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich (572)

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

I AM offering you this week birds of exceptional merit, some which I had intended keeping back for my own breeding, but find I cannot comfortably accommodate so many pairs. I need not use unnecessary comment on these for, as is well known, every bird has a reputation behind it. So often has this strain been right on top that it is only repeating what everyone knows. Silk's Norwich are so far in front that if you would succeed on the show bench you must have this blood. (1) Grand yellow cock, show specimen, in pink of condition, 60/-; (2) marked yellow cock, big winner, 60/-; (3) ticked yellow cock, good stock bird, nice head, etc., 21/-; (4) variegated unflighted yellow cock, good bird to improve your colour, 15/-; (5) grand yellow hen, winner keenest competition, 50/-; (6) sweet clear yellow hen, grand size, etc., 40/-; (7) another charming yellow hen, 35/-; (8) nice marked yellow hen, 20/-; (9) short very cobby buff hen, regular topper, 30/-; (10): beautiful unflighted buff cock, winner, 30/-; (11) very shapely unflighted buff hen, grand head, 20/-; (12) another very similar, 17/6; (13) fine clear buff cock, 17/6, good one and cheap; (14) four unflighted marked yellow hens, 7/6 each, not giants, but dirt cheap; (15) four sweet unflighted buff hens, 6/- each to clear, worth double; (16) three useful pairs, properly matched, 20/- per pair, real grand value these, guaranteed my own breeding and cold-room bred, sent per return, three days' approval. This is an opportunity you will not see again to get the best. Have you tried "Phosto"? If not, why not? I will guarantee you will have no bad feeders if you use it. See "Phosto" advt. Note the name, the great Norwich specialist, Judge Silk, Whitstable. (567)

DALZELL'S WINNING STRAIN

Unflighted yellow cock, 8/6; unflighted buff cock, 10/-; muling Linnet, 5/-; buff hen, 6/-; approval: Ormrod-st., Oldham. (569)

"65 PEDIGREE"

Norwich bred, same as my Crystal Palace winners, for sale, cheap, to clear quickly, one-third dealers' prices; can be seen any time by appointment: Robert Hall, Rudyard, Staffs. (578)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH

Must clear, unflighted cocks, related to my winners, from 7/6, hens from 5/-; not half their value; state wants: Wm. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs. (571)

R. HANFORD, DERBY

has still few splendid Norwich for sale, including few well bred yellow and buff hens from 5/- each; several grand buff cocks, 10/6 each; also few splendid matched pairs, all in breeding condition; state requirements; approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited.

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CANARY WASHING EXHIBITION AT GAINSBOROUGH.

An Interesting Exposition of the art of Exhibiting by Mr. C. A. House.

There was a full gathering of the members of the Gainsborough C.B.S., and a number of friends, at the Central Hall, Hickman Street, on March 15th, to witness a Canary Washing Exhibition, and to listen to a lecture by Mr. C. A. House, on points of importance in the exhibition, and preparing for exhibition of Canaries and British Birds. Mr. Palliser, the chairman of the society, presided, and the lecture, as well as the washing exhibition, was most attentively followed by the large company present.

Mr. House first of all washed a couple of Canaries, and afterwards explained to his audience the why and the wherefore of the different phases of the methods employed in the washing and drying. Having dealt with the toileting of birds in a most exhaustive manner he went on to show how that preparation for exhibition did not commence and finish with such, but that the fancier who would be successful as an exhibitor must first of all consider the natural advantages and drawbacks of the room in which he was compelled to keep his stock. Sketching an imaginary bird-room, Mr. House dealt with the questions of lighting and ventilation, strongly advising his audience to keep their stock in a healthy condition by attending well to the ordinary rules of hygiene. Fresh air and sunshine were both needed by the animal world. He strongly advocated the bird-room window being open wide all through the day during the summer months, and for some portion of the day every day all the year round.

The Sun and the Colour.

The strong rays of the sun were undoubtedly harmful to the colour of exhibition stock, but that was no reason for going to the extremes which some fanciers did in keeping their birds almost in darkness during the moulting and exhibiting months of the year. The active rays of the sun were what killed the colour in the birds. Therefore if the power of those rays was killed there was no reason why birds should not enjoy the blessings of light.

Speaking of the killing of the sun's colour destroying rays, Mr. House said that if the sun had to filter through red matter of some kind the purpose could be achieved, and this was easily done by draping the window with some thin red material, or failing this mixing some red ochre, or other colouring matter, with whitening, and painting the glass of the window with the mixture. If this was done the cages need then only be covered with a thin linen, or unbleached calico curtain, of such texture as to keep out the dust and dirt that may be floating about, but not thick enough to render the cages dark by the non-admittance of light.

Points about Green Food.

Dealing with colour feeding, Mr. House impressed strongly upon his hearers the necessity for regularity in feeding if the best results were to be obtained. It was not so much the quantity of colour-food consumed, as it was the manner in which what was consumed, was digested and assimilated. If too much was given the liver was apt to become clogged, and thus the colouring matter was not conveyed regularly through the blood. Aperients during the moult Mr. House said he did not believe in, they thinned and impoverished the blood at a time when it needed strengthening and nourishing. He did, however, strongly advise the use of green food. Any non-poisonous herb or weed from the fields and hedgerows was of service, and had the same effect upon the birds as did fresh vegetables upon their masters. Green vegetable matter was good at all times, but he did not believe in physic. Never give a Canary, or any other bird, medicine until you are forced. Care was needed in feeding green food, not to use rank and quickly grown herbs and weeds. Those grown on the road sides, in fields, and on common land were to be preferred to those garden grown.

As to how often the colour food should be given, Mr. House said the oftener the better. Three times a day was better than twice, because every time fresh food was given the birds would eat some. Thus, the more frequently the birds were fed the more regular was the supply of colouring matter to the blood, whence the feathers grew. Another point was that the bodies of the birds were better nourished by such a system of feeding, and that was a great consideration, because birds which were kept in high condition during the moult, were invariably the best and strongest birds at the finish, and could stand the knocking about to which exhibition stock were subjected by railway servants and others.

Study Effectiveness of Contrast.

Touching upon show cages, the lecturer said he considered pale blue the best colour for painting the inside of Canary show cages, as it reflected the colour of the birds upon the eyes of the judges better than any other colour. In dealing with British Birds one had to be guided by the principal colours in the plumage. As an instance in Goldfinches the scarlet of the blaze, and ruddiness of the chestnut was best shown up in a cage painted a medium shade of green, because green was the complimentary colour of red, and enhanced its appearance. The same shade of colour was effective for Bullfinches and others of similar plumage. Blackbirds, he thought, looked best in a very light blue interior; the same tint would suit Thrushes, but he thought a very pale green tint even better. Now-a-days, when competition was so keen in the British Bird section the man who considered all the little points of staging was the fancier who achieved the greatest success. In a word it meant that the man who paid attention to detail, and used his brains, was the successful exhibitor. There was no such thing as "standing still," we must ever be progressing, and it did not follow that because one man had been successful on certain lines, that the same methods would bring fame and renown to another. The man who could best adapt himself to his environment was the one who reached the top of the tree first.

At the close of the lecture a number of questions were asked and answered, after which Mr. Palliser proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. House for the splendid lecture he had given them. They had, he was sure, all much enjoyed it, and had learnt a very great deal. He hoped they would have the pleasure of listening to Mr. House again. Mr. Green, the treasurer, seconded, and with Mr. House's reply the proceedings terminated.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

A Greeting from Overseas.

Mr. C. Chamberlain, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa, in sending his renewal subscription, writes: "Kindly accept my best wishes to yourself and brother members." I am sure that our English members will appreciate as greatly as I do myself this kind greeting from our far away member.

The Millom Case Recalled.

Members of Cage Birds League will remember that in August, 1911, the Health Authority of Millom served, through the Inspector of Nuisances, notices upon all known owners of birds who kept them upon their living premises, informing them that the birds must be disposed of within a certain period.

The cage-bird owners of Millom communicated with Cage Birds League, and I was able to advise them that the Health Authority was not empowered by law to order anyone to dispose of his birds. All that this body could do would be to lodge an information before a magistrate to the effect that a person was keeping his birds in such manner as to be a menace to health or a nuisance to his neighbours. If the magistrate was satisfied that the allegation was proved, he would grant an order to put a stop to the nuisance.

Acting upon this advice, the Millom fanciers ignored the notices which had been served upon them, and they heard no more of the matter.

The Same Again in Nantyglo.

Now comes the news from Mr. J. Thomas, Nantyglo (Mon.), that during his absence at work an assistant surveyor and a doctor called at his house and instructed his wife that he "would either have to put them outside, or sell them." Mr. Thomas sends full particulars of the way in which his birds are kept and tended, and, these being correct, he has no more reason to fear the assistant surveyor and the doctor than the fanciers of Millom had to fear the Health Authority of that town.

The unfortunate part of the matter is that a neighbour of Mr. Thomas was similarily visited, and this man has been sufficiently scared to get rid of his birds. I hope Mr. Thomas will advise any other of his friends who are keeping birds (that is, if they are keeping them properly) to take no notice whatever of any threats made by assistant surveyors. Let these people, if they choose, apply to a magistrate for an order, and, before this order is granted they will have to satisfy the magistrate that the birds are being kept in such conditions as to be a menace to health. If they lodge an information, the bird-keeper will be entitled to give evidence in his own defence.

Medals and Bird Dealers' Certificates.

I hope soon to be able to report that these, like the badges, been sent to those who are entitled to them. The matter is well in hand, and it will not be long before the medals and the certificates are sent out. I should like to point out to all bird shop keepers the desirability of possessing one of these certificates. If any such shopkeeper will write that he is willing to have his shop visited by an experienced bird-keeper, and to have his methods of treatment reported to Cage Birds League, I will get some member of the League to make a call upon him from time to time, and if at the end of six months the report is a favourable one, a certificate to that effect, signed by the Cage Birds League inspector and countersigned by the secretary to Cage Birds League will be granted to the shopkeeper without any charge whatever. I hope all bird shop keepers who are readers of Cage Birds will take advantage of this offer, and members of the League will be doing a service to our hobby if they will call the attention of bird-shop keepers to the advantage of having one of these certificates as an answer to charges brought against them by people whose one idea is that it is "an acted blasphemy" to keep birds in cages at all.

All Associate Badges Out to Date.

I am pleased now to be able to announce that at the time of writing, every application for associate badges has been attended to, and that I am now dealing with the fresh applications from day to day as they come in. I have on hand a number of bundles of coupons with which I have been unable to deal, as they have been sent without any note to indicate which of the six signatories was the sender. If, therefore, any reader has not received a badge for which he has applied I should be glad to hear, so that I may look through these unidentified applications, and send the badge accordingly.

Coupons Need Not be All of One Date.

Scarcely a week passes during which I have not to answer the question whether the six coupons which readers have to send, in order to be registered as associates of Cage Birds League, must all be taken from copies of Cage Birds of any one date. The coupons are not dated, and may be taken from any copy of Cage Birds. There is one point, however, which many readers seem to have missed. It is not sufficient for a would-be Associate simply to fill in the other five coupons with the names and addresses himself. One of the coupons must be signed by the sender, and each of the other five must be personally signed by a friend, who must fill in his or her own name and address.

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Club Reports.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

List of officers for 1913. 120 papers sent out, 55 returned. Pres., Mr. T. H. Dent, 41; vice-pres., Messrs. E. Baker 37, J. E. Davies 32, W. Aitchison 30, A. J. Davis 81; committee, Messrs. S. Cook 46, J. Trengove 46, T. Seed 45, J. Hayhurst 42, E. Sutton 41, R. Braybrook 37, P. Waring 33, W. Booth 31, A. Hirst 28, J. Raynes 27, R. Anderton 19, J. Cleminson 15, G. W. F. Lythgoe 27, W. G. Grey 11, T. Barton 10, F. E. Brewer 9; judges, Messrs. J. Trengove 48, W. Vardy 46, J. H. Roe 45, W. Booth 45, A. Hirst 43, J. Robson 40, H. W. Battye 36, J. C. Barnes 36, S. Cook 29, J. H. Payne 24, A. G. Davis 19, T. Seed 16, J. Raynes 14, J. Hayhurst 14; auditors, Messrs. G. W. F. Lythgoe 43, B. Clegg 35. For rings 28, against 24, void 3.—Messrs. Cunliffe and Hopkins, Secs.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Second annual concert, held March 8. 150 members and friends were present. Amongst the 25 items on the programme, it was difficult to point to any single turn as the best, as all were most excellent, but deserving of special mention were Messrs. Clare, Potts and Co., who worked very hard indeed, and whose songs were well received and applauded. Many thanks are due to the musical director, Mr. P. Gedge, who gave us such a variety of talent, and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of his work in this direction. During the evening it was announced that our president, Mr. V. Wrigglesworth, had decided to present the society with a challenge cup, which announcement was received with much applause. Our number of cups is now eight in all.—H. W. Cook, Hon Sec.

GRANGEMOUTH AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting and table show of pairs, held in the Rechabite Hall, York Lane, March 12. Only five members turned up, with three pairs, which does not say much for the fanciers of Grangemouth, who can lay claim to having the best club show in Scotland. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Pagan occupied the chair. A letter was read from the sec., Mr. Ovenstone, stating that owing to business pressure he could not see his way to carry on the duties of secretary, and asking that another sec. be appointed in his place. After some discussion Mr. Scaife agreed to act as secretary pro. tem., and it was arranged to appoint another secretary at the next meeting if possible. Also agreed to have another table show of British, two classes, Linnet and Greenfinch, so we hope our members will rally round us at the next meeting, and make it a success. Give the officials of your society a little encouragement.—Wm. Scaife, Sec. pro. tem.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held March 10, at headquarters, The Marylebone Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. F. Knight in the chair, Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Secretary, and over thirty members present. Letters were read from Mrs. Parry, and Messrs. J. Pooley, Armstrong, and Dewhurst. The Hon. Sec. was instructed to settle account £2 13s. 6d., this Association's share of the loss sustained by late Federation show. Mr. and Mrs. Hobden, and Messrs. A. Fleet, Parnaby, and A. W. Marks were elected members. Result of pair judging competition was announced and medals presented to F. Eaton, 1st; W. Mugford, 2nd; and T. Monger, 3rd. The sealed packet for most entries was awarded to W. Knight. The delegates to London Federation, Messrs. Chard and Sayer, reported proceedings at their last meeting, and gave the outline of a suggested reconstruction scheme. After much discussion it was decided not to withdraw from Federation until the new scheme had had a trial. The feature of the evening was an egg-food competition, for which 13 members entered. Their methods of making food were various and interesting, and a full account with results will be given next week. Vote of thanks to chairman concluded the meeting. —Fred. Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL FANCIERS' CYCLE CLUB.

Monthly meeting held "Marlborough Cafe," Dale Street, good number in attendance. Decided to hold the first official run on Good Friday to beautiful Ince Woods, to watch the wild birds in their haunts. Then on Easter Sunday we make the venue dear Old Cronton, where "Old Oliver Cromwell" used to catch some of the best Linnets sold at the markets. The following Sunday, March 30, we will trespass on the happy hunting ground of Prince Rupert, namely Rufford, where, through beautiful valley and glen, the boys will be delighted with the abundance of various wild seeds they can gather. We are progressing splendidly in this new enterprise (cycling), but would like to obtain the cooperation of members of other local societies. We extend a hearty welcome to Aintree, Garston, Bootle, Birkenhead, and Wallasey Societies. For any further particulars a postcard sent to me at 41, Guilford Street, Everton, will receive prompt attention. On all club runs members will meet at headquarters, Metcalfe's, Brunswick Road. Meeting time for the above three runs, Good Friday 2 p.m., Easter Sunday 10 a.m., Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m. Next monthly meeting April 2, at "The Marlborough Cafe."—R. Malone, Hon Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, held at the Feathers' Great Chapel Street, Westminster, March 12. Mr. John Robson in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. Mr. Shepherd handed to the chairman the result of the voting for officers for 1913, which was as follows: Pres., Mr. R. L. Crisp; chair., Mr. J. Robson. Secretaryship was not decided owing to Mr. Mugford and Mr. T. L. Sayer having equal number of votes. Mr. Mugford withdrew in favour of Mr. Sayer, but unfortunately Mr. Sayer was not present at the meeting, and the decision had to stand over until next meeting. Mr. Mugford kindly offered to act as secretary pro tem. Treas., Mr. T. R. Trower; auditors, Messrs. Boxall and Cook; Press corres., F. Knight; committee, Messrs. Shepherd, Dewhurst, Marley, Peverall, Penton, Carson, Offord, Wallington, Tyson, Easterling, H. Smith, and Tringham. Mr. Mugford gave a brief outline of the objects of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors League, which has recently been formed to extend the classification of foreign birds at shows. Mr. Wallington gave a detailed report of the London Federation meetings. Decided to forward to the Federation our contribution towards the loss on the Federation show. The scheme for the reconstruction of the Federation was favourably received. The balance sheet not being quite complete, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Mugford stated that it would be complete by next meeting.—F. Knight.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.
I. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
JEFFERY JEFFERIS, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middlesex. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms very moderate.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth; Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAS. STEWART, 11, Woodville Terrace, Whitehaven, Cumberland. Judge of Cage Birds, Yorkshire Specialist; life experience; terms moderate. (235)
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

The Shows.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

A very successful show of British birds was held March 6, at the People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford. Entries were far in excess of last year, and the society is to be congratulated on having such an enthusiastic lot of members. Fanciers living in the district would do well to write the secretaries with a view to joining this go-ahead society. The quality throughout the show was excellent, many of the exhibits being fit to win in open competition. Mr. Pope and Mr. Weston had grand teams out, the latter winning special for best in show with a splendid Greenie. This is very encouraging, especially as he is a novice. Mr. C. Botting placed the cards, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

LINNET (13): 1, 2, Weston: 3, Pope; vhc, Simants; hc, Deane; c, Hill. REDPOLL, SISKIN, OR TWITE (5): 1, Pope; 3, Deane; vhc, Barton; hc, Hill. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (8): 1, Deane; 2, Pope; 3, Weston; vhc, Fuller; hc, Jones; c, Barton. CHAFFINCH, BRAMBLE, OR GREENIE (19): 1, Weston; 2, Culham; 3, Deane; vhc, Simants; hc, Deane; c, Pope. A.O.V. SEEDEATING (2): 1, Barton; 2, Hill. A.V. INSECTIVOROUS (3): 1, 2, 3, Barton. MULE OR HYBRID (5): 1, hc, Pope; 2, Simants; 3, Parker; vhc, Williams. HYB. PAIRS (3): 1, Pope; 2, Deane; 3, Barton. FOR. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (4): 1, 2, 3, Pope; vhc, Parker. SELL. (4): 1, vhc, Hill; 2, 3, Allen.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

BEDFORD O.S.

Pair show, held at Ham's Restaurant, Silver Street, March 13. The quality of the exhibits was about the best seen in Bedford, and gave promise of something worth seeing in the future, especially was this the case in the Norwich classes. The class for novices was not supported, and consequently cancelled. Mr. H. Markham made the awards, and gave satisfaction.

YELL. NOR. CK. and BUFF HEN (11): 1, Keech, excellent mkd. ck., rare size and lovely feather, with clear hen, excelling in head, neck, body and qual.; 2, Keech, massive saddle mkd. ck., very typical in shape, best of feather and col., and lovely clear hen, of model shape and qual.; 3, res., Goodman, large cl. ck., well proportioned, warm col., nice qual. and excellent cl. hen, a good pair; vhc, Wilmot, Keech, Johnson, and Beanland; hc, Notley and Beanland. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (10): 1, Keech, fine large cock, mkd. head and wings, well made throughout, and nice qual., with clear, typical hen of lovely feather and excellent carriage; 2, Keech, stylish marked wing cock, rare quality, hardly so good in col., with capital hen, excels in all Norwich properties; 3, vhc, (2), Beanland, very fine nat. col. cock, good head and body, with large clear, typical hen; res., Goodman; vhc, Notley; vhc, Curling; hc, Johnson. MULE BREEDING PAIRS (7): 1, Notley, good cock Goldfinch, very steady, excellent blaze, with large, typical yell. Nor. hen, of nice qual.; 2, Notley, cock Greenfinch, H.M., with monster clear yell. Nor. hen, good col. and lovely feather; 3, Beanland, good Siberian Goldfinch, deep square blaze, with a large thick-set hen, of good qual.; res, hc, c, Simons; vhc, Curling. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Curling, massive cock Greenfinch, steady, excellent carriage, with a very nice Brit. hen Bullfinch; 2, Beanland, cock Greenfinch, smaller than winner, with a good hen Bullfinch; 3, res., Simons, another similar pair, Greenfinch (bit small), with nice size hen Bullfinch.—J. C. Wilmot, Sec.

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Twitterings.

Get your "Filup" Feeder in good time.—(Advt. 79).

Mr. C. A. House will judge cage birds at the show of the Tiverton F.S. on October 30

Will secretaries please note, writes Mr. J. Gray, secretary, that the Arbroath C.B.S. has fixed Nov. 22nd for its annual show.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club should write to Mr. F. Cunliffe, Sec., 19, Lark Street, Burnley.

The Canterbury fanciers will hold their annual show on December 10th, when Mr. H. Norman will judge the Cage Bird section.

R. A. Nowley is "the" man for breeding and stock cages. Order at once. Address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

Secretaries please note that Broxburn and District C.B.S. hold their annual show on Dec. 20 next, writes Mr. W. McLaren, the sec.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has, we hear, been appointed as judge for Bolton and Dist. C.B. Society open show on Oct. 10 and 11 next.

Kindly state that Mr. T. Heath is judging our next show (Nov. 4 and 5) writes Mr. J. D. Horrill, Hon. Sec., Barnstaple and North Devon C.B.S.

Mr. H. Norman, we are informed, will judge the annual show at Royal Windsor, which will be held a week earlier than usual, Oct. 29th being the date fixed.

The proprietors of "Phosto," the well-known phosphatic food for cage birds have appointed a number of agents, among whom is Mr. A. E. Silk, of Whitstable.

In the report of Sheffield O.S. meeting for March sent you last week, writes Mr. Woodall, it should have read: "A lecture 'Hints on Breeding,' by G. Browning, of Rotherham," not Mr. Brotherton.

Mr. J. A. Anderson, the Aintree Fanciers' Society's Hon. Sec., has "gone over" from cavies to cage-birds, he having exchanged some champion "pigs," for some champion Norwich. We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe has the "piggies" for sale.

On receiving my Cage Birds on Friday last, writes Mr. A. Smith, Coldstream, I was pleased to see my ticked buff cock on its front page. It is a splendid drawing and reflects great credit on the artist. I wish your valuable paper every success,

Our show, writes Mr. A. Walker, hon. secretary, "Crendon," Innerbrook Road, Chelston, Torquay, is fixed for Oct. 16th. Judge Mr. C. A. House. I shall be glad to hear from any fancier in society willing to guarantee a class, or offer specials.

We have received from Mr. J. Brown, sec., the balance-sheet of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club. We are glad to note that after paying a loss of £4 17s. 6d. on the club show and all current expenses the balance in hand stands at £2 5s., an increase of 7s. 9½d. on the amount brought forward from 1911. The club has a satisfactory membership roll of 127.

The Aintree Fazakerlay fanciers, we hear, are contemplating several outings, i.e., nesting rambles, visit through the Liverpool University, etc. Four new members were elected at the last committee meeting. There was a small profit on the last quarterly show, when cage bird entries were in the majority. Mr. E. W. T. Gasking (Manchester Street, Liverpool) has kindly consented to act as hon. solicitor.

I must thank you very much, writes Mr. R. Willison, Barrow-in-Furness, for the reproduction of my Buff Scotch Fancy on Cage Birds' front page. It is excellent, and every credit is due to your artist, Mr. Norman. I wish your paper every prosperity. I was just looking up No. 1 issue last night. I have seen it growing yearly. May it go on and prosper, is the wish of your old reader.

A HOLIDAY REMINDER.

Owing to the Easter Holidays, CAGE BIRDS has had to go to press one day earlier than usual this week; thus any notices, advertisements, &c., which reached us after Tuesday mid-day have had to be held over until our next number.—Editor.

Mr. A. Cooper has been elected secretary of the Bradford West C.B.A., and all correspondence should be sent to him at 69, West Park Road, writes Mr. F. Western. I wish your paper every success.

Littleborough C.B.S. have selected June 28 as the date of their fur and feather show, to be held in the Parish Church School, writes Mr. H. Woodhead, hon. sec. Mr. Hardy, of Oldham, has been asked to judge.

Yorkshire breeders contemplating holiday visit to Bradford and district should call at Knight's Yorkshire Aviaries. A hearty welcome from our veteran breeder, Jonas Knight. Trams to Allerton every few minutes, stopping place Cobden St., near residence, Copy St., Allerton.—(Advt. 581.)

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Scottish Metropolitan (open Derby) O.A. for business reasons, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, and fanciers and others might from this date, until my successor is appointed, address all letters, etc., in connection with this Association to Mr. C. R. Drysdale, president, 11, Melbourne Place, Edinburgh.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

During the Easter Holidays the offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Friday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers, and Correspondents generally, kindly note that all matter intended for NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday. Mar. 25 at latest (or Wednesday first post).

The meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B., which falls on Bank Holiday, has been abandoned, writes the hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn.

The fact that George Baxter and Sons, of Fochabers, have for 45 years handled rare old Highland whiskey, lends interest to their announcement in the "Household" column. They offer to send readers a bottle of splendid "Scotch" for 3s. 10d., postage free.

Kindly make it known through your columns, writes Mr. J. G. Greason, Gateshead C.B.S., that we have engaged the following judges: Messrs. A. Holden, J. Bailey, J. Patterson, J. Maddison, J. Robson. I also have two additional prizes for our prize drawing, closing this week. Mr. W. Curry will shortly take the Secretary's position, as I am resigning same.

In the March issue of "Bird Notes," the organ of the Foreign Bird Club, appear some remarks by Mr. W. T. Page on the foreign bird section at the Crystal Palace show, and by Mr. Goodchild on the British section, both accompanied by illustrations by Mr. Goodchild. Capt. J. S. Reeve contributes an interesting account of breeding successes in the Leadenham Aviaries. Mr. E. Hopkinson continues "Birds of Gambia." Mr. Wesley T. Page writes a practical article entitled "Aviary Observations." Mr. F. Somers writes on the public aviaries at Roundhay Park (Leeds), and Mr. Douglas Dewar tells of "Birds of the Sal Forest."

The Avicultural Magazine, the organ of the Avicultural Society, opens with a most instructive article by Dr. Butler, on the sexing of the Liothrix, the so-called Pekin Robin. This should go a long way towards solving the difficulties of amateurs in this direction. Notes on "The Great-billed Raven in Captivity," apropos of the pair of these birds recently acquired by the Zoological Society, are supplied by Mr. B. Theo. Stewart, these being based on the bird in Mr. Stewart's own possession. Miss Innis Dorrien-Smith sends from Tresco notes on "The Tameness of Wild Geese. The Countess Baldelli writes a delightful account of a pair of Syrian Bulbuls in her possession. Mr. F. E. Blaauw contributes a chapter on "My Antartic Goose," telling the story of the bird's importation and the troubles incidental thereto. Other articles are "Bird Notes from Kent," by Mr. E. G. B. Mealde-Waldo, "The Hooded Parrakeet," by Mr. G. M. Mathews, and "Bird Notes from the Zoological Gardens," by the Curator, Mr. D. Seth-Smith.

Norwich Alliance New Secretary.

I should esteem it a great favour, writes Mr. E. C. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich, if you will kindly state in your valuable paper, that I have taken over the secretaryship of the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A., and all communications should be addressed to me. We have arranged to hold our next exhibition in the Corn Hall, Oct. 16 and 17, Messrs. W. E. Greeve, Wrentham, W. H. Howe, Wellingborough, and J. Stark, Norwich, will judge. I might say I was elected secretary of the N.A.A.E.C.B.A, when it re-formed and started afresh in 1901, and I have taken no active part in the fancy since then till I was elected secretary this year, and I hope I shall make a much greater success than I did that year.

The Foreign Birdkeepers' and Exhibitors' League.

In the classification as printed last week Parrot Finches were included among the birds to be shown in class 13. This was a printer's error. Parrot Finches should be among the birds catered for in class 14.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Nomination of officers for 1913: Will all members please fill in the nomination paper, which will be found in the centre of the Club's hand-book, and return to me before March 31st.—John Greaves, Sec., 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

L.C.B.A. Lose Their Secretary.

Kindly make known, through Cage Birds that owing to pressure upon my time, I have been compelled to relinquish the secretaryship of the L.C.B.A., writes Mr. W. H. Mugford. I will let you know my successor as soon as possible.

Supper and Social at Bolton.

The Bolton and District C.B.S. will hold a supper and social in the Bow St. Assembly Hall on Wednesday, April 2, writes Mr. J. Gerrard, the sec. All fanciers and friends are cordially invited, especially those from neighbouring societies. Tickets for supper and social sixpence each.

City of Bradford's Two Cups.

The City of Bradford O.S. having purchased two silver-plated cups for competition (which starts in June) will be pleased to welcome all fanciers of the Yorkshire or Norwich varieties in Bradford and District as members at their next meeting, Saturday, March 22.—W. Helliwell, Sec., 116, Mill Lane, Bradford.

Charity Show at Leicester.

We note with pleasure (vide the letter appearing in our correspondence columns this week) that the show held by the two Leicester societies in aid of the funds of the local Children's Hospital, resulted in £7 10s. being handed over to that deserving institution. The fanciers concerned are to be congratulated on carrying so praiseworthy a notion to such a successful issue, which redounds to the credit of the Fancy generally.

Commencing with our issue for April 5th, the minimum rate for trade advertisements in "Twitterings" will be 10/- per insertion.

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Many thanks for Cage Birds 1913 Annual. In information it excels all previous Annuals.—W. Elliott, sec., West Stanley and Dist. C.B.S.

I must say that Cage Birds 1913 Annual is really a treat, and will be hard to beat. I will show it to the members here at our meeting on Wednesday.—Geo. Mitchell, Brechin.

I must congratulate you on sending out such a book as Cage Birds 1913 Annual. It is full of interesting information and should make a useful addition to every bird room.—A. E. Brooks, Cambridge.

I have just been reading Cage Birds 1913 Annual, and I think no amateur should miss getting it, for to my mind it is just the book to be able to run to when you have a bird fall queer, and you want advice urgently.—L. J. Olford (Portsmouth).

Cage Birds 1913 Annual to hand. Thanks for such a useful book; it is full of good and useful information, and should be in the room of every fancier. The painting of the Norwich hen by Mr. H. Norman, is a masterpiece. Wishing you a record sale.—Chas. Hy. Hill (Wiveliscombe).

Cage Birds 1913 Annual to hand. Encyclopædic throughout, marvellous sixpennyworth, truly invaluable to amateurs and novices, indispensable to the old hands, and a unique guide to all officials of societies; far in advance of all past editions.—J. C. Barnes (Sheffield).

I am writing to say that I think Cage Birds 1913 Annual is a real good thing, really worth its weight in gold. Every bird-lover ought to have one. The articles are written so that the youngest novice can understand what he is reading—it is just what bird lovers want. "How to Mate Birds to Breed Winners," by Claude St. John, is splendid, and is true in every word.—J. Little (London, W.).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
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Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Robson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)
Oct. 25.—**South Shields C.B.S.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen St.)
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
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Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
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Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.
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Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
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Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages).
Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)
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Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

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Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
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Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(F. Robinson, 126, Green-st.)
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

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Will members of the N.G.M. Yorks C.C. kindly note that nomination papers for Season 1913-14 must be sent in to me on or before March 31st. The nomination paper will be found in the centre of the Club's hand-book, and can be easily detached, and sent through the post with half-penny stamp.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec., Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

HINTS ON BUILDING AND FITTING AN OUTDOOR BIRD-HOUSE.

Written and Illustrated by H. NORMAN.

THE hobby of the genuine bird fancier is one of never-ending fascination. During the whole twelve months of the year he has something connected with his fancy to interest and occupy his spare time. The breeding season is followed by the moulting time, then come the shows, and almost before he is aware of it, it is time for him to pair up his birds once more. Before doing so he must set his house in order, any necessary additions or alterations must be commenced and finished before the hens settle down to their duties.

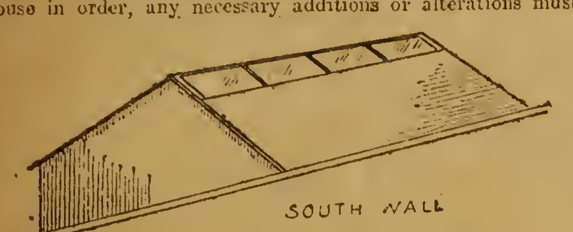


Fig. 1.

Every fancier is not blessed with a spare room in the house that can be given up entirely to the birds, and if a room is only partly used for their benefit, the fancier is, in a way, handicapped from the start. While incubating and rearing young ones, our domesticated Canaries are very much like the wild birds of the woods and fields; they like to be quiet, and disturbed as little as possible.

Making the Best of Things.

I know that by usage and familiarity Canaries will nest under the most trying conditions, and I have met fanciers (mostly ladies) who have been in the habit of handling their birds at all times and seasons, and the birds were so tame and confiding that they did not appear to mind it. But the average fancier has not the time to steady his birds to this extent, and if a room can be set apart for the breeding stock so much the better; if not, a well-made outside building is indispensable.

Fanciers as a rule do not have much choice in regard to the selection of aspect for their out-door building. The ordinary garden is seldom so extensive that the owner can use any chosen corner, and it frequently happens that what he thinks would be the most suitable position is already occupied. Then, again, comes the question of expense, and there is frequently a wall or sound fence that he would wish to make use of in erecting his structure.

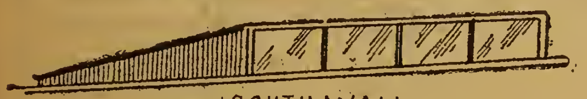


Fig. 2.

During the many years I have been connected with the Fancy I have seen bird rooms erected in all aspects, and I have come to the conclusion that situation makes very little difference as regards success in breeding. Undoubtedly the worst of all positions is the one facing north, with the back of the house, consequently, against a wall or fence facing south. If that position must be used, a window should be put in, either on the eastern or western side, so as to allow a shaft of sunlight to penetrate the structure, or, failing this, the roof should be made with a strip of glass along the span facing south, as in sketch No. 1, or, if the house is to be a lean-to, the back should be carried up above the wall, so that a row of glass may be put in at the top, as in Fig. 2.

In very hot weather a short blind could be put up to run upon a rod, so as to exclude the sun at mid-day, if desired, but, personally, I am in favour of allowing as much sunlight as possible (with comfort to the inmates) to enter the bird house. The sun is undoubtedly beneficial to the birds, and, as we all know, is a great factor in killing disease germs.

A Preference for Shady Nooks.

At the same time, I do not think it wise to have too many windows in a bird house; the hens, when nesting, appear to dislike exposure to the light, for if you notice them carefully you will see they take much more readily to the nest pan placed in the shady corner of any cage than they do to one in the full light. Sitting hens are sensitive beings, and generations of breeding have not taken all the wild instincts out of their nature.

Finches and Warblers, in their natural freedom, love the shade, and to keep themselves hidden from observation. Seldom does a wild bird nest upon a branch which is fully exposed to the sky; there is generally another branch overhead, or a few leaves flicking to and fro in the breeze, and casting a refreshing shade over the sitter.

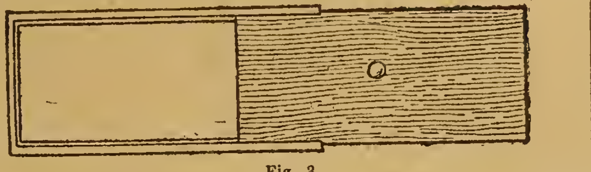


Fig. 3.

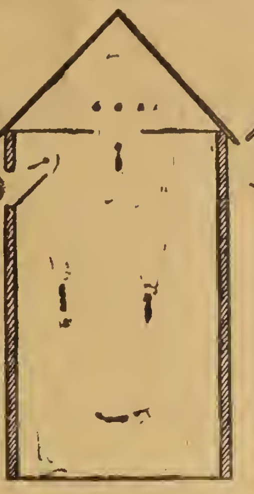
On entering an old fancier's room we frequently find that part of the cage front opposite the sitting bird covered over with a thickness of newspaper. So I would advise any novices thinking of erecting an outside house to be careful about the light, also to remember that if half the front is glass, the house will be less cosy in winter. Of course, blinds could be made for use during the breeding season. Some fanciers contend that plenty of light plays an important part in keeping down the red mite, but for my part I think plenty of fresh air is of far more importance. Red mite are nocturnal insects, and are hidden away securely during the daylight, and we all, unfortunately, know how fast they propagate during the "dog days."

A Thing One Cannot Do Without.

Fresh air is absolutely essential to healthy life, and cage birds are no exceptions. Fanciers should look carefully round their rooms and bird houses, and see if they have in the past taken this important fact practically to heart; if not, now is the time to make the necessary alterations.

Where a bird house is built with a span roof the ventilation is easy to manage. The house should have a ceiling of match board nailed from the eaves; in the centre of this a hole can be cut with a sliding shutter, as in Fig. 3. At each end of the span holes can be bored about 1½ inches in diameter, and over these some coarse perforated zinc should be nailed. This would allow the foul air to escape.

There are some people who are satisfied with the fact that if you get rid of the foul air, fresh will take its place. This is so, but the fresh air may enter the bird house at a point where it is not required, or where it is dangerous to the birds. The wiser plan, therefore, is to arrange for it to come into the house where it is required. In my book on "Aviaries" I gave a drawing of a system of ventilation that I think will not be out of place if repeated in this article. In Fig. 4 it will be seen that the cold air is admitted near the ceiling, it falls to the floor, circulates, and goes out at the top. This is undoubtedly a very good system, but I think it is to be improved upon by carrying the cold air down to near the floor, by means of a pipe or partition inside the wall of the house, as shown in Fig. 5, for by this means the air is slightly warmed before entering the building, and does not enter so abruptly. If a fancier is building an outside house of wood and quartering and then re-lining it, he could easily manage this system of ventilation.



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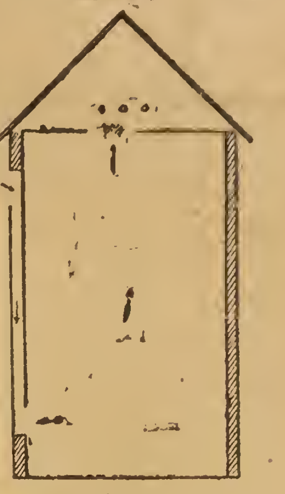

Fig. 5.

Beware of the Cat.

During the hot days of summer a wire door is almost a necessity. This should be boarded up for about 2 feet in order that stray cats may not be seen by the inmates, for although the animals could not get at them, the sight of their enemy might easily frighten sitting hens off valuable clutches of eggs.

The roof of a building is frequently a source of trouble to the fancier, and I have frequently heard complaints of leakage, especially with roofs that have been tarred. The cause of this is that the roofs are built far too steep. A roof that is intended to be tarred should be almost flat, or have just sufficient pitch to it to allow the water to drain off. If a roof is steep, the tar melts in very hot weather, and runs off, leaving only the bare felt as a protection against the autumn and winter rains.

If a roof leaks in spite of frequent applications of fresh tar the felt should be stripped off and fresh felt put on. This is not by any means an expensive operation, as the cheapest felt is quite good enough; what makes it waterproof is not the quality of the felt, but the care with which it is laid and in which the tar is applied; a good layer of clean sand should be thrown over the tar as soon as it has been applied.

(To be continued.)

IS IT A MISTAKE TO FEED UP HENS FOR BREEDING?

What "Old Breeder" thinks about the matter.

LETTERS recently published in CAGE BIRDS record several early nests of young being hatched in January. As a very old breeder of some thirty-five years' experience, that to me is nothing new. I have done it dozens of times. In my early breeding days, when youth could not wait, if only anyone came in to say that they had got an egg, and I had not, it would set me off at once with a vengeance to put up my birds, only to end by proving the truth of the old proverb, "the more haste the less speed."

I never in those days took into consideration the birds, but they generally have something to say on the matter. It did not at that time make any difference to me whether the birds were in breeding condition or not. Egg food was given them in vengeance, in fact nearly enough to fatten a pig. The consequence would be that my over anxiety ended in total disaster—by ruining the birds for the season. It certainly brought on eggs, faster than it should have done; and what with shell-less eggs, egg-binding, and deaths, the troubles came thick and fast.

Is this the Correct View?

If they laid all right and started sitting they would probably leave the eggs, or even if they got as far as hatching young they would leave these to start building and laying again. It is one of the greatest mistakes to force the hen out of her stride and bring her on so early, especially as our springs are generally so variable. I hope these reports of early breeding will not cause young and inexperienced fanciers to be too eager to get early birds.

There is nothing like letting Nature do her share of the work, and I should not advise young fanciers to start giving too much egg food at present; it is better to be on the safe side and not give any at all; give only the best canary seed you can obtain. That will keep them in good sound condition; a little German rape now and then will not hurt, but bar the hemp entirely until the young are hatched. Giving such fat-producing foods as egg and hemp causes the hen to become much too fat inside, and the consequences are shell-less eggs and egg-binding. Should these occur, it is wise to give the hen a rest for a month until the warmer and more settled weather comes.

A Case in Point.

Take for an example poultry which are confined in a small run and fed three or four times a day on such fattening food as nearly all maize, boiled potatoes and barley meal. The consequences generally are that they are too fat to lay. They don't lay eggs when they are dear, and when they do lay, it often happens they lay shell-less eggs.

Canary hens are something similar, you must consider that they also are confined in cages where they have not much room to fly about and get plenty of exercise, and so they get over-fat; neither is it advisable to give them much dandelion leaves, as this also helps to bring them forward. As the spring comes, so will the hens be ready; that is, if in good and robust health.

Of course it is different with the cock birds, they can do with a small teaspoonful of egg food once or twice weekly until they are mated up. A dandelion leaf a day, young and tender of course, and free from frost would do them good and help them, if not in full song, to come on with their vocal powers, and as a rule the singing of the cocks will soon bring on the hens. But remember this, the spring has not yet arrived, and it is always as well to wait until the end of March or the beginning of April before you put them together. If both are ready, they will soon be at work; and it will certainly repay you for waiting a little longer before you pair up.

Getting the Home Prepared.

Now is the best time to make a good start in the breeding cages, and give them a thorough good cleaning out. Get a good strong solution of hot water and disinfectant, and well go over all the cage inside and out, and let the perches have a good soaking in the solution. After the cages are dry then, to make sure, give them a good coat, if you may call it so, of paraffin or turps. Work the brush into every hole and crevice, also give the wires a painting as well; let the cage then stand out of doors for a few days to let the weather take off all the smell, etc. In my cages I still like the old fashioned limewash. I make it with unslaked lime, a good handful of salt, and a little blue from the blue bag. Paint the inside with this, not too thick, but a nice thin mixture, and when dry, if you think it is not quite to your mind, go over them again. By using it thin, you stand a better chance to get into every hole and corner, and if there are any red mite left from the washing they will not have much chance to escape from this double dose of lime washing.

Keeping on the Safe Side.

After you have done the lime washing, go over all the outside with a small sponge and paraffin; this will liven up the woodwork, and give it a nice polish, besides being death to the red mite; all the perches should have their ends dipped into the paraffin and left to get dry. All nest boxes or pans should be served the same, also the seed and egg drawers, and left out in the open for a few days for the smell to get off. Some young fanciers may think this is a lot of extra work and trouble to take over breeding a few birds, but they will soon find out, if the weather becomes hot and the red mites get the upper hand, that it is better to be on the safe side.

When you set a hen, and also just before she hatches, give the nest a good dusting of insect powder; if there are no pests, so much the better, but prevention is better than cure. You will know that the hens can sit comfortably, which is a great deal off the mind of the breeder. I hope these few lines will have the desired effect on young fanciers.

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Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Note Rules on page 242 last week.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SLOW STARTERS (John Barnetson).—In all probability the birds were not ready for mating when you put them together, which is a quite sufficient explanation of the hen not yet showing signs of nesting. Even now it is quite early to think of mating up birds in unheated rooms. But, again, if the birds were just coming forward when you mated them, it would be nothing unusual for them to have made no start after being together only ten days. If both birds are not in good forward condition when mated, it is not very uncommon for them to be three or four weeks before getting to work. Should the hen show any indication now of beginning to nest, you had better leave them together and exercise patience; otherwise, separate them again for a fortnight, and in either case feed as follows:—Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give separately, in addition, half a teaspoonful of egg food, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "Silarle" last week. Give two crisp young dandelion leaves daily. All the above quantities are for each bird.

WILL THEY BE FIT? (C.J.B., Dulwich).—Yes, certainly, as far as age is concerned, your Canaries which are twelve months old will be quite fit for breeding this season. Indeed, if they are in sound vigorous health they should be getting very forward now, and be practically ready for mating at any time. When the cocks are ready they will, in all ordinary cases, be bubbling over with health and spirits, in full lusty song, sometimes, in fact, they get so full of excitement that the song appears to get broken and fragmentary by being jerked out in short runs, even as the bird is hopping about, and it appears to be too much excited to remain still more than a moment, being constantly hopping briskly from perch to perch, pecking at wires, flapping its wings, and all the time jerking out more or less lengthened runs of song. Every now and again it goes through its song connectedly, but with the wings slightly drooping and tremulous. This is the description of a cock in fine breeding condition. The hen should show the same life and health, and restless activity, and will be frequently calling "sweet," or a more incisive "chit," and occasionally a sort of appealing "tz-tz-tz-tz-tz," when she hears the song of the cock—the latter call being rather low and uttered with drooping wings. When she gets very forward and in need of immediate mating she will now and again grip a beakful of the feathers on her breast and make pretence to carry them about, and eventually try to place them in some selected spot. At this stage the birds may be put together at once. When not quite so forward the cages should be side by side or the bird placed in a breeding cage, separated only by a wire slide for a day or two to become acquainted with each other, and when the cock feeds the hen freely through the wires they may be allowed to go together.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TWO FAILURES (F.E.N.).—It is not unlikely your impatience in mating the birds months before the proper season, has set up an aberrant cycle, which may be very difficult to break this season. Your best plan now is to separate them, feed the cock on an ordinary seed diet, with just a morsel of egg-food twice a week, and a dandelion leaf daily, until the end of this month, and treat the hen similarly until about the end of the first week in April, but in her case give a morsel of watercress, groundsel, or chickweed, instead of the dandelion. Then feed them both as advised to "John Barnetson," in this issue, until the middle of April, when you may give them another trial. Provide a shallow nest-pan, and if the hen crouches in it when "calling," place an egg-drawer, or some similar obstacle in it during most of the day, until she is ready to begin laying.

BACKWARD YORKSHIRE AND MARKING RINGS (Lux Prima).—It is not likely that running the cock with two hens last season overtaxed him sufficiently to prevent him coming into breeding condition this season. See if he is in a gross overfed condition, and if so treat him for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, as advised to "G. M. D." last week. If not grossly fat, stop the tonic you are giving, and add to the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week. Also feed the same as advised to "John Barnetson" in this issue. Stop giving the tonic in any case. With this he should be ready to mate by the beginning of April, which is early enough to have a good season. Do not, however, try to get the utmost possible out of him this year. It would be wisest to limit him to one hen this season. As regards the safety of metal marking rings on hens during the period of incubation, it is rather a moot question. In a general way they add something to the risk. It is just one of those risks which may or may not be worth a thought.

WARMING A ROOM (A.C.).—You say the birds are very late in coming into breeding condition in consequence of your cold room, but you do not say about what time they get to work. If they begin nesting the first half of April that is, after all, the most natural breeding time, and is quite early enough to allow of one getting a good amount of success. The tendency is to begin a great deal too early, which is apt to make one look upon the proper natural season as abnormally late. Still, in your circumstances, having a properly constructed fireplace and flue in the room, assuming there is no down draught in the flue, there would be no risk whatever in having a gas-fire fitted in the fireplace, so that the fumes would pass directly up the chimney. There would be no danger to the health of the birds under these conditions.

AVIARY IN SCHOOLROOM (B.W.).—There are several factors tending to militate against successful breeding in such circumstances as you describe. The noise of the children is not in itself an absolute bar to success, but the publicity accompanying it is doubtless fatal. The glare due to cage being in a sunny window is another serious drawback, and the fact that the male bird is a mule is another fatal bar to success, or at least it is generally believed to be so. I take it you mean the bird is the produce of a Canary and some other species, a Goldfinch, for example, and not a variegated Canary, as some people term the latter birds Mules. True Mules are, as a rule, perfectly sterile, so the only object in mating them should be purely experimental. Apart from the publicity and disturbance around your birds, the hen may not have been in good breeding condition, which would increase the tendency to this abnormal nesting. The only way in which you can hope for any success in this place is to screen off a portion of the aviary, both on the window side and from the schoolroom, so as to make the portion allotted for nesting as private as possible. All hens like privacy for nesting, and very many of them absolutely fail without it, which would succeed well with it. Finally, you must substitute a cock Canary for the Mule if you want to have a sporting chance of success. Read through replies this week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WILL THEY AGREE? (O.M.).—I do not think any trouble likely to arise from putting a pair of Whydahs with your Pekins, and should recommend either the Paradise or Queen Whydahs for the purpose. Both are handsome species, the latter especially so.

TO GO WITH BUDGERIGARS (F.B.).—The Blue-wing Lovebird could go with the Budgies and Madagascar Lovebirds; it is a bright green bird with blue flights and lower back. The Black-cheeked Lovebird is quite a gaily covered creature, but some individuals prove very aggressive and interfering, unless in very roomy quarters. If you choose to take the risk, this species would please you as to colour and size. The genus Brotogerys are small and pleasing, but are mostly green birds relieved with yellow and white. They are fairly numerous, viz., Tui, Canary-winged, and Tovi Parrakeets and others. A pair of either of the three named would suit; the Canary-winged is perhaps the most showy.

BIRDS FOR SMALL AVIARY (A. Bowell).—Your indoor aviary is only a cage, and you can only have one pair of birds in each division. Long-tailed Greenfinches, White Java Sparrows, and Zebra Finches would be a nice trio, and all should breed, but the pairs must be kept in separate divisions. As regards the suggested outdoor aviary, some such idea as you indicate should answer well, but it would be better to have wood for two-thirds of the roof and wire work for the other portion, and, of course, make it as large and roomy as you can. The Budgerigars will be better out of doors, and in the aviary you suggest you can risk a pair of Canaries with them if you choose. You could put in the aviary one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Cockatiels, White Java Doves, and odd birds for effect. Red-crested Cardinal, Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers would be an interesting sesies. As you have not had much experience, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., post free from our manager, would assist you greatly.

LARGE FLIGHT CAGE (A.O.F.).—You can put in it six pairs of small Finches and Waxbills, and if you put up a few rush nests for them, some of them will breed. The following are all pretty or beautiful, and also varied: Zebra Finches, Silver-bills, Avadavats, Gold-breasted, and Orange-cheek Waxbills, and Bib Finches. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., and Nutshells No. 16 and 20, all post free from our Manager, would tell you how to treat and feed. The better way is to make two small doors in the front of the cage, if they are not already there, and have baths to hang outside the cage over the open doors. Re the cage bottom, give it a good scouring with water and Condy's Fluid, and as soon as it is thoroughly dry, give it two coats of good oil paint (white or grey), and if it is put on evenly and allowed to become quite hard before putting in the birds, no harm will result from it.

FOR CRYSTAL PALACE AVIARY (W.H.M.).—(1) Yes, and if there are partitions, parting it into three compartments, you could have one pair in each division: with a suitable nest they should breed. I suggest Zebra Finches, Avadavats, and Gold-breasted Waxbills. Nutshells No. 16 and 20, 2½d. post free from our Manager, would tell you how to feed and treat. (2) Pekin Robins, Java Sparrows, and Orange Bishops should get on well together, but the Waxbills would lead rather a worried life, even if they were not harmed, if caged with such. If you want merely a crowd flying together as an attractive series, and will give full attention to cleanliness, and use the aviary cage as one flight, then you could have a dozen small birds, say one pair each of: Grey Singing Finches, Zebra Finches, Avadavats, Gold-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Bib Finches, and Green Singing Finches. The colours would be varied, the antics of the birds interesting, and there would be some song.

TAME BUDGERIGARS (W. J. Man).—One or other of the birds is not yet in breeding condition. There is no regular period, and also no hurry; in fact, if they delay nesting operations for another month it will be all the better. Let them take their own course, and in due season they will settle down to the serious business of house-keeping. They are young birds and have not nested before, and such are often very erratic at first. If they are brother and sister that may account for it as such will not pair together if they can find other mates; but under any conditions you will, I opine, have young before the season is out. As soon as you can get it, give them as much flowering (seeding) grass as they will eat, such will soon be obtainable, and it will bring them forward. In their native wilds, they only breed when and while the indigenous grasses are available for the rearing of their progeny.

WHAT IS IT? (H. Saxton).—There are many birds which would fit in with your description, and the trivial name is no help at all, as any bird which sings abroad seems to have the cognomen Nightingale tacked on to it in some form. I have, however, been unable to trace the name in the books on my shelf covering that region. It is evidently a Seed Finch of some species or near ally, and this means looking through several genera, which I am unable to do at the moment of going to Press. It would be helpful if you could tell me from what source you obtained it—it might possibly be some European Finch. Your previous query I have no remembrance of; most certainly if I had I should either have given you its name or confessed my inability to do so, or asked for further information. Owing to the holidays, I may not be able to give a definite reply till our issue for week ending April 5th. In the meantime, if you can send me anything really definite as to where it came from it will be a help. I doubt its pairing with a Canary.

BUDGERIGARS (D.B.).—(1) In an article or book one gives general directions, but in this column the replies are modified by the conditions given by the queriest. Moreover, I do not keep queries by me: they are returned to office with my reply, and I certainly do not remember even the details of your last query. In a roomy outdoor aviary Budgerigars are usually left to go their own way, and they usually breed more or less continuously, only making a short pause for the moult. In more limited quarters it is well to limit the broods to three, and this is even the better course in the aviary, as more robust progeny, etc., are the result. The only way to check breeding is to separate the sexes, and this is not always easy in a large aviary. Husks make good sleeping quarters, but they should be either scalded out and then dried in the open, or renewed at least annually. The period depends on the start. Some pairs come on earlier than others, thus the respective broods are easily spread over the seasons. (2) When they get the chance, Budgies will take mealworms readily enough, but in a cage, or aviary cage, they are better without such stimulating food, but in a roomy aviary one, two, or three per bird daily, do no harm; in fact, help to keep the birds in tone. When wild, all seedeaters take insects at certain seasons.

Owing to the necessity of going to press one day earlier this week, many answers to questions cannot be published until our next issue.—EDITOR.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS,

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY (T. Lukey).—Your question is so extraordinary that I find some difficulty in believing it genuine, and not a pleasant little piece of "leg-pulling." You ask: "Is the Goldfinch a British songster, or does it pipe, whistle, or warble?" Well, the answer is in the affirmative, except as regard the "piping." What sort of bird-keeper and reader of CAGE BIRDS can you be, I wonder, to have to ask such a question!

A LADY VOCALIST (T. Praiten).—Your singing "cock" Goldfinch laid 4 eggs in its cage last July, eh? Well, you are not the first, by many a one, to be deceived by the vocal ability of a hen Goldie. Some hens sing quite well. I know of a good-noted one which was bought at a high figure by a song fancier, and won many handicaps for him, and in the summer, to its owner's astonishment, it laid eggs—although an experienced fancier, and one of the cute brigade, he had never doubted its sex. You could try mating her with a cock Goldfinch (get a real cock-bird, of course); or, if you prefer hybrids, either Siskin, Redpoll, or Linnet. It will be best (probably absolutely essential) to have the eggs incubated by a hen Canary; no doubt, however, you are aware of this.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual' (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A MATING MATTER (J.H.F., Bristol).—It seems highly likely that the Linnet referred to is a hen. Can't you sex the bird by its plumage? The "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet would explain to you how to do this. Two cock birds will "feed" each other when the pairing fever is upon them as assiduously as any cock bird does a hen. With regard to the cock Bullfinch pairing successfully with the hen Linnet, I can only repeat what I have often said before, i.e., that precedent points to failure of attempts to mate cock Bullies with hens other than those of their own species. Why this should be so is not altogether easy to understand, and possibly if the cock Bullie were to be widely used, instances of success would follow—I cannot see any adequate reason for concluding otherwise.

AN AILING BULLFINCH (Rag).—Get one ounce each of tincture of gentian and tincture of rhubarb from a chemist, and into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water stir 15 drops of each. Give this fresh daily for five days, then give the gentian alone for a period of ten days, but only on alternate days—plain water in between. This should benefit the bird considerably, and "pull him together." Let him have half-a-teaspoonful of maw seed daily for a time. Is it possible that he is being pestered by red-mites; do you understand what manner of things these are? If so, you would do well to read the part dealing with parasites in the "Handy Bird Doctor" in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

LARK NOT SINGING (B.W.).—I certainly think that your method of feeding is not adequate—who told you to give niger seed? You should invest 2½d. in a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Skylark, which will put you on the right road to getting your bird into full song, and give you many valuable hints concerning its management.

SEED SAMPLE (Lorraine).—It is gold of pleasure seed, and this is the name under which it is sold at the shops, etc. (note advertisements in our "Food" column. You may, however, find it difficult to obtain, except at such shops as cater thoroughly for bird-keepers, for it is not a seed at all commonly in use, or even known. Your sample is a good one.

TWO ITEMS (J.M.W.).—(1) It would not be safe to turn another cock Bullfinch into the aviary, which at present holds a pair—the two cocks would be sure to fight, and at this season of the year especially so. (2) The cock Snow Bunting is usually larger than the hen (in many cases, however, this does not apply) and much richer in colour so far as the black and rufous (or light chestnut) tones of the plumage go, and much purer in the white areas. The cock, however, is a duller colour in winter than when in summer dress, much of the black and white being then obscured by rufous "shading." The hen is duller in white (dirty-looking, by comparison) and clouded, especially about the head and upper parts, with a dusky rufous tint. The sex difference of the plumage is not particularly easy to describe in words, but not at all difficult to discern in actual practice—when members of the two sexes are in front of one.

THE LESSER REDPOLL WHEN BREEDING (Constant Reader).—The Lesser Redpoll is not well known as a breeding species in the southern parts of England, i.e., south of a line drawn through Leicestershire, Shropshire, and Norfolk, but northwards of this line it becomes common enough. I cannot say what is the "favourite" tree wherein to lodge the nest, but perhaps the birch holds this position. I know the species is very fond of haunting birch woods—though no doubt willows and alders are much favoured. This bird, too, though more of a tree-haunting species than either Linnet or Twite, frequently builds in bushes and hedges.

A QUARTETTE (A. Grierson).—(1) Yes, there is certainly a good sporting chance of the cross succeeding—in fact, I think the Goldie-Bullie mating far from a difficult one—and the cage you mention is a fair size, though it would be much improved by being 30 to 36 instead of 24 inches long, and also a little wider. However, if you have no option in this matter, by all means make the best of the available accommodation. (2) If you did not wait until the hen Canary had laid, how could you induce her to sit the Bullfinch eggs? When the hen Canary gets "Broody," i.e., has laid her third egg, you can put under her any reasonable number of Bullfinch eggs, say up to 6 or 7. Of course, I do not mean 6 or 7 in addition to her own eggs—the latter need to be removed, or the hen will have more eggs under her than she can properly cover. On the other hand, it does not matter if the hen has been sitting 2 or 3 days before you put the Bullie eggs with her. I always prefer to have two or three "feeding" hens going; if you take care they do not go to nest at the same time, but in succession, you are then seldom in a fix with regard to testing the Bullfinch eggs; (3) I have often proved that eggs can be kept 10 to 12 days without detriment to their hatching powers—what is the actual limit I have never attempted to ascertain. I store mine in a cool place, lying on their sides in cotton-wool, and give them a half-turn every day. (4) It is quite a commonplace of courtship on the part of the hen Bullfinch to run after and "feed" her mate—especially if the latter is a little backward in coming forward. The hen Bullie, when she feels that way, is a very ardent lover indeed—she likes it as I like my whisky, hot and strong and plenty of it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

R. Eames.—The dead Canary you sent through the post unprotected in an ordinary envelope, naturally reached us in a disgusting, "squashed" condition, and was at once cremated. Evidently, too, you have overlooked the rules under "Post-Mortems" (see the "Questions and Answers" pages this week.)

Canariensis.—We cannot trace the advertisement of the mouse-trap, so cannot give the address of the maker, but we are certain the pattern you describe is a well-known one, and sold by almost all large ironmongery stores.

H. Wardill.—Not there now, and we could get no information as to his present address.

Fair Exhibitor.—We cannot publish your letter; it would be actionable under the law of libel. Had the bird been disqualified it would be a different matter.

G. Bonser.—You amaze us when you say that no grocer in Hull sells Osborne biscuits, and that your local grocer states he cannot get them. We should have thought the difficulty would have been to find some grocer who did not stock them. Osborne biscuits are made by Huntley and Palmer, Peek, Frean and Co., Macfarlane, Lang and Co., and all the leading biscuit firms, and until your letter reached us we were certainly under the impression that they were sold everywhere, and were everywhere popular. Surely there must be some mistake on your part.

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BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 4th in Victoria Cottage, Broughty Ferry, Mr. Carmyllio presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Low proposed three new members for the society, who were accepted unanimously. The judges for open show were selected and nominated, the secretary being instructed to write the successful gentlemen. The date of club show was fixed for Nov. 1, and judges selected, which concluded the business of the meeting.—J. F. Langlands, Sec.

GAINSBOROUGH AND DIS. C.B.S.

First of a series of lectures held March 15, in the Central Hall, Kickman Street, the society being fortunate in securing the services of that well-known judge and expert, Mr. C. A. House, who gave the members and friends an exhibition of washing Canaries and preparing them for the show bench, which was followed by a lecture on moulting and staging birds, both Canaries and British. The manner in which he dealt with his subjects proved him to be a master of his art. At the close he was asked several questions, which he answered in an instructive manner, greatly appreciated by the members asking them. On the motion of Mr. T. Palliser, seconded by T. Green, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. House, whose response brought a very instructive and successful meeting to a close.—J. E. Conway, Hon. Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Swan Hotel, March 11, Mr. E. Tams in the chair. Balance sheet was passed as read. Proposed, that a vote of sympathy be given to Mr. H. George, the retiring secretary on his present illness, with the hope that he will soon be amongst us again. Proposed that Mr. P. Barker become secretary pro. tem., Mr. Davies chair., and Mr. McMurtrie vice-chair, Mr. Ratcliffe treas., Mr. Hickman and Mr. Kilkin were made auditors. Proposed and carried that the annual open show be held October 4, and that two judges be written to for their terms. Proposed that we should hold a nest feather show June 14, and that four judges be written to for their terms. Mr. Davies has promised a silver cup to be won outright at our nest feather and winter shows, inclusive for most points, and Mr. Ratcliffe is giving a gold medallion for second most points. Local fanciers desirous of joining, please attend next meeting, as announced in CAGE BIRDS this week, or address to the secretary for particulars. We enrolled two new members at our last meeting.—Philip Ed. Barker, Hon. Sec., 6, Prospect Place, Longton. (Please note that reports should be written on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held March 11, James Stenhouse (Pres.) in the chair. The West of Fife Cage Birds League was discussed and the delegates instructed for next meeting. The following judges were appointed for open show, Nov. 8: Borders, Wm. McAdam, Lasswade; Yorks., J. McLennan, Renfrew; Crests, Wm. Reid, Falkland; Plainheads, A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Mules, British and Foreign, Crossley Sykes, Musselburgh. Sec. was asked to write a Scotch Fancy judge; when he is engaged I will send along his name. Agreed, that we get show stationery from Spratt's Patent, Ltd., the Secretary to get offers from local printers for show printing. Balance sheet of Club show was read and approved of. It showed a gain of £3 11s. 10d. On the suggestion of Alex. Anderson it was agreed to give a class for F.M. Linnets at open show, also that Large Hardbill Class read, Hawfinch, Crossbill, Corn Bunting and Snow Bunting. Agreed, to discuss at next meeting how to make our Association more beneficial to novice members, seeing that half of our members are novices. Donations received, £2 15s. Two new members accepted—John Robertson and George Cooper.—Adam Dickson, Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Smoking concert and presentation, held at the "Blue Bell Hotel," March 12:—The attendance was good for a mid-week affair. The following artistes contributed to a very enjoyable evening: J. Edwards, comedian; E. Mason, tenor; and G. Ipkin, as pianist. After part of the programme had been got through our chairman, W. B. Atkinson, made a few remarks as to our two members (Messrs Rushworth and Gunn) who are going to America shortly, and alluded to the good work they had done for the society during their membership. Mr. R. Garnett also made a few remarks on the good work they had done for the Society. Later on, each of these members was presented with a good pipe and case, and the presentations were made by two of our oldest members, Messrs. M. Broadley and E. B. Denton, who said a few words to each member as they handed the presents over to them. Then we had two good recitations from Messrs. T. Elsegood and E. Shepherd, which were received with loud applause. After this the health and success of our two members was drunk by all present, Mr. A. Brown, of Yeadon, proposed a vote of thanks to our worthy Chairman, and this was seconded by Mr. T. Elsegood and carried unanimously. Mr. R. Garnett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes; this was seconded by Mr. R. Sutcliffe, and carried in the usual manner. A few more songs were rendered and brought a very successful evening to a close. —Taylor and Ellis, Secretaries.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Mar. 12, Chairman Willmott occupying his usual place before a good gathering of members. Mr. Pythian, Small Heath, duly elected a member. The Chairman briefly dealt with the business of the committee meeting, held Mar. 7, all being present. Three new important rules were passed on the committee's recommendation. The question of seeking fresh rooms was thoroughly debated, and the members decided that no better quarters could be found, although the society was willing to pay for a good room. The important item of holding an open show was again gone into thoroughly, and the majority were in favour of spending a sum of money on two solid silver cups for competition during the coming season, believing that this would interest the members and attract more into the society, also the members would feel the benefit of their own money instead of giving same away to outsiders. Decided to hold a table show of British birds at the April meeting, Mr. Raby drafting the classes, no entrance fee. Some good specials will be given, also a novel competition will be announced for the members relating to this. Chairman Willmott makes a special appeal to all the members to attend, as besides the table show the members are requested to make a final decision with regard to holding the show or purchasing cups. The coming season's prospects in birdroom and societies' progress were debated upon, and the season again promises to be a topper, as all agree that things are brighter than ever for the young bird shows, and specials will be more numerous than before.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held March 7, at headquarters, Mr. Sutton in the chair, before a good number of members. A very lengthy discussion took place on Bird Breeding, which was enjoyed by those present. Three new members, Messrs. Falkner, Cook and Booth were made. It was decided to have a novice washing competition on April 4.—E. Rone, Sec.

WELSH C.B.S.

I should like to remind our members that the subscription, viz., 3s., for 1913, is now due, and I shall be glad to receive same. The cup and medal winners for last season are as follow: Leach Canary Cup, Norwich Plainhead Cup and two medals, Mr. S. H. George; Sandiford's and one medal, Mr. D. H. Tidstone; Leach Bristol Cup and two medals, Mr. J. E. Jeffreys; medal most points at club show, Mr. W. J. Mock. Cash specials will be sent to winners in a few days; only one cash special can be won during the season. I shall be glad to receive applications for patronage from the various societies.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held March 12. Mr. Holden took the chair to a good attendance. Committee's recommendation to alter show date to December 12 and 13 was confirmed. The following judges were elected: Messrs. A. Holden, Gateshead; J. Bailey, Bradford; J. Patterson, Chirnside; J. Maddison, Newcastle; and J. Robson, Peckham. Owing to the sec. not being able to carry out the society's work any longer, Mr. W. Curry, Ashcroft House, Ebchester, was elected to fill the position. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring secretary for his past work on the society's behalf. The following new members were elected: F. Rowan, Gateshead, and J. Johnston, Wallsend. Judging from the present progress, the prize drawing looks as though it would be a complete success by the closing date.—J. J. Greason, Sec. pro. tem.

NORTHERN B.M. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held Feb. 26, the chairman, Mr. C. Pettersson, presiding. Decided to have a table show at next meeting, this being the last one of the series of six shows for the specials. I hope the members will bring plenty of entries. Mr. Maddison will judge. All previous winners over table shows will be entitled to compete. The following classes were decided upon: Linnet, Greenfinch, A.O.V. of Hardbill Brit., Mule or Hyb. pairs, and Foreign Medals were selected; these will be bronze medals in cases, which will be presented at the forthcoming distribution of prizes on April 8. In connection with the meeting, a table show was held. Mr. J. Bertram judged. LINNET: 1, 3, Pettersson; 2, Scott. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, McGuire; 3, vhc, Voutt; 4, Scott. A.O.V.: 1, McGuire; 2, vhc, Pettersson; 3, Scott; 4, Voutt. FOR.: 1, Scott; 2, Pettersson. Vote of thanks to judge brought the meeting to a close. Tickets for the social evening can be had by applying to me; single 1s. 6d., or 2s. 6d. double.—W. Curry, Sec. (Report received this week,—Ed.)

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Annual meeting and election of officers, held March 3, Mr. W. P. Snaith in the chair. Post-card was read from Mr. T. C. Crawhall, asking that two delegates be appointed to attend a meeting to make arrangements for social and presentation of prizes of the Northern Specialist Clubs. Mr. Greason and Mr. Potts were chosen to attend. Following new members were elected: T. Davison, Sunderland; J. Jobbing, Heaton; E. Phillipson, Byker; T. Moat, Shiremoor. Mr. J. Johnston proposed, Mr. J. G. Greason seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of our late member, Mr. J. Brown, who passed away after a two days' illness. It was then moved and seconded that Mr. Snaith ask Mr. Barr to become pres., and Mr. Parkin vice-pres. The following officers were elected:—Chair, Mr. W. Smith; vice-chair, Mr. W. P. Snaith; committee, G. Greenwell, W. Espie, J. G. Greason, T. Davison, W. Affleck, J. Craig, C. Farrar, W. Harvey, J. Johnston, A. Montgomery, W. Parkin, J. W. Reid, T. Smith; auditors, W. Affleck, W. P. Snaith; hon. sec., M. C. Potts. Mr. J. Johnston moved and Mr. W. Affleck seconded that the Scotch Fancy section be dropped out of the club, as it was a drawback to shows seeking our patronage. Mr. Espie moved and Mr. G. Wilson seconded that the section be left in. After a good deal of discussion, Mr. T. Smith moved and Mr. A. Montgomery seconded that the rules be left over, and the meeting be adjourned to allow all Scotch Fancy members to attend.—M. C. Potts.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows Hall, Feb. 22. Judges were nominated for the shows in connection with our Association, and they will be finally settled on at our next meeting, March 29, when I hope there will be a good attendance to assist us to select suitable gentlemen.—Walter Clarkson. (Report received this week.—Editor.)

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CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Three Tuns, Eastwood, March 15, when the best number of members for some time put in an appearance. Mr. L. Parsons was in the chair, and a large amount of business was transacted. Decided that a silver teapot should be awarded at the end of the season for most points won at the table shows. The first lot of birds—Greenfinches—were shown, and a good class resulted. Mr. C. Martin judged. 1, 2, Lees and Smith; 3, Simpson; vhc, hc, Bestwick. Next table show, March 29, 2 classes, Goldfinches and Bullfinches; entrance 6d. per cage. Officers selected: Pres., Jas. Taylor, Three Tuns; Comm., C. Martin, B. Simpson, G. Lees, W. Harrison, B. Mitchell, P. Watson, S. Cook, A. Bestwick, T. Pegg, J. Argyle, J. Dodman, A. Wood, and A. Kew; Treasurer, Jas. Taylor. Will all members kindly hand in unsold tickets and money for prize draw, Feb. 15th, to enable draw to take place at next meeting, March 29th.—A. Smith, Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH CLUB.

Meeting held Feb. 10. The chairman, Mr. Topping, presided. Re annual distribution of prizes, it was decided that we join in with the other Northern specialist clubs, and Mr. Holden and myself were appointed delegates for same. Re medals won by the members over the late shows, we decided to buy bronze medals in cases instead of silver medals; we also decided to buy a gold medal for the cup winner, Mr. H. Wellsbury, and that a special, value 10s. be given to Mr. Butler, as the winner of the other special competed for on the same conditions as the cup. In connection with the meeting, a pair show was held. Mr. F. Wyndham judged, and his awards were well received, it being his first attempt at judging. YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Holden; 2, Smith; vhc, c, Topping; hc, Curry. BUFF CK., YELL HEN: 1, 3, Holden; 2, Smith; vhc, Curry; hc, Topping. New members elected: Mr. Pearson, Gateshead; Mr. Wyndham, Newcastle. Tickets for the social can be had from me; single 1s. 6d., double 2s. 6d. Vote of thanks to Mr. F. Wyndham for judging brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—W. Curry, Sec.—(Report received this week.—Ed.)

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held March 15; 40 birds entered in a four-minutes' time sing. Smith, 127; Kirk, 80; Morley, 54; Dobson, 40. Also March 16; 33 birds entered in a three-minute sing. Morley, 54; Tomlin, 51; Kirk, 48. Open sing on Easter Monday; first pair up at 1 p.m.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at headquarters, March 15, when some excellent singing was heard from 25 birds. 1, Liversidge, 54; 2, Wallis, 44; 3, Moulding, 38. We are having a special sing for members only March 22; first pair hung at 3 prompt. Also open to all sing on March 24; first pair in window 2.15. I hope every member will attend sing next Sat., and make it as successful as possible.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest will be held at Butcher's Arms, Union St., March 24, for time, open to all, when the landlord will give a copper kettle for first prize; other prizes according to entries; first pair to be up at 2.45 prompt. Also the same day there will be a contest for young birds only for members; first pair up at 1.30 prompt.—E. Hickman, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Members' contest held March 15; 18 birds facing the timers. 1, 2, Harrison, 100, 94; 3, Heathcote, 82. Timers, J. Evans and F. Kennedy. Bird man, T. Dawson. We made three new members, who were delighted to see how we worked our contests. A meeting was held after the contest. Decided that our members could go to any contest they choose.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open to all England Linnet singing contest, held at the Globe Inn, March 15; 38 birds were entered, and some very good singing was heard by a crowded house. A novice won the first prize for quality. The bird was very much appreciated by all who heard it. Winners for quality, 1 Page; 2, Statham; 3, Jones; 4, Maccallister. Time, 1, Poole (180); 2, Poole (128); 3, 4, Fairhurst (103 and 99). Committee meeting March 20 to arrange fixtures.—R. Holcroft.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, March 15. Eighteen birds sung for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Clark; 2, 3, shared by Stead, Butler. Judges, Lacy, Naylor. Also March 16, when 24 of the best picked birds in Leeds sung for four good prizes, before a crowded house. 1, 2, Butler; 3, Wharan; 4, shared by Butler and Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle, C. Cooper, W. Naylor. Open contest will be held at the above house on Easter Monday, when our host, Mr. Wm. Tillotson will give three substantial prizes. First pair of birds to be hung at 1.30.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality Linnets, held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, March 16; 28 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Towers; 2, Clark; 3, Hayes; 4, Chippendale. Judges, A. Turner and C. Lorriman. After the contest N. Soloman sang J. Clark, and Soloman was declared the winner. H. Hayes also sang N. Soloman, the result being a draw.—A. Lorriman.

Contest held at the Skinners Arms, Bushingthorpe Lane, March 15, 18 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Ward; 2, Hayes; 3, Towers. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton. Also March 16, 38 birds sang for 5 prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick; some extraordinarily good singing was heard. 1, 4, Ward; 2, Sellers; 3, Connor; 5 (consolation), Appleyard. Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Clayton; timekeeper, J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. To enlarge committee and arrange schedule for annual show, and other important business. New members invited.—R. Elliott.

Barrow C.B.A.—Mar. 26, Gardner and Richard, 7.30. Discussion on open show.—A. Hudson.

Bolton C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Star and Garter, 8.30. Arrangements for social.—James Gerrard.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Foresters' Arms, 7. Booking of hens: members must book their hens at this meeting. Election of judges, and other business. —James Stirling.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Mar. 26, Market Tavern, 8 p.m. Classification for Norwich, British, Hybrids, and Foreign birds, etc, and other important business. All interested please attend.—H. Hill.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Election of officers; also table show of Borders and British.—E. Thomas.

Chester C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Boot Inn, Northgate-row. Fixing date of first feather show, etc.—R. L. G. Simpson.—(No time stated.—Ed).

Choppington C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Enrolment of new and old members.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 22, Flying Dutchman, 8. Classification of members' show and dates. Will all members please attend and have a voice in the business.—W. Helliwell.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Queen's Head, Riddings, 7. Important business; 2nd table show: Bullfinches, Goldfinches.—A. Smith.

Consett, Blackhill P., Etc., S.—Mar. 22, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30.—J. Hedworth Coupland.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Mar. 23, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Nominating judge for nest feather show, and choosing date for same.—B. Robinson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Co-operative Hall, 7. Exhibition of wild seeds, by Mr. J. T. Clarke, Rothesay.—Robert T. Campbell.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Mar. 29, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Ringing young birds; annual subscription, etc.—A. Dickson.

Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Lecture.—Robt. Heggie.

Glasgow and Western Counties' C.B.S.—Mar. 22, 122, Ingram-st., 6.30. Special meeting; two important motions to be discussed; Muling and Hybrid pair show, 6 classes; judge, George Marlin (Hamilton).—W. Connelly.

Grimsby O.S.—Mar. 27, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Mule and Hybrid pairs, British classes, and other important business.—H. Towl.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.C.—Mar. 27, 119, Cleethorpes Road, 7.30. Minutes and general matters.—H. Mason.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Mar. 25, Sellor's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 8.—A. Roberts.

Longton C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Swan Hotel, 8.30. Please note change of secretary.—Philip Ed. Barker.

Midland Roller C.C.—March 27, Swan and Peacock, 8. Fixing show date, etc.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Distribution of prizes, and judges' names.—J. Rhodes.

National B.B. & M.C.—Mar. 27, Feathers Hotel, Gt Chapel-st., Westminster, 8. General business and arrangements for the annual outing.—J. P. Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Balmoral Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, on "British and Mules." Friends invited.—John Davey.

Northern B.M. & F.C.—Mar. 26, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show, for classes se report in this issue. Judge, Mr. J. Maddison. Fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Oldham C.B.A.—Mar. 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting. Arrangements for syllabus and places for show. Fanciers rally up.—James Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 24, Irwell Castle, 8. Dating F.F. show; also other important business. —J. W. Parkinson.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Temperance Club, 8. Committee please attend; important business.—Wm. Adams.

Rossendale C.B.S.—April 1, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Monthly meeting. Members kindly note: annual subs. are due.—H. Wantling.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 22, 142, High-st., Edinburgh. Committee meeting, 6.30; adjourned general meeting, 7.30. Election of judges, classification, and other important items.—J. R. Meikle.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—Mar. 22, Rooms, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, 8.30. Annual general meeting. —J. Brown.

Sheffield O.S.—Mar. 25, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Business very important.—E. C. Job.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Annual meeting, sec.'s report and balance sheet; election of officers.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Wandsworth F.A.—Mar. 27, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Lecture, Mr. Maddison.—W. Lightfoot.

Warrington C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Open show business, judges, and to decide whether 1 or 2 days' show.—G. M. Nelson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Very important business; new members cordially invited.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—No meeting on Mar. 26, owing to holidays.—W. G. Andrews.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Mar. 25, Headquarters, 8.30. Committee meeting.—T. Callegari.—(Kindly note, that items must be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in CAGE BIRDS and THE POULTRY WORLD.—Ed).

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Is This a Breeding Record?

A One-legged Hen Has Ten Nests in One Season and is "Still Running."

Sir,—In 1911 I reared a nest of Norwich, one of which had claws on one leg only, the other being a stump. This I gave to a little niece of mine who is passionately fond of birds (so much so, we call her "Dicky") and can manage them like an old fancier. In 1912 "Dicky," who keeps her pets in the dining-room, paired this hen to a buff cock and she went to nest on ten occasions, laying 39 eggs, hatching 15 youngsters, and rearing 14. The last nest in 1912, of five eggs, two only hatched out on Boxing Day and are now doing nicely for themselves.. Since then the hen went to nest again and the latest news I have received was to the effect that she hatched three more youngsters on Saturday, March 15th. Is this not a remarkable breeding result?

W. J. Dean (Matlock).

The Provincial Roller Canary Club's Challenge Trophy.

Sir,—I am pleased to see Mr. Percival's reply to my appeal re the above trophy. He says that the club formulates its own rules. I have not disputed this. The only thing I find fault with is, why they don't print them when they haie their cup competition? He also points out a special rule passed Jan. 8 (10th) 1910 re cup competition. The secretary, however, did not know that this rule was in existence until Feb. 5, 1913, when I have a letter from him pointing this out to me, with a footnote, "I have just come across this minute, so send it on." This confirms my statements that at the time of the contest they did not know of any definite rule, and that I should have been the winner, and that if the two birds had not tied the cup would have been awarded to the member with highest song points. I have no wish to extend this controversy further, and we can pass the remaining part of Mr. Percival's and their special correspondent's letters as being childlike, and having no reference whatever to the subject. To do Mr. Percival justice, I did receive his reply March 3rd—nine days after the appeal—but my report had gone to the press on March 1st. In concluding, let me ask the secretary to print the full rules next time, and not shield themselves under an old rule that they fortunately found out.

Andrew M. Firth.

P.S.—Where does the "Fabrication" come in?

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique" Judges to Blame?

Sir,—I again crave your indulgence to review some of the epistles of your correspondents, who, like "Lover of Justice," assert there are clique judges, hence the short entries at our Scottish shows. Some of the statements are so ridiculous that I don't think any of your readers could look upon them as true. Such, for instance, as a judge, after seeing a catalogue, when judging was over going and marking "soft" on the cage of a bird that should have been first. True, often a judge has to mark a good bird "soft," and often in the afternoon the bird will be all right again. But I have yet to visit the show where, after the catalogue is out a judge would have an opportunity to mark a bird soft that was not soft. As to a certain judge saying that some of the birds at a large show near Glasgow were too small, that may be true. A bird may be 5½ inches and yet be too small, as there is a very large percentage with empty and guttered backs, sharp fronts, empty fronts and thin necks, with small spiky heads—nothing to commend them but the standard length of 5½ inches. Now, I prefer a full-sized Border, for, as a rule, you get them better filled in all over if you have substance. Yet many possess the mistaken idea that a small bird with a pose (apart from its failings) should always win. As to colour, it is important that a Border should be judged for colour along with other points; it should be soft and level throughout. Unfortunately there is reason to doubt the colour of some, but where there is a doubt, the exhibitor has a right to the benefit of it. I would like to know how a judge can make a mistake to benefit the novice? If a judge should put the bird of a novice where it should not be, would that benefit the novice? I think not, as the novice in future would expect every judge to do likewise. In reviewing Mr. Logan's latest effort, let me frankly tell him that I have as yet got no "gruelling," as I am not guilty of any of the imaginary crimes, and am still doubtful whether any other person is. Without bluff, Mr. Logan, let me tell you that I never had a conversation with you in all my life on any subject of the hobby, and don't think it worth my while to differ with you further than to say that, I don't believe your guessing assertions to be true. Neither is it true that you accepted my first entry and that it was a Border Fancy, as my first entries were a Norwich P.H. hen and a Goldfinch, and made before you were in the Fancy. But I well know the party you are guessing to be me. Again, I say, from my own knowledge that these same men had won more, before ever they judged, than you have ever done. Yet all this has no bearing on the vexed subject of short entries. Now I know a man who for years carried on a small business, among an increasing population, but quite recently had to dismiss his assistant because of short sales; was this because he was a dishonest man? I say no; it was because he gave better attention to other people's business than his own, and the increased opposition in the growing district took a large share of his sales away from him. Our shows, too, now have too much opposition for large entries to be obtained. "Even Mark" admits my statement as to the number of shows he has visited, while, again, he agrees with me that sometimes a good bird can be purchased by a judge at the price of a songster, or a feeder. But I regret I cannot claim the credit he confers on me as to getting many of my winners for 4s. 6d. or less. He says he has judged a few club shows. Well, it might lengthen his purse were he to give his name (at least) in your advertising columns, as a judge, which should cure the present evil of short entries at our shows, because he is the sort of judge that is wanted by all fanciers—one who can give the best of satisfaction. After all his claims, however, I hope he won't be like the young judge who judged a club show at which a certain fancier did most of the winning, but did not find his best birds always at the top. He was a little surprised, yet had not long to wait for the reason, as the young judge approached him and made him an offer for one of his best (not then a "top-marker"), but the offer was refused. He then wanted to exchange, but did not succeed. He asks what good purpose it serves to show with extra thick spars, etc. Well, he has tried; and with what results? It certainly did not lengthen his purse. Your more experienced readers will know that there has always been a difference in the staging of birds, and that it is an old game to imitate the champions. How far has it ever been a success without the good birds? "Even Mark" came out last year to sweep the decks, and feels annoyed at his disappointment. Still, we may expect to see all wrongs righted when he officiates at open shows as judge, and gives the best of satisfaction.

Plainhead.

Sir,—I was sorry when I read "Another Arbroath Fancier's" letter; it is lamentable to read his wail for me to come over and help. I would advise him, when he has taken the plough by the stilts, to go to the end of the rig. I never inferred anything about the Arbroath secretary. But as he has drawn me in I won't object to give my opinion. I think he is the strongest-minded member on the committee, and likely to make a good secretary. "A. A. F." accuses me of keeping back my experience. I never was a man of that sort, or I would never have lifted my pen. I have been in harness since the seventies, and I think "A. A. F." has a long lane to travel before he does as much for the feathered Fancy as I have done—at least, I am prepared to go into the balance with him since coming to Arbroath. If Mr. Gray comes along to E. Mary Street I'll give him any information he wants, if it is in my power.

Wm. M. Hastings.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

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PROPOSED BIRD TRADERS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Sir,—I am very much obliged to the Countess von Hahn for the facts and figures in reference to the R.S.P.C.A., also the notes of the secretary of Cage Birds League concerning same. We have quoted 25,540 cautions, to 7,038 convictions. This works out roughly at about three cautions to one conviction, as there must be taken into account the proceedings in which they do not get a conviction. I should very much like the Countess von Hahn to make enquiries of the R.S.P.C.A., and kindly inform your readers how many cautions they have given London bird dealers before commencing prosecutions. I have had a good deal to do with such dealers, and in no single instance has it come to my knowledge that the R.S.P.C.A. has given anyone of them a caution. Their procedure was never better illustrated than in your report of last week headed "In the Courts." Here you have a poor old man keeping birds; the Society officer visits his premises, does what no policeman dare do, enters without a warrant, picks out a bird from amongst his lot, promptly summons him for cruelty, and, in addition, to supplement and confirm his own evidence, calls veterinary evidence. Was any caution given here previously, or was it only the conviction required? Think of it, bird-keepers! A great and powerful Society like this, an inspector, a veterinary surgeon, a bench of magistrates, court officials, all engaged in a trivial little prosecution on the ground that a bird was perhaps a little dirty; not starved, mind you; plenty of seed and water, and not being cruelly illused! Is it not ludicrous that the Society's funds should be wasted in a prosecution of this description? or rather, is it not part of their campaign to try and get a conviction wherever possible? Perhaps the Countess von Hahn will kindly tell us why this poor old man was forthwith prosecuted when it would have been far more becoming in their officer to have pointed out to him the necessity of keeping his birds perfectly clean.

This Society was founded to prevent Cruelty to Animals, but when they arrogate to themselves the right to extend their work far beyond their original conception, and carry out a crusade against a perfectly legitimate and innocent hobby, then we have a perfect right to criticise their assumption. My previous letter refers to birds, not animals, and I am very much afraid many of their officials are often too prone to exaggerate facts in taking proceedings. What has occurred to my own personal knowledge tends to confirm this view.

In all fairness to the traders, they should, if they find a stockkeeper who, in their opinion, is not keeping his live stock in the necessary condition according to the present laws, caution him once or twice before taking proceedings. Then if he refuse to do what is necessary, they would have, I am quite sure, the heartiest support of all bird and animal lovers in any proceedings they took.

T. R. Trower.

The Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—I should like to answer the points "Wide Awake" raises. In the first place, as he has been already informed, Holywood is not asleep as regards fixing the show date. The show date has already been fixed, and has been for some time. As I do not think it is any of his business, it will be issued in due time and course. Re Holywood fanciers not exhibiting at any other shows, may I point out he has already been told the reason, and I do not think there is any necessity for repeating it. Re Holywood members exhibiting in the members' classes at their own show, what in the name of all reason does he think they have members' classes for, when it is a rule that members must show in these classes at our show, as all members' birds are shown on their merit amongst themselves, and all members are judged alike, so that there will be no favouritism. Re Mr. Morgan's letters, you have also been informed as to the reason in that case, and I should like also to point out that there was no delay on our part.

Now I have corrected you, "Wide Awake," I trust you will drop this useless discussion.

John Dunwoody, Hon. Sec.

[We cannot see that any good purpose would be served by the continuance of this correspondence, which must now close.—Editor.]

Damage Done by Birds.

The Fallacy of Over-Protection.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a cutting taken from the "Farmer and Stockbreeder" of the 10th inst., and hope you will consider it suitable for publication in your columns. The "Farmer and Stockbreeder" is one of the soundest, broadest-minded, and most ably conducted farming journals I am acquainted with; and the cutting I enclose is a letter written by their veterinary expert, who probably cures or alleviates more real suffering in a twelvemonth than all the humanitarian leagues prevent in a generation. This letter gives an interesting glimpse of the views of agriculturists (upon whom devolves the toil of providing bread and beef for the teeming millions of our cities) upon the subject of bird protection by law; and it also throws a lurid light on the utter indifference of the makers of those laws to the needs of those who, though silent, are most nearly concerned. Although a town-bred man myself, I take no exception whatever to the writer's scornful tilt at the neurotic namby-pambyism taught by teachers of what is called "Nature Study" drawn from great cities.

C. Prior.

Sir,—I don't often chip in upon subjects other than veterinary, but this bird question has been a study of mine for more than fifty years, and I made collections of eggs before I was ten years old. The bird plague had its foundation in the gun licence first, and was followed by the foolish legislation for the protection of birds against their natural enemies. Gunners were squelched by the licence, but formerly they had a half-day or two during the winter, and a Boxing Day Sparrow and Starling shoot, and made a bag of Blackbirds, Thrushes, and other "small deer" on that one great day of the year when the poor man or youth with an old muzzle-loader went forth with his gaspipe and powder and shot flask. A namby-pamby generation has been taught by teachers, drawn from great cities, to feed Sparrows with crumbs upon the window-sill, instead of following the wholesome instinct of boys to trap them with four bricks or a sieve propped up with a stick to which a string was attached, and exercise themselves by climbing after their nests and taking the eggs, or feeding the ferret with the young ones. The "Nature Study" which has taken the place of natural history has no regard to the question of utility of birds and beasts, and the children are taught to think they are doing a meritorious act in nursing a fledgling that has fallen out of the stack pipe. While playing tennis with some high school teachers last year one of them interrupted the game to care for a damaged codlin moth and put it back into my hedge. It was only from deference to my years that this teacher tolerated my explanation of the codlin moth's mission in life; she was not in the least convinced of anything, except that I was an old brute with no modern refinement of feeling such as she was paid to impart to her juniors. "A new heaven and a new earth" have not been discovered by the elementary teacher in the State-supported schools, and the "balance of power" must still be maintained among nations as well as birds and beasts. The increased parasitism of late years should be an answer to those who slop over with sentiment and make laws to suppress the natural enemies of birds.

Vet.

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An Explanation Wanted from the Scottish Norwich P.C.

Sir,—Seeing that the management of the Scottish Plainhead Club have not had the courtesy to reply to my note, I shall thank the secretary to acquaint me of the date of the general meeting, when I shall be very pleased to go before the members and have my case (if there is any) threshed out. What I want to preserve is my reputation and character, and should I not be allowed to vindicate my character, then I have been convicted without a trial. We are not in Russia. Further, I have complied with all the rules of the club, and every bird that I exhibited was my own bona-fide property (£5 to any one who can prove otherwise). What have the management to say to this?

William C. Smith.

Can Anyone Beat This?

Eleven Young by March 11.

Sir,—Having been a reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, I would like to ask if the undermentioned constitutes a record? I have a pair of Yorkshires that were nesting in January, the hen laying seven eggs first clutch, sitting on the 17th Jan., and hatched out five young on 30th Jan., the same hen going to nest again in February, laying another seven eggs second clutch, sitting Feb. 26, and hatched out six young on March 11, so that is fourteen eggs and eleven young. The last six young ones are going on well, but I am sorry to say I did not succeed in rearing the first clutch. I may mention this is my only second attempt to breed Canaries, therefore I am only a novice.

A. Cross.

Rural Rambles.

How is Success Ensured?

Sir,—Anxious and inexperienced as to the *modus operandi* of a well organised and conducted country-side ramble for cage-bird fanciers, I should esteem it a favour if some person or persons having the knowledge would be good enough to inform me through Cage Birds how best to go about it. Here are some of the points I would like touching upon:—(a) the most suitable date for searching for British wild birds' nests, (b) best time of day, (c) how to locate the different kinds of nests, (d) should the search party proceed *enbloc* or otherwise, (e) should ladies accompany the party, (f) is it advisable to seek the assistance of the game-keeper and consent of the landowner or farmer over whose fields you may desire to traverse? Further, how about wild seed expeditions? Are these worth undertaking? The idea that fanciers' societies within easy reach of each other should fully avail themselves of each other's lectures and rambles seems quite the proper thing; but then, I am as yet.

Unflighted.

Appointment of Judges at Gateshead Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. G. Greason's letter, as the secretary of the Gateshead C.B.S., I think he was the fit and proper person to address. If, as he says, "there is nothing to conceal," then candidly I cannot understand why my questions have not been answered. My assuming a "nom-de-plume" does not prevent me from being an "honest fancier," nor does it in the least alter things, and whether I am Smith, Brown or Jones, they remain the same. I am not afraid of my "skin" (it would probably bear inspection), but would remind him that personal abuse is neither argument nor in good taste. The conducting of the business of a society's open show concerns not its members only, but every exhibitor in the Fancy, and by it the reputation of any society rises or falls. Can it be shown then, that the matter relative to my inquiry has been properly dealt with? If it can, then let it be made known. Should Mr. Greason still refuse to answer my questions, surely from his silence and "contempt" there comes, but one logical inference. At a meeting held in December, 1912, was a question asked as to when Mr. Harland's letter was received, and was his (Mr. G's) reply, "Thursday morning," meaning morning previous to show? If so, then, I challenge the correctness of his statement, and will give half-a-guinea through Editor of Cage Birds to some charitable institution in Gateshead if he can prove this statement to be founded on fact.

Bobby.

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THE TROUBLE ABOUT THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB'S £10 10s. CUP.

Mr. Gill and the Threat of Legal Action.

Sir,—Mr. Baker's letter of the 15th inst. is nothing more nor less than a composition of mis-statements and self praise. I will, therefore, reply to his remarks in rotation, as they appear in Cage Birds. Mr. Baker states that after the first season's competition for the cup, considerable discussion arose as to who the winner really was, and that Mr. Hodder, Mr. Rennie, and Messrs. Gill and Pethick all claimed it. This is not true, as neither Mr. Pethick nor myself was present at the annual meeting. Mr. Baker also states that I withdrew my claim from the cup that year. This is also untrue; how could I withdraw my claim at this meeting, seeing that I was not present? I knew, therefore, very little of what took place at the meeting until I read the report in Cage Birds. I then wrote Mr. Matthes as follows:

"February 28th, 1910. Dear Sir,—Seeing in this week's Fancy papers the result of the annual meeting held at the Crystal Palace, Feb. 8, giving the names of the successful winners of the S.N.P.C. specials, will you be good enough to send me the number of points each of the five named made both for the £10 10s. and the £3 3s. cups, as I have made a detailed account, which does not agree with the reports."

I received a reply dated March 1, asking me to send the number of points I made to our birds, and I complied with this request on March 2. To this Mr. Matthes replied on March 10th, sending me the list of points as he made them; to which I replied on March 12, pointing out to Mr. Matthes his list was not correct and that Mr. Rennie had not won the cup according to the rules governing same. Mr. Matthes replied on March 14, saying he thought it would be wise to be content with what he had done. I replied on March 18th, saying it must be thrashed out to the end. On June 17th, Mr. Matthes wrote as follows: "At Committee last evening it was decided to count points for £10 10s. cup as per byelaw 7." Now here the Committee disregarded the rules governing the £10 10s. cup, and awarded the cup to Mr. Hodder under a rule that has nothing whatever to do with the £10 10s. cup. Now I would point out to Mr. Baker that it was at this meeting that the cup was withdrawn from Mr. Rennie, and illegally awarded to Mr. Hodder, and not at the Palace, as he stated in his letter, and we, Gill and Pethick, have never withdrawn our claim on the cup for that season. We were well aware that we had won the cup for that season, and also the two succeeding seasons, and could have legally claimed it two years ago. But we were quite willing to have let it gone on, and would have welcomed any member to have won the cup in a sportsman-like manner. Now I am quite prepared, if necessary, to come to London and meet Mr. Baker, and the Committee and produce the whole of Mr. Matthes's correspondence with myself on this matter. If Mr. Matthes will arrange a meeting to be held on a Saturday, any time will suit me. I would suggest, too, that a representative of Cage Birds be present so that a full report may be conveyed to all its readers. Mr. Baker is also very much mixed with regards to the birds that should count; in fact he has put the cart before the horse, but this I will leave, as he suggests, to the secretary to correct. Mr. Baker says he understood that from that time the cup entered on a fresh basis for competition. Yet at the Palace meeting he stated that the conditions under which the cup had been once competed for could not be altered until the cup had been won outright; does not this apply to 1908-9, as well as 1913? Mr. Baker also states that on February 20th he received a letter from me, and he quotes two paragraphs as coming from the same. As regards the first paragraph, I say that my letter to Mr. Baker never contained those words, and it looks to me as if there is a conspiracy going on, and in justice to myself I must ask you, Mr. Editor, to publish these true copies of my letters, both to Mr. Baker and Mr. Matthes.

My letter to Mr. Baker (19-2-13). Dear Sir,—I am writing you as I think it only fair that you should know I have written Cage Birds, and I hope you will reply to same through Cage Birds for the information of all members of the S.N.P.C. as to what is the position of the £10 10s. cup to-day. You said at the meeting that the conditions under which the cup had been competed for could not be altered until the cup had been won outright. That being so we, Gill and Pethick, won it in 1908-9, 1909-10, 1910-11 in accordance with the rules published in the S.N.P.C. rule books, and could have legally claimed same two years ago. Now I have no wish for anything of an unfriendly nature to creep into this matter, and nothing would give me better pleasure than to melt it in the pot, and then sell it for old silver and give it to some charity, and so end its unsatisfactory career.—Yours faithfully, S. Gill."

Letter to Mr. Matthes (19-2-13). Dear Mr. Matthes,—As you already know Mr. Baker stated at the Palace meeting that once the rules under which the cup had been competed for cannot be altered until the cup had been won outright, that clearly proves that the committee had no power in 1908-9 to award the cup to Mr. Hodder and as we, Gill and Pethick, won the cup in that year and the two succeeding years according to the rules printed in the S.N.P.C. rule books, it became our absolute property two years ago. I have written Cage Birds, and also Mr. Baker, and I hope Mr. Baker will reply through Cage Birds, for the information of all members of the S.N.P.C., the exact position of the £10 10s. cup to-day. Now I want you to clearly understand that whatever action I may take in this matter is nothing personal between yourself and myself. I am not going to argue the point, and shall leave it if needs be in the hands of the law to settle. I would much rather it had gone on as it is, but I consider Mr. Baker is acting in a very selfish manner, and we have won the cup three times, and it is legally ours. Trusting you are quite well, with kind regards.—Yours faithfully, S. Gill."

Now I will leave readers of Cage Birds to judge for themselves as to what they may think of the actions of both Mr. Baker and Mr. Matthes, and also whether there is anything lamentable or unsportsmanlike in my letters to them. Now, Mr. Baker, I shall be very pleased to accept your sporting offer as published in Cage Birds, providing you can produce the letter bearing the two paragraphs which appear in your letter in Cage Birds, the same to be in my own handwriting and sent direct from me to you. I have never asked you for any personal information, concerning the cup. I asked you to supply this information to all members of the S.N.P.C. My reason for this was that since 1908-9, all information as to who are the winners of the S.N.P.C. specials for each season has been left out of the rule books, and therefore very few of the members knew anything as to the position of the cup, and as you declined to give this information through Cage Birds, I consider I was quite at liberty to do so, and what I have stated are facts. You ask, why did I not have this matter thrashed out at the annual meeting? I quite agree with you that this is where it should have been done, but it was impossible owing to you taking offence at Mr. Garland's motion. You said it was a direct slap at you. Now if the motion had come from Clapham it would have been the same thing—you would have been quite as much justified to say it was a direct slap at you, and you have only your own self to thank for this controversy.

S. Gill.

(Letters from Mr. E. Baker and Mr. G. Gardner, dealing with the Breeders' Cup, unavoidably held over until next week.—Editor.)

Wild Seeds and Berries.

An Invitation to Dunfermline Fanciers.

Sir,—As will be seen from the Club Notices, we, the members of Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S., have been fortunate in receiving for exhibition the fine collection of wild seeds collected by Mr. J. S. Clarke, of Rothesay, who has recently been writing on them in the columns of Cage Birds, and who has kindly consented to exhibit them at our monthly meeting to be held in the Co-operative Hall here on March 29th. We extend an invitation to all fanciers to this meeting, and hope that all who have not had an opportunity of seeing these will take advantage at this time. We hope we may have a pleasant and profitable meeting with our brother fanciers. Mr. Clarke has written a few special notes for this meeting, which should help the fanciers to identify the plants this coming season. The meeting will be an open one, and chair will be taken at 7 prompt.

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F. S. Brannigan.

Successful Charity Show Held at Leicester.

Sir,—In connection with the combined show held by the Leicester Hand-in-Hand and Leicester C.B. Societies in aid of the funds of the Leicester Children's Hospital, a joint committee meeting was held Mar. 12, the chairman, Mr. Hulse, presiding. The balance-sheet was passed as read. The show was a great success, and the nice sum of £7 10s. has been handed over to the secretary of the institution. It reflects the highest credit on the fanciers of Leicester and Leicestershire for the interest and help given in such a splendid cause. A vote of thanks was passed to the judges, Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) and Mr. T. Judd, the secretaries (Mr. A. Freestone and Mr. J. Cook) and the other officials for their gratuitous and untiring services. The committee expressed the hope that the show may be an annual event.

E. H. Hulse, Press Corresp.

(Several letters unavoidable held over.)

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Wanted 500 Canaries, Yorkshires, and Norwich hens, will give 18/- dozen. (496)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

ANYTHING bought, supplied, or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menagerie, Greenwich.

LINNET Mule, full song, 5/6; Siberian Greenie cock, 2/-; variegated Goldie Mule, sex unknown, 2/-; offers British: Weedon, 19, Dorset-st., Luton. (583)

WILL exchange large tame cock Bullfinch and little cash for nice 1912 Yorkshire cock, on song: Lees, Thompson-st., Langley Mill, Derbyshire. (581)

WHITE-LEGGED cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, exchange roach pole or cock Norwich; approval; yours first: Garnham, 48, Pauline-st., Ipswich. (583)

AVIARY moulted cock Bullfinch, beautiful colour, steady; exchange two Yorkshire hens; no rubbish wanted: Flux, Letchmore Heath, Herts. (585)

EIGHT fierce singing Linnets, 2/- each; take two cock Canaries for lot; Chaffinch, singing hard, 2/-; offers: Cutler, Upper Rushall-st., Walsall. (534)

HAND-REARED hen Bullfinch, H.-M. cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, in exchange for Roller cock, or sell 7/6: Bond, Terriers, Wycombe, Bucks. (582)

HOUSE moulted cock Siskin, moulted mealy Redpoll hen, bred last season, sell 10/6; exchange Rollers: Nock, 32, Banner-lane, Overend, Cradley. (587)

WARRANTED 5 cock Linnets, 1 cock Goldfinch, 1 cock Greenfinch, 10/- lot; exchange 2 good muling hen Canaries; Kimber, 162, Howard-st., Oxford. (583)

NINE extra large handsome cock Brown Linnets, steady mulers, 16/- lot, 2/- each, worth 4/6; exchange Canaries, anything: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (584)

WHAT offers hand-reared Magpie and twice house-moulted cock Siskin, bred Mules, show condition, or sell 10/-: W. Marchant, Lark Hill, Kidderminster. (586)

ONE house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, big yellow hen, for buff Norwich cock, must be short in body, or sell 12/-; William Burke, 98, Dorrator-rd., Camelon, Falkirk, Scotland. (585)

SELECTED hens, Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Greenfinch; cock Greenfinch, 4/6 lot; exchange two hen Canaries: Allen, 5, St. Leonard's-place, Old Town, Eastbourne. (583)

MAGNIFICENT cock Blackbird, pure wild notes, sell 10/-, or exchange Mule, Finch notes, reason for selling, annoy suffragists: E. Sadler, Cliff-rd., Sheringham, Norfolk. (578)

THREE brown Linnets, aviary moulted, guaranteed singing; offers Norwich, Rollers, pair goffering irons for pastry making, exchange Norwich: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton. (581)

CAGE moulted cock Goldfinch, hen Redpoll, cock Greenfinch, hen Linnet, cock Chaffinch, 12/-, exchange Canaries; all in grand form; seen by appointment: Caretaker, Schools, Castle-st., Endell-st., W.C. (585)

COCK Hawfinch, exceptionally good colour, 12/6; cock Goldfinch, 6/-; hen Bullfinch, 1/6; exchange for clear yellow Norwich cock, must be good typical bird; yours first: Cranston, 39, Salisbury-rd., Maidstone. (586)

COCK Linnets, 1/- each; cock Skylarks, 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; January caught; exchange the above for cock or hen Canaries and Mules: Donaldson, 84, Pitt-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (586)

I will exchange exhibition Yellowhammer, also Siberian Goldies, Linnets, and other kind of British for muling, also singing cock Skylark, for any breed of Canaries or Mules; approval; nothing but straight dealings: Simpson, 36, Lancashire-hill, Stockport. (590)

EXHIBITION Welsh Goldfinch, deep broad expansive blaze, colour, and markings, A1, exchange for large cobby buff unflighted Norwich cock, or yellow or buff hen, must be good heads and on approval: Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeslon, Carnarvonshire. (585)

SALE or exchange, yellow cock Siskin, cap and bib, 4/-; six cock Linnets, caged three months, 1/- each; cock and hen Greenfinch, steady, 1/6 pair; hen Linnet Mule, hen Siskin Mule, 1/- each; cock Goldfinch Mule, in full song, 6/-: Coulthard, Station-hill, Wigton, Cumberland. (582)

SALE or exchange exhibition British, rich colour; cock Bullfinch, 1st Stratford, etc., 10/-; cock Linnet, taken honours Scottish National, Crystal Palace, etc., 15/-; cock Chaffinch, winner Stratford, Windsor, Portsmouth, etc., 10/-; accept anything useful: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (586)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

BIG green Norwich cock, exchange for British birds, or sell, 10/-: R. Black, 28, High-st., Irvine. (579)

YORKSHIRES; 11 hens, from 2/6 each, or exchange for yellow cocks: Tyler, The Downs, Gt. Dunmow. (589)

EXCHANGE three Roller hens for good H.M. Goldfinch; yours first; approval: Gill, Oak Hill, Moortown, Leeds. (581)

FOUR hen Canaries, 1912, good feeders, 1 hen Goldie, 2 years, H.-M., 9/- lot: Green, Toddington, Littlehampton. (585)

NORWICH cock or pair of Yellow Budgerigars, for 3 Goldfinch cocks: J. Jeffery, Silverton Crossing, Dumbarton. (587)

THREE Norwich cocks, 1 hen and single breeder, 25/-, or exchange violin: Aldred, 43, Gillespie-rd., London, N. (586)

EXCHANGE one cock, 2 hens, Norwich, for 2 Roller cocks; approval: Vernall, 75, Baden-st., Ardwick, Manchester. (590)

EXCHANGE two 1912 yellow Yorkshire hens for good 1912 yellow Norwich cock: Ayres, 14, Oatlands-road, Batley, Oxford. (585)

TWO Border Fancies, cocks, one hen, well bred, for a cock Hawfinch, or what offers?: George Harkness, Henderson-st., Moffat. (588)

EXCHANGE prize-bred Norwich cock for two good Yorkshire hens, in breeding condition: Apply, 18, Eastfield-rd., Andover. (584)

CANARY raised Linnet cock, buff Norwich hen, exchange for Crestbred hen, good; yours first: Perry, Gresham rd., Edgware. (578)

EXCHANGE two typical Yorkshire hens, value [illegible], for singing cock (Border preferred), or Border show cages: 126, Lee-rd., S.E. (580)

PRIZE-winning Buff Yorkshire cock, two 2nds, one 1st; cards sent; 10/6; bargain: J. Simonds, High Street North, Dunstable. (591)

EXCHANGE high class unflighted green crested cock for good Norwich cock; mutual approval: Clarke, 109, Rupert-st., Nottingham. (589)

PURE-BRED Yorkshire cock Canary for sale, 10/6, or exchange anything useful: Isaac White, 17, Springstone-avenue, Ossett, Yorks. (583)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire stock birds for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: H. Dean, 136, Coates-st., Manchester-rd., Bradford. (583)

TWO 1912 variegated Crest-bred hens, price 10/-; exchange cinnamon buff Plainhead, or Roller cock: Carrington, Bridges, Bakewell. (582)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, winners, and stock birds, for sale cheap, or exchange carpet, linoleum: Raybould, 2, Caroline-st., Kate's Hill, Dudley. (582)

EXCHANGE two 1912 singing Roller cocks for one good heavily Crested Norwich hen, 1911: 86, West Bromwich-st., Caldmore, Halsall. (590)

GOOD Muling pair, Goldie cock, Norwich hen, exchange large Norwich cock, buff or yell.: J. Welch, 14, Cavendish-st., Chorley, Lancs. (586)

GOOD unflighted clear yellow Norwich hen, sell 10/6, or exchange for large buff cock; approval. Tompkins, 23, Crown-rd., Grays, Essex. (582)

SALE, three Norwich buff hens, two clear, one variegated, 10/-; exchange good yellow: Alderson, 27, Stratton-st., Spennymoor, Durham. (583)

EXCHANGE large Cinnamon Norwich cock and buff hen, in good condition, for poultry house, wire, sell 12/6: Chitty, South-st., Chichester. (585)

EXCHANGE good matched pair Yorkshires or Borders, for typical unflighted Norwich hens, large heads, approval: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (581)

COCK Canary, full song, and two young cocks, and one hen, 18/6; exchange poultry, or anything useful: Denham, Vale-rd., Chesham, Bucks. (578)

GOOD buff ticked Yorkshire cock, unflighted, exchange one Norwich, one Yorkshire yellow hens, value 10/-: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon. (590)

SPLENDID prize bred Canaries, cages, cheap; exchange dress material, garden frame, pullets, carriage rug, etc.: Bennett, Quorn, Loughborough. (580)

SIX pairs good Yorkshire Canaries; several good cock Bullfinches and Greenfinches, fit for show; sale or exchange: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (586)

MR. HAWKES offers few classical Yorkshires and Norwich, single or pair, in exchange for anything useful; see respective columns: Grove Green, Leytonstone. (586)

1912 ST. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster, day or gas light; 12/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (591)

LARGE variegated buff Norwich cock, full song, 7/6; yellow cock, 5/-; variegated buff hens, 3/-; hen Green Singing Finch, 2/-; approval, deposit: Pepper, Dunmow. (580)

COLE'S champion Glucke Rollers, same strain as my cup winners; see show reports; cocks from 15/-, hens 5/-; or exchange: Geo. Cole, Hillside, James-st., Llanelly. (569)

FIVE grand Norwich hen Canaries, 1912, clears, 3/6 each; would give same and 15/- cash for young Amazon or Grey Parrot and cage; offers: William Outram, Heanor. (583)

FOUR good hen Canaries, 3/- each; aviary, three divisions, complete, 12/-, or would exchange 2 hens for 1 cock, aviary for 2 cocks: Evans, 8, Charlwood-st., Pimlico, London. (583)

PAIR high class Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, breeding cage, complete; exchange concertina, or offers; good Border hens, 2/6: Kirkpatrick, 16, Jacksons-place, Carlisle. (585)

TWENTY well-bred Yorkshire hen Canaries, 1911-1912 birds, practically given away at 5/- each, or near offer; good exchange entertained: Groves, 11, Motcombe-rd., Eastbourne. (585)

NORWICH buff marked and yellow marked hens, unflighted, colour-fed, 7/6 each; Vardy's strain, exchange Goldfinch, Siberian preferred, or Siskin; approval: John Palmer, Bulwell, Notts. (582)

SALE or exchange, sib. bred cock Canaries, dark and light variegated Goldfinch Mules, for Yorkshire Cinnamon hens; approval: Gouldson, 11, Harbour View, St. Budeaux, Devonport. (561)

CAGE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6; variegated Norwich cock Canary, 8/6; exchange either for big yellow Norwich cock, healthy, cold-room: Savage, Square, Abingdon. (559)

LIZARDS; a few good ones left, Golds or Silvers, cocks 6/- each, hens 4/6, or 10/- pair, to clear; or exchange Norwich or Yorkshires, or offers: Griffiths, 93, Stormont-rd., Garston, Liverpool. (578)

EXCHANGE unflighted yellow variegated Norwich cock, value 15/-, for large clear yellow Norwich hen, unflighted; must have good head; approval both ways: W. McLaren, Church-st., Broxburn, N.B. (589)

YORKSHIRES. Four good pairs, six buff and two yellow cocks, Bailey's and Dyke's strains, some have won prizes; sell cheap or exchange boots, drapery, clothing, etc.: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (588)

DEEP colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, also buff cock, both taken honours Enfield, Windsor, Stratford, Halstead, accept 15/- each; hens to match, 7/6 each, or useful exchange: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (586)

SALE or exchange, exhibition pair of Yorkshires buff cock, 2nd Enfield, yellow hen, 3rd Stratford sister to my challenge cup winner, sacrifice for 40/-; accept useful exchange: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (586)

BEAUTIFUL Norwich hen, fit for breeding; would exchange for any kind of singing cock Canary, Roller preferred; would give a little cash; approval both ways: T. Saville, 45, Glenrosa-st., Fulham, London, S.W. (590)

NORWICH hens, 3 buffs, 1 cinnamon buff, 1 variegated yellow, 2/6 each: pair Reed Buntings, will make winners when moulted, 3/6; cock Chaffinch, 1/-, or exchange entertained: W. Cooper, Priory Stores, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. (556)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE two Green Budgerigars, ready for breeding, been out all winter, for anything useful, or sell 5/-: H. Thompson, 24, Cross-st., Spalding. (586)

PAIR yellow, pair green Budgerigars, cock Grey Java, all cage tame, and healthy; four-compartment breeder; best offer lot; exchange cycle or Canaries: Croom, 12, Ash-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (585)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE new Winchester rifle for cock Canaries.—H. Whiting, English-st., Hull. (587)

TWO new wicker Bluebird cages, 2/6 each; what offers: Williams, 67, Pembrey-rd., Llanelly. (590)

EXCHANGE Whippet bitch for four hen Canaries, Yorkshires, or sell £1: Aldworth, High Flatts, Crook. (583)

GOOD yard dog, Irish Airedale, for sale, £1, or exchange; what offers: Cherry, Quainton-rd., Waddesdon. (590)

NINETEEN 7-inch disc records, exchange for Canaries; what offers: H. Tysom, 6, Russell Rise, Luton, Beds. (581)

MASSIVE cage, 3ft. x 2ft., £1; exchange Yorkshires or anything: Mowle, 105, Middle-st., Deal, Kent. (578)

WILL exchange air rifle, kill birds, nearly new, for cock Canary, or Goldfinch: Dakin, 11, Wand-st., Leicester. (580)

SALE or exchange, 3 Retriever pups, two dogs, one bitch, 6/- each: White, 45, Sarginson-st., Newtown, Wigan. (581)

EXCHANGE hand sewing-machine for gramophone and records: Lockhart, 34, James-st., Stirling, Scotland. (581)

BLACK morning coat, vest, perfect condition, fit 5ft. 10in.; want Canaries, sell 12/6: 61, Northcroft-rd. W. Ealing. (580)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire terrier bitch, breeds toys, sell 10/-, for Canaries, or offers: Coles, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (581)

FIVE drawing-room framed pictures, 30/-; talking machine, Canaries, offers: Sheppard, 52, Hunslet-lane, Leeds. (585)

YELLOW Norwich hen, 4/-, 5 good breeding cages, 4 show cages and case, offers cash: James Gateacre, Liverpool. (587)

GOOD Spaniel dog pup, 6 months old: what offers in good British, or sell 15/-: Wm. Bell, 17, Rose Mount, Consett. (588)

EVEN marked Fox Terrier dog, lovely head, 18 months, good guard, 15/-; exchange: Styles, 14, Lillian-rd., Barnes. (588)

GRAND Fox Terrier bitch, exchange pair Norwich to value, or sell 15/-: Marritt, 9, Crowle-av., Crowle-st., Hedon-rd., Hull. (588)

EXCHANGE good double-barrel breech-loader gun, for good set of cob harness: Elliott, White Hart Hotel, Burgh, Lincs. (581)

WHAT offers in good Norwich for a good " Clarionette; approval: Wm. Burt, 5, Belgrave Promenade, Ilfracombe. (584)

EXCHANGE set of cricket stumps and little cash for yellow Yorkshire cock: Fowler, 140, Dunstan's-rd., East Dulwich, S.E. (583)

WELL-BRED black curly retriever bitch five months; exchange birds, or sell 15/-: Dalziel, 16, Kello Bank, Kirkconnel. (591)

CARRYING case, holds four Norwich show cages, good light, for cock Siskin Roller or offers: Tudor, 224, Pringle-st., Blackburn. (579)

EXCHANGE singing Roller, 3 Linnets, 2 Greenies (cocks) for 28 x 1½ wired covers, or offers: Hart, Kingsley-rd., Ellesmere Port. (586)

ENGLISH concertina, 26 keys, good condition, 30/-, or exchange talking parrot, cycle, gramophone: Hills, High-st., Mildenhall, Suffolk. (590)

EXCHANGE three British bird books, one containing 64 coloured plates, for Canaries or Goldfinches: Alexander House, Newmarket. (580)

LADY'S cycle, free wheel, 2 brakes, suit girl 15, photo sent; exchange pair good Rollers: Miss Bishop, 17, Kensington-rd., Morecambe. (581)

EXCHANGE wire-haired bitch, 4 months, for pair of Rollers, or sell 12/-; birds first: Grove, 262, Nineveh-rd., Hockley, Birmingham. (587)

EXCHANGE pair gent's hand-sewn shoes, size 9's, for pair Seifert Rollers, birds first: Welford, Bootmaker, Linthorpe, Midd'esbro'. (588)

EXCHANGE real American cowboy saddle, good condition, for foreign birds, sell £1; approval: W. Gillson, Butts, Kingsteinton, Devon. (590)

SALE, cheap, breeding stack, only wants seeing; slides, fittings; suit beginner, roomy, well made: 20, Jasmine-rd., Basford, Nottingham. (584)

EXCHANGE fountain pen and amber cigar holder and case (value 7/6), for cock Siskin for exhibition: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley. (588)

EXCHANGE Cigar and Cigarette companion, 10/6, Cigar and Cigarette Case, 6/6, new, for Canaries Rollers, etc.: 172, Ferndale-rd., Swindon. (585)

WILL give double breeder for cock Canary or three hens; see appliance column: B. Savory, Cage Works, Great Hampton-row, Birmingham. (516)

BEAUTIFUL Airedale bitch, 4 months, 15/3, or exchange for large square Parrot cage: approval: Kershaw, 27, Mustard-st., Glodwick, Oldham. (583)

EXCHANGE six White Ivorine-handled knives, six nickel-silver forks, six spoons; what offers in Canaries or fowls?: Fred Hill, 57, Jessop, Sheffield. (583)

28lbs. MASON'S chisels, new, exchange two good buff Yorkshire hens, birds first, or offers, sell 10/6: Swindley, East View, Handbridge, Chester. (588)

EXCHANGE Ancona cockerel, 2 Minorca, I Barred Rock hens, for Norwich cocks or Crestbred hen, sell £1: Davidson, Townhead, Kennoway, Fife. (588)

EXCHANGE two smooth Airedale puppies, dogs, 10 weeks old, sell 15/- each, or anything useful: Owen, Hawthorn Cottage, Halkyn-rd., Flint. (583)

NEW Windsor zither banjo, value £3 5/-; also case and tutor; sell 35/-, or exchange talking Parrot, anything: Hunt, 26, Graham-rd., Pendleton. (582)

NEW set carvers, in case, buffalo horn handles, silver mounts, value 12/6; exchange large yellow Norwich cock: Barnes, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle. (578)

EXCHANGE, hand-knitted wool coat, fit girl 3-4, for big, unflighted Norwich Cinnamon hen; bird first: Williams, 45, Pathfield-rd., Streatham. (579)

LARGE single-domed aviary, 6/-; 2 large Flemish does, 3/6, 4/-: crossbred buck, 2/6; exchange Canaries or offers: Tyers, East Leake, Loughboro'. (586)

EXCHANGE good coat and vest, medium, also champion pedigree Fox Terrier bitch and dog puppy for Canaries, anything: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (587)

GENT'S cycle, suit workman, £1; also lady's Eadie cycle, good condition, 35/-, or exchange Canaries: Blundell, 47, Gt. Cambridge-st., Hackney, London. (588)

EXCHANGE two pairs of hand painted best china fruit dishes for cock Hawfinch or 2 Sib Norwich hens: John Royle, 12, Minshull-st., Stoke-on-Trent. (587)

EXCHANGE 4 volumes British Minstrelsie, 360 songs and music, clean, value 8/-, for offers in hen Canaries: Little, 10, Chapel-row, East Hedley Hope, nr. Tow Law. (585)

SHOW case, new, ebonized, 2ft. by 1½, suitable any counter; exchange pair Budgerigars, Parrot, or Canaries: Matthes, Grocer, Bracton-rd., Rotherhithe. (584)

LADY'S Silver Watch and albert, exchange pair of Yorkshires, or offers; must be good; approval both ways: Mr. Wakefield, Fearson-pl., Meersbrook, Sheffield. (586)

EXCHANGE 15-shot Winchester repeater, good condition, for pair green and pair yellow Budgerigars, or sell 12/6: Wilson, 107, St. Michael-st., Dumfries. (589)

EXCHANGE four Norwich show cages and case for same, for good Yorkshire cock or Yorkshire show cages: offers, anything: Fairey, Colenso-st., West Hartlepool. (583)

BELGIAN hare (buck), 6 months, 7/-; amber cigar holder, silver case, 10/-; will exchange either for doe, Canaries, or pullets: Muir, 46, Roslyn-rd., S. Tottenham. (580)

GRAND rough-haired Whippet Irish Terrier dog pup, 5 months, demon for hunt; exchange British or Roller hens: Robinson, Young-st., Haverton Hill, Middlesbro'. (584)

WHOLE PLATE Tourist Camera, 3 d.d.'s, stand and r.r. lens, practically new, £3 10/-; exchange Canaries or Mules, with cages: Day, High-st., Wellingborough. (585)

PALACE aviary pair Norwich, pair Rollers, all complete, £2; exchange talking Parrot and cage, anything, approval; yours first: Brown, Alderham-rd., Radlett. (589)

GRAND hanging cage for window, for Seifert Roller or H.M. cock Goldie; approval; yours first; no rubbish wanted, none sent: Parkes, 8, Green-lane, Blackheath, Birmingham. (582)

OVERCOAT, new, latest style, dark Chester, chest 36, length 45; exchange for 2 pairs Canaries (breeding), or one pair good prize strain: H. Spiers, High-st., Lindfield, Sussex. (577)

WILL exchange exhibition present-day winning colour-fed Yorkshires, Norwich or British, for Pom. bitch, jewellery, cycle, or anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (586)

THREE Goldfinches, fit to win, 10/- each; two good, long range air rifles, A1 condition, 10/- each; exchange anything useful: Simpson, 347, Newhampton-rd., Wolverhampton. (574)

EIGHT grand working Homers, parents flown France, pied and red chequer, sell cheap to clear; exchange anything useful: Simpson, 347, Newhampton-rd., Wolverhampton. (574)

SPECIAL offer for Easter; three-domed Crystal Palace aviary, 15/-, or offers; exhibition Bramblefinch, 1st, two thirds, 10/-: must sell: Thompson, 80, Grey Friars Walk, Bedford. (589)

SEVEN cocks and 5 hens Goldfinches, 1 Alexandrine Parrot, finger tame, 1 pair Black Rosecomb Bants; exchange gramophone or Foreigners: Brown, Foundry, Burnham Market, Kings Lynn. (583)

LONG distance racing homers for sale, 10/- to 15/- a pair, flown all distances, or exchange Grey African talking Parrot, pictures, fowls: Mr. T. Argent, 132, Shakespeare-rd., Stoke Newington. (585)

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives, six nickel silver forks, also six teaspoons, and hollow ground razor, for two cocks or five hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield. (581)

SALE or exchange pure bred liver Spaniel bitch, 18 months old, good hunter and house dog, fond of children, offers poultry or birds; approval: Brown, 87, Sherburn-terrace, Consett, Durham. (590)

PEDIGREE bull bitch, grand mother, 50/-; pen of Spangled Bantams, 7/6, worth 15/-; exchange for cage birds, Pom. bitch, or talking Parrot: York, Aviaries, York-st., City-rd., Manchester. (574)

PURE breed Great Dane bitch, over distemper, good guard, very quiet, used to children; exchange anything; Canaries; short of room, offers; sell 30/-: Metcalfe, 131, Gateford-rd., Worksop, Notts. (588)

TWO pairs Indian Rice Birds, house moulted; cock Canaries, day and gas-light songsters, 5/6 each; exchange Yorkshire show cages, old or new pattern, anything: Law, 24, Gibraltar-row, Gee Cross, Hyde. (581)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, new pigeon training basket, never used, size 30 x 18, drop down front, for matched pair Norwich, or Yorkshires; birds first; approval: Hollins, 135, Nottingham-rd., Ilkeston. (590)

GREEN German hen, winner 2nd, 5/-; exhibition Bramblefinch cock, H.M., 7/6; grand Goldfinch Mule, full song, 6/6; 18 homer pigeons, some rung, 9d. pair; O.E.G. Bantams, 5/-: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (589)

CLOTHES, suit boy 3 years old; violin, over 100 years old; also three vols., in one, "Adventures of Harry Richmond," cost 31/6; wanted Yorkshires or cock Mules: 1, Cedar-st., Hightown, Manchester. (590)

EXCHANGE grand pair of 1912 Yorkshire Canaries, buff cock, yellow hen, bred from big winners, for joiners' tools, or offers anything useful, or sell £2; approval: Sharples, Dixon-st., Waterhead, Oldham. (589)

DRYING cage, fitted with hot-water tank, also two Yorkshire show cages, 5/6 lot, and few healthy hen Canaries, 2/6 each; approval; wanted good Saratoga trunk: Gibson, Vernon Avenue, Nottingham. (578)

CANARIES, hens, 6 Norwich, 1 Yorkshire, 2/3 each; 1 Goldfinch, 1 Greenfinch, 2 Linnets, cocks, house moulted, 2/6 each; 25/- lot; exchange broodies, poultry: Griffith, 35, Whitworth-rd., Wellingboro, Northants. (581)

EXCHANGE really good A Clarionet, perfect tone; also painter's large brass Etna blow-lamp, cost 17/-; also good hand brace; wanted good Norwich Canaries: George Blows, 8, The Clyde, Ilford-lane, Ilford, Essex. (587)

400-DAY clock, cost £3 as new, £1 10/-; half-doz. white handled knives and nickel forks, 4/-: handsome black Field Spaniel bitch, champion pedigree, big winner, £2 2/-, or good exchange: Cottam, 13, Thirkill-st., Bradford. (587)

EXCHANGE pair of Linnets, nets, 9 yards by 6 feet, new, square mesh; also one good new rabbit net, lined ready for use, 70 yards; wanted, Linnets, Canary, or offers for one or both: E. Robinson, 115, Worksop-rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield. (585)

EXCHANGE for a Norwich cock, a beautifully finished enlargement, worked up by hand, mounted complete and measuring 20 x 16, from any photo or negative; well worth 7/6; corespondence invited: White, 53, Danbrook-rd., Streatham. (580)

EXCHANGE, Galvanometer, mahogany case; three new Veritas inverted burners, fine new 100-volt lamps, candle socket, 18in. footprints; splendid salmon and trout rod, cost 21/-; offers, British or Norwich: Schoolkeeper, Brewhouse-lane, Wapping. (599)

WHAT offers? Norwich, for set of Dr. Andrew Wilson's "Modern Physician," five volumes, cost 37/6; hand camera, ¼-plate, all accessories, cost 15/6; or sell 35/-; both in good condition: Wadsworth, High-st. Pharmacy, Lees, Oldham. (581)

GENT'S cycle, 24in. frame, enamelled green, North Road turned up handles, extra wide winter guards, back rim brake, Palmer back, reflex Clipper front, Brooks' saddle, all good order, 50/-, nearest offer; cash wanted: Stubbs, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead. (581)

GENUINE reduction: Two pairs Yorkshires, 30/- and £2; hen, 8/-; pair Norwich, 15/-; exhibition pair of Cirl Buntings and cage, £1; massive Chaffinch, 15/-; pair hand-reared Greenfinches, 10/-; another Chaffinch, 5/-; exchange entertained, stamp: Miss C. Stevenson, 99, Paget-st., Loughborough. (581)

EXCHANGE gent.'s cycle, free-wheel, sound condition, value £4 10/-, for singing Rollers and cages, or good talking Parrot and cage, Grey preferred; also pair opera glasses, cost 15/-, for a pair of green Budgerigars; birds first: Arthur Preston, 47, Albion-rd., Thornhill Edge, near Dewsbury. (582)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

Aquarium.

GOLDFISH, Fish Globes, Aquariums, Grottos (wholesale only); stamp for price list: British Goldfish Breeding Co., 63, St. George's-rd., Elephant and Castle, London. (530)

FOR sale, magnificent vivarium, convertible into aquarium by removable cover, combined heights 48in., length 40in. x 20in.; aquarium, height 20in., length 40in. x 20in: Write, P. Owen, 19, St. Loo Mansions, Chelsea, S.W. (587)

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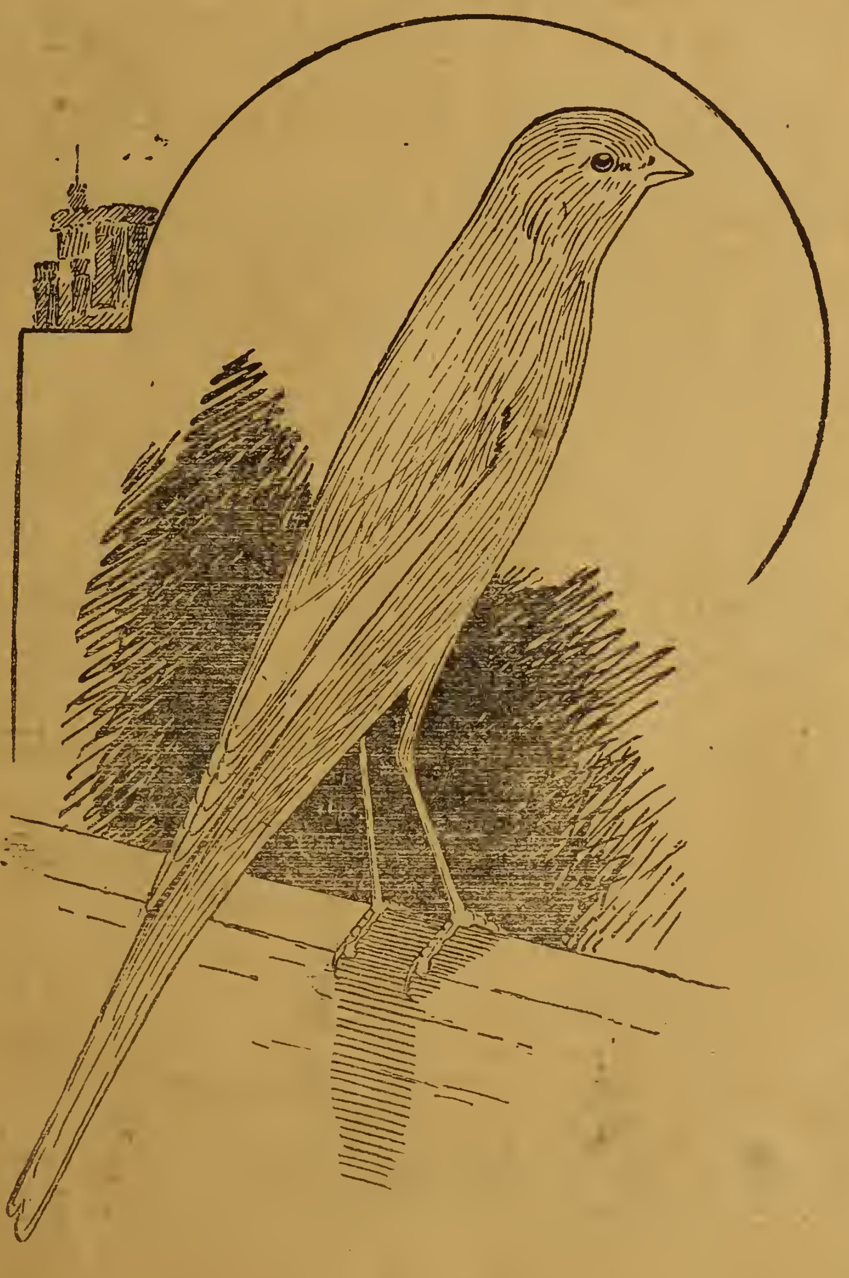

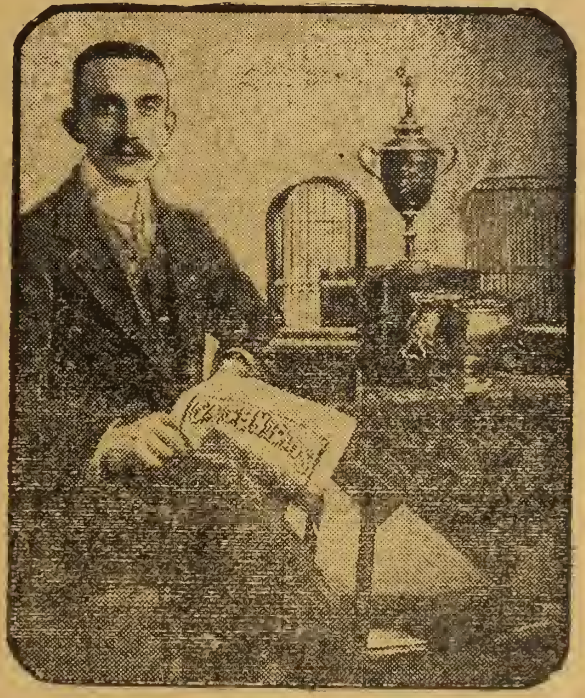

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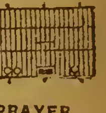

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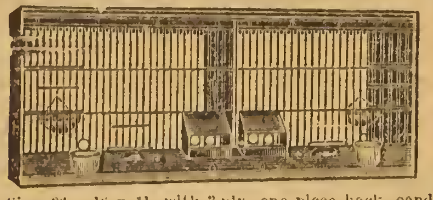

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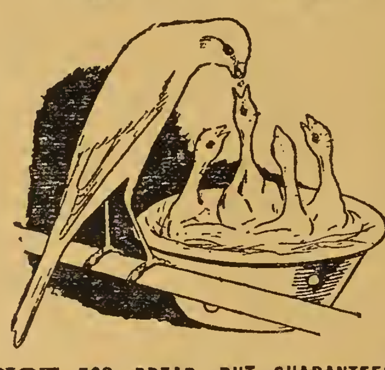

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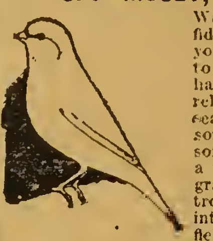

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YORKSHIRES.—Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. Pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- up. **List Free.**

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS.—Pure Seiferts, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, and 40/- each. Pairs, 10/6, 15/6, 21/, 25/- upwards. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-. **Cages, 3d. extra.**

CRESTS.—Properly matched for Crest Breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards.

SCOTCH FANCIES, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- pair upwards. Odd Cocks or Hens supplied.

FEEDING HENS, 3/6, 4/6, according to size. Cages in all cases, 3d.

For all others, including Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets, Parrots, Budgerigars, see List.

EGGERTINE

TRADE MARK

The best Egg Food ever known for **Rearing** and keeping in Health and Song all kinds of Canaries, Goldfinches, Nightingales, etc. Invaluable to those having an Aviary . This food **will positively rear** young Canaries without **any** chopped egg or other preparations, far better than egg alone, and is **decidedly the Best Food** ever brought before the public. For getting hens into breeding condition its effects will be found wonderful. It is made fresh every few days, hence, unlike any of the preparations made from foreign yolk of eggs, Eggertine being made from New-Laid English Eggs and other valuable ingredients on the premises. Tins, post free, **1/3**; larger, holding three times the quantity, post free **2/6**. Give it one test trial and be convinced.

Clean Red Cow Hair, **9d.** per lb.; White Cow Hair, **1/6** per lb.; Forest Moss, 6d. per bundle; or Moss and Cow Hair mixed, **6d.** per lb. Charpie, all hand-picked and imported direct by me from Germany, sample **3d.** This is the material used by all the great Continental breeders. Beware of cheap imitations. Cow Hair and Moss, medicated, **3d.** per lb. extra. Postage per lb., **4d.** extra, two lbs. **5d.** The above are not substitutes for nesting material, but the genuine articles used by all experienced breeders. Send for Illustration of **"Little Wonder"** Seed and Husk Separating Machine.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room, cocks, in full song, 6/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (598)

C. ROBERTS, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, can still spare few of his champion Norwich cheap; state your wants. (603)

CAN spare 1911 large clear yellow cock, 20/-, cheap; approval, stamp (no hens): Smith, 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (604)

GOOD unflighted yellow Norwich hen, wanted in exchange for two dozen Edison cylinder records: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (600)

THE "Filup" Feeder will earn its cost a hundred times over in a season.

WANTED two large yellow hens (clear or variegated) for muling, cheap for cash; approval, deposit: Wilson, Taylor-st., Methil, Fife. (582)

GOOD Norwich hen Canaries, own breeding, cold room, 4/6, 5/6, all healthy birds: Long, Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich. (599)

TWO good Norwich hens, best of feeders, 3/- each; Norwich cock, good songster, 7/-; week's approval; deposit: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (604)

W. CUNDIFF can spare a few grand cocks, 10/- to 12/-; also clear yellow cock, 3rd Longton open, 25/-; approval; stamp: 139, High-st., Macclesfield. (598)

WANTED, good Norwich cock, in exchange for Siberian Goldfinch and German hand-reared Bullfinch hen: C. Barrie, 72, High-st., Haddington. (601)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or song, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

TWO pairs Plainheads, well bred, 5 breeding cages, 50/-; Goldfinch Mule, full song, brass cage, 15/-; exchange value: Kemp, 62, Schubert-rd., East Putney. (592)

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater, has still a few nice cobby Norwich cocks and hens, from winners, from 7/6; see reports Federation, City and Suburban. (568)

TWENTY Norwich hens, clear buff, marked buff, strong, healthy 1912 birds, ready to nest, 3/-; large birds 4/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (602)

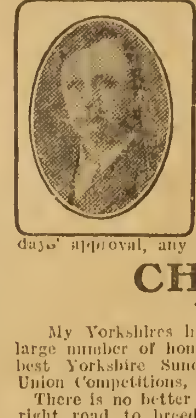
CHAMPION Norwich, clears, variegated, or greens, large birds, good heads, good type, breeder of the best, 35 years; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (581)

GOOD bred Norwich hens, cold-room bred, buffs, yellows, variegated, from reliable feeders, 2/6 each; bargains: Chorlton, 4, Wilds-court, Queen's-st., Portwood, Stockport. (603)

PRIZE BRED Norwich. Having paired up birds can spare 3 large Buff cocks, 8/6 each; 3 large Buff hens, 6/6 each; worth double; approval: T. Yates, 5, Albany-rd., Reading. (597)

NORWICH Plainheads, fine breeding trim, grand hens, 3/6, 4/6; cocks, 5/6, 7/6; pairs, 8/6, 10/6; few pairs, 7/6; splendid value; approval: Savage, Westfield Aviaries, Goole. (600)

WANTED good Buff Norwich cock and two good Yellow Norwich hens, colour-fed, 1912 bred preferred, only good typical birds required; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (598)



EASTER VISITORS.

During the holidays I had visitors from Manchester, Oldham, Chorley, Preston, Burnley, Bacup, Huddersfield, Bradford, Birkenhead, Hebden Bridge, Greetland, Blackburn, and almost every part of England. One and all speak in the highest terms of my birds and Aviaries, and my straightforward business methods. Remember, I offer **you** the same invitation to come on any day but Sunday and inspect my stock.

I still have for sale **Thousands** of High-class Birds in all varieties, and if you cannot pay me a visit, and are needing birds, don't forget that I am prepared to send to any address in the United Kingdom, at my risk, and on seven days' approval, any of the following varieties:—

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

My Yorkshires have won consistently all through the season. The following are a few out of a large number of honours: Special best hen Bradford National, Special best Yorks, Hartlepool, Diploma best Yorkshire Sunderland, Trophy for 3rd most points N.G.M.Y.C.C., Second most points Yorkshire Union Competitions, Third most points in both competitions of the Y.C.C., etc., etc.

There is no better blood in the Fancy to-day, and I am in a position to put the Amateur on the right road to breeding his own winners, or to supply the "old hand" with splendid stock or show birds at a working-man's price. The following are a few prices:

Yorkshire Cocks, grand lengthy birds, with good position, feathered to perfection, and in full song, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 **each upwards.**

Grand racy hens, splendid type, and feathered like wax, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each upwards. Matched Pairs, correctly mated for breeding winners, and sex guaranteed, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/- per pair. I can supply these in Clears, Ticks, Green Marked, Cinnamon Marked, or Self Greens.

To every Customer I guarantee complete satisfaction or Cash returned in full.

CHAMPION NORWICH PLAINHEADS. THE BULL-DOG STRAIN.

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

THIS strain has again upheld its reputation, and in addition to winning Firsts and Specials all over the country, has secured the following Trophies this year: **THE PERCY ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP** (won outright), the Sandiford Cup, **THE O.N.P.C. CHAMPION TROPHY,** F. Carl's Trophy, and has run second in the Cup competition of the N.P.C.

I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, real good show or stock birds for breeding own winners, at 10/- 15/-, 20/-,25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; Hens, grand smart-feathered birds, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

CRESTS & CREST-BREDS.—Large massive birds, with splendid feather, Cocks or Hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Matched Pairs, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair upwards.

Pure-bred Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller Cocks. Have just received (Feb. 22nd, 1913), a consignment of over 300 Roller Cocks straight from the training rooms of Germany. These are the best I have imported. They are in full rolling song, with plenty of changes, and represent the last word in training. Come and make your own selection, or allow me to send one on approval at my risk. Prices, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6. A few specially selected Schoolmasters at 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; hens, guaranteed same strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; Cages, 3d. extra.

REAL SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH COCKS, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each.

Grand Large Sib. Hens for Muling, either Yorkshire or Norwich type, 3/-, 3/6 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 10/- each.

WINNING BORDER FANCIES.—The entire stock of a well-known Border exhibitor for sale. These include Clears, Ticks, Marked, Self Greens, and Cinnamons. Cocks in full song, real gems, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Smart typical Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards. Matched Pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/, 30/-. Every bird for sale.

LIZARDS.—Am offering the entire stock of a well-known Lizard exhibitor, at 10/6 and 12/6 per pair. Odd birds, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each, cocks or hens.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—A few real good birds, Clears and Pied, Yellows and Buffs, including some of this season's open winners. Cocks or Hens, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. Every bird for sale.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY or LINNET-CANARY MULES.—Bold free songsters, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each. For full particulars of all other varieties send a postcard for my free illustrated price list.

NOTE THIS, PLEASE.—I undertake to give **complete satisfaction** to every customer, or return cash in full.

Easy payments can be arranged to suit the convenience of Genuine Fanciers. No Extras charged. Travelling Cages, 3d. **Special attention to Export Orders.**

JOE THOMAS,

Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter,

AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

ESTABLISHED OVER 34 YEARS AT THE SAME ADDRESS.

A. FIDDAMENT, Postman, is still supplying clear, variegated, and green Norwich cocks 6/-, 8/- 10/-; buff hens 4/-, 5/- 6/-; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (Q)

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; cold-room 1912; ready for breeding; clean and healthy; cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Condnit Street, Leicester. (602)

CLEAR yellow cock, winner 2nd and reserve, good big stock bird, 16/-; two unflighted buff hens, 6/- each, all in sound health; approval, or first P.O. 26/- has them: A. Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton. (598)

A. L. HAWKES, winner numerous prizes, offers buff colour-fed Norwich cock, of immense size, rare skull, thick-set, cobby specimen, with size, substance, and quality, accept 21/-; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (586)

THREE variegated buffs, one yellow Norwich cocks, Vardy, Beardall strains, 8/6 each; four breeding pairs, good Borders, even-marked bred, 8/6 pair, all bargains, to clear; exchange: Forsyth, Gray-st., Workington. (599)

IF you require good stock I have the following for sale; Buff cock, yellow hen, 16/-; buff cock, yellow marked hen, 16/-; yellow marked hen, 6/-; yellow cock, natural colour, buff hen, 12/6; 4 buff hens, 5/- each; breeding condition: J. Sheard, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (602)

CHAMPION Norwich monster stock yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, and 30/- each; monster stock yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, and in tip-top condition; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (521)

MONSTER variegated yellow hen, 1912 bred, extremely short, broad head, wide chest, full of quality, feathered like silk; if mated to good cock will breed some absolute champions, only 50/-, worth £5 for breeding alone; another nearly as good, 1911 bred, £2 2s., worth £4 4s.; superb clear buff hen, 1912 bred, 17/6; clear buff hen, 1911 bred, full of quality, 12/6; above can win and breed winners; approval deposit, if carriage paid: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire. (604)

CHAMPION exhibition clear buff Norwich hen, large hen, full neck, short flights and tail, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner, in good company, only 25/-, honestly worth £2 10/-; also extra choice marked buff hen, winner several prizes, only 15/-; also monster stock buff cock, immense size, large head and full neck, only 21/-; honestly worth double for stock alone; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (598)

GRAND yellow Norwich cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; large buff, first prize only time out, 20/-; yellow and buff hens, 15/- each; 1912 birds; all colour-fed, cold-room bred; 20 good buff hens, direct from Ellis, 15/- each to 25/-; large buff variegated cock, three 1sts, 20/-; buff ticked, 15/-; yellow, 12/6; three yellow hens, one buff, 10/6 each; buff variegated, 3/-; clear buff, 4/-; the above are the property of the late Mr. James Harper, the well-known winner; cash or deposit: Mrs. Harper, 14, Napier-terrace, Wolsoken, Wisbech. Birds can be seen any time by making an appointment. (605)

HENS at this time of the year require more careful feeding than at any other. This great food "Phosto" has been well thought out, and it is the thinking out that makes all the difference. "Phosto" is not a medicine; it is a great food for all times, but especially beneficial now. I used to say myself that if you had a bad feeder nothing would make her better, and I have sold many a grand hen at a low price on this account, but now, what a revelation! "Phosto" is absolutely It. Why should you not try it? It costs little and will save you valuable stock. It is a food which will increase size in your youngsters and do away with all the great breeding anxieties. I guarantee no bad feeders. Tins, 1/-, 2/6, 4/6 carriage paid, with directions: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (598)

DON'T miss your opportunity. You may do. If you are wise, however, you will send for some of these advertised below and lose no time. I know quite well you want to be in the show reports next show season, and I am willing to help you get right on top. Have any of these grand birds on appro., of course, and you will then see why you have been behind. This strain stands so much in advance of others, and it is being improved every year, bear in mind. That is why it is always in front. There is something besides blood—a grand bird on the perch to look at. Therefore you have the bird you can see, but the greatest of all the blood you cannot see, or get from any but the fountain head:—(1) clear yellow cock, a right down good one, 45/-, winner; (2) grand yellow cock, fine round head, nice size and quality, 40/-; (3) very shapely yellow cock, good stock bird, 30/-; (4) another, similar, trifle more size, 32/6; (5) one of the best buff cocks in the Fancy, regular stormer, 50/-, win anywhere this; (6) magnificent buff hen, charming damsel, 40/-, cheap; (7) massive buff hen, grand head and quality, 30/-; (8) two similar buff hens, not quite the size, but big, 20/- each; (9) excellent yellow hen, grand all over, the one you are looking for, 40/-; (10) sweet wedge-shape yellow hen, very fine quality, 30/-; (11) four nice yellow hens, fine type and quality, 10/- each; (12) four unflighted buff hens, 6/- each, plenty sold for 20/- each not so good; (13) sweet unflighted yellow cock paired to nice buff hen, 25/- the pair; (14) grand unflighted buff cock to one of the right type yellow hens, 25/- pair; (15) champion unflighted green yellow cock, wonderful size and substance, 25/-, bargain; or paired to charming buff hen, 37/6 the pair. If you see nothing to suit you, state requirements. I may be able to supply you. Three days' approval willingly. This advertisement will not appear again. See "Phosto" advertisement, this column. Note the name; this should be a guarantee that the birds are the finest money can buy: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (598)

R. HANFORD, DERBY.

Having paired up, can spare 30 grand hens, 5/-, 6/- each; cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; several grand pairs, 12/6, 15/-; absolute bargains; only want seeing; approval.

"65 PEDIGREE"

Norwich bred, same as my Crystal Palace winners, for sale, cheap, to clear quickly, one-third dealers' prices; can be seen any time by appointment: Robert Hall, Rudyard, Staffs. (678)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

BREEDING PAIRS

I have six pairs of good young Norwich to clear, two pairs at 20/-, and four pairs at 15/-; these are good value, and will be sent on approval on receipt of cash or deposit note: Thomas Young, 39, Eldon-st., Oldham. (604)

VARDY'S CHAMPION NORWICH

Vardy's noted champion strain Two unflighted buff cocks, grand type, quality, colour, 15/- each; two buff variegated unflighted cocks, good, 15/- each; nothing better bred in the Fancy; also two unflighted buff hens, very cobby, 10/- each; approval: Vardy, Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (601)

J. C. BARNES

NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALIST

113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield; over 20 years' study. Having selected those I require, find I can spare few very choice specimens of both varieties; cocks 15/- upwards, hens ditto; one or two grand pairs £3 to £5. No better blood obtainable, approval with pleasure; inspection cordially invited; winner numerous cups, trophies, medals, etc., including Sheffield challenge cup (outright 3 years in succession).

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

H. DIMMOCK, Exhibitor and Breeder of high-class Rollers B.R.C.C. rung, same strain as cup-winners, 1912, a few good birds for sale, Glucke and Water Glucke strain; note the prices, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/- upwards; hens, 5/- each: 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (Q)

WHY does the "Filup" Feeder receive so many unsolicited testimonials?

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks, all sold; few hens, 4/- each: Gemmell, 37, New-st., Stevenston, Ayrshire. (600)

HEALTHY, strong Hartz Mountain cocks, full song, cash only, also hens: Mrs. Simmons, Wychmour, Battle. (599)

ROLLERS, Roehl's Glucke strain, cocks 8/6 to 15/-, hens 3/6 to 5/-: Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, London. Letters only. (557)

SEIFERT Roller cock, 1912, two double breeders, like new, cost 28/-; will take £1 lot: Heine, 87, Landor-rd. Stockwell. (602)

ROLLERS, full song, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, two 4/6; cold-room bred; cash or deposit: Boot, 44, Oxford-st., Caldmore, Walsall. (560)

WANTED two really good hens, give two 1912 typical Yorkshire hens, value 9/-: Gooderham, Ardeevin, Ballinlough-rd., Cork. (597)

GIVING up Rollers, 2 grand Glucke cocks (Randall's), unflighted 10/- each; hens all sold: Eddy, Bellevue-terrace, Penzance. (599)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cup strain, B.R.C.C. rung, organ trained, 8/6, 10/-, to clear quickly; hens, 4/-; approval willingly: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen. (564)

HIGH-CLASS 1912 St. Andreasburg Roller hens, breeding condition, 2/6 each, 4/6 couple: G. Edge, Warmingham-lane, nr. Middlewich, Cheshire. (598)

A FEW splendid hens left, B.R.C. rung, 1912, 3/6 each to clear, best possible strains: Andrew M. Firth, Highfield House, The Lanes, Pudsey.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, hollow roll and Glucke strain, all bred of prize winners, club rung, cocks and hens cheap to clear: Wirth, 1, Knowsley-rd., Bootle, Liverpool. (561)

NOTICE, several grand St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, day and gaslight songsters, 15/-: approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweeds), cold room, B.R.C.C. rung, grand tours, cocks 10/-, hens 4/-; grand singing strain; approval willingly: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen. (599)

1912 ROLLERS, Club rung, highest quality, Fould's strain; three cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each; hens, 4/- each to clear; ready for nesting: Evans, 45, Edward-st. Wrexham. (584)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, descended from stock purchased from Messrs. Randall, Fisher, and Whittlestone; cocks from 7/6; stock hens 2/-: Maddock, "The Knoll," Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire. (598)

GLUCKE Rollers, cold-room, parents cost £3 10/6, schoolmaster, organ-trained, excellent breeding condition; cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: hens, 3/6, 4/6; approval, deposit; member B.R.C.C.: Evans, 16, Northgate-st., Aberystwyth. (600)

GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room, English bred, parents and young ones for sale, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; all young hens guaranteed untried; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (474)

THROUGH removal I am compelled to dispose of practically the whole of my winning Glucke Rollers. My birds have won this season at Leeds, Wakefield, Bury, Rossendale (London International), and 1st and cup L.C.B.A., London: cocks 15/6 to 30/-, including winners: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup (603)

MOUNTAIN ROLLERS, CARRIAGE PAID.

Cocks 30/- dozen, three dozen 80/-; hens 12/- dozen, three dozen 30/-; cash; live arrival guaranteed: Hofmann, Reihstrasse 3 Aachen, Germany.

ALL MY STOCK OF RANDALL'S

Strain for disposal, through ill-health; cocks from 12/6 to 25/-, hens 4/6; cock and two hens from £1 upwards, worth double: Tomlinson, Welcome, Marton, Blackpool. (538)

GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS

In the country, cold-room bred, trained under Roller organ; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, upwards, hens, 2/6; seven days' approval, cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, Breeder, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Est. 26 years. (465)

HIGH-CLASS ROLLERS

of the popular Glucke strain, only have a few best, schoolmasters and contest singers, at 20/- and 25/- each; also 3 extra good at 30/- each. Only time shown at Bury with 2 birds, won 2 prizes, and at the International Roller Contest show I won 3 prizes out of 4 birds I had sent, including second in the team class. The above is proof of the quality of my birds. All young birds, in the pink of condition. I have the best strain obtainable in England; satisfaction guaranteed: K. Pericles, Akropolis, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (530)

5/6 Is My Price for a Hartz Cock in Full Song.

Birds that will please you and give you every satisfaction. Every bird in full, loud, free song by day and gaslight. A few extra good picked birds, 6/-, 6/6 each. Matched Pairs, for breeding songsters, 8/-, 8/6, 9/- pair. Travelling cages, 3d. each extra.

8/6 GENUINE TRAINED St. Andreasburg Rollers.

Reliable birds. Cocks, with full change of song by day and artificial light; no common, harsh, and choppy notes. Specially picked high-class birds of unequalled value. Imported direct from the best-known German breeders by me, 10/6, 12/6 each. All birds on seven days' approval. Travelling Cages, 3d. each. Illustrated List of Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, post free.

E. L. STOREY, Roller Importer, CROWLE DONCASTER.

Scotch Fancies.

HIGH-CLASS Scotch Fancies, sound condition, various, moderate price; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns, Ayrshire. (598)

SCOTCH Fancies; two buff hens, young, 20/- each; or will exchange one for good buff or buff pied cock: Robert Neil, 1, Barnes-st., Barrhead. (590)

EXHIBITION buff cock, well set up, with long decided drive, breeding condition, only 15/-; approval, cash or deposit: Lugton, Botany Cottage, Galashiels. (600)

JAMES STRACHAN, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath. "From winners," Scotch Fancy buff piebald cock and buff hen, 25/-; buff cock and green hen, 20/-; bargains.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale; 1 buff cock, 1 buff pied cock, both 1912 birds, good size and quality, cheap, to make room; approval: Mills, 29, Royal Park Terrace, Edinburgh. (601)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.C. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford.

JONAS KNIGHT, over 30 years' breeder high-class Yorkshire Canaries in all varieties; home and shipping orders for show and stock birds a speciality: Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, the Yorkshire Specialists; finest strain in the Fancy; winning thousands of prizes, many championships, Palace, etc.; finest exhibition and stud birds obtainable; reasonable: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire. (491)

WANTED Yorkshires: Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WHY do all the leading fanciers use the "Filup" Feeder?

FEW Yorkshire and Norwich cocks from 7s. 6d. each; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (598)

A FEW good-class Yorkshire cocks, from 10/- each: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford, Manchester. (561)

COME and inspect my noted stock, home all day, prices to suit all: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, yellow and buff cocks, from 8/-; hens from 4/-; all 1912; approval; cold-room: Phipps, 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (602)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some over 7 ins., from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (415)

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TEN pairs lovely Yorkshires, clear yellows and buffs, long and slim, 1912, 10/6 pair; approval, cash: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris. (598)

GIVING up; prize-bred Yorkshires, two grand pairs, stock birds, 15/- pair, worth double: H. Clayton, Postman, Southport. (597)

HIGH class Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks from 8/-, hens from 3/-; approval: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford. (522)

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The Shows.

SALE C.B.S.

A successful table show of British birds and Mules was held at the Volunteer Hotel, Sale, March 17. Mr. J. Hurst judged, and gave his reasons for the different placings. Miss Barlow, and Messrs. Allcock, Whitney, Morgan, and Grey were the principal winners. The thanks of the meeting were awarded the judge for his kind services. It was decided to hold the young bird show on July 10, in the Excelsior Working Men's Club, Sale. A lecture will be given on March 31. It is hoped that all members will be present.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Fourth table show held at the club headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms, March 18, when the British Bird fanciers were on the hunt for points. Muling and hybrid pairs were staged in two classes, and were judged by Mr. F. Barraclough, Hyde. Judging by their "pairs" exhibits some exhibitors were either very optimistic or endowed with an unusual amount of patience. The following were the awards:—MULING PAIRS: 1, 4, Baron; 2, Marsland; 3, hc, Heap; vhc, Gavin and Broadhurst. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, hc, Gavin and Broadhurst; 3, vhc, Baron; 4, Marsland.—J. R. Colville, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show held March 17. Judge, Mr. H. Mallinson. Twenty-two birds staged. YELL. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, vhc, Cawtheray and Son; hc, Atkinson. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Cawtheray and Son; hc, Atkinson. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Rhodes. YELL. NOR. CK. (3): 1, Moss; 2, 3, Rhodes. BUFF (4): 1, Rhodes; 2, 3, vhc, Cawtheray and Son. The principal points are: Champions: 1, T. Moss, 65; 2, A. Morris, 55; 3, J. Jackson, 36. Novices: 1, Cawtheray, 139; 2, 3, W. Sykes and R. Rhodes tie, 83 each.—A. Lawford, Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

First annual pair show held March 15, at the Crown and Anchor. There was a capital entry, considering it was the first venture, and that the majority of the members are novices. Quality was excellent all round, more especially in Yorks., in which there was keen competition. Mr. Milburn judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. COL. FED. (19): 1, c, Metcalf; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Dixon; hc, Harvey. NON-FED (8): 1, c, Close; 2, Elwick; 3, Harvey; 4, Bray; vhc, Mallory; hc, Strickland. A.O.V. PAIRS (3): 1, Dixon; 2, Harvey; 3, Wiggens. LINNET (3): 1, Wiggens; 2, Mallory; 3, Bray. BRIT. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, 4, Wiggens; 2, Bray. Next meeting March 29, Crown and Anchor, 7 p.m. Will all members please attend.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

Mule and Hybrid breeding pairs competition held in Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, March 11. In securing this hall the club have made a great improvement, as was evident by the large turnout of visitors. Vice-president Gillies had charge of the arrangements, and everything went smoothly and well. Mr. Kerr, Dumbarton, judged, and his awards were well received.

MULES (13): 1, sp, hc, Hannah Bros, Can.-Bullf.; 2, Finlayson, Lin.-Can.; 3, McCuan, Greenf.-Can.; vhc, McLean; c, McBridge. BULLF. HYB. (17): 1, sp, McBride, Goldf.-Bullf.; 2, Dow, Linn.-Bullf.; 3, Finlayson, Goldf.-Bullf.; vhc, Binnie; hc, McLean; c, Donaldson. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, sp, Binnie, Greenf.-Chaff.; 2, McKinnon, Goldf.-Linn.; 3, Finlayson, Sisk.-Redpoll; vhc, Hannah; hc, Clemso.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Pair show held at the Library Hall, Church-street, Stoke Newington, March 19, Mr. G. Mortlock in the chair. Numbers were well up to the average, and we were pleased to see such a good attendance of members and visitors, several ladies being present. Birds were staged by 8.15, but owing to the pressure of business (it being holiday week), the judge, Mr. J. Robson, was unable to be present until 8.45. In the interval of waiting, the chairman proceeded with the general business, the chief point being our resignation from the London Federation of Cage Birds. This was fully discussed, and it was carried that we settle our liabilities of the loss on the last Federation show, viz., £1 13s. 11d., and that we tender our resignation. Mr. J. Robson had by now arrived, and at once proceeded with the judging. At the conclusion of judging Mr. Robson gave his reasons for placing the awards. Among the exhibits were to be noticed several birds that had won honours at the last Crystal Palace show. Manuals for 1913 were given out to the members present, and others will receive same within the course of a few days. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson concluded a most successful evening. Following is a list of awards:—

GOLDF.: 1, 2, vhc, res, Stephens; 3, Bell; hc, Sadler. BULLF.: 1, Sadler; 2, Stephens. GREENF.: 1, Ward; 2, Stephens; 3, vhc, Hammond; res, Bell; hc, London. LINNET: 1, Sadler; 2, Hammond; 3, Mortlock; vhc, Shearman; res, Bell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mortlock; 2, 3, Sadler; vhc, Hammond; res, Stephens. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Mortlock; 2, Sadler; 3, res, vhc, Stephens; vhc, Hammond; hc, Madell; c, London. HENS: 1, Mortlock; 2, Madell. FOR.: 1, Bell.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

BLACKBURN.

A quality singing contest was held at the club headquarters, Empire Hotel, Bolton-road, March 22, when 32 birds competed for six copper kettles; there was some extra good singing. 1, Barnes; 2, Statham; 3, 5, Jones; 4, Dobson; 6, Smedley. After the contest we spent an enjoyable evening.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Easter contest held March 22nd; 46 birds were entered for 10 good prizes and specials, but it was the worst sing we have had for weeks. Winners: 1, Kirk; 2, 3, Smith; 4, 7, 8, Nelson; 5, Ratcliffe; 6, Caddy; 9, 10, Morley; also March 23rd, 20 birds entered for 3 good prizes: 1, Morley 2, Caddy; 2, 3, shared between Morley and Smith.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

Open sing held March 24th. 35 birds were entered for 3 good prizes, but only poor singing was heard. The winners were: 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Morley.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

KIPPAX.

Members' special sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, March 22. Thirty birds sang for four good prizes. We had a good attendance of listeners to hear Mr. Atkinson's winner break the club's record for one sing, his bird singing 136 secs. out of last three minutes—exceptionally good singing, as the bird is in wild feather yet. A winner that was heartily welcomed by all members. 1, Atkinson, 136 secs.; 2, Moulding, 51 secs.; 3 and 4 shared by Wallis and Liversidge, 41 secs. We shall hold usual members' sing on March 29; first pair 3 prompt.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union-street, March 24, for time; 23 birds entered, and some good singing was done before a full house. 1, Pool, 157 secs.; 2, Bate, 148; 3, Fairhurst, 133; 4, Hickman, 125; timekeepers, T. Hindley and W. Cain; tappers, C. Evans and J. Talbot; minutes, A. Biddulph; birdman, T. Jolley. Also young bird contest same day. 1, Fairhurst, 101 secs.; 2, Pool, 81; 3, Edwards, 33; 4, Hickman, 25. Next contest open to all England for time and quality, April 5, when landlord will give prizes according to entry; hoping all fanciers will attend.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, March 21; 19 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Stead; 2, Wigfield; 3, Butler. Judges, Naylor and Hardcastle. Also March 22, when 24 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Wigfield; 2, Butler; 3 and 4 shared by J. Clark and W. Siesons. Judges, Lacy, Naylor, Dean. Also March 23, when 29 birds sang for four good prizes before a crowded house. 1, Stead; 2, Butler; 3 and 4 shared by A. Richardson and H. Wigfield. Judges, Jennings, Hardcastle, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Uddingston C.B.S. will hold its annual show on Nov. 22.

The annual show of the Windsor C.B.A. has been fixed for Oct. 29 next.

Please announce that I am secretary of the Arbroath C.B.A., writes Mr. I. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.

We have fixed Dec. 6 for our open show, writes Mr. Tom Clelland, sec. Coaltown of Wemyss C.B.S.

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Mr. H. Norman has been appointed to judge our annual show on Nov. 26 and 27, writes Mr. D. Smith, hon. sec., Dublin South County C.B.A.

I find Cage Birds Annual for 1913 full of information valuable to the bird fancier. It ought to be in the hands of all bird lovers.—E. A. Kemp, Yeovil.

At the table show of British birds to be held by the Sheffield O.S. next week, there is fixed prize-money and no entry fee, and fanciers joining the same night are allowed to compete.

Mr. R. Aitken, 30, Allison St., Ayr, writes that he has been elected sec. and treas. of the Ayr and Dist. C.B.C., and that all communications should be addressed to him accordingly.

Commencing with our issue for April 5th, the minimum rate for trade advertisements in "Twitterings" will be 10/- per insertion.

Mr. E. H. Hulse, Leicester, writes that he has sold the unflighted Buff Norwich, 1st Leicester, Burton, Coventry, Birmingham, etc., to Mr. Nichols, of Twickenham, and hopes he will do his new owner good service.

Cage Birds Annual for 1913 is a handy and neat little book, choke full of every information that a fancier requires, and my opinion is that this year it is better than ever.—John Young, Rutherglen.

I have received Cage Birds Annual for 1913, and have found it to contain a budget of sound information. No cage-bird secretary should be without one.—Walter Connelly, sec. Glasgow and W. Counties C.M.B. and F.B.C.

Mr. Jas. Winter, Edinburgh, writes Mr. J. Napier, sec. Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S., has kindly consented to judge at our nest feather show to be held in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, June 28.

Mr. R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh, writes that he has been appointed sec. of the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby, and trusts that members will favour him with their support in as liberal a manner as they did the late secretary.

Buckhaven and District Cage-Bird Society, writes Mr. Foster, sec., have been fortunate in securing the following judges for the open show: Norwich, J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Borders, G. Brown, Leith; Yorks., C. Martin, Glasgow; British, W. Sharp, Bathgate. As we have opened up our Yorkshire classes we hope the Yorkshire fanciers will rally round us on Nov. 22.

We have received from Mr. J. C. Charlton, 33, Watson Crescent, Edinburgh, hon. sec. of the Edinburgh and Dist. C.B.S., the syllabus of the society for 1913. Among the lectures are "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," by Mr. A. W. Watson, May 20, and "Wild Seeds," by Mr. J. Steel, Sept. 16. Dates of the table and other shows are given, and a copy will be forwarded on application to Mr. Charlton, as above.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

We have received the balance-sheet of the Scottish Crested C.C., from which we are pleased to note that the balance in the hands of the treasurer is now £3 9s. 5d., an increase of £1 16s. 0½d., upon the amount brought forward from 1911.

Will members and those interested in the Bootle and D.C.B. Society, writes Mr. L. S. Hamilton, hon. sec. Bootle C.B.S., please note meetings and shows in future will be held in St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, Linacre Rd., Litherland, opposite Johnson's Dye Works, hoping members will turn up in good numbers to view the splendid show rooms.

We are told by the most successful men to-day it is the little things that count in the sum total of success; for this reason you should not fail to fit to cages R. Jones' roller bearings (registered), ensure silence and ease in removing and replacing sand trays; easily adjusted to any cage. See advert "Appliances.—(Advt. 605.)

Please announce in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. S. Wilcock, 16, Back Manor St., Eccleshill, Bradford, that Mr. W. Nettleton has resigned secretaryship of the Eccleshill C.B.A., to the deepest regret of the members, and that I have been appointed in his place. All communications should be sent to me at the address given.

OBITUARY.

Mr. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, Corkerhill.

Many of your readers in Scotland, especially those in Glasgow and Edinburgh, will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. Montgomery, which took place with startling suddenness on March 16, writes Mr. H. R. McMillan. Mr. Montgomery, who was an engine-driver on the Glasgow and South Western Railway, brought in his train from Carlisle to St. Enoch Station at 6.35 p.m. He then went home, was quite happy and looking well, started to hang up some pictures. While doing so a slight pain started in his chest, which increased in violence till the doctor had to be called. However, after six hours of suffering he passed away. His remains were followed to Craighton Cemetery on Mar 19 by a large company of his fellow-workers, and a few Scotch Fancy lovers, amongst them Mr. Fleming, sec. of the Southern O.A., Mr. Wm. McClure (Govanhill), Mr. Fergusson (Renfrew), Mr. Jno. Moore and others. Mr. Montgomery was one of the most respected Scotch Fanciers of the present day. His presence will be much missed at the forthcoming shows. The last time I saw him he had all preparations made for the coming season, and had he lived his birds would have been put together this week. Mr. Montgomery was well-known, having been a fancier for forty years, and his stock was always easily disposed of when for sale. His greatest love for the Fancy lay with his own club, the Glasgow Southern Association, where his birds were all usually exhibited in faultless condition. Those who came in contact with Mr. Montgomery found him a kind-hearted, true fancier, and we sympathise with the widow who is left to mourn the loss of a good husband, who to us fanciers was a true friend.

Mr. Jas. Fleming also sends an appreciation of the late Mr. Montgomery, and an expression of sympathy with the widow.

Will you kindly allow me, writes Mr. F. Collins, Camborne, to thank Messrs. Trower and Co. for the gold medal won by my Mule at the late Crystal Palace show.

On receiving my Cage Birds on Thursday last, writes Mr. Rowlands, Liverpool, I was pleased to see my yellow green Yorkshire cock on its front page. It is a splendid drawing and reflects great credit on the artist. I wish every success to your valuable paper, of which I have been a constant reader since its first issue.

The next meeting of the St. James-the-Less F.A. will be held on April 7 at Ridley House, St. James' Rd., Victoria Park, to inaugurate the much desired occasional evening shows. For this innovation, writes Mr. G. Bransford, hon. sec., our chairman is to be much thanked. As he is leaving England for some time, members are respectfully requested to interest themselves in the pigeon and cage-bird show on this evening; birds to be at above address by 7.30 p.m.; Mr. Goodchild (Dalston) adjudicating.

The Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S. is having a lecture by Mr. Geo. Crabb entitled "British Birds and their Nests" on Monday, March 31, at 8 p.m., at the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, two minutes from Tufnell Park Tube Station. Illustrated with 72 limelight views, this should prove very interesting and instructive. Ladies specially invited. Admission is free, writes Mr. J. Hyde, hon. sec., and all friends will receive a hearty welcome. Commence at 8 sharp on account of the great number of pictures; therefore it is requested that members and friends will be punctual.

ARREST OF GATESHEAD C.B.S. SECRETARY!

PRIZE DRAWING RESULTS IN DRASTIC ACTION BY THE POLICE AUTHORITIES.

Mr. Greason hauled from home: Books and correspondence confiscated: He is let out on bail: Case to be heard to-day (Friday).

THE holding of a prize-drawing by the Gateshead C.B.S. has led to drastic action being taken by the police. The secretary of the Society was arrested at his home on the evening of the day the draw was due to close, taken before the magistrates, sitting at a special court, and remanded on bail until Wednesday of this week (Mar. 26). Then at the request of the Society's solicitor, an adjournment was applied for, and the case is to be heard to-day (Friday).

Prize Drawings Debarred by Law.

It is, of course, a fact that these prize-drawings are illegal, inasmuch as they infringe the provisions of the Lotteries Act (we have more than once drawn attention to this in our columns), but it is also a fact that hundreds are held yearly, and we have thought, no doubt in common with many others, that the authorities were inclined to look with tolerant eyes upon them, seeing that their object is invariably the assisting of some deserving person or cause—not simply the putting of money into someone or other's pocket by means of an attractive "gamble."

The Gateshead Society provides a case in point. Its 1912 annual exhibition unfortunately synchronised with the railway employees' great strike, declared practically on the eve of the show, after entries were in and every arrangement made. One result of this—the inevitable result—was that a severe financial loss fell upon the Society, the members of which, it will be remembered, pluckily carried through the show, in spite of the disheartening circumstances, with every credit to themselves. It was in an endeavour to wipe out the deficit that a prize-drawing was instituted—the motive surely making of this a harmless enough proceeding, though coming within the pale of the law, for the members, being almost entirely working-men, are not blessed with long purses.

The Society's Hard Luck.

The pity of it is that the action of the police can hardly fail to land the members more deeply into the mire—we all know that the amount of the average bill of law-costs is calculated to make a sad hole in the average purse. And the Society looks like having to foot such a bill. We shall he able however, to say something further on this point next week. We are quite sure that the Fancy at large will not see the future of the Society wrecked by reason of this latest and most unfortunate of the blows of unkind Fate.

A rumour reaches us that the action of the police was prompted by information deliberately supplied to them by some individual, until recently a member of the Society, who has some grievance—whether real or imaginary need not be gone into—against it. We are reluctant to believe this correct. If it be true, then words seem hardly strong enough to fittingly express the contempt all decent-minded people must hold for anyone who could conceive and carry out such an unmanly and loathsome "revenge."

Mr. Greason's Regrets.

When acquainting us with the news of his arrest, Mr. J. G. Greason wrote:—"Kindly inform the Fancy through the agency of your columns that the Gateshead Society is unable to carry out the prize-drawing. Further, owing to the police having taken possession of all books and letters relating to the same, I have not been able to reply to all who have so kindly assisted us in the attempt to clear our liabilities. I trust that those who have not received a letter, or card, of thanks, will accept my best thanks conveyed through Cage Birds. It is very unfortunate for the Gateshead Society to meet with such a disaster just on the eve of clearing our liabilities through the grand response to our appeal. I feel thoroughly down-hearted now that, after all the work and the worry, I am not to have the pleasure of seeing the society on a sound basis before finally handing over my position to our new secretary.—Yours truly, J. G. Greason (sec., pro. tem.)."

A Message from the Spot.

A local correspondent informs us that after various means of raising money to meet the deficiency had been considered, some fifteen members of the Society offered to contribute prizes to be drawn for by purchasers of numbered tickets. These offers were gratefully accepted, and the members of the society went to work with a will to sell the tickets. Everything seemed to be going on swimmingly, and the affair promised to be a huge success. The draw was almost due to take place, and the results were to have been published on the 29th inst. The name of the secretary to the society, Mr. J. G. Greason, was printed on the tickets, and on the 19th inst. two police inspectors arrived at Mr. Greason's house with a warrant for his arrest, and a search warrant. They seized all books and papers relating to the draw, and took Mr. Greason before a special court sitting that same evening. From this court Mr. Greason was remanded on bail until the 26th. At a committee meeting held on the 22nd it was decided to obtain legal assistance, and Mr. Lambert was instructed to defend.

At the hearing Mr. Lambert applied for a fresh adjournment to enable him to prepare the defence, and the case was accordingly put back until March 28. The charge against Mr. Greason is "That he unlawfully did publish a scheme for the sale of certain tickets, or chances, in a certain lottery, namely, a prize-drawing, in the Gateshead and District Cage Bird Society, by which certain prizes would be given in accordance with the results to be published in certain journals, on March 29."

A young man caught a perfectly white Blackbird recently near Donegal. It is a male, and is now domesticated in a cage.

We hear from Mr. R. Aitken, the new hon. sec., that the date of the show of the Ayr and Dist. C.B.C. has been fixed for Oct. 25.

Will secretaries please note, write Messrs. Chas. Hy. Hill and E. W. Dascombe, joint secs., that the Wiveliscombe and Dist. F.A. has fixed Nov. 20 for its annual open show.

We have appointed Mr. Wm. Hampton, Brechin, to judge Norwich, and Mr. Alex Steele, Aberdeen, variety and wild section of our show on Nov. 29, writes Mr. Jas. G. Milne, sec., Woodside O.S., Aberdeen.

Pleased to say I received 1913 Annual all right; I thought you could not improve on 1912, but you have gone one better again. It is really good from beginning to end, and I find it a very handy book all through the year.—W. B. Smart, Loanhead.

Mr W. Hutchinson writes that the West of Scotland O.S. have elected the following judges for their annual club show, Nov. 29: Crests and Plainheads, Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Borders and Yorks., Mr. G. Hyslop, Stirling; British and Foreign, Mr. M. Craig, Tollcross.

A Favoured Spot.

Along a hedgerow at Copthorn, Sussex, I found no less than six Blackbird and Thrush nests, and one Robin's, writes "A. A." Don't you think this rather a lot for the time of the year? The Hedgerow at the most was only about 120 yards long.

Pay Up and Look Pleasant.

The habit of "putting-off' is very prevalent where club subscriptions are concerned, writes "Harassed Secretary," How can the poor treasurer pay the society's way without cash? It needs a bit of doing. Slow payers should remember that the true instincts of a sportsman are: "To pay, to own up, and to shut up when beaten."

Cheltenham's Annual Feast.

The Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham C.B.S., Mr. A. S. Treasure, writes that all arrangements have been made for the annual dinner to take place on April 2nd, when he hopes all members will endeavour to attend.

Canaries in Hedgerows.

A cat that made a hole in the wire netting of an open-air aviary at Peterborough, says the "Daily Express," is responsible for the extraordinary sight of bright-plumaged Canaries enjoying freedom in the hedgerows on Peterborough Common.

Gateshead's New Secretary.

An error was made by us in last week's report of the Gateshead C.B.S. meeting, the new secretary being, of course, Mr. W. Curry, of 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle, and not Mr. Curry, of Ebchester, as printed. We much regret this unwitting confusion of fanciers and addresses.

A White Crow.

Mr. John Glynn, Graignenaspidogue, Fighting Cocks, Co. Carlow, writes to a newspaper to say that a few days ago he captured a white Crow, with reddish tips to the wings and black bill and feet. He would like to know if any such specimen has previously been captured in Ireland.

A Partly-white Blackbird.

I saw a Blackbird last week with a white head and neck, writes Mr. W. Ratcliff (Grantham). He was a good sized bird and looked quite a contrast with the ordinary coloured ones. On having a chat with the local village constable, he informed me that the bird must be two years old, as he noticed him at breeding time last year, and that he seems to have stayed within a field or two of where I saw him all the winter. He also told me that he knew of a Thrush on his round with a black wing.

Some Problems of Mule and Hybrid Breeding Unravelled.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 239.

FROM which parent does the light Finch-Canary Hybrid derive its light plumage?

That the property of throwing light Mules is an inherent quality in certain Canaries is proved by the fact that such feature admits of development by a process of selection, and fixing by in-breeding. So well recognised is this that the majority of breeders are prone to regard the Canary as the invariable and sole factor. The principal basis of the theory that the Canary is responsible is that, light plumage being a Canary feature, and dark, with rare exceptions, the Finch colour, to attribute the light plumage in the offspring of a combination of these to the influence of a normal coloured Finch would be equal to attributing to the black parent the whiteness evident in the offspring of a black and white parentage. This line of reasoning, though ingenious, does not hold good, being nullified by a law of nature which must be recognised, viz., potentiality or power of transmission. Therefore, to attribute the lightness of a Mule bred from a normal Finch to any other than an impotency in transmitting the Finch colour would be wrong indeed. We have an illustration of this in even-marked Canary breeding. Few breeders but have cause to regret the impotency of the parents to transmit the even marks to their offspring, in fact, potentiality is the basis of all improvement in a cultivated stock. So, while recognising the Canary to be the main, and, in some instances, sole factor, I am convinced that by an impotency, marked in certain Finches, the latter do sometimes contribute to the lightness of the Mule.

Potency Not a Fixed Quality.

As I have never seen this line of reasoning adopted by any of the writers on Hybrids, I will use another illustration to show that potency or impotency is independent of outward features. It is quite possible to get a dark Mule from a clear Canary, bred from however many generations of clears, and even when mated to an albino Finch. On the other hand, I have bred a light Mule from a normal brown Linnet and a broken green Canary. In the former we have an instance of the tendency to revert to the normal Finch colour as the more potent factor, and in the latter a manifestation of impotency in both parents, in favour, probably, of a clear ancestor as the more potent factor.

That potency is a varying quality we have evidence in the fact that young from the same parents differ greatly from each other, not only in successive broods, but even in the same nest. We have good evidence that impotency becomes more marked as the subject declines in vitality, hence the partiality shown by many famous light Mule breeders for old or weak Finches. Not only is this so, but the degree of impotency or potency may in some instances manifest itself by a change during the lifetime of the offspring. We have an instance of this in partial albino specimens either reverting to a more normal colour or developing a more extreme departure.

When New Blood Spells Danger.

The balance of power (potency) is easily upset. To illustrate this I need only mention the danger which attends the introduction of new blood into a light muling strain of Canaries. I have witnessed quite a few instances of the havoc which such introductions can work, and, strangely enough, despite the fact that the new blood was from a long unbroken pedigree of clears. Such introduction is generally prompted by a desire to impart size and vigour, two qualities which are the reverse of common in light muling Canaries. We have an illustration of the dangers which attend size production in the modern Norwich Plainhead, the potency of the size producing type revealing itself even yet in the beetle brows and long side, wings and tail, but the parallel ends there, as I consider a tendency to throw light Mules a thousand times more fugitive a feature than any type cultivation.

Is there no external indication of this light Mule throwing quality?

Nothing but actual test can reveal the presence of that quality in a Canary. Some breeders attach a certain value to pink-eyed hens, as showing a descent from the Cinnamon, the idea being that the latter colour is akin to albinism. That a pink-eyed hen may throw light Mules is quite possible, but I have failed to find that the pink eyes are indicative of such tendency. Rather am I inclined to think the idea had its origin in the attempts to breed even-marked Mules, in which cinnamon is a potent factor, and would be manifest in many light muling strains.

Clear Strains and Clear Mules.

Do you advise any system of in-breeding with clears, as likely to produce a light muling strain?

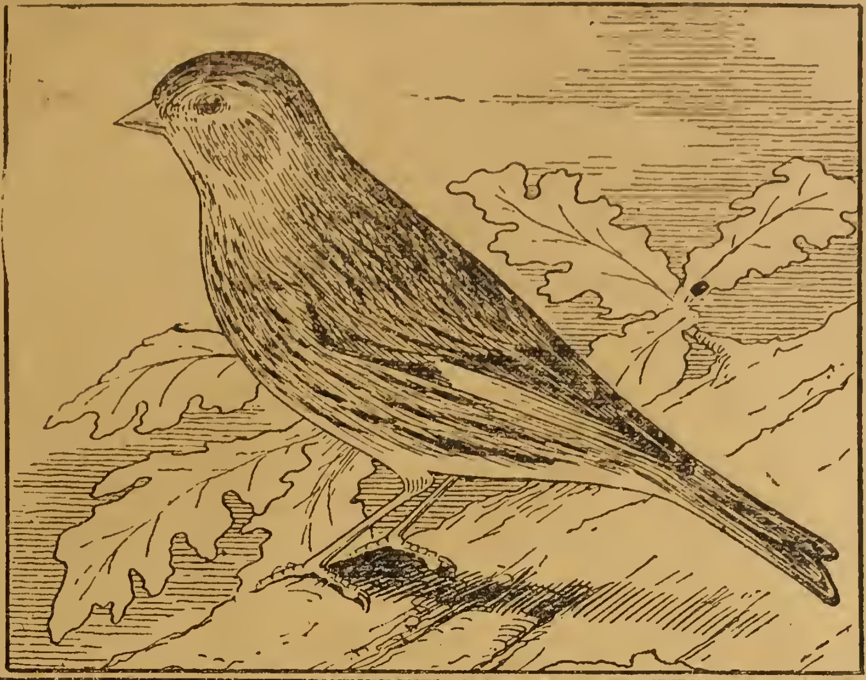
Unless the trait had an existence in the parent stock, no process of in-breeding, however prolonged, will, in my opinion, generate that feature. This is shown by the fact that those types which have been bred clear for many generations are far from being valuable as light mulers. I had an experience which showed the nugatory value of clear breeding. I happened to discover a clear strain of Canaries in a remote Scottish hamlet, and inquiries revealed the fact that they were all related, and they had their origin in a trio which were brought there about twenty years previously, since which time not a single dark feather had made its appearance, nor had a foul usurper been introduced to mar their rustic purity. Yet repeated tests showed the strain to be utterly devoid of any light muling qualities.

I have seen quite a variety of these in-breeding recipes, all of which were recommended as being either sure or likely to produce light Mules. I have met with many breeders who have expended time and patience, to say nothing of cash, in carrying out such experiments, but in not a single instance have I found the methods efficacious. That the method might be found effective I quite admit, but the success would be due to the light muling quality having existed in the stock before the in-breeding process was begun. Many Canaries possess an unrecognised value in this respect. I have known the parents of a clear Mule, one which held his own against all Britain, to be obtained for a few shillings, and I have seen quite a few similar, though hardly such great, bargains, all of which had their origin in the ignorance of the seller as to the light muling capabilities of his birds. The hazy ideas which prevail as to sib or in-breeding, warrant mo dealing with the pros and cons of its purposes.

The Values and Limitations of In-Breeding.

As I have already pointed out, in-breeding is not a creative process, but a valuable and efficient method of reducing an undesirable feature and developing a desirable feature or features, when applied in conjunction with judicious selection. The in-breeding gives a control which would be impossible if strange and unknown qualities and defects were being continually introduced. It must be borne in mind that by in-breeding we are fixing the undesirable equally with the good qualities. Therefore, a process of weeding out (elimination) becomes imperative, and the question of whether a stock is likely to be improved, or worthy of an attempt to improve it, by this inbreeding method, depends entirely on the qualities existent in it. Some of these may be inherent, and only manifest in a very occasional offspring, thus the judicious selection and mating of the birds call for no little acumen on the part of the breeder, notwithstanding the knowledge which in-breeding gives him of the peculiar potency or impotency to reproduce these features, this varying greatly in individual members of even the same brood. In-breeding from a stock in which a high standard of quality does not exist is practically useless. It were better to impart an obviously necessary feature from an outside source, and, when the stock is known to possess these qualities (external or inherent), then to adopt the in-breeding and selective process, to develop and make these qualities a potent feature in the stock. In sib breeding, with a view to developing the light Mule throwing quality, we are under the necessity of continually testing, by breeding with Finches, in order to ascertain whether we are making any progress, and of selecting or eliminating accordingly.

(To be continued).



THE MARQUIS.

A champion Linnet in field-plumage, exhibited by Mr. G. G. Pearson, of Silksworth, Sunderland.

This bird scored amongst other wins First Prizes at Newcastle and Gateshead, and Second Prize at the Scottish National (Edinburgh) Show.

How Egg-Food Should be Made.

Interesting Competition held by the City and Suburban A.C.B.

THE chief item of interest at the City and Suburban's last meeting was the "Egg Food Competition," which attracted an unusually large number of members and visitors. The splendid array of special prizes, consisting of gold, silver, and bronze medals, and six one pound boxes of French confectionery, made members exceedingly keen, no less than 13 taking part, one, a lady member—the first known case in the annals of the Association. The competition was held in the interests of the many novice members recently joined, and was for the purpose of finding out the best method of making egg-food, the most beneficial ingredients to use for young Canaries, with the not unimportant point of arriving at the approximate time necessary to make it. This decision was to be arrived at by ballot of the members present. With a view to that end, the various implements and ingredients used were fully explained after each competing member had finished, and the time taken was stated.

Not a little curiosity, mingled with satisfaction, was evinced by new members and visitors when, out of the unique and unrivalled equipment the Association possesses, preparations began to be made for the event. A snow-white linen table cloth was spread over a 6ft. by 3ft. table, and thirteen 5½in. pudding basins were marshalled at even distances across the whole length, while inside of these were placed a hard-boiled egg, a teaspoon, and a printed card, severally numbered 1 to 13. The names of prospective competitors being written down, the first on the list was (1) Mr. H. Brumbridge, who commenced operations by passing his egg with an iron tablespoon through an 8in. oval, wood-mounted coarse-mesh wire sieve. Following this he rubbed through 5 Huntley and Palmer's Marie biscuits, and after mixing this and the egg, repassed it through the sieve. Time taken, 4 minutes.

Different Means to an End.

(2) Mr. F. Eaton's first operation was to place the egg and a two oz. wedge of bread, two days old, in a square-mouthed barrel mill, pressing it down with a square wooden weight, whilst turning the handle. He again put it in the mill, but to his mortification, it clogged, and the aid of a knife had to be invoked. Time, 4 minutes. (3) Mr. W. Sanders used a 10in. sieve (as No. 1). This member passed his egg through by means of a steel knife, and afterwards a piece of cake, composed of 1lb. fine oatmeal, 1 teacup of flour, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, and 2 ozs. of lard. This done, he mixed it all up with the aid of a steel fork (his contention being that it then amalgamates better). Time, 2 minutes. (4) Mr. J. P Lloyd's mode consisted of passing the egg through a 10in. sieve (as No. 1) by the aid of a wooden palette knife, together with a slice of three days old bread, adding, whilst mixing afterwards, equal parts of oatmeal, ground rice, and a pinch of sugar, in bulk equalling a dessert spoonful. Time, 5 minutes.

(5) Mr. W. Knight's appearance upon the scene brought a change of utensils, in the shape of a composition mortar and pestle, with which he pounded up six Osborne biscuits to amalgamate with the egg that he passed with a wooden spatula through a square-framed perforated zinc sieve. Time, 1½ minutes. (6) Mr. W. Large also brought variety by producing a 2 oz. piece of cake, a week old, composed of oatmeal, butter, sugar, and an egg (no water). He crumbled it up with his fingers, afterwards powdering it up in the basin with a spoon. Time, 2½ minutes. (7) Mr. G. Bryant used a 2in. gravy strainer to pass his egg through, and to repass it afterwards with the addition of a dessert spoonful of Spratt's Canary Food. Time, 2 minutes. (8) Mr. T. Kelly. The Chairman (Mr. F. Knight) appeared convulsed when he perceived this popular member struggling into the hall with a huge bundle on his back, remarking that "Little Tich" had arrived on tour! Mr. Kelly produced a very smart marble mortar for the purpose of pounding up a ½in. slice of 3 days old bread that he had previously grated with a tin suet grater. After passing this and an egg through an 8in. sieve (as No. 1), he then put into the basin a teaspoonful of maw seed, which in his opinion provides the added advantage of separating the food. Time, 3 minutes.

A Lady "Faces the Footlights."

(9) Mrs. L. M. Thynne. Members who had been passing opinions with their neighbours upon the merits or demerits of the competitors, suddenly ceased; all were silent when they observed this lady member preparing to "face the footlights." Mrs. Thynne made her way to the table with an 8in. composition mortar, and commenced to powder up four of McVitie's Petit Beurre biscuits, afterwards passing the egg through an extremely fine wire sieve by means of a steel knife, finishing up by passing through the biscuit and mixing all in the basin. Time, 2¼ minutes. The process was quite ordinary, but what caught the imagination were the beautiful flexibility of wrist and arm, and the natural easiness of every movement. (10) Mr. W. Styles' preference is for an inch slice of Hovis bread, 3 days old, which he considers more nourishing. This he grinds up in a penny tin grater, and afterwards pounds up in a composition mortar together with the egg and a pinch of sugar, using a wooden spoon for mixing, as metal spoons in his judgment are poisonous. Time, 2 minutes. (11) Mr. T. Monger passed his egg and afterwards six Osborne biscuits through a loose bottomed tin wire sieve, with a wooden palette knife, and then passed the whole through again. Time, 2¼ minutes. (12) Mr. H. Lowe, used a ¼in. slice of bread one day old, rubbing it up with his fingers and mixing it with the egg, previously passed through a 6in. by 1in. round tin squeezer. Time, 1 minute. (13) Mr. E. C. Offord first rolls out, by the aid of a glass bottle, 3 Osborne biscuits, then pushes the egg through a round tin squeezer, 4½in. by 2in., afterwards repassing the whole through the squeezer. Unfortunately the last process failed, through clogging. Time. 2¾ minutes.—V. Wynn, hon. sec.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

JUST HAVING A TRY (Frank Roles).—I am afraid you are making your first attempt with very unpromising material. Provided they are in quite good health and active, it is quite possible for cocks to breed successfully, although they do not sing very well; but, as a rule, a cock should be in his best song when ready to mate. The noise your birds make does not signify very sound health, nor good breeding stock, and your dietary is decidedly faulty. Linseed should never form a part of the regular diet. As a beginner, you would do well to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager, which will give you detailed information on all points, which is not possible here. Meantime, give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of mixed seeds. Give a little dandelion daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. See that the birds are not exposed to cold draughts.

SEPTIC FEVER (J.F.P.).—Am afraid you are in for trouble, as nothing but rigid isolation, thorough disinfection, and the strictest attention to cleanliness and hygiene respecting both food and surroundings is of any avail in combating this disorder. I would advise you to get a copy of Dr. Clarke's brochure, "Septic Fever," 7d., post free, from our manager, and read up the subject thoroughly. Meantime, keep a close watch over the apparently healthy birds, which, I understand, you have isolated, and immediately one shows the characteristic symptoms move it back, cage and all, to the infected quarters, and let it take its chance with them. If it dies, or should it recover, thoroughly disinfect the cage, or, better still, if an old one, burn it. A much wiser plan, though somewhat heroic, is to chloroform at once any bird that becomes ill, and cremate the body, and deal with the cage at once, as just mentioned. Merely washing out the cage with a disinfectant wash is of little use in killing septic germs. It requires a strong solution, and to ensure success two or three applications. Either the above-named handbooks, or the Nutshell booklet on "Disinfection," will give you full details for carrying out this work. You might fumigate the cages tolerably well by stacking and arranging a tent-like cover over them in some convenient place. As regards water vessels, and all small fittings, treat them in the only rational and certain way—boil them well. Do not move birds about from one cage to another, nor mix up any cage fittings until the disease is quite stamped out. Use only a minimum quantity of egg-food for some time and see that it is absolutely pure and fresh, or, better still, substitute bread and milk, crushed sponge cake, or crushed plain biscuits. Beyond this there is little you can do. Medicinal treatment is useless.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SONGLESS COCK AND WHEEZY HEN (F.H.H.).—It seems not unlikely that the same influences which have brought about the wheeziness in the hen are also responsible for the cock not singing. See that both birds are kept in bright and healthy surroundings, free from cold draughts, yet not overheated, nor kept in an impure, stuffy atmosphere. In addition to the staple diet give the cock half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and about half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame added to it, every second day for a month. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, millet, teazle and niger, with a slight sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. Keep cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece for three days, and afterwards give the gentian tonic as advised to "S. Dowling" for a fortnight. Feed the hen the same as the cock, but give the mixed seed twice a week only, and omit the sesame and gold of pleasure altogether. Give the rhubarb aperient as above for three days, and afterwards give the eucalyptus mixture as advised to "Frank Roles" for a fortnight. Unless this wheeziness quite disappears quickly it will be folly to attempt to breed with the bird.

A FEATHERED ALDERMAN (Constant Reader).—Keep the bird in a fairly large cage, where it can get plenty of exercise. Stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for it to peck at. Give only a small teaspoonful of canary seed daily as staple diet. Once a week reduce this by one half, and add half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape (red and black), millet, niger, and teazle, and on one other day reduce seed allowance one-half and add half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw. Give a liberal allowance of green food daily dandelion, watercress, lettuce, or chickweed. Care must be exercised not to miss the daily ration of seed. Add as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for two consecutive days. Continue this treatment until bird is sufficiently reduced.

THE BEST RAPE (Novice, Rainford).—A good sample of the variety called sweet rubsen, of a mild nutty flavour, and with no acridity or "biting" of the tongue when chewed in the mouth, is undoubtedly the best as a portion of the staple diet of Rollers, but where price is an object it is not really essential, except perhaps for high-class contest singers. The variety you term red summer rape, if of a mild nutty flavour, with no hot "mustardy" taste, is good enough for ordinary singers, and for regular use with any breed of Canary. The sample you sent is only just a moderate quality of "bird rape," and is not free from the objectionable hot taste. I cannot recommend any particular brand or quality of one dealer here,—that would be obviously unfair to all the rest. If you get some samples and send them along, packed separately and securely, and numbered for reference, I will then tell you what are their respective values.

MOPY YORKSHIRE (Novice, Sheffield).—First of all thoroughly examine both the bird's body and cage to see if insect pests are the cause of the evident irritation. Grey lice may be looked for on the bird, but if really troublesome will quickly reveal their presence when you hold the bird in your hand by sprinting nimbly all over your hand; and red mites are what you may expect to find hidden in joints or crevices about the cage. If either be found, take the necessary steps to exterminate them, the details of which have been given here just lately. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, and the floor of cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one summer rape mixed together. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled, finally, with soft sugar. Twice a week on the alternating days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape, and teazle. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash, every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

SORE FOOT (George Dawson).—It would have been best to have said how you feed the bird. Anyway, give a fairly plain diet for a week or two, and a spray of chickweed, watercress, or leaf of dandelion, daily, and add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and the cage floor well strewn with clean sawdust to absorb moisture quickly until the foot is quite well. The frequent recurrence of the trouble is undoubtedly due to septic infection of the wound, hence you must see the importance of absolute cleanliness of cage floor and perches whilst the least "raw" surface remains on the foot. Catch the bird and bathe foot for a few minutes once daily in a lukewarm solution of wych hazel—a small teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—carefully washing out all pus from the wound with the aid of a small camel-hair pencil. Then dry foot, and paint on any raw surface a little of the strong extract, and hold bird until it has become fairly dry, when any "sting" will have passed off and bird will not be so likely to peck at it.

AILING ROLLER (S. Dowling).—If you can remove the cock without causing the hen to cease her attentions to the young, do so, assuming, of course, he is not already separated from her. Keep him in a comfortable place, free from cold draughts, and keep cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. Give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with about half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and give also on these days two crisp young dandelion leaves, or the equivalent in other greenstuff. On the alternate days give a half-teaspoonful of the special seed mixture and a morsel of banana. Continue this feeding until the bird is eating the staple seed diet freely again. You may also stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for the bird to peck occasionally for a week or two. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT TO KEEP (Amateur).—You omit an important point in not stating your county. Neither do you state whether your tastes run to Finches or small Parrakeets. Finch tribe: Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Avadavats, Bengalese, and Gold-breasted Waxbills. A pair of each would make a nice series, but a canvas, or wood and glass shutter should cover up the front at night and during severe weather. All the above are hardy species. Small Parrakeets: Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds. These also are hardy, and should do well with you. One pair of each could be put into your small aviary. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., and Nutshells Nos. 16, 18, and 20, 2½d. each, all post free from our Manager.

SICK TUI (F. H. W.).—This bird must be kept warm and out of all draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. Give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) as often as required to keep the bowels moving quite freely. At the same time voidings must not be in a continuously watery-loose condition. Continue to give the Chemical Food regularly and accustom it to take a bit of moistened biscuit, crust, or something similar, which has been dusted with flowers of sulphur after moistening. This will help greatly towards feather formation if you can induce it to take same. As regards seed, canary, white millet, and a few oats will be all that is necessary. If it will take a little lettuce or other green food, so much the better; the same also applies to ripe fruit. Careful nursing on the lines given above should ultimately restore the bird. Re your query as to the Pintails, assuming that all have pintails, from the details you supply, I take 1 and 2 to be merely the ordinary Pintail Nonpariels, allowing for colour variation common to all species, and also making due allowance for the ages varying somewhat in the specimens. While probably not immature, as you say, yet the fact remains that in many species old specimens are more highly coloured than young birds of the second year. The name "Pintail Nonpareil," because of long use, will have to remain, I suppose, but a far better name for this species would be Pintail Parrot Finch.

VIRGINIAN CARDINALS (R. H. Walsh).—Twice a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water—if the voidings become watery, then only give once a week, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. As regards diet, you are treating them about right, and the amount of live food you are giving is also about right; but you can supplement these by giving any spider, beetle, smooth caterpillar, etc., you can catch, and in their season live ants' cocoons and wasps' grubs form a welcome change to the usual "stand-by"—mealworms. You cannot do better than continue as you are going as regards general treatment, and I have no doubt as the weather improves the birds will tone up. You obtained them fairly cheap.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (Gould).—You will be independent of outside supplies if you get about a dozen pots, four or six inch, and plant them with grass, keeping them well watered, and cut from them in succession. Moreover, you would get seeding (flowering) grass during the winter, if you keep the pots on the window sill of some sunny but cool room. Crush some cuttlebone to about the size of white millet and keep a small tin of this in their cage. I do not think egg-shells tend to birds eating their eggs, providing the shells are first dried and then crushed to about the size of millet, but given large pieces for the birds to bite up and nibble at it might have that tendency. Try them with nest again a month hence.

PHEASANTS (L.B.M.).—You will have little or no success in keeping more than one species of Pheasant, or more than one cock in the same aviary. Of course, the above applies to the breeding season, and young cocks require to be separated as they come into adult plumage. I do not think two pairs of Red-rumps would live together in amity in the same aviary. I have never even made the attempt, as I look upon it as inviting disaster. In a southern country the Hangnests and Orioles would do well all the year round in a sheltered aviary, with suitable shelter and a well-lighted "night-house." Birds will not use an inner enclosure that is badly lighted, and, of course, it goes without saying that it must be weather-proof. Also I am very sceptical about Hangnests and Orioles agreeing together in the same aviary, unless it were a very extensive one. Such queries should always mention the county of the querist.

Owing to the intervention of the Easter Holidays a number of Queries were not received until Tuesday last, and we cannot, of course, get these answered in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—Editor.

FOR INDOOR AVIARY (J. Pollard).—I am assuming that the aviary will get some sun, and that it is fairly light and not draughty. Here are two selections: No. 1, Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Gold-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Bronze and White-headed Mannikins, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Silverbills and Bengalese. Of course, one pair only of each. No. 2: Two pairs Green Budgerigars, and one pair each Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds. In "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager, are given directions for treating and feeding the groups covering the above species.

BUDGERIGARS (D.B.).—(1) There is time for them to nest and rear a brood of young by the time named, but if they do not lay and commence incubation this month, then you had better let her sit on the eggs, to keep her occupied and prevent eggs being laid to no purpose, and remove the eggs after they have been incubated about 10 days. If you have not yet given them husks, delay doing so till settled in your new house. I do not remember full details, but if your birds are in a cage, the removal would probably not interfere with their nesting arrangements at all. (2) I do not care for watercress as a food for the birds, but it can be given providing it is thoroughly well washed first. Mustard and cress seedlings can be given and are very wholesome, but seeding grass will soon be available now.

BLUE BIRDS (T. C. S.).—(1) I should advise you to wait your opportunity and secure a pair of Indigo Buntings (*Cyanospiza cyanea*). Though of the same genus as the Nonpareil Bunting, I have never known one to attack any of the smaller fry in their enclosure—and I have kept many individuals at different periods. (2) Yes, there are two species of Blue Grosbeak, the Blue and the Brown-winged Blue. The former is the more readily obtainable; a few have been on the market this year. I have found this species somewhat variable in demeanour, some very quarrelsome indeed, and I certainly advise you to have the Indigo Bunting. This species is hardy, though the male requires careful looking after during the change from winter to summer plumage. While some Nonparcils are really vicious, many others are quite amiable. Their tendency generally is to "run amok" rather than persistent bullying or murder.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A GROWTH (G. R. D.).—It is not likely to inconvenience the bird. Of course, I realise that the growth is somewhat unsightly, and you may desire to remove it. If so, get a stick of caustic from a chemist and touch the growth with this once daily for a time, which will destroy it. Be careful that the caustic does not touch anywhere else.

A PAIR OF MAGPIES (A. M.).—I should not meddle with the swelling unless it attains a considerable size; if this happens, write me again. I do not see any reason why the pair of Magpies should not attempt house-keeping under the conditions in which you keep them. But I am afraid they cannot be expected to do much good on the menu you describe, which is very inadequate. "Melox," or similar good brand of dog meal, would be better than the food you mention (or mix the two); it should be thoroughly softened with hot water, and have all sorts of table scraps, meat, greens, gravy, fish, etc., mixed in. You should supply freshly-killed mice, sparrows, etc., and also black beetles, and similar things.

A LINNET'S LEG (J. E. W.).—You should steep the leg (up to the "knee") for a short time twice daily—morning and evening—in comfortably hot water, containing a little of good disinfectant (Jeyes, Izal, Kerol, or even Condy's fluid). Afterwards dab dry in a cloth and gently rub in a little ointment, such as Kerol, or Calvert's Carbolic. You should use perches of varying widths and differing somewhat in shape.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

WHERE OBTAINABLE (Mrs. Fletcher).—Kerol ointment is made by a well-known firm (Messrs. Quibell, of Newark), and should be obtainable at any chemists, or drug stores.

THE YELLOWHAMMER'S VOICE, ETC. (J. Pauley).—I do not consider that the Yellowhammer can be said to have any "song." Its few notes (uttered during the breeding season chiefly) are curious, rather than melodious. Surely you must have heard them?—they are usually likened to the words "a little bit of bread and no cheese." It is decidedly speculative to pair a Yellowhammer to a hen Canary. I do not think any young as yet resulted from such a mating. Still, I should hesitate to say that such a happening is outside the bounds of probability. If you try the cross, I hope you may succeed in getting Hybrids from it.

TWO ITEMS (H. Child).—(1) If you refer to the white speck lying on the surface of the yolk, this is the germinal disc—it is here that the embryo (young bird) is formed in its earliest stages. Broadly put, it is a spot of living matter containing the fertilised ovum (female germ cell) which develops into the bird. (2) I should think that the hen would be a very suitable mate for the Goldfinch, though the latter may not be ready for breeding before about the end of April. You should first have paired her with a cock Canary for one or two nests.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

G.E.W.—The cock Bullfinch I found upon examination to be quite healthy, with the exception of the liver, which was undergoing fatty infiltration, but was not seriously affected. The cause of death appeared to me to be attributable to some injury inflicted, for there was bruising of the abdominal muscles, and extravasation of blood in the sacral region; that is to say, under the lower vertebrae. I know of no disease that would be accountable for such post-mortem changes, and I cannot but think that the bird must have been hurt in some manner. These lesions were ante-mortem, and quite sufficient to cause death. The bird was certainly fat, but otherwise quite healthy, with the exception of the liver changes referred to.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Auld Reekie.—We have been informed that this matter is to be made the subject of an action at law, therefore we are now precluded from publishing any comments upon it.

W. Hulme.—Accept our thanks for the photograph, for which we will find a corner in due course.

L. J. George.—We have forwarded your letter on to the dealer in question, and asked him to write you giving the desired information.

W. Beckett.—We will do our best to get an article dealing specially with the bird you mention. The two "Nutshells" you would find most useful are Nos. 25 and 26, which together give complete information as to the feeding of all insectivorous species.

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STIRLING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held March 1, Mr. W. Bishop in the chair. Office bearers were re-elected, and it was agreed that Mr. W. Bishop be president for the ensuing year. Show date was fixed for Nov. 18. Decided to settle judges at next meeting, held on April 5, in McDonald's Temperance Hotel Arcade at 8. W. Clubb, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Y.M. Halls, March 22. Mr. Kindell presided over a good attendance. Unanimously agreed to raise subscription to 3s. 6d. for ensuing year, payable in twice, 2s. due now and balance due before nomination. Closing date of young bird cup, August 16; if not competing for young bird cup, due before annual show. After a very lengthy discussion on the advisability of holding an open show, we decided to leave it over till next meeting night, April 5, when we hope to have a large turn-out of members, and expect to come to a decision.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

At a general meeting held in Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, March 15th, President (Mr. C. R. Drysdale) in the chair. Business: Election of Secretary in place of Mr. P. R. Meikle, resigned. The meeting was unanimous to try and secure Mr. Robert Lile, and a committee was appointed to meet Mr. Lile re his appointment. The committee were successful in securing the services of Mr. Lile, and all communications on and after this issue should be addressed to him at 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh. Fanciers can with every confidence, in the future as in the past, rely on the services of our new Sec.—C. R. Drysdale, Hon. Pres.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Annual general meeting held 142, High Street, Edinburgh, March 15. Mr. Campbell (president) occupied the chair, with a very meagre turn-out of members. Financial statement for past year was considered, and after some discussion by members was passed. A letter was read from Mr. G. F. Adamson, Kilmarnock (one of club's esteemed vice-presidents), stating that he had been an inmate of Kilmarnock Infirmary for some time back with a serious internal trouble, but was now making very satisfactory progress. All present expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. Adamson, and sec. was instructed to convey to him their best wishes for a speedy convalescence. Medals won during show season were presented to those members present by the chairman. The following were elected members: Mr. J. Lindsay and Mr. D. Summers, Markinch. A vote of thanks to chairman terminated the meeting.—John Young, Hon. Sec.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held in the Academy Hall, Fort Street, March 18th, Mr. R. McKay in the chair. Moved and seconded that balance-sheet lie on table till next meeting. It was also arranged to remove back to Masonic Hall for open show, this being more suitable. Secretary was instructed to report re halls for show and meetings. Open show date has been fixed for Oct. 25. A few of the rules were slightly altered, and the alterations will be inserted in new rule books. The following officials were elected for ensuing year. Hon. Pres., Mr. J. Forbes; Pres., J. S. McClure; Vice-Pres., James French; Sec. and Treas., R. Aitken; Auditors, Messrs. Murray and Selfer; Committee, J. Cameron, J. Mathieson, S. French, J. Bell, W. Lyall, J. McLauchlan, R. McKay, S. Erskine, A. Campbell, A. Selfer, J. Kelly, D. Wason. A few vacancies were left on the committee to be filled up with new members. The following new members were proposed: J. Mathieson, F. Harvey, A. McFedries, S. Erskine, A. Cook, J. McLauchlan, H. Alexander, and S. Cuthill. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—Robert Aitken, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and lecture held at headquarters in Hill Street, Birmingham, March 5th, President (J. A. Eckersley) in the chair. Mr. Sadler was elected a member. The balance-sheet for the past year was read and found to be very satisfactory, showing a good balance for the year's working. Mr. Broomfield and Mr. Raly were elected to fill the vacant position on the committee. Proposed by Mr. Raly, and seconded by Mr. Broadbent, that classes should be accepted for British table show, birds to be staged not later than 8 p.m., prize money to be on the sliding scale. Specials were kindly given by the following gentlemen: Mr. Raly, silver medal for best muling pair Canary and Finch; Mr. T. Jones, 2s. for best Hybrid pair. Proposed by Mr. J. de Maillett, and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst, that we have a Roller section, and it was hoped that the Birmingham Roller fanciers will give the society their full support in their new venture. The following were nominated for membership: W. Tompkins, H. Eyles, E. Lee, A. E. Moreton, S. G. Williams. Mr. Weaver then gave his lecture on the Norwich Plainhead to a crowded room of members and friends, who gave him every attention throughout his fine and instructive address. At the close his audience showed their appreciation by a good round of applause. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weaver was proposed by Mr. Eckersley and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst.—J. H. Jones, Sec., per R. Tipper.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Crown Hotel, March 19, Mr. J. C. Murray in the chair. Replies from judges were read, and the following appointed:—Borders, W. Mossie, Annbank; Yorks., J. Bailey, Bradford; Norwich, A. Sloan, Glasgow; Crest, W. Paul, Uphall; British, etc., R. Ball, Bathgate. The secretary was instructed to write judge for Scotch Fancy section. Secretary reported that Mr. Stenhouse, Kelty, owing to a previous engagement could not give his lecture on Pairing and Breeding on March 1, as arranged at last meeting. It was agreed to try and book this lecture for April 2. A discussion took place re the arranging of future lectures, etc., and a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, and report to next meeting. The balance sheet of the last club show was then submitted, showing a total income of £11 3s. 2d., and an expenditure of £5 9s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £5 13s. 3d. Approval was moved by J. J. MacKiver, seconded by J. Sneddon, and carried unanimously. The balance added to the previous balance brings the funds of the society up to £21 2s. 9d., showing this society is in a sound position financially. It was decided to transfer the bank account from the Post Office to the Royal Bank of Scotland to facilitate the cash transactions of the society. The trustees to be the president, sec., and treasurer. Mr. J. Reid reported that owing to illness he had been prevented from attending the last meeting of the West of Fife Cage Bird League. The report of said meeting being taken from the letter of Mr. Jas. Cordery, League sec., an animated discussion took place on the report, and delegates were instructed for next League meeting. Classification for the open show was next arranged as follows: Scotch Fancy 10 classes, Borders 11, separate classes being provided for Greens and Cinnamons, Yorks. 10, Norwich Plainheads 16, Crests 11, four young bird classes being provided, A.O.V. and Common Lizards, Mules and Hybrids 5, British 16, Foreign 3, a total of 84 classes. A splendid meeting was brought to a close by the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. W. Holms, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Village School Room, Alexandra Road, on Mar. 11, Pres. Donaldson in the chair. The President announced a presentation to the club of a handsome rose bowl to be known as the Young Bird Sectional Trophy, and to be competed for annually until won by a member three times, when it will become his own property. Mr. J. D. Lile intimated his leaving along with his son for Canada on the 15th, and spoke of his regret at leaving the club, amongst whom he had made many friends. President Donaldson, on behalf of the club, expressed regret at losing two such good members, wished them every success, and hoped they would further the Fancy in their new home. Both were recipients of handsome presents from the Club as mementoes of the respect in which they were held. Twelve new members having been admitted, including two ladies, Mr. Kerr was heartily thanked for judging the Mule and Hybrid pair show, while Messrs. McEwan, Kerr and Conlin were appointed judges for British show to be held next month.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Annual meeting held March 15th, Mr. S. Foster in the chair. We had a good turn-out of members, and all are very eager to make this a record year for the society. We made two new members—Messrs. J. Yetts and P. Clarke, and we are still open for more. Decided to have a young bird show July 5th, and the following were nominated for judging: Messrs. W. H. Butler, J. Emmerson, W. Reid, and E. Atkinson; to be decided next meeting, March 29th. Mr. J. Lumley was elected President with fourteen local gentlemen as Vice-Presidents; Mr. S. Foster, chair; Mr. Jos. Robson, Vice-Chair; R. Peart, Sec.; W. Cresswell, Assist. Sec. It was decided to hold annual show on our old date, Dec. 20th, and the following were nominated as judges: Messrs. W. H. Butler, W. Reid, T. Dixon, E. Atkinson, J. W. Taylor, and J. Dixon. Table shows will be held as last year, and we have several specials promised for these. Members were very sorry to hear of Mr. T. Robinson, our late secretary, being ill, and wishes for his speedy recovery were expressed.—R. Peart, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Adjourned general meeting held March 13, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. J. F. Clark presiding over a good attendance. After correspondence had been dealt with, secretary was called upon to give report re guarantee fund, and he intimated that the fund now totalled £11, which was considered satisfactory. Election of office-bearers for ensuing year was as follows: Pres., Mr. J. F. Park; vice-pres., Messrs. R. T. Anderson and A. Sloan; treas., Mr. Wm. Gunion; assist.-sec., D. F. Webster; sec., W. Hutchison; auditors, Messrs. A. Maxwell and R. Heggie; with a strong committee of 14, comprising Messrs. M. Craig, F. Taylor, E. Barron, Jno. Brown, T. Fraser, Wm. Priest, J. C. Sinclair, Edmund Taylor, C. Martin, R. Watson, P. Houston, A. Walker, D. Morrine, and A. Hadley. After some discussion it was decided to again secure Greendyke-street Drill Hall, and that last year's date be adhered to, viz., Nov. 21 and 22. Decided to again offer 30s. per class as prize money. Classification was left over until half-yearly meeting, which was fixed for April 8, when selection of judges, etc., will take place. Several minor matters having been decided upon, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held March 13, at Westmorland Street Mission Hall, Mr. T. Ridal presiding, supported by J. Woolhouse. The principal business of the evening was the passing of the balance sheet, which shows the society to be in a fine position, with a balance of over £12, after paying increased rent for rooms, etc. The auditors spoke of the straightforwardness of all the books, and said that everything was in a thoroughly businesslike condition. Mr. Pickering was appointed to have the cups, three in number, on view at the nest feather show. The society is having a bid for something this time. Ten new members were elected, making 18 in two meetings, and three honorary members; 64 names on the books now. Let us hope to make it 80 before the nest feather show. The rest of the evening was taken up by Mr. Taylor, in a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. He led his hearers on through the buying of stock, feeding, rearing, moulting and preparing for exhibition, in fine style, and many questions were showered at him. These he answered very ably. Don't forget next meeting: Lecture on British, by T. Bishop. Rally round and let us have a record meeting. Fanciers invited.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

The annual social, held March 6, at the Wentworth Cafe, proved to be a great success. A good number of members and their wives were present, as well as several friends. Our worthy chairman, Mr. F. Jones, presided, and was supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. J. Thorpe, and Mr. T. Hemming, also the two secretaries. In opening, the first duty the chairman had to perform was a sad one, that was, to propose a vote of condolence to our much respected treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley, on the loss of his wife. The Chairman, in welcoming the wives and friends of the members, said that such a social was one of the occasions on which their wives could enjoy their husbands being bird fanciers. He called for the hearty support of all the members to make our society a real help to the bird fanciers of Sheffield and district. We are doing a great deal in that direction, and with the handsome shield presented by the chairman, to be won outright this year, and the three new cups for the novice members, we are looking for a record year. The various cups and specials won during the year were presented to the winners: Cup winners: Yorks., F. Elliott; Norwich, A. H. Waters; Crests, J. Memmott; British, P. Walsh. Point special winners were: Yorks., 1, W. H. Champion; 2, Drabble and Bennett. Norwich: 1, A. H. Waters; 2, J. Woolhouse. Crests: 1, J. Memmott; 2, A. Hobson. British: 1, L. Falding; 2, P. Walsh. Novice Yorks.: 1, Simmonite; 2, Sorsby and Billard. Norwich: 1, J. Curley; 2, L. Marcroft. The musical part of the programme was a treat, the committee responsible having secured some splendid talent. Mr. T. W. Tow, L.R.A.M., was in fine form, and sang in his best style. His singing was indeed a treat. Mr. Spark also gave us of his best in several excellent songs. Mr. F. Hall, Mr. J. G. Cowley, Miss Elsie Hale, and Mr. Memmott, also did justice to their various items. A vote of thanks to the artists was moved by Mr. J. Thorpe, seconded by J. Woolhouse, and supported by Mr. J. Memmott. Mr. T. W. Tow, who was the accompanist, replied on behalf of the artists. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held in Mason's Arms, March 8th. Mr. A. Gardiner presided over a record attendance. Classification was first gone into. The Scotch Fancy classes were reduced from ten to eight. Fouls now compete with clears. The Borders had other classes added for variegated hens, which now gives a total of eleven classes for Borders, four clear or ticked, four varieg., one even, and two greens. Norwich section was also granted two extra classes, a total of eight; four clear or ticked, and four varieg. or green. Mules and British to remain the same as formerly. Decided to get three judges this year: Norwich, Mr. J. Smeaton, Musselburgh; Borders, Mr. J. Smillie, Kilmarnock; Scotch Fancy, Mules, and British, Mr. J. McMillan, Edinburgh. New members admitted: J. Garrow, W. Hutchison (Loanhead), and Alex. Wright (Roslin). A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. A ramble has been arranged for June 28th, to Arniston Estate. Full information at Bonnyrigg meeting on Saturday week.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

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Anfield Plain C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Mr. Snowdon's, Coach and Horses, 7. Selection of judges for annual and f.f. shows; new members invited; schedule for young bird show.—R. Peart.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. — April 1, St. Thomas School, Ardwick, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires by Mr. T. Atkinson, Manchester. Fanciers and friends invited. Members note change of meeting room.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—April 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Special meeting to consider proposed amalgamated show with Hyde and Denton Societies.—J. R. Colville.

Ayr C.B.C.—April 1, Academy Hall, Fort st., 7.30. Selection of judges for open show, and other important business. New members enrolled for ensuing year.—Robert Aitken.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—April 1, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Question night and table show for British.—A. Wood.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—April 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Judges for members' shows; arrangement of winter syllabus. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—F. Gelder.

Barnet F. and F.S.—April 2, 35, Wood-st., Barnet, 8.30. Lecture and washing cage birds.—W. J. Cartwright.

Bootle C.B.S.—April 1, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, Lanacre-rd., Litherland, 8. Electing judges for show, and general business.—L. S. Hamilton.

Bramley O.S.—Mar. 29, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Judges and classification for members' shows.—W. H. Steel.

Bradford East O.S.—April 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Revision of members' names and addresses. All intending members please attend. Annual bird fanciers' service at Park Chapel, Sunday, April 6th.—H. Hill.

Burslem C.B.S.—April 3, Barnfields Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. Hawley on "Breeding and Rearing Canaries." Fanciers invited.—Leonard James.

Crewe O.S.—April 1, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Classification of nest feather show.—E. Jaycott.

Derby C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Derwent Hotel, 7 p.m. Judging competition. All fanciers invited.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Headquarters, 7 p.m.—E. Jameson.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—April 1, at Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 8.30. Question night. Fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—April 3, Riego Street Hall, 8. Election of judges; booking of hens, etc. Hens must be booked at this meeting. New members cordially invited.—Charles Grant.

Blackpool and Fylde R.C.S.—April 1, 150, Whitegate Drive, 8. Very important business; new members cordially invited.—S. Morrison.

Blaydon C.B.S.—April 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Notice of motion re closed rings; judges; and other important business; fanciers invited.—Geo. Havver.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Butchers' Arms, Middle Chare, 7. Table show, nest feather show, schedule, and very important business re open show.—R. Ward.

Clapham C.B.A.—April 1, at new Headquarters, "The Clock House," Clapham Park Road, 8.30. Monthly meeting.—T. J. Hose.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—April 5, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Classification and election of judges for annual show, and discussion regarding a ramble.—Jas. Napier.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—April 2, Crown Hotel, Hill-st., 8. Table show of British birds; judge, Mr. J. A. Tonks. Lecture on British softbills, by Mr. J. Jeffrey, Nightingale expert.—J. H. Jones.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 2, Lamb Hotel, 7.30. Annual dinner; tickets, 2/-.—A. S. Treasure.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 2, Half Moon Inn, 7.30. General business.—H. Todd.

Doncaster C.B.S.—April 12, Black Bull, 7.30. Finally consider having an open show, and other important business. Members bring subscriptions.—G. Hunt.

Edinburgh Norwich and Mule B.S.—April 3, 143, High-st., Edinburgh, 8. Booking of hens and other important business.—Jas. Stormont.

Falkirk O.S.—Mar. 29, King's Head, Roberts Wynd, 8. Enrolment of old and new members, and election of judges.—W. Niven.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Mar. 29, Town Hall. Election of judges and other important items.—G. Marlin. (No time stated, Editor.).

Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S.—April 2, Johnson's, 353, High-rd., Wood Green, 8.30. Lecture on British birds.—P. Brooke.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Universal Club, 7. To take contributions and enroll new members; business important.—James Smith.

Hyde C.B.S.—Mar. 31, St. George's School, 8. General business; discussion.—T. Allsop.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 31, White Hart Hotel, 8. Discussion on breeding for colour, to be opened by Mr. A. Morris.—A. Lawford.

Islington F.A.—April 7, Congregational Schoolroom, Warlters Road, Holloway, at 8.30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Very important business re dinner, etc. H. A. Brown.—(Please send notices in duplicate if they are to appear both in CAGE BIRDS and THE POULTRY WORLD.—Ed.).

Idle C.B.S.—April 2, White Bear Inn, 8. Lecture on inbreeding, by C. A. House. All fanciers invited.—C. E. Hylton.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—April 2, Railway Hotel, 8. Business important; allotting of competition specials and cups.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 2, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show: Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, Bunting, A.O.V. Brit., Brit. hen. Fanciers invited.—J. Coo

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—April 1, White Swan, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Allen, "The Yorkshire Canary."—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 2, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Mixed British show, one class, 3d. entry. Judge, Mr. W. Ordish; birds staged at D. R. Charleson.

L.B. and T. Combination.—April 4, Railway Hotel, 8. Date of old feather show, and classification for same.—J. E. Hudson.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Mar. 28, The Feathers Hotel, Westminster, 7.45. Adjourned annual general meeting.—J. C. Birch.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—April 5, Sawley Road Council Schools, 7 committee; 7.30 members. Election of new members, judges, etc.—Geo. Thos. Wall.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—April 5, Daybrook st. School, 6. British bird and Hybrid table show; 4 classes; judge, Mr. C. Cross. Afterwards adjourn for potato pie supper.—F. Broadhurst.

Middlesex O.S.—April 3, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Shepherd. Jeffery Jefferis.

Middleton C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Old Boar's Head, 8. Arranging young bird show; selecting classes, judge, etc.—J. Oldham.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 29, Cossar's Tea Rooms, 7. Reply of judges and other busines.—A. Hoyle.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—April 2, 65, Grainger street, 8. Important business; new members invited.—R. Tindale.

New Cross C.B.S.—April 3, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E., 8. Meeting and lecture on "Seeds," by Mr. Trower. Will all members please attend and bring a friend.—Burton Bros.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—April 3, 65, Grainger-st., 7.30. Lecture: "The Structure of Birds," by Mr. Gill, Curator, Hancock Museum. All fanciers welcome. Subs. due.—J. W. Reed.

Nelson C. and C.B.S.—April 1, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30. Young bird show and other business.—J. Speak.

Openshaw C.B.S.—April 2, Good Intent Temperance Hall, Old Lane, Higher Openshaw, 8. Important business.—W. Hathaway.

Partick C.B.C.—April 4, Foresters' Hall, 294, Dumbarton Road, 8. British bird show, 11 classes; Mr. S. Ward, judge. First feather business; judges for same.—William Priest.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Enock Waugh's, 7. To select judge for nest feather show and annual show business.—W. Forster.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Mar. 29, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Ordinary business.—Andrew Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—April 3, Granby Hotel, 7.45. Classes for old bird shows.—H. Myers.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—April 2, Headquarters, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 7.30. Judge for first feather show. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. Schofield, of Heywood.—G. Lord.

Redcar C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Crown and Anchor, Redcar 7. General business.—C. L. Mallory.

Reading C.B.S.—April 2, Palmer Hall, 8. Question and answer night.—W. H. Pyke.

Redhill C.B.S.—April 2, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. Table show for Goldfinches.—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 2, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting.—Wm. Adams. Fixing classes N.F. show.—B. Bailey.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Mar. 29, College Inn, 8. Important business and giving of "Cage Bird Annuals."

Runcorn B.B.A.—April 4, Headquarters, 7.30. Novice washing competition; J. Jones, judge.—E. Rone.

Sheffield C.B.S.—April 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Discussion, Norwich v. Yorkshire, Messrs. Bingham and Cowley; balance sheet.—A. Hobson.

Sheffield O.S.—April 1, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Table show of British; 3 classes: Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, Twite; A.O.V. Hardbill; Softbill. Prizes, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. No entry fee. Also lecture by Mr. H. J. Chick, Nottingham, on "What constitutes ideal British specimens"—E. C. Job.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—April 3, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedule for open show.—J. M. Lowes.

Shipley O.S.—April 2, Victoria Hotel, 8. Patronage for annual open show and other important business. Classification for members' show. Note change of headquarters.—E. Grange.

Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Ordinary business and final arrangements re novice classes, etc.—J. Isherwood.

Watford C.B.S.—April 2, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.15. Discussion on British birds, led by well-known judge.—W. Rackley.

West Fife C.B.L.—April 5, Headquarters, 6.30. Business important.—Jas. Cordery.

West London F.A.—April 3, Hampshire House Club, 8. Mr. J. Robson will lecture on "Failure in the breeding room, and why."—J. Dewhurst.

Windhill C.B.S.—April 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Specials for members' shows; printing of schedules, and other business; subs. now due for first quarter.—Taylor and Ellis.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, 6. Annual general meeting; balance sheet; payment of delegates' expenses, and other business.—Horatio Hill.

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WHITBURN C.B.S.

Meeting held March 18, in the Baillie Institute, only seven members present, Mr. Laing presiding. Mr. Jas. Strachan (Bathgate) was appointed to judge Norwich and British sections, and Mr. Walter B. Wilson (Hamilton) Borders, at the annual show to be held Dec. 6. The necessary business of the society was carried through in a pleasing and satisfactory manner.—Robert Lamble, Sec.

SELBY AND C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Museum Hall, March 21, Mr. J. W. Dixon in the chair. Owing to a small attendance of members, Mr. Dixon was obliged to postpone his lecture until next meeting, Friday, April 11, 7.30, when we hope to see all members turn up, as business is most important. A date will be fixed for our first feather show. Any fancier in the district desirous of joining please attend the next meeting as above, or address to secretary for particulars.—H. Mathers, Sec., 46, Olympia Cottages, Barlby Road, Selby.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, The Old White Swan, Market Place, March 18, Mr. Gibbins presiding. Mr. Hulse gave a paper on "The Mating of Norwich," after which questions were invited, and a good discussion ensued. Will members please note that Mr. J. Allen has promised to give a paper on "The Yorkshire Canary" at the next monthly meeting, April 15, which no doubt will be very interesting, so all should try and attend. A table show was held, and the following awards were made:—SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, Wood; 2, Deacon; 3, Kilsby. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Kilsby, Goldf.-Bullf., Greenf.-Can., and Goldf.-Greenf., in the order named.—E. Hulse, Press Corres.

WIDNES O.S.

Monthly meeting, held March 14, at Mr. Wingfield's Hotel. After the meeting a show was held for British Hardbills; the class included Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Redpolls. Some very good birds faced the judge. Mr. A. Mather, Widnes, judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction. 1, Jones, Linnet, in splendid condition, beautiful nut brown col., well pencilled, good solid breast markings; 2, Hampson, Goldfinch, very well marked bird, good deep, rich blaze, and bib, plenty of tan on breast; 3, Collins, another Goldfinch, very good bird indeed, will improve; vhc, Rice, Bullfinch, good shape, very dense cap, if more col. on breast would want stopping; hc, Hampson, Goldfinch, would have won if in better condition; c, Lester.—A. Mather, Sec.

CRAMLINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held in ante-room of Co-operative Hall, March 5th. Mr. S. Wilson was again elected as chairman, Mr. T. Wilson, Assist. Sec.; and J. R. Chestney, Sec. The first feather show (members) was fixed for June 21, and the annual show for Nov. 22. We trust other societies will note this day so as to keep clear. We have held this date ever since given to us by the old Cage Birds Union, and it was a detriment to us through other shows being held on this date last year. A strong working committtee was elected. It was also agreed to guarantee through CAGE BIRDS. Several noted judges were selected to write to for terms, etc. Our society has done well since its inception, and we are looking forward to this year's show being better than those held before. We shall be pleased to accept fanciers as members of the society. Terms: 1s. entrance and 3s. annual sub. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday in the month. Next meeting, April 3rd.—J. R. Chestney, Sec.

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Getting a Chaffinch on Song.

Sir,—Would any reader kindly give me a few wrinkles on how to get a Chaffinch on song? I keep half a dozen, but beyond "pinking" at one another that is as far as they get. I should like them to sing at night.

YOUTH.

New Roller Club for Leigh.

Sir,—We held a meeting at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, on March 19th, for the purpose of electing officers, but the members present decided that it would be better to leave it over until our next meeting, which will be March 29, at 7.30, so as to give all members a chance of electing the men they think best fitted. Also as many of our members work at night, it will give them a chance to get to this meeting. The members present decided that the contribution would be as follows:—6d. to enter, 1s. within a month of entry, and the remainder before the end of December, making in all 4s. Hoping this will meet with all intended members' approval, also to see them rally round us at our next meeting, March 29th, at 7.30.

J. McALLISTER (Sec., pro. tem.)
1, Brunswick St., Leigh.

Appointment of Judges at Gateshead 1912 Show.

Sir,—Your correspondent who signs his letters, "Bobby," is very persistent in repeating questions to which he has twice received a reply, once at the show and again at the first meeting after the show. If "Bobby" is as good at answering questions as he is at asking them, perhaps he will answer the following:—(1) Is there any truth in the rumour that a certain member left the society for fear that he would have to put his hand in his pocket to help to make up the loss on the last show, caused by the railway strike, which stopped both entries and visitors from getting to the show? (2) Will he kindly give the name of the fancier who exhibited in the novice Norwich class at Newcastle show, and had his prize-money stopped? (3) Can he also give the name of the fancier who is suspected of having acted the part of the "Coppers' tout," and got the prize drawing quashed? Seeing that "Bobby" uses the words candid and honest so freely in his letter, perhaps he will give a correct answer to those questions; if he does I will undertake to give him full and detailed answers to his questions,

JOHNNY.

Suggested Breeders' Cup for the Southern Norwich P.C.

Sir,—Mr. Gill seems implacable. There is no such thing as pleasing him. He now wishes the Fancy to understand that the motion of Mr. Garland was dragged through the mud at the Palace meeting by my consent. Mr. Gill says I allowed in 1908-9 the cup conditions to be altered; at least, I did not raise any objection "to Mr. Gill's knowledge." I am now, according to Mr. Gill, supporting the making all trophies breeders' trophies. What a catalogue of charges! What truth is there in any of them? None. The motion of Mr. Garland was fully discussed at the Palace meeting, and although Mr. Gill seconded it, it was not until the chairman called upon him that Mr. Gill had the pluck to vote at all. He had his share in the discussion. There was no "mud" about at the meeting—Mr. Gill probably had it all in his pocket, to throw about afterwards, and well he seems to be doing it. No one is afraid of such, but he cannot be allowed to make play on men who are as clear-headed and honourable as himself. Mr. Baker has a name for honesty of purpose and fair play in the conduct of a meeting, as honourable as any man in the Fancy. It would take more than the pin-pricks of an interested firebrand like Mr. Gill to damage that good name. As for me, I am not at all perturbed; oh! no. But I want to tell Mr. Gill that he had better learn that in well-regulated society a man, to be a gentleman, must not accuse men quite his equal in honesty and intelligence, of dragging any subject through the "mud." Whatever I did in committee in 1908-9, I was only a simple unit of that committee, and if the majority, in their pleasure, agreed to what Mr. Gill calls "irregularities," I should submit to the will of that majority, and not act as he is now doing, like a spoilt child, and say "I want it this way, and because I cannot have it so, you shan't play in our backyard." But I will tell Mr. Gill that if I was present at any committee meeting where an alteration of cup conditions was proposed after that cup had been won under specific conditions, I have a shrewd suspicion that I should have protested. Whether I should have carried my point is another matter. Let me also tell Mr. Gill and that excellent friend and sportsman, Mr. E. Baker, that I am still opposed to the principle of breeders' cups. I spoke against the motion at the meeting at the Palace, but I saw, from Mr. Gill's action and his demeanour at the meeting, that he meant mischief. I might have been wrong, but I still think so, and after the meeting I suggested to Mr. Cole the provision of a breeders' cup, to meet Mr. Gill and those who think with him. There was no reason, because I was and am opposed to the principle of breeders' cups, that I should do as Mr. Gill apparently wants to do—dictate to, and compel him and others to submit to my view. If certain members, Mr. Gill included, want a breeders' cup, by all means let them have one, but that is quite another matter to altering the conditions of the present cups. And Mr. Gill knows it. He makes a deliberate misrepresentation when he says I am now supporting making all the trophies breeders' trophies, and I am not going to allow him or anybody else to fasten such an opinion on me. Wriggle as he will, he knows I opposed it. If he wants breeders' cups, let him help to found them. I don't want it all my own way, as Mr. Gill apparently does. It is for the club to say if they will accept breeders' cups, and admit the principle. If the majority does so, I shall submit. If they do not, and even refuse the breeders' cup I suggested, I have confidence in the sound judgment of the majority. I shall not go into tantrums, hit out at the President and everybody else who does not agree with me, and say in effect: "You *shall* have them!" I don't want to copy Mr. Gill and try to ram my ideas down everybody else's throat or else initiate a newspaper war, and I take my suggestion of the establishment of a breeder's cup as evidence of toleration rather than change of opinion. I am not going to waste much time in discussion with a gentleman who will not or cannot realise the difference between an act of toleration and a surrender of principle.

G. G.

Sir,—I have no wish or intention to interfere with the discussion between Mr. Gill and "G. G.," but I take exception to one part of Mr. Gill's letter in the weeks' issue, where he states that "G. G." allowed Mr. Matthes and myself to "drag Mr. Garland's motion in the mud." This is a deliberate untruth. In the first place, as I was presiding at the meeting it was for me to determine what should, or should not, be discussed, and not "G. G." Now what happened at the meeting was this: When Mr. Garland's motion was introduced, there was no seconder; and had I so wished I could then have passed on to the next business. Instead of so doing, and in order that there should be a fair discussion, I asked Mr. Gill if he would second the motion of his friend; and he did so, and the same was debated for a full half-hour. An amendment was then moved that the conditions of the contest should remain as they were until the cup had been won outright. The amendment was put and every one present, with the exception of Mr. Gill, voted for it. The motion was then put, and even then Mr. Gill did not vote until I called his attention to what was before the meeting, and asked him if he was not going to vote for the motion, which he had already seconded. He then did so. Now, sir, I would like to ask, is it fair or just to say that this was "dragging Mr. Garland's motion in the mud"? Mr. Garland is a gentleman for whom I have the greatest respect. For many years I have visited the Plymouth show; and Mr. Garland, with every member of the Plymouth society, has shown me the greatest kindness; hence I strongly object to Mr. Gill so unjustly misrepresenting what took place at the meeting. On reading the report of the Palace meeting, there was one thing I very much regretted; and it was the non-reporting of the most able speech of Mr. Gardner during the debate. The same would have done credit to a K.C.; but as Mr. Gardner was reporting the meeting himself, doubtless his excessive modesty prevented his including the same.

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An Explanation Wanted from the Scottish Norwich P.C.

Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. Smith's letter with regard to membership of the above society. I think that the time has now come when this body should be doing something to purify their own nest. The judging (?) of Plainheads this last season has been far from satisfactory, and still this body lies dormant—everything at present is right in its eyes!

ONE WHO KNOWS.

The Provincial Roller C.C. Challenge Trophy.

Sir,—Mr. Firth is wrong again. I know the rules very well, and have always acted up to them. If my memory serves me rightly, I had already given him the conditions previous to writing that foot-note. It was for his further information that I looked up that minute, so that I could give him the exact wording of same. Previous to Mr. Firth writing to the Press, I had written him at great length, giving all possible information. Mr. Firth admits that we may make our own rules, but in a letter of his dated January 30th, he disputes rule 1, which is printed in schedule, and has the audacity to say that birds competing for cup should only be in champion or novice class. He says, further, that Mr. Kilshaw won the cup last year under different conditions to this year, and again he says I did not know the rules until February 25th. Mr. Firth makes these statements after being told absolute facts, so that I can only imagine that they are either fabrications, prevarications, or terminological inexactitudes. On this matter I have nothing further to say.

ANDREW PERCIVAL.

The Future of Arbroath C.B.S.

Sir,—I read with amusement the remarks by Mr. Hastings (under "Short entries at Scottish shows") over the re-starting of the Arbroath Cage Bird Society. I may state that although living in the same town, he is a gentleman I don't know. But why need the Arbroath C.B.S. require Mr. Hastings', or any other outside assistance, for is it not a fact that never in the history of the town have they been so favourably-placed, financially or otherwise, as they are at present, to hold a cage bird show, and one that will be a credit to the old red town? The hall is engaged, the judges fixed, and all prize-monies are already guaranteed. Our energetic secretary and "strongest minded member," ought to be for ever proud of the fact that he has only to call at East Mary Street should he require any information. But, why should he be like unto Mahomet, have to go to the mountain? The committee has started at the Rig, and the field is already sown, and they now await the produce of their labours, which should prove to men like Mr. Hastings, that the committee of the Arbroath C.B.S. are men of action.

A. B. C.

South Wales and Monmouthshire Federation of F. and F. Societies.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to appeal to societies who have not yet become affiliated, and also to give a result of the first year's working of this Federation, formed at a meeting held at Swansea, on Whit-Monday last, when ten societies were represented, we have now affiliated 23 societies, and I anticipate that next season we will have 30, if not more. We have only two Cage Bird Societies, though there are a few more in this area. I wish therefore to appeal to these to join and help us. Our chairman is Mr. D. A. S. Longden, of Swansea, and I am sure he would not allow the cage bird section to take a "back seat" in our deliberations. Our success for the first year has been beyond all expectation. I am about issuing the nomination papers for Executive Council and officers for the coming year. These papers must be returned to me early in time for annual meeting at Swansea, on Whit-Monday. The date of next open show must also be sent in with these papers, and at our annual meeting we will give result of ballot, and arrange as far as possible the dates, so as to avoid clashing. I appeal therefore to societies outside to decide at once to come in and let me know so that I can add their names to list, and thereby give them a chance of being represented on the Executive Council or on list of officers. The balance-sheet shows a few pounds to the good. Representatives of Executive Council are paid train fares to meetings. The cups put up for competition have, as anticipated, resulted in a large increase in entries at affiliated shows. The winners of these specials will be given out at annual meeting. Any further information will be readily given.

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A Chaffinch Refuses Liberty.

Sir,—I have had a cock Chaffinch in my aviary for the last nine or ten months, but, having added one or two finer specimens, I took him into the country the other Sunday to a farm where I knew food would be quite plentiful, and set him at liberty. Now as the farm is fully a mile from my place, you may judge of my surprise when Chaffie turned up next morning at nine o'clock and tried his hardest to get into his old quarters. Was it chance instinct, or what that guided him across that intervening mile of country? Once I set a hen Chaffie at liberty, and she kept hanging about the place so persistently that I put her back again, and she built, laid eggs and hatched young. She, however, was never out of sight of the place.

J. M. Whitehead.

A Buzzard in Kent.

Sir,—Is it unusual to see a Crested Buzzard? A breeder of fowls saw one here at Snodland, Kent, at the beginning of March, about 50 yards away from him, out in his meadow. It appeared to be feeding on some mole hills. It looked about the size of a Dove, grey on top and white or ash colour underneath. But it flew off before he could get any closer inspection. Possibly other readers may have seen specimens previously. Where are their usual haunts?

F. J. Weaire.

We do not know of such a bird as the "Crested" Buzzard, but presume our correspondent alludes to the common Buzzard (Buteo vulgaris), which, however, is considerably larger than a Dove, though agreeing in coloration with the description given by Mr. Weaire. It is practically harmless so far as the attacking of other birds, is concerned, and very useful, inasmuch as it feeds mostly on mice, rats, moles, reptiles, worms, etc. It is mostly found in the West and North, in the Lake district, and in Scotland, and is the only large bird of prey at all common with us; at times it wanders to practically all corners of our islands.—Editor.

THE TROUBLE ABOUT THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB'S £10 10s. CUP.

Mr. Gill's Letter and the Threat of Legal Action.

Sir,—Evidently Mr. Gill is in a very bad temper; but possibly those who know him best will be the least surprised at his fiery outburst. I may say that I am not out to quarrel with Mr. Gill, or anyone else in the Fancy. I am in the Fancy because I love the birds, and delight in the sport of same, and I deplore the necessity of having to defend myself through the medium of the Press against the bitter attack of a disappointed exhibitor such as Mr. Gill has proved himself to be. In what way Mr. Gill can construe my letter of the 15th into a "composition of mis-statements and self praise," I am at a loss to understand. Evidently he has a most convenient and imaginative mind. I was most careful to point out that, through my indifference concerning the cup, I could not guarantee the exact dates of the circumstances. Now, every member of the S.N.P.C. has, or should have, sufficient common sense to know that the Palace is the last show for the competitions of the S.N.P.C., hence points would have to be counted after that show—unless the secretary had previously counted the points, and then added the Palace points to those already gained. Although a secretary may have had a chance of so doing, yet it would be obviously unfair to him to say that he should be prepared to give correct details immediately following the show; hence, although a meeting may be reported, and correctly so, yet every intelligent man would understand that the secretary would have to give his report to the committee, and it would be their duty to determine any circumstance which might arise. Mr. Gill states that after the report of the particular meeting, in question, he wrote to Mr. Matthes, and considerable discussion arose, and as a result the matter was threshed out at the next annual meeting. Now, Mr. Gill, please toe the line, and do not try to be elusive. You know that when the matter was threshed out in 1910, which was the first annual meeting after the cup had been awarded for the first time, you were at the meeting, and had more to say about the matter than anyone else, and you also *did* withdraw whatever claim you supposed you were entitled to make. Where does the mis-statement come in here? Who the prevaricator is I leave the Fancy to judge. With reference to the correspondence between Mr. Gill and Mr. Matthes, this is a matter entirely between themselves.

The next point concerning myself is the matter of my having got mixed about the points of the competing birds. Possibly so. I stated that the cup was of so little interest to me, and it was such a long time since it happened, that, but for Mr. Gill's agitation concerning it, I should never once have given it a thought. Mr. Gill harps a great deal on the statement which I made at the Palace respecting the conditions under which the cup must be competed for. Surely a man may express an opinion. I told Mr. Gill in my first letter that I was not the legal advisor of the S.N.P.C., and certainly do not possess the same legal knowledge which Mr. Gill seems to have.

Concerning the letter which Mr. Gill wrote to me. He is very emphatic that it does not contain the paragraphs which I quoted. Really, sir, did I not know Mr. Gill to be a most abstemious man, I should certainly feel like advising him not to take his coffee so strong! The letter *does* contain the paragraphs, and I am sending the same to you, Mr. Editor, for publication. Surely Mr. Gill will not now dispute his own hand-writing? Now Mr. Gill suggests that appearances point to a "conspiracy." I, for my part, do not know of any whatever. As far as I know there is none in London, and certainly there is none at Cowes; so conclude that if there be such, it must be nearer Mr. Gill's own door. If Mr. Gill supposes that there has been any correspondence between Mr. Matthes and myself concerning this, he is greatly mistaken. I have never as much as asked Mr. Matthes to supply me with any particulars of the affairs with which this correspondence is concerned, and I consider that, as far as the correspondence concerns himself and myself, he has no right to drag Mr. Matthes into it at all. I am very pleased that Mr. Gill has accepted my offer, and that some deserving charity will benefit, for the letter, which I received direct from him, does contain the paragraph under which he accepts my offer. If the secretary will now get the cup weighed as old metal, and let me know the price, I will send the Editor a cheque by return of post for my half-share.

Mr. Gill next states that he did not ask me for any personal information respecting the cup; possibly not, for doubtless his courage failed him, and he preferred getting behind the backs of the other members of the S.N.P.C. Mr. Gill's question was: "Will Mr. Baker state for the benefit of all members of the S.N.P.C.," etc. Well, Mr. Gill, as you are one of the members, was it not personal information for which you asked? I would again suggest that as the members, so far as I know, have never suggested anything wrong concerning it, it was for the sake of your own ends that you introduced this correspondence. You say that you would have welcomed any member to have won the cup in a sportsmanlike manner, and yet, because it has been won twice, you are showing a most lamentable and unsportsmanlike spirit.

Another point: Mr. Gill says he agrees with me that this should have been discussed at the annual meeting, but states that I was angry. poor fellow! If he considers that he won the cup two years ago, he should have claimed it then, and not gone on competing for it. He did not, as far as I know, dispute it then, but must have accepted others' rights, or would not have continued competing for it; as he has now lost it twice, I presume that he is fearing the next contest. Mr. Gill, in his letter to Mr. Matthes, states that "Mr. Baker is acting in a very selfish manner." I am at a loss to know in what way I have shown any selfishness. I stated distinctly that I was in great hopes that the cup would continue in the club to be an incentive to other exhibitors to try to win it, and to add charm to competition. Is that selfishness, Mr. Gill? If so, I hope to have more of such a spirit. Lastly, Mr. Gill suggests that I have only myself to thank for this controversy. This is a palpable untruth. It was not I who introduced the subject, but Mr. Gill himself. and I have simply defended myself against the invective of Mr. Gill, and he does not like it. I am sorry to have to answer Mr. Gill in this way; but as he deliberately charges me with mis-statements, I am compelled to protect myself from such. I would also point out that I have neither time nor inclination to continue such a disagreeable discussion. Further, I have tried to answer Mr. Gill's previous letters with courtesy and kindness. and endeavoured to explain the matter honestly as it stands. Mr. Gill should, as I pointed out before, have written to the committee through the secretary, and I feel certain that had some other exhibitor beaten Messrs. Gill and Pethick instead of myself, Mr. Gill would never have written to me at all, hence I do not feel disposed to answer Mr. Gill further.

E. Baker.

The letter enclosed by Mr. Baker, so far as we can judge is certainly in the hand-writing of Mr. Gill. It bears his address and is dated 19/2/1913. The opening portion is substantially the same as quoted by Mr. Gill in his letter published last week. Towards the conclusion, however, after the words "legally claimed same two years ago," it reads: "Now, I am not going to argue. I shall, if needs be, leave this matter in the hands of the law to settle. Now, I have no wish for anything of a unfriendly nature to creep in this matter. I do not crave the cup, and nothing will give better pleasure than to melt it in the pot and sell it for old silver and give it to some charity and so end this unsatisfactory career.—Yours faithfully, S. Gill."—Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Baker says: "Once the rules are framed under which the competition for this cup takes place, they cannot be altered. Quite right! The first year competition took place under the rules as framed. The second year, and so on, a by-law was added to these rules. Was it owing to this by-law being added that the confusion took place as to who really won the cup that year? Again, how would it affect the winner the first year? Possibly Mr. Baker or the secretary will make this matter quite clear through the medium of Cage Birds. Reading between the lines, it seems to me that if the original rules had been adhered to, Messrs. Gill and Pethick have won this cup outright.

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A Sympathiser.

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Genuine African Greys, red tails, whistle and mimic, 35/-; genuine talkers, finger tame, 45/-, 55/- each; Virginian Nightingales, 16/-; selected show specimens 18/6; Troupials, yellow and black, extra fine, 22/- each; Grosbeaks, rare, 18/6 pair; cock Nonpareil Buntings, 16/- each; hens 14/-; cock Indigo Blue Birds, 16/-; hen Pileated Finches, 7/6 each; Pope Cardinals, 6/- each; pair aviary-bred Rosellas, very fine, 35/-; Lavender Finches, 4/6 pair; Cordon Bleus, 2/6 pair; Fire Finches, 2/6 pair; Cutthroats, 2/6 pair; cock Orange Bishops, 3/- each; Green Budgerigars, adults, 5/6 pair; hens 3/-; yellows 7/6 pair, hens 4/3; 7 days' trial; Lovebirds, 3/- pair; Javas, 2/- pair; White Javas, 8/6; Napoleon Weavers, 3/- pair; Combassous, 2/- pair; Silverbills, 2/6 pair; Bengalese, 3/- pair; Eclectus Parrot, 45/-; Mealy Amazon, rare, 30/-; Zebra Doves, 5/-; pair African Collared Turtle Doves, 6/- pair; African Spotted Doves, 6/- pair; etc., etc.; send for price list: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham; High-st. Sheffield, and Nottingham. (604)

VARIOUS BIRDS.

BRAMBLEFINCH, Chaffinch, Redpoll cocks, four Budgerigars, pair Canaries, from outside aviary, 12/6: Lorna, Lavender-vale, Wallington. (602)

ADA CHAPMAN, Sheffield.

Largest importers of foreign birds and talking Parrots in the county. Largest and finest selection of singing Yorkshire, Norwich and Roller Canaries in the North. We specialise in cages: 24, High-st. (next door to "Daily Telegraph"), Sheffield. Prices as on Birmingham list. (491)

WANTED.

WANTED anything alive: Royal Menagerie, Greenwich.

WANTED, Larks and Linnets for cash: Selborne, Bird Dealer, 78, Albany-rd., Camberwell.

WANTED, pair Parson Finches, cocks, Green, Singing and Zebra: Wright, Westholme, Sandal.

WANTED Canaries, all varieties, cash, or exchange cages: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas. (601)

WILL give 6/- pair for colour-fed Canaries, cock Mules 4/6 each: Manager, 2, Volunteer Yard, Wakefield. (593)

WANTED Canaries, all kinds, healthy, cheap for cash; state class and price: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley. (601)

WANTED offers in Canaries for silver English lever watch, or sell 30/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (601)

WANTED clear yellow Norwich cock, exchange pair prize-bred Borders, sell 12/6 pair: Dawson, 185, Duke-street, Glasgow. (604)

WANTED, Bullfinches; give 1/6 cocks, 8d. each hens: J. Flower, 4, Southampton Cottages, Hackney-rd., London. (602)

EARLY nest of Rollers or Linnet Mules for training under Nightingale: C. Harrison, 4, The Retreat, Tiverton, Devon. (597)

NOTICE! Will give 5/- each for Yorkshire cock Canaries in full song, and 2/6 hens: Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich. (591)

WANTED offers in British for pair Canaries and breeding cage, or sell 10/-. Pirrie, William-st., Johnstone, Renfrewshire. (593)

WANTED offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankets, or sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (601)

WANTED, Norwich Cinnamon hen for house-moulted Bullfinch hen, has nested; particulars from Slater, 8, Spring-rd., Abingdon. (598)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, large birds, also speaking Parrots and British birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (581)

WANTED, a pair of Yorkshire greens in exchange for a pair of Crests; good healthy birds: Standen, Basset Down, Wroughton, Swindon. (596)

WANTED good pair 1912 Yorkshires, will give good Waterman's Fountain Pen; also trout fishing rod: F. Bellamy, 10, Hammet-st., Taunton. (599)

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Pigeons, Bantams, Rabbits, Puppies, Cavies, Tame Mice and Rats: Foster, 187, Richmond-row, Liverpool. (584)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, also cock Linnets; state lowest prices: G. Porter and Sons, 41, Church-st., West Ham. (573)

WANTED, Norwich cock or hen; exchange 10-inch records, or give cash for good quality bird: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (602)

WANTED at once, second-hand revolver, six-chamber, good condition, going abroad: Will Blackburn, 66, Kingston-rd., Southville, Bristol. (597)

WANTED two hens, yellow Norwich, Norwich-Lance, Bantams, smart Whippet bitch, exchauge (see miscellaneous): Gunning, Shinrone, King's Co. (599)

WANTED all kinds Canaries, British birds, any quantity, cocks and hens, best prices given; prompt payment: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

WANTED, 100 pairs Yorkshires and Norwich, colour-fed preferred; must be reasonable; cash with order: McKeaud, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas. (439)

WANTED birds, any description, in exchange for loose fronts, any size, or double or single breeding cages: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (605)

WANTED, Lancashire or Crest-bred hen; exchange sitting good Old English Game eggs, Rev. Maynard's strain: Lewis, Kennels, Great Missenden. (602)

WANTED, yellow Norwich cock (singing); will exchange two house-moulted cock Goldfinches or sell 4/6 each: T. Bawden, 10, Grange-rd., Margate. (603)

WANTED grandfather clock or works only; also brass dials and old lantern clocks, in any condition: Johnson, 9, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, London, N. (571)

WANTED, Birds Parrots, Pigeons, Dogs, Rats, Mice, Guinea [illegible] Rabbits, Monkeys, Poultry; purchase or ex[illegible]: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (603)

WANTED, yellow cock or buff hen Yorkshire in exchange for six double-sided 10-inch records, or ten 1/6 single: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (602)

WANTED pair Yorkshire Canaries or small foreigners, or offers, in exchange for 130 fretwork designs; mostly Hobbies: Rabjohn, 28, Boyland-st., Sheffield. (600)

WANTED good Crested hen. Green or Variegated, In exchange for two cock Siberian Goldfinches, on approval: John Luck, 37, Thomas-st., Macclesfield, Cheshire. (600)

WANTED Canaries, exchange laying pullets and six-week-old chickens, pure-bred; or sell 1/3 each, 7/- six: Metallic Cageworks, 129, Latimer-st., Birmingham. (592)

WILL buy for cash any quantity of Goldfinch Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-; hen Canaries, 1/3; large Yorkshire, 1/6: Helyar, 52, Holyoak-rd., Newington Butts, London, S.E. (601)

WANTED large 1912 Norwich hen Canary, in exchange for pair Dutch rabbits, grandchildren of champion little Jap IV.: Miss Latham, Park Hill House, Croydon. (600)

WANTED, good buff Norwich cock and two good yellow Norwich hens, colour fed, 1912 bred preferred, only good typical birds required; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (598)

WANTED fierce singing Linnet, in exchange for medical coil of battery, two dry cells, polished case, sell 10/-; offers; stamp, particulars: Willis, 13, Lower Bailey-st., Wattstown, Glam. (600)

WILL give from 6/- a pair for Canaries prompt cash; or exchange laying pullets, Bantams, foreign birds, pigeons, puppies: Simmond's Aviaries, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London. (602)

WANTED, Rollers or Norwich-Roller cross, cocks or hens; h.m. Skylark, for time-singing, also selected cock Blackbirds, cheap for cash; or exchange exhibition cock Snow Bunting, 6/-; cock Greenfinch, with show cage, winner 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10/6; £2 2s. pair field-glasses, used fortnight, lady's opera glasses, 4/-; offers: Anstie, 8, Belmont-rd., Luton. (602)

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire cock; exchange double cased silver keyless watch, fully jewelled, grand timekeeper, also 50 7d. parts of Harmsworth's History of World, all clean; yours first. W. [illegible], 8, The Clyde, Ilford, Essex. ([illegible])

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Booklets." These quick selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/ each, and common hen Canaries, 1/4; Norwich, 1/8, Yorkshires, 2/- each; I buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens, Linnets, Goldfinches, Chaffinches wanted: same address 25 years. W. Perkins, 209, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (596)

WANTED CANARIES

Any quantity, any variety, cocks or pairs; good prices given: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (604)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

ANYTHING bought, supplied, or exchanged. Pearson, Royal Menagerie, Greenwich.

WHAT offers in long yellow or buff Yorkshire hens for two pairs Goldfinches? yours first. Penfold, Cliffe, Lewes. (605)

EXHIBITION Redpoll, 2nd Inverness, 10 in class, 3rd Forres, 4th Aberdeen; exchange muling hen, sell 6/-: Junor, Tomatin.

EXHIBITORS. Yellow Bunting, 2/6; Reed Bunting 2/-, Cirl Bunting 2/6, lot 5/-; exchange, offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (593)

THREE cock Bullfinches, lovely plumage, fit for exhibition, exchange good muling hen, sell 5/-: Junor, Tomatin, Inverness-shire. (593)

COCK Goldfinch, cage moulted, 7/6; or exchange cock Yorkshire; yours first; approval: H. Tysom, 5, Russell Rise, Luton, Beds. (603)

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 4, Southampton Cottages, Hackney-rd., London. (602)

COCKS. Square-blaze Goldie, Linnet, and Greenfinch for Norwich cock or first P.O. 10s.: Bagby, North-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'. (591)

BULLFINCH cock, 2/-; exchange for good cock Greenfinch; approval both ways: Williams Bros., Mason's Cottage, St. Clears, Carmarthenshire. (603)

EXCHANGE Magpie and Jay, first and second prize winners, and show cages, for anything useful: Mackirdy, 83, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (597)

GRAND Lark, sing anywhere, sell 15/-; also hen Bullfinch, laid three nests last season; approval, exchange Roller Canaries: Sparkes, Tindall-lane, Beverley. (596)

THREE muling Redbreasted cock Linnets, 2/- each; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, gem, 3/-; Yorkshire green hen, grand trim, 4/-: Bugg, Stonemason, Holbeach. (601)

WHITE-LEGGED Linnet (Muler), great singer, 6/6, field-moulted monster, mated hen Canary, 7/6; pair H.-M. Greenfinch, hen Bullie, 9/6; offers exchange: Uttley, Hope Place, Liverpool. (598)

TWO male Jays, very tame, fit for exhibition, 6/- each; three brancher cock Larks, full loud song, with cage, 5/- each; cock Thrush, full song, 5/-; exchange Canaries, Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (591)

I WILL exchange real Siberian Goldies, also fine Linnets for muling, or singing Cheshire cock Larks on full song, for any breed of Canaries or Mules; nothing but straight dealing; approval: Simpson, 36 Lancashire Hill, Stockport. (604)

THREE yellow-beaked cock Blackbirds, in aviary 3 months, 2/- each, 5/- lot; 3 1912 Crossbred hen Canaries, 2/- each; 2 cock Linnets, full song, caged September, fit for show, 2/6 each; singing Canaries wanted: Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester (596)

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; three good hens, 7/6; cage-moulted cock Linnet, 1/6; hen Bullfinch, 1/6; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, 2/-; cock Yellowhammer, 1/6; hen Goldfinch mule, 1/3; exchange Goldfinches: Warboys, Knox-rd., Wellingboro. (599)

SALE or exchange, twice house-moulted hen Siskin and cock Greenfinch, fit exhibition or muling, want 1912 yellow cock Yorkshire, sell 8/-; and also field-moulted cock Goldfinch, a topper, Canary and cash, 10/-: F. Tomblin, 1, Victoria-terrace, West-st., Harrow, Middlesex. (597)

WONDERFUL specimen of the Welsh Goldfinch, guaranteed 1912 bird, expansive blaze, reaching well beyond eyes, real gem, price 60/-; or will exchange for two classical Norwich hens, unflighted Yellow and Buff; honest dealing; approval both ways; hens first: Parry, Ysgoldy, Dinorwig, Cwmyglo, North Wales. (604)

Mainly Canaries.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

TWO buff Border hens, winners, exchange British, Bullie hens preferred: Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley. (593)

EXCHANGE pair Lizards or Norwich for good fox terrier rough or smooth: Hill, 20, North-st., Horsham, Sussex. (600)

WANTED, h.m. cock Siskin; exchange two 1911 Buff Norwich hens, or sell 5/-: Wilson, 68, Allen-st., Maidstone. (603)

EXCHANGE quarter Belgium yellow hen for buff quarter or half Belgium or Yorkshire hen: Mettam, Gaunt-st., Lincoln. (599)

EXCHANGE good yellow green Crestbred cock for 1912 Crested hen; approval both ways: A. Roberts, The Hill, Cley-next-Sea. (600)

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire hens for 1 Norwich cock, in song; quilts, anything: Howarth, 16, Hallfold, Whitworth, near Rochdale. (600)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens, buff and yellow, for singing cock; yours first: Boswell, 29, Worlingham-rd., East Dulwich, S.E. (597)

TWO pair good Yorkshires, 10/- pair; or exchange healthy Norwich hens; good feeders: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle. (598)

LARGE typical clear Yellow 1910-1911 Norwich hen; exchange for good yellow marked Norwich hen: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham. (605)

TWO pairs high-class Scotch Fancies, properly matched, 1912, 25/- a pair; exchange toy terrier: offers: A. Brock, Fallin, Stirling. (602)

EXCHANGE 2 yellow Border cocks and 2 hens for pair cinnamons; yours first; or sell 18/-: J. Kroezen, Gailes Farm, by Irvine. (600)

PAIR Yorkshires; exchange Chaffinch, Chock-wida or Gee-whoda bird worker for pegging; mutual approval: Alway, 8, Pontcanna-pl., Cardiff. (605)

NORWICH cock, two hens, twice house-moulted Goldfinch, one Yorkshire hen; offers or sell £1: Smith, 6, Railway terr., Usworth Colliery, Co. Durham. (603)

YELLOW Cinnamon Norwich hen, cold room, splendid condition, 6/-; exchange three-compartment muling cage: Butler, Grocer, Station-rd., Hitchin. (602)

LONG, stylish, 1912 buff Yorkshire hen, 8/6; grand pair Norwich, 10/6; give lot for good yellow cinnamon or green Yorkshire cock: Harrison, St. Marks-st., Leeds. (601)

TWO high-class Yorkshire hens, one buff, one green; will exchange for pair Crests, Lizards, or Norwich, or sell 12/6; Crests first: Coote, North-st., Axminster. (Q.598)

LARGE Green Norwich cock, Cinnamon bred, good stock bird, 12/-; exchange good Yellow Norwich cock for stock, offers: Riddington, Workhouse, Newmarket. (605)

WILL exchange six double-sided 2/6 10-inch records or ten 1/6 single (band, songs, etc.), for good Norwich or Yorkshires: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (602)

EXCHANGE two hen Canaries and two hen Mules for breeding cage, joiner's tools, anything; no live stock; sell 5/; approval: William Smith, 11, John-st., Dalbeattie. (600)

EXHIBITION Yellow and Buff Dark Greenfinch-Canary Mules, 16/-; exchange unflighted Yellow Norwich hen; offers: Jas. Wilson, 31, Sutton-st., Norton Malton. (604)

EXCHANGE large buff Norwich cock, 1sts Pembroke Dock, Cardigan, for good yellow Yorkshire cock or sell 35/-; Yorkshire first; mutual approval: Price, Currey Tannery, Llandilo. (597)

CHAMPION unflighted winning buff Norwich cock, 20/-; large Siberian Goldfinch, 12/6; exchange Goldfinch for good yellow Yorkshire cock; approval: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (597)

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (not rubbish). Bailey's strain; sell, or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (592)

PAIR typical clear Yorkshires, pair Cinnamon Borders (winners) and double breeding cage, 50/-; or exchange gent's cycle; strictest approval: Georgeson, 6, Highfield-rd., Ellesmere Port. (597)

EXCHANGE five smart unflighted Border hens, 1 variegated buff, 2 clear buffs, 2 variegated yellows, for pairs of yellow Norwich (unflighted), or sell 3/- each: Elliott, Outfitter, Waltham Abbey. (609)

GIVING up the fancy; genuine; no dealers; prize-bred Rollers, Borders, Norwich, Crest, Crest-bred, Yorkshires, British, H.-M., single, double and treble breeding cages, etc.: exchange: The Grove, Penygroes, North Wales. (600)

BARGAIN; good Yorkshire cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/6; large breeding cage, 3/-; three large aviary fronts, 2/6; twenty-parted breeding cage, 17/6; or exchange for good youth's or gent's cycle, or offers: Young, Confectioner, Whitby. (598)

EXCHANGE cage-moulted cock Goldfinch, Norwich Green hen, value 12/6; cock Linnet green hen, 6/-; for large clear yellow Norwich hen, unflighted, must have good head; approval: Emmerson, 16, Trinity-terr., Henley-on-Thames. (596)

BORDERS, Yellow Varieg. cock, clear Buff hen, even mark strain, both winners, 12/6 pair; Yellow hen, 3/-; Yellow Green hen, 3/6; exchange any for good Siskins, Goldies, or Bullie hens; approval: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire. (605)

Mainly Foreign.

AMAZON commencing to talk, shakes hands, exchange 4 pairs of Canaries or offers: Fred Allen, 548, Queen's-rd., Sheffield. (592)

PAIR Green Budgerigars, acclimatised, sell or exchange for Canaries, Bantams, anything: Telford, Springhill, Crossgates, Fife. (596)

WHAT offers in German Canaries from outdoor aviary for three pairs adult Budgerigars: Watson, Central Avenue, Nuneaton. (598)

YOUNG Amazon Parrot, commenced to talk; exchange five pairs of Canaries; approval: Mrs. Wood, 55, Southgate-st., Gloucester. (604)

EXCHANGE Java Sparrow cock, good feather, fit for show, for good lengthy Yorkshire hen: Barlow, Dunsterville-terrace, Rochdale. (597)

PAIR Red-crested Cardinals, cock Java, hen Lavender-headed Lovebird; sell or exchange gramophone, anything: Pearce, 231 Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (603)

YOUNG Yellow-faced Amazon Parrot, beginning to talk, exceptional specimen, in splendid solid brass cage, alone cost £2, price £3, or exchange value laying hens or good class cutlery; another Yellow-faced Amazon, good singer, etc., in very large brass cage, £5, or near offer; room wanted: Sedge, Freemasons' Tavern, Penge-rd., South Norwood. (591)

Miscellaneous.

ANYTHING bought, supplied or exchanged: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

OLD English Game cock and two hens, sale or exchange: Bett, High-rd., Auchtermuchty. (660)

EXCHANGE violin and case, 20/-, for Canaries; offers: H. Perrins, Blythe Bridge, Staffs. (605)

FOR sale, cock Goldfinch Mule, exchange Bantams, anything useful: Wing, 15, Chapel-st., Wisbech. (597)

EXCHANGE Edison 2-minute reproducer, nearly new; offers, anything: C. Richards, Ipstones, Staffs. (586)

A SPANKING new rabbit net, 90 yards, will take 8/-, or exchange birds: Seaton Roberts, Newport, East Yorks. (590)

THREE Pomeranian puppies, 3 months old, £1 each, or exchange Canaries: Lightbown, 150, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool. (599)

WANTED, offers in Canaries; exchange pair Scotch blankets, value £1, full size: Andrew Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (604)

"SILVER King" cycle lamp, ¼-plate hand-camera; sell cheap, or exchange Yorkshires: Williams, 24, Vernon-st., Dublin. (597)

EXCHANGE 9 good racing homers and 3 pouters, [illegible], for Canaries: Davies, 20, Richard-st., Aber[illegible], South Wales. (600)

EXCHANGE gent's Raleigh cycle, perfect condition, for anything in Canaries: A. Se[illegible]rs, 50, Abbott-st., [illegible], nr. Bolton. (598)

[illegible] flutes, cost £3 and £2, exchange [illegible] or good yellow hen: Collins, 60, [illegible], C[illegible]. (595)

[illegible], new condition, cost 10/-; [illegible] cage fronts: Smith, 36, T[illegible], N[illegible]. (603)

EXCHANGE gent's underwear, shirts, socks, ties, etc., for good class Yorkshires, or razors: 25, Alum [illegible]-rd., Birmingham. (596)

FOR sale or exchange, two hen German Canaries and one pair field glasses, for good Roller cock, or [illegible] the lot: Bullock, Sherard's Green, Malvern. (598)

EXCHANGE pair Bantams and pair Bullies, and cash, for large Yorkshire cock; approval both ways: F. Edwards, Wareham. (602)

HAND Camera, ¼-plate, exchange cock Canary; also one 3¼ x 2¼, exchange hen; offers: Rose, 38, Wellington-st., Ipswich. (592)

A PAIR of winning Dutch, grey buck, black doe, in exchange for Norwich Plainheads: Wray, Glencoe Rabbitry, Chatham. (604)

EXCHANGE fox terrier dog, four months old, with pedigree, for Norwich Canaries; or sell 16/-: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (604)

QUARTER-PLATE Camera, high-class, 50/-, or exchange for lady's or gent's cycle, or offers: Hart, Kingsley-rd., Ellesmere Port. (600)

MORNING coat and vest, suit man 5ft. 7in., chest 35; wanted, cock Goldie, twice house-moulted: Brown, Alma-rd., Weymouth. (604)

EXCHANGE 4-compartment breeder, 2 show cages, 2 cock Chaffinches, hen Greenfinch; anything photographic: 7, Reid-st., Morpeth. (598)

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage, also pair of football boots, size 9, for pair of Yorkshire Canaries: Snowdon, High-st., Helmsley. (600)

A and B flat Clarionettes; will exchange for gent.'s cycle, or anything useful: Kay, 206, Tottington-rd., Elton, Bury, Lancs. (599)

SCHIPPERKE bitch, ¾ bred, black, pretty little companion, 9 months, 8/-, exchange birds, dog puppy; offers: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (601)

LADIES' handsome silver watch, equal to new; exchange song Canaries or exhibition British: Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

THREE breeders, show cage, eight nest pans, three egg drawers, egg mill, dozen drinkers, lot 6/6: Edwards, Manor-rd., Glastonbury. (597)

EXCHANGE three-dome Crystal Palace aviary for pair Yorkshires or Roller cock; sell 12/6: Buchan, Square, Monymusk, Aberdeenshire. (603)

WILL exchange a Black Pom dog, about 10lbs., for Canaries or British birds; sell 25/-: Thomas, 21, Llewellyn-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (603)

EXCHANGE pairs good Norwich, also gent.'s cycle; offers; shoemaker's tools or gent.'s clothing: Sanderson, 83, Montagu-st., Rothesay. (600)

EXCHANGE three Yorkshire hens and gun metal keyless watch for adult Budgerigars or Cockatiels, or offers: Cherry, 8, Castle-st., Burnley. (605)

FOR sale, pair Black Rosecomb Bantams, or exchange pair Norwich breeding Canaries: Apply, Walker, High-st., Aberlour, Banffshire. (598)

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives and six teaspoons for one cock or three hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield. (604)

I WILL buy for cash any kind of livestock, or exchange bird cages, ready-made, or to order: T. Tresise, 35, Winchester-st., Bethnal Green. (591)

EXCHANGE rifle, 22in. barrel, with cartridges, scarcely used, for good Roller cock, or sell 18/-: Buchan, Square, Monymusk, Aberdeenshire. (603)

MASSIVE Wolfhound-Staghound, 3 feet high, 6 to end tail, only wants seeing, £2; other big ones; rook rifle: Gunning. See Wanted Column. (599)

GREAT Dane bitch, 2 years old, strong, healthy, splendid guard, £2, or exchange birds, Yorkshires; particulars: H. Bowman, 15, Aldwark, York. (591)

EXCHANGE pair field glasses, nickel-plated, smoke rimmed, crystal lenses, for good buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 12/6: Thompson, 4, Russell-st., Swansea. (597)

HIGH-CLASS toy Yorkshire terrier bitch, five months, price 20/-; or exchange Canaries, champion pedigree: James Cannon, St. John-st., Stirling. (602)

WILL give pair thick heavy blankets, or suit length, for 3 cocks, full song, or 7 hens, or 2 pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (592)

50/-, HORNLESS Perfecta Gramophone, 35/-, cycle and motor cycle parts; accessories; exchange Canaries, British: 14, Budebury-rd., Staines. (600)

NEW "Lambert" typewriter, with leather case, cost £5, take £2 10/-, or exchange British birds and Canaries, for aviary: Neilsin, Bank Place, Kilmarnock. (601)

B. TURTON, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield, offers set carvers, hand forged blades good quality ivorine handles, for cock or three hen Canaries; approval. (602)

EXCHANGE good cross Airedale bitch, undocked, for two Border cocks and three hens, any colour, 1912, for feeders; offers: Cranston, Thomas-st., Carlisle. (603)

EXHIBITION Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, cock, exchange for anything useful, or sell 25/-; approval; yours first: Pritchard, Elain-yr-Ardd, Bethel, near Carnarvon. (598)

POWERFUL Club air rifle, etc.; bargain; 15/-; first P.O. gets it; approval; worth double; exchange poultry; yours first: 91, Mary-st., Balsall-heath, Birmingham. (602)

SINGLE-BARREL muzzle-loading gun, perfect order, excellent killer, sell 10/-; exchange three-speed hub or good records; offers: Edwd. Levell, Church-st., Long Buckby, Rugby. (602)

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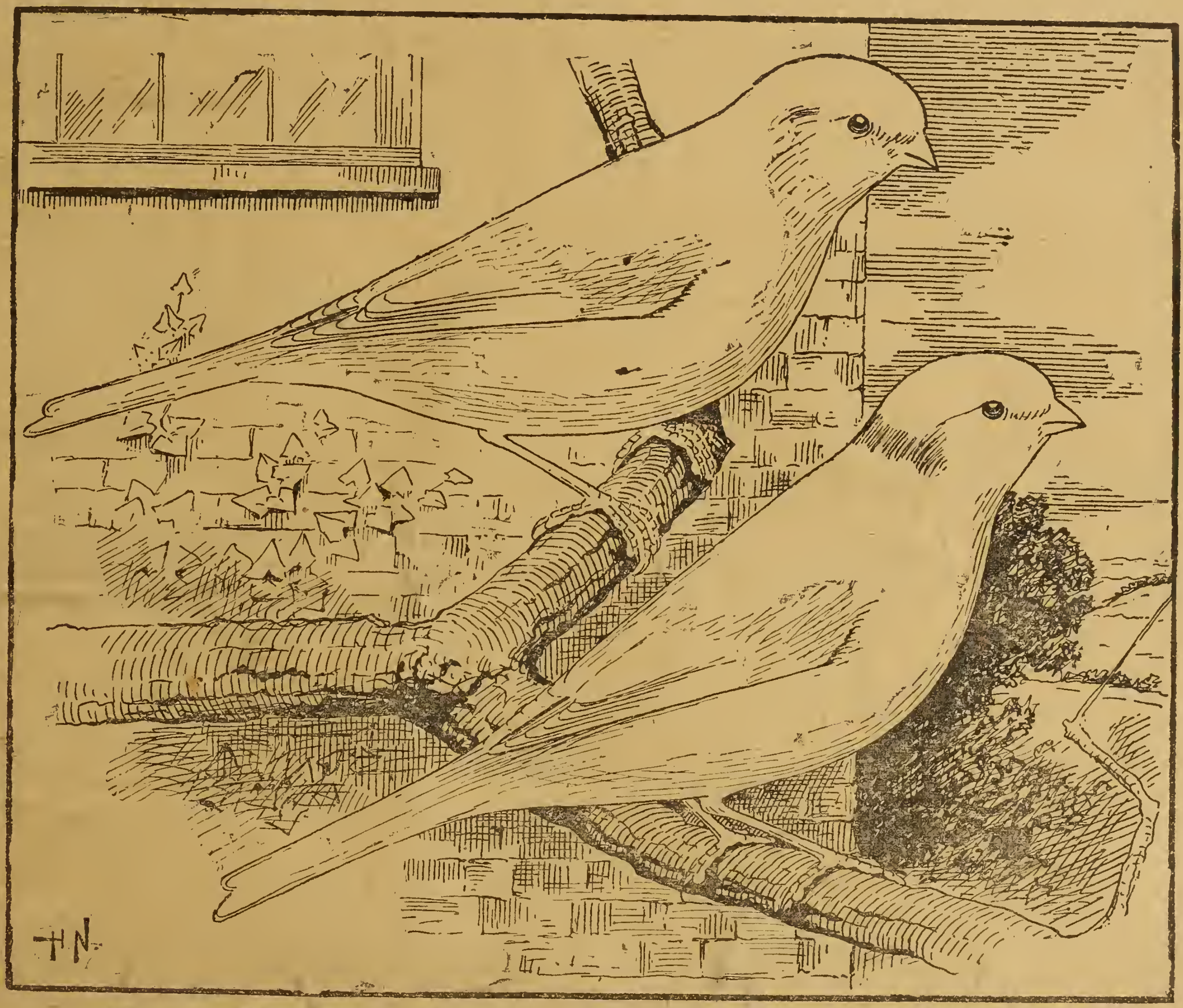

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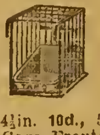

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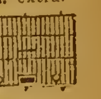

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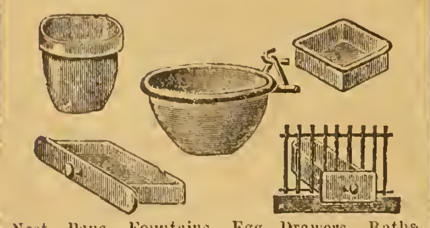

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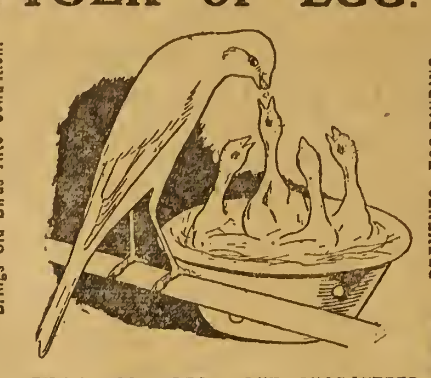
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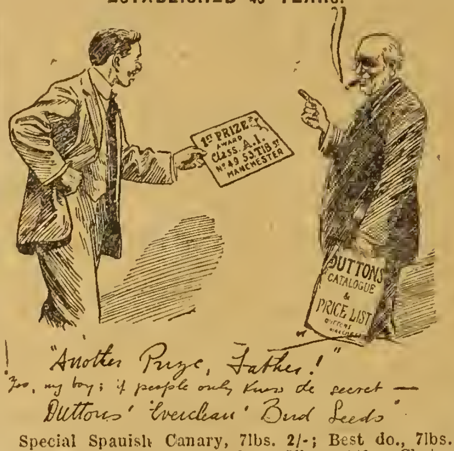
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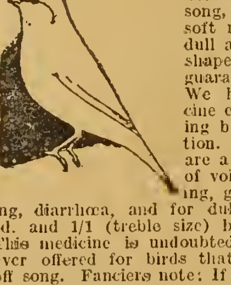

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CAN spare good 1912 yell. Lancashire Plainhead cock 16/6, yellow Plainhead hen, 10/6; stamp: Green, Albert-place, Loughborough. (619)

TWO buff Plainhead cocks, one yellow Coppy hen, one buff Plainhead hen, cheap; breeding condition: J. Butterworth, 70, Entwisle-rd., Rochdale. (610)

GIVING up keeping Lancashires, good quality buff Plainhead cock, 10/-: good buff Coppy cock, 6/-; buff Plainhead hen, 5/; sound bargains; approval, stamp: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield. (614)

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NORWICH-Roller cocks; good large 1912 birds for stock or singing; bred for quality of song and size; clean and healthy; every bird warranted; price from 6/6 upwards: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (612)

LARGE Norwich Canaries, matched for breeding, 7/6 pair; hen Canary, white legged cock Goldfinch, bred light Mules last season, 10/-; all healthy; giving up Fancy: Green, Tailor, Baxterrow, East Dereham. (614)

A grand prize-bred variegated unflighted buff cock, paired to a fine clear unflighted yellow hen, £1; also seven good ticked and clear buff hens, 1912, 3/6 each, or 21/- the seven; all healthy, cold-room bred, and in breeding condition: Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme. (621)

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks, warranted full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; pairs properly matched, ready to nest, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (618)

TWO champion bred buff Norwich hens, Silk's strain; also two good bred buff Yorkshire hens, all 1912, cash 12/- the four, or exchange good yellow or variegated yellow Norwich stock cock, give little cash for good big bird; offers: Rolington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable. (611)

GIVING up; bred from winners; clear yellow Norwich cock, buff hen, nesting, bargain, 14/-; three unflighted hens, breeding condition, 4/- each; no yellows; breeding and showing cages, cheap; week's approval, deposit: Wm. West, 133, Floyer-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (612)

GIVING up.—Four pairs of prize-bred Norwich, Hanford's strain; three exhibition Goldfinches, and their hens, same strain as above; one exhibition Greenfinch Mule; five feeding hens; offers for lot or separate; reason for parting, owing to bereavement: Such, 8, New-rd., Winsford, Cheshire. (616)

MASSIVE variegated yellow cock, good head, type, deep chest, bargain, 22/6; romping variegated buff cock, rare stock bird, 17/6; foul yellow green cock, dirt cheap, 10/6; heavy variegated buff cock, a gift, 15/-; unflighted ticked buff hen, grand size and shape, 15/6; unflighted variegated buff hen, splendid size and quality, 15/6; approval: Venables, 528, Bolton-rd., Blackburn. (613)

LARGE Norwich 1912 buff cock, clear, 15/-; tick yellow hen, 1912, extra quality, 12/6; head ticked 1912 yellow hen, 10/-, large one; medium 1912 yell. cock, hot colour, good feather, 7/6; clear 1911 buff hen, 5/-; var. buff, real good bird, 10/-, same strain as winners of Whitehead Challenge Cup, 1910 and 1911; all I have left; first cash has them; several cages for sale: R. Allen, Bradford Park, Bolton. (620)

EYE and wing marked variegated cock, 1912, from my noted even marks, 12/6; large buff variegated natural colour cock, 7/6; one ditto, 6/6; clear yellow hen, 3/6; yellow green, 3/6; another, 3/-; variegated, 3/6; buff marked, 3/6; nearly green, 2/6; variegated, 2/6; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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same strain as the winners at all leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6, 10/6, 15/6 per pair; sure winners, 15/6 each; no rubbish; all ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (492)

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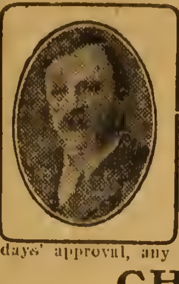

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During the holidays I had visitors from Manchester, Oldham, Chorley, Preston, Burnley, Bacup, Huddersfield, Bradford, Birkenhead, Hebden Bridge, Greetland, Blackburn, and almost every part of England. One and all speak in the highest terms of my birds and Aviaries, and my straightforward business methods. Remember, I offer you the same invitation to come on any day but Sunday and inspect my stock.

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15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- per pair.

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To every Customer I guarantee complete satisfaction or Cash returned in full.

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THIS strain has again upheld its reputation, and in addition to winning Firsts and Specials all over the country, has secured the following Trophies this year: **THE PERCY ILLINGWORTH CHALLENGE CUP** (won outright), the Sandiford Cup, **THE O.N.P.C. CHAMPION TROPHY,** F. Carl's Trophy, and has run second in the Cup competition of the N.P.C.

I am now offering a few grand birds bred from my strain. Yellows or Buffs, Cocks or Hens, real good show or stock birds for breeding own winners, at **10/- 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** each. I am also offering a few grand pairs, personally matched by me, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-** per pair upwards. **Strain guaranteed.** I have a few grand birds from other strains, good thick-set birds, Cocks on full free song, at **7/6, 8/6, 10/-** each; Hens, grand smart-feathered birds, **4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

CRESTS & CREST-BREDS.—Large massive birds, with splendid feather, Cocks or Hens, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-** each. Matched Pairs, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-** per pair upwards.

Pure-bred Seifert or St. Andreasburg Roller Cocks. Nothing gives my visitors so much pleasure as to sit and listen to these "musical boxes." I have 200 birds in stock, imported direct by me from the best training rooms in Germany. These are all in full rolling song by day and gaslight, with many changes of tours. They represent the last word in training, and will please anyone.

Come and make your own selection, or allow me to send one on approval at my risk. Prices, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6.** A few specially selected Schoolmasters at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each; hens, guaranteed same strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-** each; Cages, 3d. extra.

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Grand Large Sib. Hens for Muling, either Yorkshire or Norwich type, **3/-, 3/6 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each.

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IF you want a high-class Roller cheap, I have a few left at reasonable prices; approval; hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-rd., Beckett-st., Leeds. (619)

BARGAIN; grand Glucke cock and two hens to match, 1912 B.R.C.C rung, 17/6; one hollow roll hen, 3/-; approval: Hayward, Melksham. (617)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cup strain, B.R.C.C. rung, organ trained, 8/6, 10/-, to clear quickly; hens, 4/-; approval willingly: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen. (564)

FIVE Seifert Roller cocks, 7/6 each; 18 Roller hens, 2/6 each, or 4/6 two; cold-room bred; approval: Thos. Hayes, Hillthorpe Villas, Highley, Bridgnorth. (616)

NOTICE, several grand St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks, day and gaslight songsters, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (439)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweeds), cold room, B.R.C.C. rung, grand tours, cocks 10/-, hens 4/-; grand singing strain; approval willingly: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen. (599)

T. TWIGG has a few cock birds from 12/6; few hens at 7/6; B2 rung; or exchange: 6, Stafford-st., Bilston. (618)

1912 ROLLERS, Club rung, highest quality, Fould's strain; three cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each; hens, 4/- each to clear; ready for nesting: Evans, 45, Edward-st. Wrexham. (584)

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GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room, English bred, parents and young ones for sale, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; all young hens guaranteed untried; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (474)

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of the popular Glucke strain; schoolmasters and contest singers. I can only spare now a very few choice specimens, ready for breeding and excellent for training young birds, at 25/-, 30/- and 40/-. I have three rooms occupied with high-class Rollers, for my hobby; all birds in the pink of condition. My motto is to give entire satisfaction; otherwise money returned promptly: K. Pericles, Akropolis, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (618)

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Cocks 30/- dozen, three dozen 80/-; hens 12/- dozen, three dozen 30/-; cash; live arrival guaranteed: Hofmann, Reihstrasse 3 Aachen, Germany.

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Birds that will please you and give you every satisfaction. Every bird in full, loud, free song by day and gaslight. A few extra good picked birds, 6/-, 6/6 each. Matched Pairs, for breeding songsters, 8/-, 8/6, 9/- pair. Travelling cages, 3d. each extra.

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Reliable birds. Cocks, with full change of song by day and artificial light; no common, harsh, and choppy notes. Specially picked high-class birds of unequalled value. Imported direct from the best-known German breeders by me, 10/6, 12/6 each. All birds on seven days' approval. Travelling Cages, 3d. each. Illustrated List of Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, post free.

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SCOTCH Fancy yellow cock, 25/-; would exchange buff hen: 55, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh. (613)

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THREE pairs for sale, prize bred buff pied cock and yellow hen, buff green cock and yellow hen, also buff cock and yellow hen: Phillips, 39, West-end-park-st., Glasgow. (617)

FOR sale; must sell, leaving the neighbourhood; one green buff cock, bred from prize winners, one green buff hen, and two buff cocks, £3 the lot; one bird alone worth the money: Cole, Gladstone Arms, Winchester. (614)

Yorkshires.

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CLEAR yellow Yorkshire hen, nice shape, beautiful colour, only 6/-, deposit: MacVicar, 21, Wood-st., Tunbridge Wells. (609)

BUFF, also yellow and variegated Yorkshire cocks, 7/-: hens, 2/6 and 3/-: Spencely, 90, Suffolk-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth. (616)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crossed, some over 7 ins., from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks. (415)

TWO buff Yorkshire hens, 5/-; three feeding hens, 6/-; one unflighted yellow Norwich hen, 3/6: 252, Ashby-rd., Parkstone. (615)

BEAUTIFUL Yorkshire hens, long, slim, typical birds, 3/6 and 4/6; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (615)

CHAMPION Yorkshire, from my winning strain, cocks from 6/6; hens from 4/-; approval: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford. (616)

MUST clear, giving up, typical Yorkshires, four yellow cocks, one buff, 12/6 each; sacrifice: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster. (578)

YORKSHIRE hens, bred from winners; yellows and buffs, 4/- upwards, worth double; approval willingly: Park, Cambridge-st., Millom. (581)

YORKSHIRES, four hens, fit for show, 12/- the lot, or 4/- each: Saunders, Gardens, Little Bassett-wood, Bassett, Southampton. (614)

THREE pairs classy show Yorkies, mated, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; approval; wanted half-plate camera: Paull, 70, Milford-st., Cardiff. (622)

TWO Yorkshire cocks, 6/6 each, two Greenfinches, cocks, hatched and reared by Canary, 2/- each: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge. (616)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Yorkshire cocks, Ogden Bros.' and Radley's strain, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester. (622)

YORKSHIRES; four pairs greens, two pairs variegated, anxious to nest, 8/6 a pair; approval, deposit: Hartle, Peakdale, Buxton. (613)

FOR disposal, few pairs Yorkshire Canaries, clears and green marked, good strain, cold room: 49, Banstead Grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (616)

YORKSHIRE hens: one clear yellow, good feeder, one variegated, unflighted, both healthy birds, 2/6 each: French, Doddington, Cambs. (613)

GRAND pair Greens, Yorkshires, both winners, cost £3 10/- two months ago; 30/-, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (617)

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YORKSHIRES, thoroughly good pair, Ogden's strain, strong, healthy, £1 1/-; good cocks, 7/6; breeding cage, 5/6: Stephens, Yetminster, Dorset (594)

YORKSHIRE Cinnamon Green cocks, bred from Cinnamons, 7/-; buff Cinnamon marked hens, 1912, 3/-, 4/-: Hawes, 101, Roundwood-rd., Willesden, Middlesex (611)

GRAND opportunity for those wishing to breed own winners; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-: pairs from 12/6 to 60/-: Richards, Aston Field, Bromsgrove. (615)

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HEALTHY, nice type, buff ticked hen, winner of 3rd prize, 7/6; and buff cinnamon hen, good mother, 5/-: Knightley, Hairdressers, Mount Pleasant-rd., Stroud Green, N. (608)

COMPULSORY clearance; removing; twelve healthy Yorkshires, breeding condition, prize stock; prices reasonable: Lucas, 11, Bedford-avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester. (620)

CLEAR yellow cock, 12/6, clear yellow hen 7/6, clear buff hen 7/6, all 1912 and cold room bred; grand typical birds: John Palfreeman, 36½, William-st., Stockton-on-Tees. (613)

CAN spare yellow cock, 10/6; buff hen, 7/6; buff cock, 10/6; yellow hen, 7/6; all above are good birds with plenty of leg and size: Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (622)

FINE upstanding Buff cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; one yellow, beauty, 15/-; hens, splendid feather, 5/- to 10/-; pairs, 12/6 to 25/-; approval, cash or deposit: Gamble, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester. (598)

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TWO cock Goldfinches, one house-moulted, white legs; one F.M. Linnet, all grand birds; exchange lot for good unflighted yellow Norwich or Roller cock; yours first: R. Hyde, East-st., Bridport. (609)

WILL give four good cock Goldies and four selected cock Greenies for large clear yellow Norwich hen and long slim clear buff Yorkshire hen; yours first, sell 15/-: Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford (620)

HYBRID breeders, exchange extra large cock Goldfinch, well marked, cage-moulted Greypate, also hen Greenie, Canary reared, for two roller shutter cages, or sell 6/-: Hussey, High-st., Kingston, Herefordshire. (621)

Mainly Canaries.

WANTED, good incubator, will give exhibition Yorkshires: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO Yorkshire cocks (buff and yellow), 7/6 each; or useful exchange: Willis, Park View, Rothwell, Kettering. (612)

YORKSHIRE cock, sell 6/-; or exchange anything: Smith, 69, Brewery-st., Pontygwaith, Tylorstown, South Wales. (616)

LONG yellow Yorkshire hen, 8/6; double breeding cage, 3/-; exchange birds or offers: Clark, 41, Broad-st., Peterhead. (617)

BUFF Norwich cock, deep yellow hen, double breeder, sell 15/-; offers; exchange: Warren, 42, King-st., Ardwick. (612)

PAIR prize bred Yorkshires, four show cages, two cases; exchange for good B.S.A. air rifle: Clayton, Postman, Southport. (619)

BUFF Border cock, 3rd Gateshead, only time out, 8/6; exchange yellow cock, no rubbish: Sewell, 19, William-st., Carlisle. (614)

TWO grand buff hens, Norwich, sell 10/- each, or exchange short thick yellow cock to value: Batten, Rosevean-rd., Penzance. (617)

TWO buff Border hens (breeders), 2/6 each; or exchange foreign and colonial stamps: Joplin, 7a, Wisteria-rd., Lewisham. (613)

EXCHANGE two clear buff Norwich hens for gent.'s boots, 8, cock Thrush or Canary, full song: 10, Squarey-st., Tooting. (614)

SINGING cock Canary, with hanging cage, 6/6; hen Canaries from 2/-; exchange: John Greatrex, 44, Victoria-aven., Rugby. (618)

COCK Goldfinch and Yorkshire hen; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich cock, or sell 5/6: Horler, Littlebrook, Paulton, nr. Bristol. (610)

EXCHANGE large pair Green Yorkshires, cock three light feathers tail, for two Norwich cocks: Fitton, Garnett-st., Oldham. (613)

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules, for pair of Canaries; yours first: Belcher, Bury-st., Abingdon. (612)

EXCHANGE two good Yorkshire hens, good length, for Canary or Mule songster: Hyde, Mill-road, Hundon, Clare, Suffolk. (621)

EXCHANGE five good feeding hens for clear buff 1911 Yorkshire hen; or sell 10/-; approval: Randall, 14, Claremont-rd., Portsmouth. (614)

EXCHANGE four Yorkshire Canaries for a good clear or lightly variegated Crestbred hen.—Poulton, 159, Praed-st., Paddington, W. (619)

BEAUTIFUL dark Goldie Mule, full song, for good Roller or colour-fed Yorkshire cock; approval; yours first: Reed, Post Office, Blyth. (611)

WILL give matched pair Yorkshires or Borders for good buff Norwich hen, unflighted (large head); approval: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (616)

SPLENDID pair Canaries and breeding cage, 15/-; exchange 10-inch records, poultry, anything useful: Turtill, 29, Northgate-st., Colchester. (612)

HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers from 10/6; hens, 4/-; or exchange suit length, cricket boots, baby's chair, etc.: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (618)

WHAT offers for two Yorkshire cocks and 1 hen Canary, also cock Linnet, twice house-moulted, sell £1: T. Street, 3, South-st., Hemsworth. (615)

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, two hens, breeding condition; exchange trio good Bantams, Sebrights preferred: Dudley, 53, Occupation-st., Dudley. (613)

SIX good Yorkshire hens, 4/- each (1912), or exchange lot for two pair good Norwich; yours first: Clarke, The Cricketers, Chatteris, Cambs. (620)

ONE buff Norwich hen, 3/-, two cock Greenfinches, ready for muling, 2/- each; exchange Roller hens for Finches: Beynon, Bwlchyeoed, Pencader. (622)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries and breeding cage for incubator, dress length, chicks, fowls, or offers; yours first: Goodman, Edgar-rd., Yiewsley. (613)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, from 7/6 each; or useful exchange; no card; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terr., Hyde Park, London. (611)

PRIZE Yorkshires, cocks and hens, sell cheap or exchange; wanted, extra large yellow Norwich cock: 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland. (619)

SINGING Norwich cock, two buff hens, breeding condition, 8/-; exchange yellow Yorkshire cock; genuine offer: Southwood, 44, Deans-rd., Hanwell, Middlesex. (613)

EXCHANGE two good Norwich hens, ticked yellow, var. yellow, unflighted, for good yellow or buff cock, approval both ways: Draper, Park-rd., Newhall, Burton-on-Trent. (622)

WILL exchange 3 buff Cinnamons, 2 buff green Border hens, young, for a good clear buff Border cock and a clear yellow cock, or sell 20/-: Perry, 14, Trinity-st., Frome. (623)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, Bailey's noted strain; three pairs ready for breeding, 15/6 per pair; exchange cigars, suit, gold guard; other offers invited: Berry, 59, Selborne Grove, Keighley. (619)

HARTZ Roller, h.m. Linnet, h.m. Snow Bunting, all cocks, in full song, 15/- the lot; or exchange yellow Norwich hens or good Crestbred hen: Sutherland, 17, Kirkgate, Cupar, Fife. (613)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire buff hen for yellow Norwich hen, sell 3/-, two pairs working homers, and pair squeakers for Norwich cock, or sell 7/6: Sterling, 20, Grove-place, North End, Croydon. (620)

EXCHANGE two large buff Yorkshire hens and show case to hold four cages for Edison gramophone, cylinder records; or sell 12/6; approval: Shuttleworth, Glass House, Summerbridge. (608)

FOUR good unflighted Border hens, two variegated yellows, and two clear buffs, 2/- each; or exchange for good unflighted yellow or buff Norwich hen: Elliott, Outfitter, Waltham Abbey. (614)

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (not rubbish), Bailey's strain; sell, or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (592)

EXCHANGE three typical Yorkshire hens, unflighted, for a good Cinnamon or yellow Yorkshire cock, unflighted; yours first; no rubbish offered or wanted: White, 44, Park-av., Barking. (613)

PAIR 1912 Yorkshires, true type; three-compartment breeder, twice h.m. cock Goldfinch, two fierce singing Linnets, bargain, 28/-; exchange bicycle, gramophone; offers: Stone, 8, Watling-st., Leicester.

FOUR Norwich hens, 12/-; breeding cages, nest pans, drinkers, egg drawers, seed and egg mills, cheap; 12-bore ejector gun, single, as new, 25/-; useful exchange: Kenworthy, Long Bennington, Grantham. (621)

COCK Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, been used catching, 10/6; very large cock Greenfinch, winner of 11, 3 2nds, 6/6; H.M. hen Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange Canaries: Smith, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields, S.W. (620)

TWO pairs Canaries, two double breeders, loose fronts, three-compartment aviary 36 by 16, another 22 by 16; exchange for bull pup or offers; seen by appointment: Burke, 49, Graham-rd., Dalston, London, N.E. (619)

FOR sale, two 1912 Crestbred hens, and one Crest hen, 1912, 6/- each, worth double; or exchange one for good Roller cock, 1912; approval; yours first; cold-room kept: Albert Gough, 22, New-st., Pontnewydd, Mon. (609)

GOOD large buff Norwich cock, 1911 bred, 12/6; exchange for good large house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch; also buff Norwich cock, 1911 bred, 10/6; exchange for good yellow Cinnamon hen, Norwich type; approval; yours first: Robinson, 1, Bk. Hartington-st. South, Barrow-in-Furness. (616)

Mainly Foreign.

GIVE pair Pekin Nightingales for Canary songster, approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (621)

TWO pure white hen Java Sparrows; exchange one for white Java cock, and one for yellow Norwich hen: Rix, Hockley, Essex. (609)

COCKATIELS, fine pair aviary-bred, want to nest, 12/6, or would exchange for two good buff Norwich cocks: W. Broom, 29, De la Warr Road, East Grinstead. (1613)

EXCHANGE good talking Amazon and cage for good toy Yorkshire or heavyweight Bull pup or offers; on approval: 14, Wedgwood-st., Smallthorne, near Burslem, North Staffs. (613)

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—April 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Questions and answers; other very important business.—W. Hailstone.

Abersychan C.B.S.—April 5. Business important.—F. Sweeting.—(No time stated.—Ed.).

Abertillery C.B.S.—April 12, Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, 7.30. Business regarding first feather show and contribution due; new members wishing to join can do so at this meeting.—George Broome.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—April 5, Institute, 6. Important business.—A. Widdowfield.

Brechin C.B.S.—April 9, Temperance Hall, 8. Judges' replies.—Geo. Mitchell.

British Roller C.C.—April 8, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. A translation will be read by Mr. F. A. Lester, on the Kober and Glucke Tours; also presentation to Mr. Paxton Slade.—J. W. Norris.

Burnley C.B.C.—April 6. Mr. Jude, Hayhurst, will give a lecture on "Successful Breeding." A good attendance is desired.—G. Wharton.—(No time stated.—Ed.).

Beamish C.B.S.—April 5, Bird Inn, 7. Schedule for nest feather show, and other important business.—Wm. Knowles.

Bradford East O.S.—April 6, Park Chapel, 6. Annual bird fanciers' Sunday service; soloist, Mrs. F. Hammond. All fanciers and friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Bolton Roller C.S.—April 8, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Business important.—Jos. Kilshaw.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—April 9, 7.30, committee meeting; 8.30, table show; judge, H. Okehurst; Canary, 7/6; British or Mule, 7/6; Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, or C.B.; A.O.V. Can.; Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; Goldf., Bullf., or Greenf.; A.O.V. Brit.; also Mules, etc. Judging competition at 8.30.—Will H. Gibb.

Bury C.B.S.—April 8, Textile Hall, 8. First feather show date and judge.—H. Jameson.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—April 9, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. The purchasing of two silver cups; arrangements of summer programme; evening table show of British birds. No entrance fee; 2/6 cash special in each of the four classes; also special for members' competition. All please bring a friend; last grand event of the winter programme.—J. Sheppard.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—April 5, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Important business.—A. Smith.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—April 7, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Committee, 7.30. Messrs. J. Cook and G. Bell will give their experiences on Canary breeding.—J. Southworth.

Camborne C.B.S.—April 7, Tehidy Workingmen's Club, 7.30. Schedule for first feather show; judge for same; and admission of new members.—A. Scoble.

City and County of Perth O.A.—April 7, Laidlow's Rooms, Leonard St., 8. Club show.—John L. Smith.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 5, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' specials for 1913, and other business.—W. Helliwell.

Chorley C.B.S.—April 2, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Forming rules and business as regards young bird show and other business of importance.—J. A. M. Gregg.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—April 5, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Y.U. delegates' report, and other important business.—L. Barker.

Edinburgh North Eastern Dist. O.S.—April 7, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymont, 8. Booking of hens and other important business.—Robt. S. Spence.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—April 5, Fountain Inn, 8. General business; new members cordially invited.—S. Wilcock.

Farnworth C.B.S.—April 9, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Lecture: "The Yorkshire Canary"; first feather business, etc. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Dawson.

Fence Houses C.B.S.—April 5, Station Hotel, 7.30. Important business; classification of nest feather show.—Wm. Halton.

Felling F. and F.S.—April 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Rule cards will be ready.—G. Garbutt.

Grantham C.B.S.—April 7, Brewer's Arms, 8. Business important.—H. Lowther.

Grangemouth O.S.—April 9, Rechabite Hall, York Lane, 8. Election of sec. and other important business; Greenfinch and Linnet table show. New members cordially invited.—Wm. Scaife.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—April 8, J. Senior's, High St. West, 8. Fixing date of first feather show, etc. Subscriptions due.—J. Holmes.

Glasgow, West of Scotland O.S.—April 5, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting; hat night. Wm. Hutchison.

Glasgow C.B.A.—April 8, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Half-yearly meeting. Classification and nomination of judges for open show, November 21st and 22nd.—Wm. Hutchison.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—April 5, Good Templars' Hall, 8.30. Table show British Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin, and Foreign Goldfinch. Judging competition, judge, A. McLean, Larkhall.—W. Connelly.

Gateshead C.B.S.—April 9, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Financial statement.—J. G. Greason.

Halifax O.S.—April 5, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Members' monthly meeting. Syllabus for 1913 and 1914—Harry Clegg.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—April 5, Nags Head, 7. Arrangements for open show; all fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—April 9, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Report of audit and election of officers.—W. Ayers.

Kent County C.B.A.—April 9, 36a, Snargate St., Dover, 8. Correspondence.—H. Wood.

Keighley C.B.S.—April 8, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Business important.—Chas. Wm. Town.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—April 12, Bay Horse Tavern, 6.30. Lecture by Mr. Jas. Steel, Dalkeith; subject: British birds, etc.—Robert Muir.

London C.B.A.—April 9, The Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., 8. Adjourned annual general meeting; debate on size in Canaries, opened by Mr. J. Robson. Members please note, no other notice will be sent.—F. Knight.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 10, Oldham Hall, 8. Elect judges for old show, and hints on breeding season, to be opened by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe.—F. Eccleston.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 5, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh St., N.W., 8. General question night.—G. G. Stubbs.

Leyton C.B.A.—April 7, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. British bird show and egg food making competition; judge, J. T. Clarke.—Force and Son.

Lancaster C.B.S.—April 5, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Selection of judge for annual show.—J. Bostock.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—April 7, Mr. Lowe's Room, 8.30. To decide first feather show and other society business.—L. Lowe.

Longton C.B.S. and R.C.C.—April 8, Swan Hotel, 8. Special meeting, nest feather show, and open shows, and other important business.—P. E. Barker.

Littleborough C.B.S.—April 9, Coffee House, 8. Allotting specials; printing; F.F. show, etc.; important.—H. Woodhead.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 5, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on Breeding and Rearing, and other important business.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—April 7, 55, Briggate, 7.30 p.m.—H. L. Davis.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—April 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture: "From Breeding Cage to Show Bench," by Mr. T. Harrison, Altrincham.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 5, Headquarters, 8. Business important.—H. Grange.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 8, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Impromptu debate; friends invited.—John Davey.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—April 8, Mechanics' Institute, 8. To arrange for first feather show and other important business.—J. G. Royce.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—April 7, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Revision of rules; Scotch Fancy members please attend.—M. C. Potts.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—April 7, Church House, 8. Paper on Borders, by the hon. sec., etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—April 7, Fleece Hotel, 8. Allotting specials for members' shows, and other business.—Hugh Raistrick.

Pontypridd and Dis. F. and F.S.—April 7, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, 7.30. Important business; nine new members will be proposed.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Paisley Tannahill O.S.—April 5, White's, 2, St. James's St., 7.30. Admission of new members, etc.—John Stewart.

Rochdale O.C.—April 9, Club Rooms, 8.30. Quarterly general meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—April 7, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Elect new members, essay competition, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—April 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Schedules for members' shows, etc.—P. Drake.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—April 9, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and show of British birds. Medal given for most points at shows.—J. Waugh.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 7, Headquarters, 8. General business; delivery of prizes.—J. Bamford.

Stanley Victoria Club F. and F. and C.B.S.—April 6, Victoria Club, 6.30. Selection of judges for annual show.—R. Peart.

South Shields C.B.S.—April 5, Cyprus, 7.30.—W. L. Smith.

South London Col. and F.A.—April 10, Headquarters, 8. General meeting; election of annual show; judges; printing; penning; advertising, etc.—Geo. F. Crawford.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—March 7, Headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, 7.30. General meeting; first feather show business.—J. L. Cheetham.

South West London C.B.S.—April 8, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8.30.—H. Freeman.

Swansea C.B.S.—April 8, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. General business.—S. H. George.

Thatto Heath O.S.—April 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Paper by H. H. Bixter on Cage-making, and general business.—H. Cuttler.

Tong C.B.S.—April 8, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Business: Open show.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—April 8, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Election of judges; also Mule, Hybrid, British and Foreign bird competition.—A. H. McLean.

Wombwell B.F.A.—April 5, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Important business.—Thos. Eames.

Wandsworth F.S.—April 10, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Lecture by Mr. Popple.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—April 5, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for annual tea, etc.—H. C. Crossley.

Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.—April 9, Station Hotel, 7.30. Subs.; judges; and appointing a secretary, Mr. Macdonald is resigning.—John M. Macdonald.

Walkley C.B.S.—April 10, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Lecture on British birds and seeds, by Mr. T. Bishop.—A. Lawton.

Widnes C.B.S.—April 10, The Railway and Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Arranging schedule for nest feather show, etc.—S. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—April 5, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Arranging schedule for young bird show, etc.—Ed. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—April 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Printing of schedules; also specials, and other business.—Taylor and Ellis.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 8, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Alteration of rule 19. Fixing date of N.F. shows.—W. G. Andrews.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—April 7, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. New fanciers invited.—H. Reebuck.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—April 7, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Breeding and the Care of Young Birds. Fanciers heartily invited.—H. Smith.

Walsall C.B.S.—April 9, White Hart Hotel, 8.30. Balance-sheet; important discussion.—F. Price.

Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of S.—April 7, at 5, S. Anne St., Dublin, 8. Question night.—C. Lattimore.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Continued from page 299.)

MASK AND ZEBRA DOVES (B. K. G.).—Both these species will live in a roomy garden aviary, which has a suitable shelter attached to it all the year round. Their principal dietary is canary and millet seed, and they do not take much from ordinary Dove mixture. They must have grit and ground cuttlebone, also a piece of rock salt, which should have water poured over it daily. You might try them with a little dari and wheat, but I expect they will take but little of it, still, it will make a change for them and be beneficial if they do take a little. It will greatly benefit the birds to fly about a garden aviary during the summer, if you have not suitable winter quarters attached to it for them, as they will pick up many insects, take some green food, etc., greatly to their benefit.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Foreigner).—The aviary is well arranged, but you must partly board up the end of shelter where it joins the flight, leave it open from floor to top in the centre just wide enough for you to get through. Here are a few birds that should breed with you, also their approximate cost per pair: Zebra Finches, 7s. 6d.; Silverbills, 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.; Avadavats, 3s. 6d.; Bib Finches, 6s. to 7s. 6d.; Bronze Mannikins, 3s. 6d.; Cut-throats, 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.; Green Singing Finches, 5s. to 6s.; all the above should breed with you. Here are other probable breeders at approximately 3s. 6d. per pair: Spice Finches, Black-headed Mannikins, Bengalese, Golden-breasted Waxbills; also Weavers such as Madagascar and Napoleon, 5s. to 6s. pair. In breeding plumage males are very brilliant.

ANOTHER WHYDAH (Airs).—Unless the aviary is very large, it would not be advisable to introduce another Whydah; you had far better let well alone, as these birds are very fussy and boisterous when in full colour. We have frequently advised the stoves to which you refer; with care they are quite reliable and effective.

AN AILING GREY (T. U.).—The only way to get it tame is to keep it in your midst, yet choose such a position that there are not continuous hasty movements in its vicinity. Be steady and quiet when replenishing food hoppers and cleaning cage, attend to such regularly, but you had better let it wait a bit than do such things in a hurry. The squawking is due to fear, and as it loses this and gains confidence the squawking will cease, and it will begin to take an interest in its surroundings, and mimic the calls and words it frequently hears. When you have got this far, you can begin to talk to it, and train it by constant repetition of such words and short sentences as you would like it to utter, but only one at a time. The mixture you name will meet the case, but if you have to give many doses use four parts water to one of the mixture. Also keep the bowels moving quite freely by giving an occasional dose (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia. Bathe the eye with a rose-water and zinc solution obtainable from any chemist. A Grey Parrot's diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and a few nuts; it should also have regular access to water, grit and cuttlebone.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"Ragtime."—The Bullfinch has been suffering some time from imperfect digestion, probably from indiscreet dieting. The constipation resulting set up inflammation of the bowels, from which it succumbed.

L. Barlow-Massicks.—Post-mortem showed a large blood-clot around the lungs, death resulting from exhaustion following this loss of blood. In other respects it was quite healthy. It was a hen bird.

M. Cossar.—Cerebral apoplexy, or rupture of a blood vessel on the surface of the brain. The bird was evidently a predisposed subject, was in high fettle, and full blooded. There was no cure, but as a preventive, an occasional dose of glauber salts in the drinking water, by relieving blood pressure, does good.

E.C.—There was no evidence of contagious disease, pneumonia affecting both lungs being the only symptom discernible, together with slight patches of inflammation of the bowels. You mention a new breeding cage; was this freshly painted, or have you paint about? The history, together with the symptoms is very similar to what occurs in these cases.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

G. Rostron.—We are delighted to hear from you; but don't send us poetry (it annoys our printers)—send us some birdy news.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The Apathy of Bird Traders.

It would seem a matter for some little surprise that only one letter has come to hand in response to the straightforward and outspoken communications published during the past few weeks from Messrs. Pearson, Trower, and Prior pointing out the urgent necessity of combined action in defence of bird traders against unwarranted interference on the part of the humanitarian societies whose officers take out summonses upon the most trivial pretext, and in their efforts to bolster up their cases, adopt methods which are in many cases entirely beyond their legal rights as representatives of private societies.

What They Are Risking.

It would seem that bird traders generally are of the same mind as in the days when the Protection Society which actually came into existence through the untiring efforts of Mr. Trower died from inanition. If this is so, they must be content to run the risk of trumpery prosecutions which, even though based upon such slender foundations as to call forth from the magistrate an expression of opinion that such prosecutions are "ill-advised," will land them into the certainty of wasting time and money in their defence, and into the possibility that one of the cases may squeeze through, with the result that the defendant may be fined any amount up to £25 per bird, with or without hard labour.

Illuminative Figures.

The figures quoted by the Countess von Hahn as to the 25,540 cautions given in 1911 and 7,038 convictions set me wondering how many of these convictions were in respect of the catching of birds or the trade in them. Taking absolutely at random the recorded figures for four months, I find that during November, 1912, there were 548 convictions for various acts of cruelty to animals, and not one in respect of "offences (against the bird laws) during the close season, etc." Mark the "etc.," which includes, of course, every kind of cruelty against birds. During January, 1913, the figures were respectively 538 and 0; for September, 1912, they were 609 and 0. and in July, 1912, 556 and 3. In these four records, which, I repeat, were not selected, but taken absolutely at random, we have the enormous total of 2,254 convictions at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., only three of which had any connection whatever with bird-keeping, bird trading, or bird-catching.

Bird-keeping is the hobby which is stigmatised as being "an acted blasphemy." Bird shops are places which are characterised as "infernos." For bird catchers no epithet is bad enough. And against all, three convictions were obtained in four months. Could anything show more clearly the ridiculous exaggerations which are used by those who preach the doctrine that bird keeping should be made illegal and who stop at nothing in their endeavours to make it so?

An Associate from Montreal.

Among the readers sending coupons and desiring to be registered as Associates of Cage Birds League, I have very great pleasure in welcoming Mr. Hugh Dey, of far away Montreal. The coupons sent by Mr. Dey are signed by fellow readers in Montreal. It is very pleasing to note the widespread influence of Cage Birds and Cage Birds League.

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As the Swallows skim down the street they are, to all appearance, black and white birds, but a nearer view shows them to be a rich steel-blue above, while the forehead and chin are a rich mahogany red, and the under-part of the body very delicate cream-colour. The females are hardly so rich in colouring as their partners, but one needs to see them together to note the difference.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona fide* one.

England.

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.
Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.)
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)
Oct. 25.—**South Shields C.B.S.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen St.)
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.
Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 46, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.)
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).
Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, 8, Scotsfield Terr.) J.P., T.D.
Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage, Cramlington).
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.
Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(J. G. Greason, 28, Hadyn St.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.
Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.).
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.)
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.)
Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.).
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.
Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).
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Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.
Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.)
Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(F. Robinson, 126, Green-st.)
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

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Twitterings.

Cage Birds is always very interesting and full of information, writes Mr. A. J. Rees, of Newcastle, Penn., U.S.A.

Kindly notify that my address now is 7, Cliftonville Parade, Margate, writes Mr. O. Millsum, and not Everberg, Belgium.

Will societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club kindly write Mr. F. Cunliffe, sec., 19, Lark St., Burnley?

Mr. R. Tipper, asst. sec., City and Bham. C.B.S., writes that he has removed from 227, Aston Lane, Perry Bar, to 141, Frederick Road, Aston, Birmingham.

We hear from Mr. G. M. Nelson, sec., that Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. Dixon, Wigton, will judge at the show of the Warrington C.B.S. on Nov. 7-8 next.

Please announce in your valuable paper that Mr. M. Skirrow has resigned the secretaryship of Bolton Woods C.B.S., and that I have been appointed in his place, writes Mr. H. Bryant, 18, Bolton Hall Rd., Bradford.

Bird-keepers in Bradford district will note from the report of the Bradford East O.S. in another column that the annual Sunday fanciers' service is being held on April 6th, when the officials are hoping to see a record attendance.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual is certainly the finest combination of information under one cover for the yearly guidance of fanciers ever produced, and must prove invaluable to all and sundry in the Fancy.—Chas. Houlton (Denton's Green).

The sub-committee appointed for dealing with the staging in connection with the next Bradford National show, writes Mr. H. Hill, sec., are respectfully reminded of the meeting to be held for dealing with same at the Market Tavern, April, 9, at 8.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

The minimum charge for advertisements among "Twitterings" is now 10s. per insertion prepaid. Full particulars can be had on application to our Advertisement Manager.

With reference to the Linnet singing challenge made by Mr. H. Allen, of Leeds, in our advertisement columns this week, Mr. Allen writes that he will not take notice of any acceptance unless his deposit is covered.

The Anfield, Everton and Dis. C.B.S. hold a smoking concert on Wednesday, April 9, at 8 p.m., at the Sandon Hotel, Oakfield Rd., tickets 6d. each, chairman J. T. Metcalf, Esq., write Messrs. Redpath and Walker, joint secs. All fanciers are invited to come and give us a bumper, and enjoy themselves.

I have to thank you very sincerely for the honour you have done me by placing the photograph and drawing of my Yorkshire Canary on the front page of Cage Birds. It came as a very pleasant surprise to me on receiving your paper last Friday. Wishing it every success for the future.—E. J. Reynolds (Ilford).

Messrs. King and Joiner write that the Portsmouth C.B.S. has decided to open its membership to the Southern Counties, and will henceforth be known as the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. A hearty invitation to membership is extended to all Southern Counties' fanciers. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d.; and 1s. nomination fee. Honorary members, 5s.; vice-presidents, 10s. 6d. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday in every month at 8 p.m. The 1913 annual show is fixed for Oct. 22-23. Messrs. J. Robson and H. Norman have been engaged to judge.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Ornithologists in every branch have a feast of information in Cage Birds 1913 Annual. A resume of the past year is cleverly written by eminent fanciers in every variety. Previous issues have been really good, but this surpasses all its predecessors.—L. Shaw (Dewbury).

Will you announce in Cage Birds, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, 46, Eldon Place, Hopwood Lane, Halifax, that I have been appointed secretary of the Sowerby Bridge C.B.S. in place of Messrs. Sutcliffe and Walker, who have resigned. All future correspondence should be sent to me. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of joining the Sowerby Bridge and District Cage-bird Society, the subscription is 2s. 6d. per year. Many thanks for the good information and help gained through your valuable paper.

Desiccated yolk of egg, offered by Liverine, Limited, of Grimsby, fills a long felt want in the cage-bird Fancy. This article is the genuine thing and not merely egg-bread. To the busy workman who has to rise and be at work early, desiccated yolk of egg is a great boon, and he insures his birds getting egg. On the other hand, the boiling of an egg hard, chopping it, and then feeding, takes quite half an hour; but with desiccated yolk of egg it can be done in a few minutes. There is sufficient in a 6d. tin to rear a nest of young until they are cracking seed. Fanciers should give it a trial.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Duff, Kelty.

I am sorry to again take up my pen, writes Mr. Adam Dickson, Secretary, Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., to inform you that the hand of death has been busy amongst our members. Mr. John Duff, a Border Fancy breeder, was killed while at his work, brushing, in the Lindsay pit here. Last Thursday night a large fall from the roof took place, completely burrying him and one of his companions. When extricated, two hours later, they were both dead. Mr. Duff leaves a widow and an adopted daughter, who have the entire sympathy of the whole of our community. Another of our members, Mr. James Inglis, has had the sad misfortune to lose his wife who died after a very short illness, leaving him with six young children. He also has all our members' deepest sympathy.

An excellent sample of egg and biscuit food reaches us from Mr. E. J. Grain (24, Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham). It is a combination in correct proportions of best quality preserved egg and crushed biscuit, and should be very acceptable to those who desire to use a food of this kind. Mr. Grain sends us a copy of a testimonial from a Liverpool fancier, stating that he found it excellent, and sending a repeat order.

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The Spring Migrants.

Several Chiffchaffs were in the garden to-day (Mar. 30) writes Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, of Teignmouth, and on Mar. 22 I saw a Swallow.

The Hayle C.B. Association.

The cage-bird fanciers of Hyde, writes Mr. A. T. Combe, have formed a new Association with the above title, and will hold their first cage-bird show on Oct. 30. Will other secretaries please note date, and avoid clashing.

A Novel Win.

A Goldfinch shown at the recent show of the Dorchester and Dis. F.S. achieved the distinction of winning the challenge cup given by Mr. A. V. Hambro, M.P., for the best bird in the show. In the competition for the special it had to take its part, not only against the best foreign bird, but also against the best in the poultry, bantam and pigeon sections. Its owner, Mr. E. W. Gould, is to be congratulated upon the remarkable performance.

RESULT OF THE GATESHEAD CASE.

PRIZE DRAWING PROSECUTION COSTS SOCIETY DEARLY.

An Appeal to the Fancy for help to meet the liabilities.

The result of the prosecution instituted by the police authorities against Gateshead C.B.S. (through its secretary) is given below. It will be remembered from the account we published last week that this prize-drawing was got up to help the members to clear off the heavy debt left by their last annual show, owing to this being particularly ruined by the breaking out of the railway strike on the eve of the show-day. Instead of being of assistance, however, this move unfortunately has served only to make matters worse for them. The letters from the chairman and secretary printed below make this quite clear. The experiences they have gone through are singularly discouraging, but we venture to think that their brother fanciers will not allow the members of the society to sink under the load of debt—a heavy one for working-men to face—now thrown upon their shoulders, but will lend them helping hands to float their ship into untroubled waters again. The society's record is a splendid one. We have no hesitation in saying that it deserves well of the Fancy. Cage Birds will be pleased to start a subscription list with the sum of five pounds, and to acknowledge any further sums sent. The object of freeing the society from its burden is a very laudable one, and easily achieved by collective effort—it only needs, for instance, the hat to be sent round at society meetings, and each member present to put a humble copper therein, for this object to be accomplished. We ask the sympathies of fanciers to be extended to the members of the Gateshead C.B.S.—and we are sure that we shall not ask in vain. Any sums, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by us on their behalf.

"Has left us in a Hole."

Mr. A. Holden, the chairman of the Gateshead C.B.S., writes: I think we came out of the law action better than we all expected. Our solicitor's fee, however, was a heavy one, and with the other costs makes a stiff sum we have to pay out. With regard to the obtaining of information by the police, we know now that it was not anyone in connection with the society who told them of the matter. If it had been, I would not have liked to have been in that party's shoes! I understand that the information came from the postal authorities. Our secretary had sent six books of tickets to a Mr. Large, of Liverpool, and it appears that he had removed, the result being that the parcel was sent to the "Dead Letter Office," and the London authorities, after opening it, sent it to Gateshead, and at the same time notified the police, who, of course, took action. This latest trouble has left us in a hole, and we all feel down-hearted at the debt with which we are now faced, but we are hoping that the Fancy will rally round us and not see us beat, so that in the end we may come out of it with "all colours flying." We trust to be in a position to yet hold our shows for many years to come. Our members, like those of most societies, are only working-men. The drawing, of course, cannot now take place, but we are hoping that those who have bought tickets will take a sympathetic view of the matter; we at any rate did our best. I thank you for the kindly report you gave of the matter."

Financial Details from the Secretary.

Sir,—Our committee, I can assure you, appreciate your kind inquiry as to the deficiency, and your offer of assistance. Our loss thorough the strike amounted to £24. However, through the kindness of a few members this was reduced, until we were left with only the printer's account to face, which amounted to £18 4s. Entries were down about 500. Gate-money, admission tickets, and sale of catalogues, were also all down to half the amount of the previous year, otherwise we should have had a record show, with a good balance, as the entries we received by the Saturday morning were beyond anything received in previous years, and mostly exhibitors new to Gateshead. Had we been successful in carrying out the prize-drawing, too, we should have been able to clear our debts. However, we were unable to carry the thing through owing to the action of the police, which involved us in more expense, the society having had to find legal assistance to defend the case, as the members did not wish to have a conviction recorded against my name. Altogether, the solicitor's fees, costs of the court, contribution to poor-box, and the society granting my expenses, have accounted for a sum amounting to just inside £14. Our solicitor, Mr. Lambert, defended the case in excellent style. I feel grateful to the members for the splendid manner in which they have supported me through this trying time. We have had splendid attendances at all meetings since our show.

J. G. Greason, Sec., Pro. Tem.

The Police Court Proceedings.

At the Gateshead Police Court, on March 28th, John G. Greason, secretary of the Gateshead and District C.B.S., who lives at 28, Haydn Street, was charged "that he unlawfully did publish a scheme for the sale of certain tickets or chances in a certain lottery, namely, a prize-drawing in the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S., by which certain prizes would be given in accordance with the results, to be published in certain journals on March 29th." Mr. Frank J. Lambert was for the defendant.

Detective-Inspector Ogle said that on March 17th he was shown a number of books containing tickets for a prize-drawing. Sixteen prizes were to be given, and the tickets were 2d. each. The defendant's name appeared on each slip. He saw the defendant on March 19th, and received from him a number of books, from which it appeared that there had been a sale of 1,829 tickets, which had produced £15 4s. 10d. The tickets had been distributed as far as Swansea and Southampton in the south, and Arbroath in Scotland. Evidently the persons who had received books were secretaries of similar societies to that with which the defendant was connected. Defendant explained that he had resigned the secretaryship, but he was "going to see the thing through." The drawing had been organised because the society had lost a lot of money on the last show, and this was the way they intended to get out of the difficulty.

By Mr. Lambert: Witness did not know whether Mr. Greason meant that he knew the thing was illegal when he said he was responsible.

He meant he was responsible for whatever took place whilst he was secretary?—Yes, he gave me every assistance.

In fact, he acted the part of the innocent man from start to finish?—Yes; he was very straightforward.

Mr. Lambert, addressing the Bench on behalf of the defendant, said that the advice that he had given was that the lottery was absolutely illegal. This would be an important prosecution, he supposed, because the society was not the only society in the neighbourhood, or in the country, that occasionally got into difficulties and organised these [illegible] without thinking that they were offending against the law in issuing the tickets. There were any number of similar transactions in the neighbourhood. The Gateshead Society had been in existence over 13 years, and up to the present had always been able to pay its way. It was a very good society, and deserved encouragement because it had for its objects "the promotion of proper keeping, breeding, rearing, and exhibiting of cage birds." The unfortunate position in which they were placed this year, was due to the railway strike, which commenced on December 13th. That was the day on which the Society held its annual show in the Drill Hall, Burt Terrace. There were about 1,100 entries, whereas they should have actually received 1,600, and the exhibits that came forward numbered only 800. Some birds were not sent, and others were delayed on the railway. The show was a failure, and a debt of about £25 was incurred. It was suggested at a subsequent meeting of the Society that this drawing should be held. The prizes included a leg of mutton, a bottle of whiskey, and birds and cages, and the results were to be made known on March 29th, but unfortunately, what the subscribers would see would be the conviction and not the results. (Laughter.) The defendant had a spotless character, and he asked the bench not to record a conviction.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Tom Lambert): The trouble is, if he is convicted, it will probably be as a "rogue and vagabond."—Mr. Frank Lambert: Well, you can't say he is a rogue and vagabond.

Ald. Fallow, after a short consultation with his fellow magistrates, said they believed the defendant had acted in ignorance of the law, and he would be dealt with under the Probation of Offenders' Act, and bound over in his own recognisances in the sum of £5. Defendant would also have to put two guineas in the poor-box. The bench hoped the case would be a warning to similar societies in this and other parts of the country, and that these illegal lotteries would cease.

I am pleased to be able to state, writes Mr. Fred Moore, 49, Kehnscott Rd., Clapham Junction, S.W., that there is every prospect of the suggested Southern Border F.C. being brought to a successful issue. A meeting is being arranged to take place in about a fortnight; full particulars will be given in Cage Birds as soon as possible. I should like to thank all fanciers who have sent favourable replies to my postcards, and shall be pleased to receive any other names of fanciers wishing to support us in this movement.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Y.C.C. at their forthcoming shows should apply as early as possible to the sec., Mr. John Greaves, 279, Hollings Rd., Bradford.

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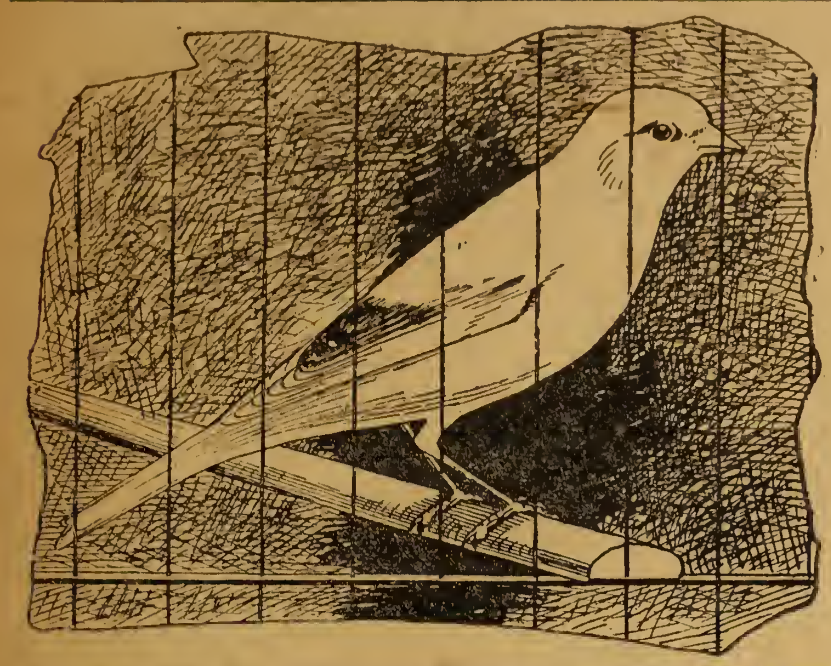

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A NOVICE'S WINNING EVEN-MARKED MULE.

This fine four-pointed Goldfinch-Canary Mule won First Prize at the L. & P.O.S. Show, in the Novice Class, for Mr. W. P. Thomas, of Ystalyfera.

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Points about Norwich Plainhead Breeding.

Interesting Items Discussed by a well-known Midland breeder.

A Lecture given by Mr. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton) before the Birmingham C.B.S,

IN breeding the Norwich Plainhead, as in every other variety, the greatest of care should be taken over building a good solid foundation. One of the most essential qualifications is good sound health (physical fitness); no apparent weakness, or even sluggish apearance, should be tolerated. Secondly, every bird should carry some of the most pronounced good qualities that characterise the breed, and as few of its failings as possible. Don't think that every bird we get must be perfect, as this would be too far beyond the pocket of most of us, but every bird we get should be such as it will at least be possible to improve upon by careful mating. Before even keeping the Norwich Plainhead, my experience with quite a mixture of varieties taught me the great advantage of the oft given advice anent procuring the bulk of the stock from one particular strain, and to be certain that it is one that has not only proved its high qualities on the show bench, but has bred its way there, and not bought its position.

The Kind that is Needed.

I have found by experience that it is not at all necessary to buy very expensive show birds, although one or two well-selected birds, if the pocket will allow, are a great help. Stock birds, as good as we can get and afford, must often suffice; birds that with care may be depended upon to produce the show birds we all find so difficult to get. Particular note should be taken of birds the first year. If two glaring faults have been the outcome of any one particular pair, cut out that line altogether. Make careful selection from those which have thrown a strong percentage of the good points, and with the least possible faults, especially such as pinched heads, long necks, flat backs, long sides, and dropped tails. A little slackness of feather, or a raky appearance in the big birds, or a "ducky" shape in the hens, are among those little failings that we can at least tolerate.

After two years of breeding, with mostly strange blood, we shall know all our stock well, with all its propensities. If it has proved thoroughly sound in stamina, we can embark in the third year on a little careful in-breeding. Blood relationship is one of the most useful methods by which to produce the ideal specimen, if done very carefully, but if abused it is one of the very worst methods we can employ. With birds that in face value fit in with each other, I have seen the best possible results coming from mating first cousins, or uncle to niece, or nephew to aunt, etc., but I have never gone so far as to try brother and sister, or even half-brother and sister, although I have heard many a successful fancier say that he would not hesitate to do so if the birds were suitable in every way.

The Production of Colour.

With respect to colour, and the use of Green blood, there are several ways of keeping up colour, but it is not always done by using marked birds, for some of these are just as lacking in solid colour as a bad-coloured clear. The best and most useful Greens I have seen were produced in rather a peculiar way, viz., a good shaped Yellow Cinnamon cock was mated to a Yellow Norwich hen, and produced a big typical Yellow Cinnamon marked hen. This was paired to a big broad-set Buff-marked Norwich, with a good round head. Among the young were three of the finest solid green stock cocks anyone need wish to have. These birds were such a deep bronze colour that one of them that did a good bit of winning was sometimes reported upon as being a Yellow, but he was really a Buff.

The lecturer here gave some notes on some well-balanced matings, and particularly advised the use of cock birds good in head and neck, and the hen birds with good full fronts. The faults that had proved most difficult to combat were weak necks, flat backs, and long sides. I must say something, he went on, on a matter that almost all keen fanciers of the Norwich have found to occasionally occur, viz., the big percentage of Buff birds that are bred. This troubled me so much some years ago that I determined to find a reason for it, and as I had not done much breeding with two Buffs, it certainly lay in some other direction. I soon convinced myself as to this, and I further proved by experience afterwards the cause to be no other than continually using Buff cocks that had been Buff cock bred for several generations. So I have found that to keep up a reasonable supply of Yellow birds in your progeny you must breed with a few pairs that come from a line of Yellow cocks. One Yellow marked cock that was three generations Yellow bred (Yellow cocks) in one season was mated to two hens. Result from one hen, six young, five of which were Yellows. Only one youngster was got from the other hen, and that was also a Yellow. The size has not been reduced either, as this one Yellow is in my room now, and is one of the largest I know. Another pair was a Buff cock, bred several generations from Yellow cocks, mated to Yellow hens bred similarly. Result, four young, all Yellows. I feel confident if this idea is worked out in our scheme of mating the percentage of yellows will be greater.

Sex and the Effect of Age.

Let us now inquire into another phase of breeding, which I have found has often escaped the notice of very keen fanciers, i.e., the effects of age in sex breeding. I have noted this for some years now, but it was very pronounced in my room last year in several pairs. One, an old Buff cock, paired to an over-year hen that was very strong and vigorous, produced five young, four of which were hens, and all have the characteristics of the mother. Another pair, mated just the same, a five-year-old cock, to a one-year-old hen, had six young, four of them hens. Another pair was a three-year-old cock, to a young hen; result three young, all hens. It certainly seems to me that the vitality and natural vigour of the young hen has a marked influence in matings of this kind, and it also applies vice versa.

The Influence of the Strongest Parent.

Then, again, the particular condition of the birds at the time of nesting also has some influence in this direction. I was breeding from a hen last year, which was apparently in the best of health, but always seemed sluggish when put into the breeding cage, and in consequence I never did much good with her, but last season was fortunate in rearing three fine young in one nest. The reason for this, I knew, was the wonderful breeding properties of the cock. So this seems to show that the sex of the progeny again followed the strongest parent, for all three youngsters were cocks. Another instance was a one-year-old cock, which I had some difficulty in getting fit to put up, and more difficulty in getting full eggs from when he was started—only three young from as many nests, all of which turned out hens.

A lot more might be said on these questions, but I must now conclude with a few remarks on another very important matter. When you feel that you must introduce a bird into your stock for some specific purpose, see to it that you get all you want on one bird, or go without; don't be persuaded into the idea that it can be done by introducing several birds, each carrying one of the particular qualities you require.

The lecturer closed with some appreciative remarks concerning our local shows, and hoped that we should have such displays of Norwich at our next open shows, as the result of our season's work, as would delight the hearts of us all.—J. H. Jones, Sec. (p.p. R. Tipper).

Some Problems of Mule and Hybrid Breeding Unravelled.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 277.

IF a hen Canary have copulation with both Finch and Canary, possibly in quick succession, is it not possible for the offspring to have a dual male parentage?

The highest authorities are agreed that it is impossible for an offspring to have a treble parentage, probably on the grounds that conception proper only occurs once, is practically instantaneous, and cannot be influenced by subsequent copulation. I have known breeders to try if this method would be effective in influencing the colour of Mules, and though the object may have been attained, I should not for one moment attribute the success to a treble parentage, i.e., that the Mule was two-thirds Canary. Of course, priority counts for nothing certain, as the male parentage entirely depends on which copulation has been effective.

Two Sorts in the Same Nest.

How, then, do you account for my getting both pure Canaries and Mules in the same brood?

I have had a similar occurrence cited as disproving a statement I had made, the correctness of which I have repeatedly proved, viz., that one copulation can fertilise an entire clutch of eggs. Now, though Mules and Canaries in one brood are proof positive of a treble parentage in that brood, such is entirely different from a mingled parentage in one offspring. Such a happening only admits of one solution, and, I think, proves that a double conception has taken place, each quite distinct, but so simultaneous as to form one brood. This does not disprove my statement as to one copulation fertilising an entire clutch. Every breeder is aware that intervals in the laying of a clutch may exceed the usual twenty-four hours, forty-eight hours being quite a common period. This is indicative of an irregularity in the reproductive organs which may have the effect of preventing the least developed eggs from being fertilised, and, failing a second impregnation, these, no doubt, would have been unfertile, but the irregularity being temporary and obviously of brief duration, permitted of the remainder of the clutch being impregnated by the second copulation by a different male. That such occurrence is rare is proved by the few instances of such treble parent broods recorded, notwithstanding the many breeders who have lost hopes of obtaining Mules, and have replaced the Finch by a Canary, or vice versa.

A Dark Mule that Moulted Almost Clear!

Have you known of any instances of a Mule changing colour in the manner you mentioned as common in partially albinistic Britishers?

Yes, the most extreme change being that of a Linnet Mule bred by a Midlothian fancier, which from being an ordinary dark, moulted almost clear, and won high honours. Another, though not so extreme, change led to a protest being lodged against a clear Mule, by a previous owner, who after selling it as a rather heavily variegated, was surprised to see it shown clear, that same season, and practically accused the new owner of trimming. An examination and time showed that no feathers had been cut, nor were any missing, and the owner admitted pulling the dark feathers, and these had been replaced by clears. I have known a light Mule to get much darker with years.

May such change not have its origin in a disorganisation of the pigment secretory process by a spontaneous action, and quite apart from any inherent trait, just as we know that in colour feeding that the colour secretory process varies greatly in different birds?

A Matter of Choice.

That such abnormality may have its origin in a disorganisation of the colour secretive process is quite feasible, but whether such were a new departure in that individual, or inherent, it would be impossible to say. We know that a feature, or trait, may skip many generations and reappear.

Given a choice between a male of its own species, and a Finch, will a hen Canary invariably prefer the former?

Generally, but I have known instances of a hen Canary preferring a Finch mate. An instance of this came under my notice while inspecting an aviary in which the male Canaries far outnumbered the hens, yet despite such choice and the forward condition of the males, quite a few Goldfinch-Canaries made their appearance. Although there was only the one Goldfinch in the aviary, he, like Father O'Flynn, "had a way with him," as was very obvious, and, by the way, he was an Irish one.

Do you think environment has any effect? If so, would the colour of the cages be likely to have any influence on the Hybrids bred therein?

Is Colour Influenced by the Surroundings?

I regret that the party who sent that query is not present, as it admits of two interpretations. If he means by "environment," the making of the cage or aviary as like to a state of nature as possible, with bushes, etc., with a view to inducing the hen Finch to start housekeeping, I certainly approve of such measures. But the latter part of the query very evidently applies to light Mule breeding, and inclines me to think he has been reading a yarn which has been going the rounds of the periodicals lately, viz., that the Japanese by a sight influence scheme have succeeded in producing albinos of various species of birds and mammals. This idea that the colour of the surroundings has a pre-natal effect on birds or other animals, is very old, and though the various writers simply dismiss the idea as absurd, I will endeavour to explain how the idea probably had its origin. We know that certain species which spend their lives amid certain surroundings have a colour which so blends with such surroundings as to form a protection from enemies, by rendering them inconspicuous. Imagine the ease with which a flock of normal Partridges would be discerned amid snow, and the difficulty of locating Ptarmigan or Snow Buntings in the same surroundings. Now these protective colours would have their origin in a departure, and those individuals conforming to such departure would survive, and the others would fall victims to enemies, and in time the departure would become so evident as to be regarded as a normal colour of that species. Needless to say, many generations would be necessary to produce this change, and this lets us see the folly of trying to produce a similar result in one generation, minus the all-important factor, elimination. That sight has a pre-natal effect I cannot find grounds to believe, despite many weird and unaccountable stories of changes attributed to the proximity of an opposite coloured stock, etc.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHAT HEN? (A. M., Waltham X.).—I take it you mean the Yorkshire-Border cock is bred from a Yorkshire and a Border Fancy, in which case it is simply a crossbred, and as you do not mention any object for mating it, I assume you have no further idea than breeding songsters. If this is so, the best mate to choose will be a clear or lightly ticked yellow Yorkshire hen, 1911 or 1912 bred. If you wish to run the bird with two hens, there is no valid reason for not doing so. In this event you will find the proper method of procedure given in this column on several occasions just lately. If you get two hens. have one clear yellow and one a lightly ticked yellow.

MATING YOUNG HEN (Doubtful, Buxton).—If the Yorkshire hen hatched last August is robust and healthy, and comes into good breeding condition, there will be no objection to mating her any time during April, but it is not advisable to attempt to force her into condition by a highly stimulating diet. If she is ready to mate the first week in April there will be plenty of time to get two broods from her, and this should be the limit allowed her this season. If she is not ready for mating before the end of April, or May, as may possibly be the case it would be advisable to take only one brood from her this year, and reserve her strength for the beginning of next season. Mate her with a vigorous 1911 or 1910 bred cock, in good song.

BUFFS AND YELLOWS (C. M.).—You will find just the same differences, after allowing for the fundamental colour, in Greens and Cinnamons as in the light plumaged varieties distinguishing yellows from buffs. In the former the primary colour remains solid from the body of the feather right to the tip of the web, whilst in the latter the solid colour stops a little short of the tip, leaving a narrow fringe of almost colourless and lustreless web. In the Green this gives a very similar distinction to the colours as will be found on the upper and surface of a given green leaf, the upper surface representing the yellow-green, wherein the colour is solid, rich and pure, polished, so to speak, and the under surface represents the buff-green, in which the pure green is overlaid, as it were, particularly upon the back, neck, and breast, with this greyish-green and comparatively dull bloom. In the Cinnamon, the rich brown or chestnut of the yellow type becomes a pale drab or dun colour by the same means. It is not uncommon for yellows to have a few stray buff feathers about the base of neck, and on the sides of breast, but these are not sufficiently conspicuous to form mealy areas as in a real buff. There are also very pale washed-out yellows, which it is easy for a novice to mistake for buffs; but even in these specimens, if the feathers are examined closely, the colour, however pale and indistinct, will be found to run right to the tip of the web, so no mistake need be made. No amount of colour-feeding will turn a buff into a yellow.

AN OBJECT OF PITY (Sympathetic).—If you are expert at hand-washing, wash this bird twice, with an interval of a week between, and add a teaspoonful of Creolin to each pint of the first two waters used. If you are not good at washing, and cannot get an expert friend to do it for you, well mix a teaspoonful of Creolin in a pint of warm water an' spray the bird with it three times in one week, being careful to protect the bird from chills until quite dry. Put the cage on the hearth in front of a moderate fire whilst bird is drying. Keep it in a comfortably warm place until feathers re-appear. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day for the next month give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and with about half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure added to it. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, inga, teazle, and rape, and on these days give also a morsel of banana or a spray of green food. Allow it to bathe itself when it likes in mild weather. In the drinking water add six drops of dandelion juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, every second day for a week; then omit it for a week and give it again in the same way in the next week. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. The new quills, if it is a curable case, should be showing by the end of the month's treatment.

DIET FOR ROLLERS ("Lady Plumstead").—For high-class contest singers a staple of mild, nutty German rape is best, but for the ordinary class of Roller, I prefer a mixture of two parts canary, by measure, to one part rape. Extras, and titbits, the same as for other varieties, with a strict limitation of hemp, hot acrid rape, or millet. See full reply to "Constant Reader, H.R.," on March 15, or, better still, get the Nutshell Booklet on the Roller, No. 10, 2½d., post free, from our Manager, and keep it handy for reference.

PECULIAR HISSING (K. M. Knightsbridge).—The trouble is undoubtedly so-called asthma, which in reality is almost invariably bronchial trouble. The probability is that the birds are kept under adverse conditions, which must be altered before you can expect any improvement in the bird's condition. See reply to "G. B.," in this issue, and treat your bird the same, being careful to remove first of all any apparent or suspected causes of the trouble. Keep bird in a comfortable and fairly equable temperature, but not necessarily a very warm one.

SWELLINGS AND SORE FEET (M W P.).—It is only reasonable to suppose that conditions such as you describe are more or less painful. The swellings over eye and on beak are doubtless tumours, and if quiescent, having passed the stage of active growth and come to a standstill, so to speak, probably now give rise to more inconvenience than actual pain. A veterinary might be able to remove them. The feet will be the most painful, and these may be quickly relieved by bathing once a day in a warm solution of boracic acid, then drying carefully, and anointing with a little Lanocyllin. As the bird is aged, if of no particular value, intrinsic or sentimental, it would certainly be a mercy to get a chemist to chloroform it.

ARE THEY VISIBLE? (S. G. Cowles).—Yes, decidedly. If the bird is troubled with grey lice, which live upon the bird, there will be no difficulty whatever in seeing them with the naked eye. Catch the bird and look among its feathers under the wings, around base of tail and neck, and you will probably soon discover them scurrying about among the feathers. Indeed, if the bird is at all badly infested you may find them running about your hand before you have time to look well into its plumage. If any are found, the best and quickest means of eradicating them is to wash the bird as advised to "Sympathetic" in this issue. But in your case, if you cannot wash a bird, do not spray it, but use the alternative method advised to "Tom" on February 15th. Had you given me a reference to your last reply I should have been better able to advise further treatment. I have looked through replies for the last three months, but cannot decide which was given to you. If it was the one under heading "Plucks its Feathers" to "G. I. C.," on February 22nd, you may continue the same feeding a little longer, but instead of the medicines advised in that reply, give for a fortnight those advised to "Nimrod" in this issue.

SOFT EGG (H. W., Manchester).—You should have said what condition the hen was in when mated, and how old she is. There may be many causes for the trouble with laying, and the recent snap of severe weather, which must have coincided with the trouble, is one of them, and, in the circumstances, perhaps the most likely. For a fortnight treat the hen wholly as advised to "Nimrod" in this issue, but do not give dandelion as green food. You need not separate the birds for treatment; if the cock is not in very high condition a similar course will do him no harm. When the hen is going to nest next time get a little old mortar and smash it up into fine grains about like gritty sand, and strew a little regularly on top of the sand on cage floor. (2) You may also give the Yorkshire hen, which has laid so erratically, a similar course of treatment to above, but only give the rhubarb aperient for two successive days. It is most likely you mated the birds too soon; and the youth of this one is partly the cause of the trouble. She will probably succeed better next time.

STREET v. BIRD MUSIC (Constant Reader, N.R.).—A room in a busy street with an abundance of traffic is certainly not an ideal one for keeping Roller schoolmasters and training young Rollers; but such conditions do not by any means disqualify the room. The most likely effect of the noise of the traffic is to make the young cocks tend to let themselves go, and therefore become too loud and coarse in song. This effect, however, may be quite easily overcome by keeping a supply of song-boxes handy, and keeping a strict watch over the birds in order to place any loud or too excitable singers in closed boxes before any real mischief is done. It may also be advisable at times, especially during the next few weeks, to box the tutors for a short time to prevent them becoming too loud. Given these precautions, and good, pure singing tutors, there is no reason why you should not succeed in this room.

THE END OF ALL (Nimrod).—Surely, I need scarcely point out that there is but one inevitable end to all mortal life, and with birds, as with ourselves, no amount of care and consideration will ward off that end very long beyond its average span. Pardon this homily, but it seems to me your remarks about the Goldfinch leave this phase out of the question, and it may be that the Canaries are similarly making a natural return to the elements. You give no particulars that lead me to any conclusion of definite illness. Try the following treatment, and if bird is not considerably better in, say, a fortnight, write again and give full particulars of any symptoms shown, condition of breathing, bowels, etc., and age of bird. Keep cage in a comfortable and well-ventilated position, but free from cold draughts, or fumes of heated impure air, and keep floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day give separately a morsel of bread size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle, and a spray of green food. Stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for it to peck at. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

BALD HEAD (Advice).—The best advice you can have is to strictly avoid breeding with any bird from this stock that becomes bald. The recurrence of the trouble season after season, and in young birds, too, points rather ominously to the fact that you are probably fixing this disfiguring physical defect in your stock, and, for all practical purposes remedial treatment is utterly useless to combat hereditary defects. Treatment may appear useful for a time, whilst the birds are young, but no permanent cure can be expected in such cases. As the birds are now breeding, you cannot in any case give them proper treatment, and will have to wait for next moulting season. Between the end of the breeding season and the moulting season you may treat the birds on the lines advised to "Mrs. G.," and "H. Ardrossan," both in issue of March 8.

LOOSE FEATHERED (A. Hemmings).—The loose condition of plumage, notwithstanding the hen's sprightliness, is by no means a sign of wanting to nest. On the contrary, she should be close and trim in feather when wanting to nest. See reply to "C. J. B.," on March 22, for signs of readiness to breed. Give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of Chemical Food and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. By that time she should be ready to mate. If you notice her begin to pull at her breast feathers before the treatment is completed, mate her at once if the cock is also ready.

PANTING AND CLICKING (G. B.).—Your remedies seem to have been singularly inappropriate so far. The bird's condition is probably due to undue exposure to cold draughts, or overheated impure air, such as hanging in or near a window, between doors, or door and window in a direct draught, or high up near the ceiling, or above a burning light in the evening. All these causes must be removed before any treatment will be of any avail. For one month give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, not a mixture of seeds called "canary seed." Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternating days give a pinch of summer rape. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, every second day for a fortnight. Two drachms each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, one drachm each of chlorodyne, and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's "Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No.* 5 *"The Pet Canary,"* No. 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure them,"* No. 9 *"The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.,"* No. 10 *"The Roller,"* No. 23 *"The Border Fancy,"* No. 24 *"Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

THE PIP (Novice, Border Fancy).—The "swollen bit" on back at root of tail is perfectly natural, and is no disease, or symptom of such, at all, and consequently needs no treatment. This, of course, is surmising you have left the place severely alone and not been pinching or pricking it, as is sometimes done, under the erroneous impression that this little protuberance is an unnatural swelling. If you have been doing anything of this sort so as to cause the organ to enlarge or become inflamed, slightly anoint it once or twice with a little cold cream, and leave the rest to nature. The organ is the oil-gland which secretes the fluid with which the bird "dresses" its plumage. If the birds are in good health, as you say they are, and active, I see no reason why they should not be fit for breeding this season. Certainly, the possession of this, so-called "pip," will not disqualify them, nor prevent them breeding successfully.

MOVING NEST (Constant Reader).—No, it is not right to move the nest to the cage floor when young are hatched to prevent them falling out. Such a course is wholly unnecessary and most inadvisable. There is absolutely no risk at all of the young falling out of the least tolerably shaped nest when newly hatched, and they are less likely to fall out when they get stronger, as they would then naturally exert themselves to stay in the nest until they were getting fledged and beginning to think of leaving it permanently. If young in the callow stage are found out of the nest, the eviction is practically certain to be due to the agency of one of the parents, most likely the hen, either by accident or design, and moving the nest is not the least likely to prevent this happening, but rather the reverse. If the perches are placed a little higher than the rim of the nest it often causes the hen to fly direct off the young on to a perch when she leaves the nest for food or exercise, instead of stepping carefully on to the edge of nest before flying to a perch, and then there is a great risk of young being accidentally snatched out of the nest. To prevent this the nest should be raised a little, or the perches lowered, so that rim of nest is a trifle above the perches. If young are found out of the nest, place them between palms of hands and hold before a fire, breathing occasionally between the thumbs on to them, until quite warm. A few minutes' perseverance will often resuscitate apparently lifeless chicks. Replace in nest as soon as they get quite warm and lively. Beyond this, interfere with nest and young as little as possible.

A PROLIFIC HEN (A. B.).—The laying of your hen is certainly rather abnormal and prolific, but nothing to be alarmed at, and not likely to prove really harmful to a healthy and well-fed hen, unless it should be continued at an excessive rate over a long period. The normal laying of a Canary hen is one egg each day until four or five have been laid; then incubation begins, and no more eggs are produced until the young are about a month old, when another clutch may be expected, produced in the same way as the first. There are many exceptions to this. The clutches, for instance, may vary from one to as many as seven or eight eggs, and the laying may be more or less interrupted; further, a hen may start nesting again at any time after the young are about a week old, or she may wait several weeks, or not go to nest again at all that season. The only method of dealing with your hen is to keep her on a strictly limited diet for a few weeks, and occasionally add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water; otherwise provide a mate for her and allow her to nest in a natural way. Either method may perhaps tend to check continuous egg laying, but is not certain to do so. If you do not wish to adopt the latter course, you need not hesitate to throw out the eggs as laid—the hen will not worry about them.

LOSING FEATHERS (H.R.).—Do not keep the bird too warm. Aim at a "comfy" temperature just away from the chilly cold side, and see that there is no very serious drop at night. If this is probable throw a light cover over the cage before retiring at night. Give a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel in the water every second day. Continue this treatment until the feathers cease dropping.

CEASED SINGING (A.G.C.).—(1) You omit to say whether you had put the birds together or not. It is not uncommon for some cocks to cease singing soon after being mated, but the stoppage should not occur prior to mating with birds in good condition, unless they are separated only by a wire slide, when it will occasionally occur, but not often. If the birds are together, keep them in a bright healthy place, continue your present system of feeding, and all will doubtless come right in the end. If they have not been put together treat the cock for a week or fortnight as advised to "A Hemmings" in this issue. (2) For breeding nice songsters of good size and appearance, you could not do better than mate the first-cross Roller-Yorks cock back to a Yorkshire hen, but if good song is of greater importance than good looks, a Roller hen would be best. In either case, get the young cocks tutored under a good singing Roller cock.

MITE INFESTED CAGE (F.W.B., Hastings).—Yes, you are correctly informed. The red mite is of nocturnal habits, and does not live upon the body of the bird. If you have a well cleaned and disinfected breeding cage, which has not been in contact with the infested cage, by all means transfer the birds to it before starting. No preparation is necessary prior to transference beyond giving the birds a bath in the morning, to which you have added a few drops of essence of quassia, or soaked a few quassia chips in it overnight. Then move the birds to the other cage early in the afternoon, and there will be practically no risk of transferring any of the mites. Do not put any of the appliances from the infested cage on to the clean one, or mites may be carried in this way. Also see that the wall or place where the cage is kept is thoroughly overhauled and cleared of all trace of mites before installing the clean cage in position. For clearing the cages of the pest proceed as advised in my article in last Birthday issue.

YORKSHIRE HEN DYING (Neophyte).—It is a pity you did not send the body to our Mr. Yates for a proper post-mortem, when you would have had a definite and reliable statement of the cause of death. The opinion that death might be due to some trouble connected with egg formation is too vague and indefinite for anyone to hazard a guess at the real cause of death. The twitching of body you refer to may have been simply a symptom of a much constipated condition. Sorry I cannot say anything more definite, as I have no data whatever on which to form an opinion. If the birds are not mostly enshrouded in a cloud of tobacco smoke, the constant smoking in the same room would have little, if any, effect upon the birds, and none whatever in such a case as this. At the same time, trying to look at the matter from the birds' point of view I consider excessive smoking in their vicinity is objectionable. By the way, if you get another hen you should not mate a cinnamon-marked bird with a green-marked, unless you know there is cinnamon blood in the cock. A clear buff, dark-eyed, hen would be the best mate, other typical points being suitable; or if the cock has cinnamon blood in him a clear buff, pink-eyed hen.

BARE ON BACK (B. H.).—You should first of all, thoroughly examine cage and bird to see if any insect pests are in evidence, and, if there are, take the necessary steps to exterminate them, as advised in detail in several replies just recently. Give a staple diet of plain canary only for a month, and give separately every third day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternating days give a pinch of maw seed one day, and next day a pinch of a mixture of equal parts rape, millet, teazle and linseed. Give a spray of green food, chickweed preferably, daily. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water add six drops of dandelion juice, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every third day for a month. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather, and if there is a large area of bare skin lightly smear it twice a week, until quills show through, with Lanocyllin.

MOPY ROLLER (Mrs. Marr).—First catch the bird and examine its eyes to see if the sight is affected, as its manner points rather to trouble in this direction. Give a staple diet of plain canary only for one week, with a spray of watercress or two crisp young dandelion leaves daily, and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, millet, and teazle twice only during the week. In the water add six drops each of syrup of rhubarb, dandelion juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, every second day during the week. After this add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet, and give in addition half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts millet, inga and teazle. Continue the supply of green food daily, and stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for bird to peck at. During this fortnight add to the water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

SELF COLOURS OF ROLLERS (M. M. J.).—Besides the clear yellow there is clear buff, both of which may be termed selfs, and self greens. There are also all grades of broken greens, many of which are so slightly broken as to closely approach the true selfs. All these are quite common. Cinnamons may also be met with, but are not common. If you object to ticked birds, the self greens would suit you best, as in breeding clear yellows and buffs you cannot avoid a fair proportion of ticked or variegated birds turning up, and it is not advisable to try to eliminate ticked stock if you wish to keep a nice tone of colour in your clears.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GRIT. (Breeder).—I doubt whether your idea of getting a few bushels of builder's sand and mixing a proportion of broken oyster shell with it would be any economy at all, apart from the labour necessary for preparing such a substitute for ordinary gritty sand. As a substitute it would be just tolerable, but by no means ideal. Baking the oyster shells is useful to assist the work of pulverising, so you would easily discover how long to bake or burn them for this purpose. The proportion to mix with the sand might depend upon the quantity available, say, from a fourth part during the breeding season to a tenth part at other times. A far better plan would be to use the builder's sand alone on the cage floor, and keep a small shallow tin of the proper gritty sand in one corner of the cage. In this way the birds would have the full benefit of a proper grit supply, with considerable economy to yourself.

ERRATIC LAYING (A. Bridges).—It is not very uncommon for a hen to lay an abnormal clutch of only one or two eggs, and unfortunately it rarely, if ever, gives the owner the same amount of satisfaction as a clutch of seven or eight, which is equally abnormal. You do not say how old the hen is. If she is quite young she may yet do all right, but if she is getting old the chances are against her doing any more good. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of egg food, with about half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a half teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily.

CREST HEN AND CREST-BREDS (U. A. C.).—You will get nothing but disappointment from the Crested hen as a breeder, so you need not be in a hurry to mate her in case you determine to go on and carry out this idea. Keep her in a comfortably warm place, not overheated, but still quite away from the chilly side, and do not expose her to cold draughts nor heated fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Feed her for a month as advised to "Mrs. Marr," omitting the first week's dietary in your case. Also give the rhubarb mixture named in that reply for three consecutive days, and for a fortnight afterwards give the gentian mixture every second day. (2) It is difficult to advise you about the mating of two Crest-breds without knowing something of the failings or merits of your stock, and of these two birds in particular. It is an unusual mating, as there is little to be gained by it, and even that little can be gained better in other directions. If the head feather is thin or scanty at the back, such a mating would prove useful providing you had two suitable birds, and could not introduce a little Lancashire blood, which would be the best course. The Crest-breds should be well furnished with long, dense, and broad head-feathers, free from "horns" behind, and with no suspicion of bareness at the back of skull, the crown and base of skull being thickly clothed with feathers lying smoothly and evenly from skull to nape. Of course, other Crest-bred qualities must not be lost sight of, but head-feather is of first importance. To get a grip of all the ins and outs of this question you should get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries."

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A BULLFINCH (E. Jones).—The Bullfinch has a "Nutshell" Booklet devoted to it, and in this (post free 2½d.), you will find full details as to food, cage, and general management. You should obtain this from our publisher. A chapter, too, is devoted to the bird in Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual" (Hardbill section).

A PROPLEM FOR THE HEN CANARY (J. R. C.).—I do not remember to have read of anyone succeeding in getting Skylark's eggs incubated by a hen Canary and the young reared. I remember, however, someone writing that they had young Larks hatched under a Canary, and that the hen was feeding them. But after this silence, I think, reigned supreme—a "speaking silence" which, I suspect, told of disaster. The methods of the real parents and those of the foster-parent (I mean in the manner of the feeding of the young) differ widely. If you choose to try the experiment, don't leave any Canary eggs in the nest to hatch out, and remember that young Skylarks are apt to run out of the nest at quite an early age.

STARLINGS (S.L.).—Your place would have been much better had it been 6ft. long and 4ft. high, instead of vice versa. I should say that your two birds are a true pair. In the breeding season the cock has a yellow beak and carries a very brilliant metallic sheen on his plumage. The hen is duller (more brownish) in colour, and her spangling is much larger (heavier)—in the adult male it is more like fine ticking. There is some chance of them breeding if you provide a suitable nesting side—a "hole" of some kind preferred, such as a hollowed out log, or an empty box with a hole cut out for an entrance. Supply bits of hay and straw, dried grass, dried leaves, and some feathers or wool. You will have to provide a higher grade food than the one you mention (this is good at the price), and should the birds have young, then gentles, blackbeetles, small garden worms, mealworms, and practically any suitable living things you can find in your garden, would be welcomed.

SEXING AND FEEDING THE STONECHAT (Softbill).—You should experience no difficulty in sexing adult Stonechats, for they differ in colouration as markedly as do cock and hen Chaffinches. The cock, for instance, has the head and throat black, and the breast bright chestnut-red. The female has the head and upper parts dusky brown, and the breast also brown, but of a paler, more yellowish tint; she is also much less conspicuously marked with white on the sides of the neck, in the tertial wing coverts, and on the rump. The proper management is too lengthy a matter to go into properly in this column. You should consult "Nutshell" Booklet No. 25, which deals fully with the more delicate Softbills (post free 2½d.), or the part of Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual" that deals with the insectivorous species. Note also Mr. O. Puck's advice given in this issue. This bird, I may say, is far from easy to keep, and, if you are a beginner with small Softbills, I strongly advise you to start with some other kind. Further, it is hard to put upon the show bench in perfect condition (even by those expert in such matters), and will not stand any "knocking about" on railway journeys and the like.

SUITABLE MATES (A. J. Rees).—Any kind of hen Canary can be mated with either Linnet or Goldfinch, but, of course, such varieties as the Belgian and Scotch Fancy are not really suitable, owing to their peculiarity of shape, while the Dutch Frill and Crest are equally undesirable, owing to their feather peculiarities. All things considered, the best all-round hen for Mule breeding is one of stout build (i.e., Norwich type), and good colour (a yellow for preference), not too small, and with a nice broad head. However, a hen of Yorkshire or Lancashire type is almost equally good, providing she is built on heavy lines (i.e., not finely drawn).

MALE OR FEMALE (G.N.).—Your bird is unquestionably a male Reed Bunting, as the hen never possesses either the black head or black gorget. I need hardly say, of course, that to keep the cock Canary with it longer will be only a waste of time. You might certainly try it with a hen Canary, if you feel in the mood to experiment. On the other hand, you could mate him with a hen Yellowhammer in an attempt to add to our list of known Hybrids; the likelihood of success in a cage, however, would be smaller than in an aviary, I should fancy.

IDENTITY OF BIRD (Wilberforce).—I really cannot call to mind any small seed-eating British bird that answers to the description you give. The black throat patch suggests the Reed Bunting, but this bird has a black head as well, not brown. I presume, of course, that it really is a seed-eater, for your letter does not definitely say so. I think it likely to be an escaped small foreign bird. Is there no museum in Bristol at which you could identify it? If you can send me fuller details, and mention its food and song (or call-note), I will endeavour to name it, particularly if you could send a rough sketch with the colouring of the various parts of the plumage marked on it.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS *should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

AGE OF HOUSE SPARROW (J.P.).—It seems to me that six years is a good span for a captive House Sparrow, though I have no doubt that they have attained a much greater age in captivity—probably into the teens. Still, you have no need to grieve about an "early demise," for I very much doubt whether it would have seen its sixth birthday had it been left to the tender (more or less) mercies of Dame Nature. I have no record of the age attained by captive House Sparrows—they are not commonly kept as pets—but no doubt some of the readers of these lines will be able to supply you with information on the point. Look in the correspondence columns next week, in case anyone writes.

AN AILING GOLDFINCH (S. Clifford).—I think your chance of saving the bird now is a very small one; if, as you say, he has been queer for two months, and is now much worse, his constitution must be pretty well used up. You should have commenced to treat him two months ago; it is quite useless to wait until a bird is on its "last legs"—they are but frail creatures at the best of times. Try and tempt him to eat by offering a complete change of diet, say a mixture of thistle, sesame, niger, maw, teazle, and cracked hemp—never mind any other kinds for the time being. Also try him with soaked teazle seed, prepared fresh every day. Put a little in a cup, pour on very hot water, cover up, and let stand all night. In the morning, drain away the water, shake up the seed in a dry cloth, then offer it to the bird. For medicine, get one ounce each of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian (mixed), and stir half-a-teaspoonful into the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), fresh daily, for four days. Then give on alternate days only, and in between let the bird have to drink the water in which the teazle seed has stood in soak ("teazle tea"). Should the bird begin to pull round, he would probably relish a few cracked sunflower seeds daily.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT BIRDS?—F. D. S. and P. Pearce will find answers to their queries in our next issue.

BREEDING JAVA SPARROWS (Novice).—Any small box, Hartz travelling cage, or a husk, will answer well for a nest box. These birds like a squarish box, enclosed all round, with an elliptical hole, say 1 x 1½in., near the top of one side. Hay, grass, and a little moss, will suffice for nesting material. These birds should have canary and white millet seed, also crushed oats and paddy rice if they care for them. Greenfood and grit must also be regularly supplied. When they have young you should supply a little of some good insectile mixture (soft food) daily—several good ones are advertised in our pages, or you could compound your own with ants' eggs, dried flies, crushed biscuit and sponge cake.

SEXING PEKIN ROBINS (H. W. A.).—I must preface my remarks first by stating that plumatic distinctions of the sexes of any species are greatly modified, first by the question of age, and secondly by the variableness common to the species and the extent and character of its range. The plumage of the adult hen (comparisons only hold good as to adult birds) is altogether a little greyer than that of the male; the rich olive-green washings of the upper parts of the male are but faintly indicated in the female; her beak is paler and the intensity of the yellows of the throat and breast more subdued, as also are the yellow and ruddy-orange markings of the wings; she is also a little smaller than the male, and has a narrower skull. The olive-green of the crown of the male is more or less suffused with golden-yellow. When choosing birds from a crowd I have found that if two birds are picked out—one having a narrow and the other a broad skull (comparatively), they invariably prove to be a pair, but the species has a wide range, and the depth of the hues varies considerably. I have only one sexed female among my skins, but the white bar across tips of upper-tail coverts is a little narrower than that of several male skins I have compared it with. There is no reason at all why it should not breed with you in such an aviary. At the same time, I must inform you that the Pekin Robin has a strong proclivity to eggs for breakfast, and, to gratify this lust, will rob any nests it can get access to. Box, barrel, log, and living and dead bushes have been used as nest sites by this species.

WHAT BIRD? (H. Saxton).—I am sorry that with the information at my disposal I cannot give you a definite reply. Your description comes very near the Ortolan Bunting, and the song of this bird is about as you describe. I am also told that this bird is frequently offered as a "Nightingale" of some kind. If you have in your locality some fancier in the habit of exhibiting British and Continental species, he would be able to tell you whether it is an Ortolan or not. Regret I cannot be more definite.

PIGEONS AND PARRAKEETS (G. Heath).—The Owl, Pigeons, Budgerigars, and Cockatiels will agree fairly well together; if any damage should be done, it will be the pigeons that will come to grief. I have found Budgerigars very apt to get on the backs of young foreign doves and pigeons the day they leave the nest and mutilate their heads, but if you are only on the look out, not much mischief should result; as soon as the young get fairly on the wing they are pretty safe. The Cockatiels will not give any trouble at all, at least that has been my experience with many pairs.

BURGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (J. Knight).—I presume you know you have a true pair; the cere (round the nostrils) is blue in the male, and ruddy brown in the female, when the birds are in breeding condition. It is very strange they have made no attempt to breed over such a period, and I should certainly say one or other of the birds, most probably the hen, from your remarks, is quite lacking the necessary vigour. I really advise your getting another pair (do not buy the cheapest offered), and keep your present birds merely as cage pets. I should catch each bird and give them one drop each of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak (that is, between the edges of the mandibles), and repeat the dose in a week's time, also put ten drops daily of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water for a month at least. You will soon be able to get flowering (seeding) grass; supply this ad lib. Get our Nutshell No. 18; it will tell you all about Budgerigars, 2½d. post free, from our Manager. Canary and white millet seed, spray millet, few crushed oats, green food, grit, and cuttlebone, should be all supplied. You did not send address (note rules), and were consequently not entitled to a reply.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (C. C.).—It is a cock Ring-necked Parrakeet. Spray or bathe the bird in a weak solution of fir-tree oil (Horticultural preparation), using about half-a-teaspoonful to a pint of water; avoid the bird's eyes as much as possible. Every fourth day so long as the voiding are not watery loose put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates. Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet; one pint each hemp, oats, and paddy rice; half pint each wheat, dari, small maize, and shelled nuts—well mix, and keep supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit daily, plain biscuit, stale crust, greenfood; grit and cuttlebone must also be continually in the cage. It will be a help if you can get it to take a piece of plain biscuit, or sponge cake, slightly damped and then dusted with flowers of sulphur, daily. You will have to persevere, it will be some time before plumage is properly renewed. Report progress a month hence.

AILING GREY PARROT (Mrs. Humphrey).—Diet this bird on seed mixture (one quart each canary and white millet, one pint each hemp, oats, and paddy rice, ½ pint each dari, wheat, small maize, and sunflower seed—well mix the whole), ripe fruit, plain biscuit, green food, and a few nuts. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must also be regularly supplied. Keep the bird strictly out of all draught, bathe the skin daily with tepid water, dry with a soft cloth, and lightly anoint any sores with a little healing ointment. Give the bird every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking-water, and on other days, that is when not giving the magnesia, put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Moisten a piece of plain biscuit or stale crust of bread in a little tepid water, then lightly dust with flowers of sulphur—it will greatly help if the bird will take such daily; it will do no harm to dust a little of the sulphur over its seed mixture when refilling its food hopper. There can be no sudden improvement; in such cases this can only be gradual. Persevere with the above treatment, and report progress a month hence.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (E. F. Fuller).—I do not think there is anything seriously wrong, though the trouble may take some time to disappear. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, but if the voidings become too watery then you must only give the magnesia once a week. At the same time, the voidings must be kept moving quite freely. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, put half-a-teaspoonful of Chemical Food in the water, but when you have used up your present supply of Chemical Food, get A. and H., Byno-phosphates instead. Spray the bird twice a week with quassia solution (you can procure the solution ready made), and dilute according to maker's directions. Persevere with the above treatment, and the irritation should be gradually allayed. The seed diet will more than suffice to well nourish the bird, but keep a separate tin of crushed oats, dari, wheat, and small maize, from which it can help itself at will—this will prevent waste. Vary the diet with ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts (shelled walnuts for preference), also grit and cuttlebone should be continually in the cage. As soon as the weather gets a little more settled, an hour or two in the open air in some unexposed position will be beneficial, choosing such days which are genial and the wind not high. Please report progress about two or three weeks hence.

AVIARY QUERIES (A.B.D.).—(1) I should cover in four feet of the roof of that nearest the glass-fronted shelter, and the remainder with wire-netting, boarding up two feet of the front and end of flight, which will protect the birds much from driving wind and rain. (2) Such groups are kept together, but occasionally, sometimes frequently, one or other of the Finch-tribe will get killed by the mischievous playfulness of the Budgerigars. I certainly advise the netting partition (double for preference, with about one inch space between), dividing the aviary into two enclosures as the most satisfactory. The shelter must also be similarly divided. (3) No use putting bushes in with Budgerigars; you must be content with grass and cereals there. In the Finch aviary it is of no use planting deciduous bushes, but such evergreens as box, common broad-leaved laurel, aucuba, and pines of sorts would have a fairly long life, though all the birds you name are very fond of disbudding. (4) In the shelter and under covered roof of flight put up boxes, [illegible], etc., for the Canaries and Finches, and coconut husks and small barrels for the Budgerigars. Do not use any straight perches, use only natural twiggy branches.

Club Notices will be found on page 294 this week.

BUDGERIGAR UNFIT (Foreign Bird).—Later on this bird should do well, if it survives the present trouble, but with the delay of the Easter holidays it may have succumbed before my reply reached you. Treat all such cases by giving one drop of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, and also anoint the vent with same, but do not use sufficient to materially grease the surrounding plumage, putting the bird in a small cage in some warm place. If the bird does not get rid of the egg in a reasonable time, then steam the vent over a jug of hot-water for some ten minutes, return it to the cage and again place in a warm place. Repeat the operation in three hours if relief is not given. The acute and varied changes of our spring weather are mostly responsible for the trouble. Follow the above by a course of byno phosphates as advised in my letter. As soon as you can get it free from frost, supply flowering (seeding) grass ad lib.

WHAT TO KEEP? (P. Carmichael).—(1) I advise Budgerigars, Cockatiels aand the hardier Parrakeets. (2) An outdoor aviary would be the best, but, of course, in your northern locality it should consist of a roomy flight and a well-lighted roomy shelter shed. If you will send me a rough plan of any available ground (show its aspect) and the largest size you care to go to, or the most you care to spend on it, I will further advise. As regards books—if you refer to our list of books in various issues of this paper you will find several which will help you—for instance, Nutshell No. 18, 2½d. post free; "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free; Parrots for Pleasure and Profit, 7d.; and Aviaries, Birdrooms and Cages, 1s. 8d. (2s. 3d. cloth gilt), all obtainable from our Manager.

GREEN PARROT (N. Feirtong).—You give me really no data from which to answer your query—how long have you had it? Is it an old or young bird? I presume it is an Amazon, and that the noise you complain of is evidently an imitation of something which it has heard; if you have poultry in your vicinity, the birds is imitating their calls, and I do not see how you can prevent it. The bird should pick up sounds it hears in the room, also words and sentences, make a practice of talking to it whenever you are attending to it, and also while offering it some tit-bit, and the bird should ultimately prove responsive. Also, when it is quiet and restful try the constant repetition of two or three words, or any short sentence you would like it to repeat; it is best to keep at one sentence till it is learned, and then take another, and so on.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS *should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

YOUNG BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (J. Reid).—You cannot do better than continue the present treatment for a time. With the advent of better and more settled weather the bird will improve wonderfully. Do not stint the canary seed, it is quite wholesome. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage. It may decline the bath at first; in such case you must spray it with tepid water, choosing a genial day for the purpose. The bird really needs a spraying to help it cleanse its plumage, but do not make it really wet, and use the first warm sunny day for this purpose. You must take precautions that it does not get another chill before we get settled weather or the consequences might be fatal. Report progress in a fortnight. It may have a few nuts, plain sweet biscuit, or a stale crust of household bread—a little ripe fruit is beneficial; try it with sweet apple.

GREY PARROT WITH SWELLING (A.L.R.).—I do not know your district, and it is impossible to prescribe for such a case by post. The probability is that one of your local vets. could give the bird relief at once. Putting a little honey and borax in its mouth twice a day will help to keep the throat clear of slime. It will be necessary also to keep the bowels moving quite freely, at the same time the voidings should not be watery-loose; one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water will keep them regulated—the state of the bowels must regulate the frequency of the doses. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. If the swelling protrudes externally and is hard, painting daily with tincture of iodine, so long as the skin is broken, should ultimately give relief. At the same time I certainly advise taking it to your local vet. so that the exact nature of the swelling may be ascertained, then definite steps can be taken to give permanent relief.

BEGINNER'S AVIARY (Novice, Wealdstone).—The best way is to build it against a wall, if possible one with a south aspect. Under the circumstances the floor should be of concrete, with a small very fine grating at one end to drain away any wet from bath or driving rain. It should be raised 6 inches above ground level. One end of the aviary should be all wood, and also two feet of the front adjoining the blocked end; the remainder of the front and other end to be covered with half-inch mesh wire netting. In so small an aviary the whole of the top should be board and felt. The floor should be covered at least one inch deep with gritty sand, and the back and solid end be covered with twiggy branches; nest receptacles can also be hung on the walls at back of the branches and others suspended from the roof. The twiggy branches should extend right up against the top of aviary, but should be 12 inches at least above floor level. A wood and glass shutter to cover the front of the aviary for winter use, is a useful adjunct of small aviaries.

(QUERIES.—Continued on page 294.)

HINTS ON BUILDING AND FITTING AN OUTDOOR BIRD-HOUSE.

Written and Illustrated by H. NORMAN.

Concluded from page 261.

In nailing the boards on the roof of a house they should be placed to run from back to front, not from side to side. Then, if the roof leaks a bit, the water will most likely get away, but if the boards are nailed on from side to side, the water will drip in through the joints.

Writing of tarred felt reminds me that this makes a capital flooring for an outside house. No matter how carefully we board the floor, there are sure to be cracks between the boards which contract and expand with the atmospheric changes, and during the spring months, when the dry east winds prevail, these will admit much more fresh air in the bird house than we care for. A layer of cheap felt will remedy this evil, but, as this will stand very little treading upon, strips of tile batten should be nailed over it. These should be laid about 2½ inches apart, and should run towards the door, as in Fig. 6, so that the place may be easily swept out. If properly laid, these battens are not uncomfortable to walk upon.

An Important Point About the Floor.

When building a bird house one should be careful about the height of the floor. If this is on the ground level it should be cemented, or, if cement is not used, the flooring should be placed sufficiently high to allow a small dog or a cat to get underneath, for there is otherwise always the danger of rats and mice taking up their quarters underneath, and sooner or later finding their way inside.

Of late years I have quite discarded paint for use both outside and inside bird houses. I have found a much cheaper material that can be easily applied, and with far less labour. This is a mixture of common creosote and Stockholm tar, three parts of the former to one of the latter. It should be made hot over a small gas burner, and applied with an ordinary painter's brush. It dries in a day or two, according to the weather, but if applied cold the tar prevents it drying. This is an excellent preservative, and I am inclined to think assists in keeping the red mite under. All my cages are painted with it; it dries a rich brown colour, and looks well. A fancier wishing to have his house look as smart as possible, could paint the sash bars of the window another colour with ordinary paint.

Just one hint regarding the size of an outside bird house. Of whatever dimensions we make it we should allow at least four feet between the cages and the wall they are facing; if we have less than that our nearness to the birds makes them nervous and watchful, particularly in the breeding season.

I saw a door to a building quite recently that struck me as somewhat novel and useful. It was made about an inch and a half too large all round, so that it covered up the door opening, instead of going into it in the usual way, and a little fillet of wood nailed all round the door space made it almost air-tight. If doors do not fit well they are the cause of much draught, and if they fit well in summer they are generally too tight in winter, but with the arrangement mentioned there is no danger of this nuisance.

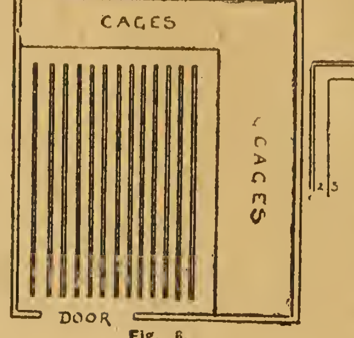

Fig. 6.

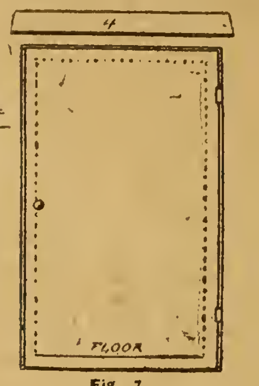

Fig. 7.

In Fig. 7 I give a sketch of this door, so that any fancier who is re-building, or who may be troubled by a badly-fitting or draughty door could enlarge it, and re-hang it in this way. Over the top was fixed a six-inch board to prevent the rain from beating in. The hinges were not screwed on to the door post, but to the fillet nailed on to it. This allowed the door to open as wide as usual.

WAYSIDE SEEDS AND BERRIES FOR BRITISH BIRDS.

By that well-known authority, JAS. B. CLARKE, (Rothesay).

A continuation from No. 573 of a remarkable article on wild-foods, the result of a lifetime's experience of Birds in field and aviary.

Common Fleabane (Pulicaria dysenterica).—Grows one to two feet high, with woolly stems, oblong leaves, and golden-yellow heads. A Linnet, Twite, and Goldfinch favourite, and a most useful seed for them in cages. I have used it for many years with grand results. Flowers July-August; seeds in September.

Sweet Rocket.—A well-known plant with purple and white flowers, and seed heads similar to charlock; it is what is called a garden escape. I find this seed greatly relished by Linnets, Twites, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Bullfinches.

Chickweed (Stellaria media).—A well-known weed, with small, creeping shoots and small white flowers; it is a general favourite. I have used this weed for many years with good results. It flowers all the year round.

Quaking Grass or Totter Grass (Briza media).—A pretty grass; grows about 12 inches high, with slender stems, carrying six to nine flowers. A favourite of the Siskin, Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll. I have found it a grand seed for these birds when fresh-caught, also during the winter. The flowering heads should be cut in large bunches and stored in a dry place for winter use.

Black Bindweed (Calystegia sepium).—A climbing weed, something like the field convolvulus; has greenish-white flowers and large black seed. I have seen Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, and Bullfinches feed on this, and I find it one of our best seeds for moulting and winter use. Hawfinches will also eat it in confinement.

A Speciality of the Hawfinch.

Common Broom (Cytisus scoparius).—A well-known plant, with bright yellow flowers and black seed pods. I have never seen any birds eat this seed when at liberty, but Hawfinches will eat it readily in confinement. The seeds should be taken from the seed pods in the same way as garden peas.

Crested Dog Tail.—A small, tufted grass, abundant in marshy places; grows about a foot high, and has short, narrow leaves. A Siskin, Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll favourite, and a good seed for fresh-caught birds, also for winter use. Flowers in July, seeds in August. Cut the seed in bunches, and store in dry place for future use.

Wood Germander or Wood Sage (Teucrium scorodonia).—A common woodland plant with yellowish white flowers and small black seeds. I have seen the Linnets, Twites, and Redpolls feed on this for weeks. It has great tonic properties, and I have found it most useful for these birds when in confinement.

Common Daisy (Bellis perennis). The only British species and a favourite flower of everyone. I have seen Linnets, Redpolls, and Twites feed for months on this seed during the winter, and have used it with good results in confinement.

Speedwell (Veronica officinalis).—A common plant in pastures and woods with small, wiry, trailing stems and small blue flowers. A favourite of the Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll, and a grand seed for them when caged.

False Oat Grass (Arrhenatherum avenacsum).—A common grass in hedges and pastures. Grows from two to three feet high. A favourite seed of the Greenfinch and Yellowhammer, and I find it useful for these birds when caged. Cut the seed heads and put up in bunches for winter use.

Sow Thistle or Milk Thistle (Sonchus Oleraceus).—Common in waste places and in some gardens; grows from two to three feet high; has hollow stems, small yellow flower heads, and dark brown seeds. I have seen practically all Finches feed on this plant; Goldfinches are also exceedingly fond of the leaves in the early spring. I have used this seed with birds in confinement with the best of results; for moulting Linnets, Twites, Goldfinches, and Redpolls fanciers can get nothing better. Used with linseed and German rape, I find it one of the best colouring seeds we have.

A Useful Grass Seed.

Marsh Bent.—A pretty grass; grows from six to 24 inches high with rough leaves, and small, cream-coloured seeds. I have seen the Siskin, Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll feed on this, and find it excellent for them when fresh-caught, and also during the winter. Cut flowering heads and store in bunches.

Germander Speedwell (Veronica chamædrys).—A very pretty plant with bright blue flowers; common on banks and in waste places. It is sometimes called forget-me-not. A favourite seed of the Chaffinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet, and excellent for winter use. Flowers in April; seeds in July.

Marsh Ragwort (Senecio aquaticus).—Common in marshy places, grows two feet high, with large bright yellow flowers and small, cream-coloured seeds. The flowers are much larger than those of the common Ragwort. It is a favourite seed of all Finches, especially Goldfinches and Bullfinches, and I find it most useful for these birds, both when fresh-caught and also during the winter.

Mouse-Ear Chickweed (Cerastium vulgatum).—A common weed with downy, straggling stems, small white flowers, and pale-brown seeds, the latter eaten by all Finches, and very useful indeed, especially for fresh caught birds. This plant is so common that fanciers will have no difficulty in laying in a large quantity of the seed.

Common Groundsel (Senecio vulgaris).—Common on cultivated ground; has small yellow flowers, and white, downy seed heads. A general favourite, and a most useful seed for moulting Goldfinches and Bullfinches. It greatly improves the blaze of the Goldfinch and the breast of the Bullfinch. When the white seed heads are about to open, clip the down from same, then rub in the hands, when the seed will separate from the heads.

Orange Hawkweed (Hieracium aurantiacum).—A garden escape, but very plentiful in some parts of Bute. A pretty plant, seen in most herbaceous borders. Has orange flowers and dark brown seeds. I have seen Greenfinches, Twites, Linnets, and Redpolls feeding on this plant, and find it a grand food for Goldfinches in captivity—it helps to bring out the nut-brown colour in these birds.

The Great Value of Teazle.

Wild Teazle (Dipsacus sylvestris).—A large, handsome plant, resembling the Scotch thistle, common in some places, but uncommon in Bute—I have only come across two plants here. A general favourite, and one of the most useful seeds we have for getting newly-caught birds on to hard seed. I have time and again saved birds with this seed when given in a soft state. I put the seed in a small pan with a little water and boil for a few minutes, then put it in a sieve to dry. Fanciers who have some difficulty in keeping Twites should try this. Flowers in July; seeds in September.

Wild Thyme (Thymus serpyllum).—A well-known plant, and common along the Bute shores; has wiry stems and rose-coloured flowers. I have seen Linnets, Greenfinches, Redpolls, and Twites feed on this, and have used it with the best of results with these birds in cages

Purple Loosestripe (Lythrum salicaria).—A handsome plant, common in Bute; grows two to four feet high, with purple flowers, in tall, tapering spikes, and small brown seeds. Eaten by Redpolls, Linnets, Twites, and Greenfinches, and most useful for them in confinement. Cut the flowering stalks and tie in bunches for future use.

Wall Barley (Hordeum murinum).—A coarse-growing grass from 18 inches to two feet high. Seed heads similar to field barley. One of the favourite seeds of the Greenfinch and Yellowhammer, and most useful for these species in confinement. Flowers in June; seed in August. Cut the ripe heads in bunches and store for future use.

(To be continued.)

Our Summer Migrants.

Some excellent advice by a skilled Fancier on getting them accustomed to captive life.

By OTTO PUCK (Chingford).

Excellent articles on Softbills have from time to time appeared in your columns, and I have nothing fresh to impart, or any wrinkles to give to the "old hand"—he can take care of himself. I want to address myself particularly to the new comer, or novice, and tender him or her a little advice which I am sure will be appreciated at this time of year. By the end of the present month most of our insectivorous songsters will have returned to our shores, and as every year there must be scores of bird-lovers who will acquire a Softbill for the first time, but who have no, or at best, very little, knowledge as to how to feed such birds properly, I wish to advise them briefly how to proceed.

The Food that Helps.

Softbills, as the name implies, are insectivorous birds, and embrace Thrushes, Blackbirds, Blackcaps, Redstarts, all kinds of Warblers, Nightingales, etc. When at large they feed entirely on live insects, caterpillars, worms, small beetles, etc. (in the autumn many eat berries also). It, therefore, follows that when caged freshly-caught they must be put on the same diet—not easily obtainable in quantities in early spring—and you should lay in a stock of such as gentles (these keep best in damp silver sand), mealworms, small earth-worms, live ant's-eggs, and, later on, wasp-grub, before you obtain your birds.

When you have got the latter (say a Nightingale) do not put him into an open cage, but choose a box-pattern type of cage, and cover the entire front with calico, to keep the bird quiet. Put one glass vessel with water, and another one containing live gentles, small mealworms, and earthworms (or live ant's-eggs) on the cage bottom; also sprinkle some dried ant's-eggs on the water, as on the bird jumping about these will move on the water and he may eat them. Finally, throw a few mealworms, which have had their heads bruised, into the bottom of the cage. Then put in your bird.

Tiding Over the Critical Time.

Stand the cage in a light and quiet place, and leave well alone for an hour. Then examine, and if you find the bird has partaken of some food, the battle is won; but if, on the other hand he has not done so and will not eat any after another hour, then you must cram some live-food gently down his throat and make sure he swallows it, else you will possess only a corpse in the morning. Should the bird still refuse to feed himself, hand-feeding must be resorted to until he helps himself. Once a bird has taken to the food, you will have no further trouble, and within a few days he will delight you with his song, and keep on for a month or two.

On no account must you remove the calico from the front of the cage—lift this only when putting in food, and as soon as you know the bird is all right and feeds, leave well alone. Do not even take cursory glances at him, it only frightens him, and if you do there will be no song for you this year.

When the bird has stopped singing on his own accord, then gradually uncover the cage-front a little day by day, to get him used to his surroundings, and make him tame by offering him mealworms from the hand. He will soon learn to appreciate the kindness of his keeper.

Of course, Softbills are not kept in cages on live food all the year round; for one reason it would be difficult to procure same during the winter months, and for another it would be rather costly. As the object of my present notes, however, is mainly to initiate the novice into the first stage of keeping small Softbills, I would advise him for further information as to general management to invest in a good book on birds (such as are advertised in Cage Birds, written by eminent experts) and also to seek the acquaintance of some keeper of Softbills, who, I am sure, will only be too glad to give him the benefit of his experience, and to help a novice along.

A Notable Consignment of Indian Birds.

Fine Achievement by Major Perreau, who Lands Some Very Rare Stock.

By WESLEY T. PAGE; F.Z.S., etc.

On Saturday, March 22nd, Major Perreau landed a consignment of some two hundred Indian birds, mostly softbills, and rare. On March 3rd he left Bombay with a total of 250, and actually arrived at Paris with 240, the bulk of the birds being then in practically exhibition trim, but at Calais the mishap of the journey occurred. While Major Perreau was occupied with transit officials the foolish porters sent two of the large cages down the baggage-shute, swamping the unfortunate inmates with milk sop, etc., besides giving them a severe shock (these two cages, of course, contained the pick of the collection!) Nevertheless, he actually arrived at Mitcham with 225 living birds.

How the Journey was made.

The birds came over on the open deck. By day the cages were placed in the form of a hollow square, and at night were stacked face to face. During the whole of the voyage the birds were personally attended to by Major Perreau, and each cage received a daily clean—to this care must be attributed the fact that cases of sore feet were almost nil. All the birds, indeed, are in excellent condition, and very hardy, and since arrival, without exception, all have been kept in a cold room, with windows closed only at night. A few of the larger species looked somewhat travel worn, and were minus some of their plumage, and the few seed-eaters had plucked each other to some extent. The list given below will afford some indication of what a complete success the undertaking has been, for such as Niltavas, Minla, Red-headed Tits, Ixulus (Flower-Pecker, Jerdon) Minivets, etc., all arrived in excellent plumage and full of natural colour.

With the above introduction I will now give a brief resume, little moré than a bare list however, of the species safely brought to their destination. The bulk of the rarer species were claimed, almost on arrival, mostly by members of the Foreign Bird Club. I must, however, remark that I have not been able to make any exhaustive search re species new to aviculture, but though somewhat uncertain about some of the Laughing-Thrushes, I think that in most cases the term is correctly used.

Some of the Beauties Described.

Red-headed Tit (*Ægithaliscus erythrocephalus*).—These are charming mites, much smaller than the Long-tailed Tit, which they much resemble in colour and form, but the top of the head is ruddy chestnut. Three arrived alive, five being lost subsequent to the mishap at Calais. New to aviculture.

Larger Red-headed Crow-Tit (*Scaeorhyncus ruficeps*).—A quaint and interesting species, also new to English aviculture. Makes a most interesting and handsome pet, as the striking contrasts of its plumage are as quaint as it demeanour. The head, sides of face, and upper parts golden-chestnut; below, silky white; the exposed portions of the wing olive brown. Size, 7¼ inches.

Laughing-Thrushes: *Rufous-necked (*Dryonastes ruficallis*), *Grey-sided (*D. cærulatus*), *Black-gorgeted (*Garrulax pectoralis*), White-throated (*G. albigularis*), Eastern Variegated (*Trachalapterum variegatum*), *Western Yellow-winged (*T. nigrimentum*), and Him. streaked (*T. lineatum*). Those marked "*" are all probably new to aviculture. The W. Yellow-winged and Rufous-necked are very large and handsome birds, with beautifully variegated plumage of subdued, yet rich hues.

Babblers: These, I am including under one heading. The Scimitar Babblers are represented by the Rusty-cheeked and the Slaty-head, both striking and handsome species. Yellow-eyed (*Pycthoris sinensis*), a beautiful species, soon becomes tame and familiar, makes an ideal cage pet. Of the equally charming Wren-Babblers, only two (both new to aviculture) arrived alive, viz., Black-throated (*Stachyrhis nigriceps*) and Red-billed (*Stachyrhidapsis pyrrhops*).

Whistling Thrushes: The Himalayan Blue (*Myiophoneus temmincki*) and Malabar (*M. horsfieldii*) are represented in the series by three of the former and one of the latter.

Other better known species, which I can only mention by name, are: Black-headed Sibias (*Lioptila capistrata*), Blue-winged Siva (*Siva cyameraptera*), Indian White-eye (*Zasterop palpebrosa*), Gold-fronted, and Hardwick's Green Fruitsuckers, and Silver-eared Mesias; White-cheeked, and Black-crested Yellow Bulbuls, all handsome, some exquisite, species, and more or less uncommon.

Yellow-naped Ixulus (*Ixulus flavicollis*).—These Jerdon calls the Yellow-naped Flowerpecker. They are a charming species, and really beautiful and quaint, but not brilliantly coloured birds. They are somewhat like a long-legged White-eye; their contrasting plumage of rich browns and silvery white, quaint crest and distinct white spectacles, all combine to make a most charming and interesting bird. At some future date I may say more, as they have passed into my possession. New to aviculture.

Red-tailed Minla (*Minla igneitincta*).—This beautiful species is new to aviculture, and is a beautiful, slender, Tit-like bird (size 5½ inches), with upper plumage of beautifully variegated brown, black and white; tail feathers with tips and margins of outer webs crimson; the primaries and secondaries are similarly edged. The under surface is yellow, slightly streaked with brown. One male only arrived alive, the female dying in India just before the collection was shipped.

I must pass a nice quintet of Cinnamon-bellied Nuthatches, including one true pair, and a nice young Black Drongo, which is already whistling and chattering.

Tailor Birds (*Orthotomus suturius*).—A charming pair of Warbler-like birds, plainly clad, but most interesting, much more so as they are new to English aviculture, and as they have gone to a roomy wilderness aviary, it is hoped that their wonderful and interesting nest may be constructed beneath English skies.

Short-billed Minivets (*Pericrocotus Crevirostris*).—Three beautiful pairs of this exquisite species arrived alive, all in full natural colour, the males flaming scarlet and black, and the females rich yellow and black, both sexes equally beautiful and beyond the power of pen to adequately depict.

Other interesting and beautiful birds were: Glossy Calornis; Malabar and Pagoda Mynahs; Pied (*P. caprata*) and Dark-Grey (*Oreicola ferrea*) Chats; Magpie Robin; Shama (true pair); Black-throated Ouzel (*M. atrigularis*); Orange-headed Ground Thrush (*G. citrina*); Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush (*Petrophila erthryogastra*), Blue-headed Rock Thrush (*P. cinclorhyncha*); Black-throated and Jerdon's Accentors; Large Pied Wagtail; Desert Lark; Pigmy Woodpecker; and Blue-crowned Hanging Parrots.

The Result of Carelessness.

Flycatchers: A true pair of Tickell's (*Cyornis tickelli*). True pair Large Niltava (*Niltava grandis*). This species is new to aviculture. The male is velvety-black, and the well-known niltava-blue; the female is also very handsome. Rufous-bellied Niltava (*N. sundara*), a true pair, and one or two odd cocks of this gorgeous species, all in beautiful plumage. But for the carelessness of an aviary attendant, all three Niltavas would have been brought over, but the small Niltava (*N. Macgrigoriae*) was lost in India from above cause.

Redstarts: Four species arrived alive, viz., the White-capped (*C. Cucocephala*), Blue-fronted (*R. frontalis*), Common Indian (*R. rufiventris*), and Plumbeous (*R. fuliginosus*), the female of the latter being new to English aviculture. I regret space forbids further comment re these charming species.

Robins: Indian Blue-throat (*Cyanecula succica*), Red-flanked Bush-Robin (*Ianthia rufilata*): only female arrived alive, male has been imported before, but I do not think the female has. White-tailed Blue-Robin (*Natodela leucura*), a beautiful species, but only two females survived the journey—new to aviculture). Brown-backed Indian Robin (*Thamnobia cambaiensis*). A beautiful and interesting quartet.

A Remarkable Creature.

Larger Streaked Spider-Hunter (*Arachnothera magna*). This species looks somewhat like a large robust, but plainly clad Sunbird; in fact, the Spider-Hunters form a sub-family (*Arachnotherniæ*) of the *Nectariniidæ* (Sunbirds). It is most quaint and interesting. Such a description will be better understood if I give measurements—beak nearly 2 inches, body 3, tail 2, making a total length of 7 inches. While not showy, it is plain only by comparison with the gorgeous Sunbirds. The body plumage olive-green and olive-yellow above, with black centres to most of the feathers; below it is pale yellow, regularly striated with black: bill black; legs orange-yellow. It is new to aviculture, and an inhabitant of the Eastern Himalayas.

In conclusion I would like to add, that very many of the species enumerated above were trapped by Major Perreau, and I can only heartily congratulate him that the whole enterprise has been brought to so successful a termination.

It was quite a surprise to see our Nightingale, which took 1st prize at the Palace, on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. Mr. Norman has produced a life-like sketch of him. This bird was reared from the nest, which was not five minutes' walk from the streets of Portsmouth; no copses, plantations, or woods of any sort, but just a few straggling trees in a hedge. When I started rearing birds in 1866 there was no CAGE BIRDS to give one a helping hand, but since its publication, old and young fanciers alike have derived much benefit from it. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—Lean and Son (Portsmouth).

The Early Cuckoo.

That genial humorist, Mr. "Punch," satirises in a recent issue the "early Cuckoo" and its discoverers. He says: Our Bishop's Waltham correspondent announces that the Smallholders' Association of the district are offering a reward of 10s. for every dead cuckoo. The association declares that the damage to crops done by the local hunt is infinitesimal compared with that done by photographers, cinematographers, and newspaper correspondents in pursuit of the evasive early cuckoo. One farmer complains that a "Daily Mirror" correspondent, in his endeavours to get a snap-shot of a Rook in the act of cuckooing, spoilt no less than half an acre of winter wheat.

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Wild-Bird Life.

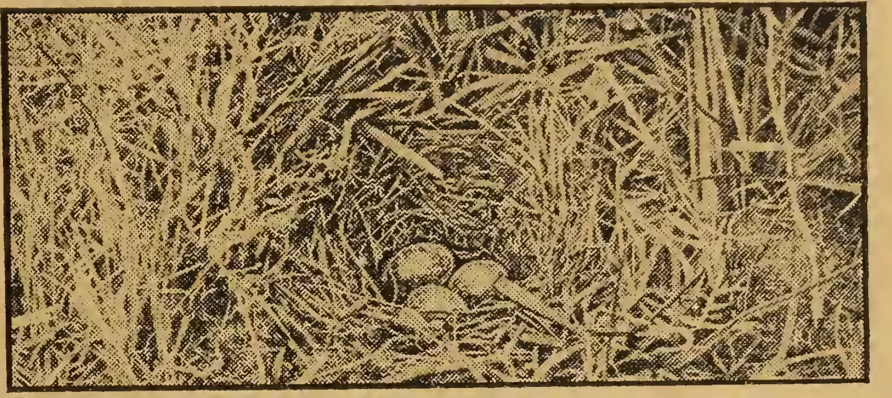
The Tuneful Skylark.

The month of March is generally a wild and stormy one, so much so that we are always glad to get it over, but although we have had high winds, we have experienced some quite summer like days recently, with warm sunshine and soft air; on such days the wild birds act as though a whole month had been skipped. The carolling of the Skylark is simply glorious, and although he is only one of our many songsters he is one that we cannot lightly pass by. Where the birds are numerous, as they are near the writer's home, they are a constant source of pleasure. In the open fields they chase and buffet each other for mastery, for each pair like to have a small patch of ground to themselves, and until this right of possession is settled these aerial fights will continue. Among all our resident birds the Lark appears to be the least affected by man's presence. He needs no buildings to shelter him, nor does he haunt our gardens during inclement weather, he is quite a bird of the open, and is content with the broad fields, the sunshine, and the winds of heaven.

The Skylark's is a sprightly song, and is probably better known than that of any other bird. All know him as he soars and circles above us, although everybody does not recognise the little brown bird when on the ground. Our poets have praised him in their verse, but none have excelled Shakespeare's beautiful line.

"Hark! Hark! the Lark at Heaven's gate sings."

Like all other species there are some that eclipse others in the beauty of their melody. On the grassland bordering the writer's premises we have one such bird. He not only has many changes, but some of his notes are particularly full and melodious, and a high pitched one, almost a call note, is very clear and bell-like. Upon very windy days he scarcely rises at all, but will take short flights round the meadowland singing as he goes. In a moderate breeze he rises almost perpendicularly, facing the wind all the way up, and descends for a part of the journey like a stone, finishing with a big sweep. On calm days he circles up on rapidly beating wings, pouring out his glorious song until he reaches a great height, when he gradually rings round in wide circles. It is then that we hear him at his best, and all the while he remains at that altitude he is singing his choicest melody, but directly he begins to descend his song changes, and as he approaches the ground it suddenly ceases. So marked is this change, that one is sometimes able to tell by the sound alone when the bird is descending.



From photo sent by *A. G. Gavin, Fraserburgh.*

A TYPICAL NEST OF THE SKYLARK, BUILT AMONGST LONG GRASS.

Correspondence.

Death of a Five-year-old Captive Cuckoo.

Remarkable Record of a Lady Enthusiast.

Sir,—I am sure you will be sorry to hear I lost my old Cuckoo to-day, March 30th. He was nearing five years old, and had been fairly well all through the winter, but keeping more to his cage. Last week he dropped suddenly into moult, shedding his body feathers literally by the cage-full, but was quite bright, hopping from chair to table as soon as he saw his egg. But he would have bad turns with his heart; I could hear it like the snap of a purse sometimes, and then he would be very quiet and dull for a day or so. I lifted him from his cage this morning—I could see he was nearly dead—and called his Cooe, Cooe, and he gave me one of his old loving looks, and rested his beak between my lips for a kiss. He neither fluttered his wings nor gasped for breath, but just gradually ceased to breathe. I have taken him to Mr. Jones, the taxidermist, who so kindly authenticated that it really was a Cuckoo in adult plumage (it had been hand-reared). He thought it must have caught a chill in some way, and having such quantities of feathers in the quill (which he says do not afford much warmth) failed to shake it off. He will do his best to set it up for me, and before it is put into the case I will have it photographed for CAGE BIRDS? I reared two young Cuckoos last year. They are both alive at the present time, and changing their feathers. I have not been well this winter myself, and often wondered what would become of poor "Cooe" if anything happened to me, he required such constant attention.

I am having some rather curious experiences with my small birds. Some are downstairs and would sit in "Cooe's" cage with him—they went after a bit of his egg. My Chaffinch has sent a Yorkshire hen to nest, but she had three clear eggs. I have changed two for two good Canary eggs. I want to see (if she hatches them out) whether the Chaffinch will help to feed; he is feeding the hen on her nest, and is a model husband, though he was so awfully spiteful to my other hens. The latter are shut up now in an ordinary breeding cage. My Greenfinch and Bullfinch are busily pairing up again and looking for a nesting site. Two little Linnet Mules have brought the same little hen downstairs that they did last year, and she has built her first nest in the same place—the seed box of an old Parrot cage. The three eggs she has laid appear full, but I expect a Canary has been and fertilised them. I have eleven hens at nest, mostly on three eggs. One has two young, about four days old, and the Greenfinches are, I believe, carrying nesting stuff. These birds are all so tame that they will feed close to my feet, and I am afraid to move. The Yellowhammer, Greenfinch, and Linnet, will feed from my hand, and their nests are built quite like a wild bird's, in the branches of plum trees my neighbour has so kindly given me for them. I am lucky, too, as to green food, as I am allowed to gather it out of nursery gardens. Then my landlady brings me some wild seeds from under the thresher, and a neighbour over the road got me a great sackful, so the birds ought to thrive. I will write you later if I am lucky enough to get any good Mules or Hybrids, and if the two young Cuckoos should live, you shall also have a photograph of them. The one I take for the male bird has kept his plumage perfect up to the present. They both have the same endearing little way of "snapping" a kiss at me, and half-closing the eyes, with a jaunty little toss of the head, that the old one had. Everyone will miss him. He had hundreds of admirers as they passed the house-window, and he liked admiration, but not to be called a Sparrow. He would hop off into his cage scolding like anything, if a boy called him that. I shall miss him long and sadly.

MRS. E. M. SARGEANT.

[Mrs. Sargeant's record is remarkable, inasmuch as it has been always recognised as most difficult to keep a captive Cuckoo over even a single winter, many ornithologists going so far as to write it down as impossible of accomplishment.—Editor.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from overleaf).

The Seed Supply in an Aviary.

Sir,—Can any reader inform me what bird or birds to keep that would eat the seeds that fall to the ground from the seed vessels? My birds are in a large outdoor aviary. Or some information that would prevent such waste would be thankfully received.

E. A. K.

The Proposed Bird Traders' Protection Association.

Sir,—I read with great interest Mr. Pearson's letter asking dealers to form a society so that they will have a better chance of fighting against the inspectors of the R.S.P.C.A., when charged with cruelty to their birds. I quite agree with Mr. Pearson's idea that they should join together, for I know from my own experience that the inspectors are not always in the right. Still, at the same time, it is a good thing that we have these inspectors, for there are cases which have come under my notice when I have thought that the birds were not getting proper attention. I am a bird fancier myself and have been for the last twenty years, and I have visited most of our large towns. There have been instances, even in my own town (Manchester) where I have seen birds packed in the cages, and I think it right the inspectors should try to put a stop to this overcrowding in small cages. Speaking of the birdshops in Tib Street, the birds are very well kept. Messrs. Davis', Dutton's, and Smith's birds and shops are a credit to them. Would every dealer was as clean and attentive to their birds and surroundings. I should like to mention one point about the Roller Canary, and the small twig cage they are kept in after arriving in this country. I have often stood and listened to these songsters, and while doing so I have heard people say that they cannot see what the birds are like, and which of the birds is singing. If the dealers would adopt the idea of transferring about a dozen or two dozen of their cock birds separately into box cages (such as the Norwich show cage) I think they would get a quicker sale. It would give the outsider a fair chance to see what the birds are like.

MANCHESTER.

The Keeping and Feeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—I am a lover of this lovely British songster, and I beg to give my experience. My mode of feeding is as follows: Half-part canary, half-part teazle, quarter-part hemp, niger and German rape, with now and then a little linseed, maw, and thistle; green food, such as cress, lettuce and, when obtainable, groundsel and dandelion seeding heads and leaves. I keep mine out of doors in the conservatory in box cages, with loose wire fronts, so that they are easily cleaned, with two (some of the cages with three) perches. A door in front for bath, and a door at end for running the bird out when about to clean cage. Nice gritty sand on bottom of cage, which I renew as often as possible, but at least twice a week. I find when a bird seems a bit out of sorts, listless, and "puffed out," a little syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water (just colour the water) is excellent, but some will die now and then, being, I suppose, those with delicate constitutions. I believe myself that being of an active disposition, the larger the cage the better; and more especially is this the case when moulting. The bath is also a necessity, and those who will not go into the bath I spray with an ordinary sprayer. I cannot claim to be an expert, but give my experience for what it is worth, and I shall look forward myself to letters from others, in the hope of learning some wrinkles.

WALLINGTON GOLDFINCH LOVER.

Sir,—I have read with interest the replies to the inquiry on keeping and feeding Goldfinches. I cannot quite agree with one letter. It brought to my mind a visit I once paid to a fancier who, while showing me his Goldfinches, said that he only gave them canary and rape seed; but on further discussing the matter he showed me a large assortment of wild seed, of which he gave them a teaspoonfull every day. Although their staple food was canary and rape, yet, I contend, they had as much of an assortment as if their staple food consisted also of the wild-seed mixture. My experience with Goldfinches is this: I have followed very closely the "Nutshell" booklet on Goldfinches, and given them their staple diet accordingly, at the same time getting a good wild seed mixture, and giving a little (one teaspoonful) once a week, and very often not that. If I found the Goldfinches doing very nicely on the staple food I did not give them the wild seed. If I found them not looking very fit the first thing I did was to carefully examine them by taking them from the cage and handling them. If I found them nice and plump, I gave them a very mild aperient, 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn (not salts). I then took away the hemp seed. If the Finch looked at all thin, I gave the syrup of buckthorn just the same, also the staple food, and every day a teaspoonful of a good wild seed mixture, containing a good percentage of dandelion, afterwards I added to the drinking water one teaspoonful of lime water. I have saved some good birds that way. Goldfinches are very apt to "go light." When the bird begins to look fit, I gradually reduce the lime water and the wild seed mixture, and get back to the staple food, and a "pick-me-up" now and again.

F. H. MARHOFF.

An Appreciation of the Yellowhammer.

Having a Try for Mules.

Sir,—The answer given by Mr. G. E. Weston in last week's CAGE BIRDS was decidedly interesting to me, and probably this letter will be of some slight interest to Mr. Weston and your readers. I have in my possession two cock Yellowhammers, one of which has had fair success on the show bench: the second I only obtained last summer, and he was not in favour of show cages, and up to the present won't stand in one. They are kept in cages, in the garden during the warm weather, and in my living room through the winter. I quite agree with Mr. Weston that the Yellowhammer, etc., has no "voice" worth the mention, but the few notes of my birds are rather sweet in tone, and I find they "sing" during the whole of the year, except during the worst few weeks of the moult. They certainly call (or sing) louder in the breeding season. I also notice that they appear to have a partial moult in the early spring (say now) and to then become more true to the pictures one sees of them. I should like to know if it is a trait of these birds, or if it is only a peculiarity of mine? As to the chance of obtaining Hybrids from them, it is most certainly a "sporting chance," but I think it is quite possible to do so if time and patience are given to it. I am now running both my birds with hen Canaries (one yellow, one buff). The yellow is a 1912 bird, and has already been to nest with three eggs, which were all blanks. The Yellowhammer was thought to have done his part, and now that they are together again I have watched more closely, and find my hen does not hold properly to the perch during the pairing "process." This is apparently due to a partially "slipped" claw and the cock cannot get proper hold owing to the hen falling over, the back claw on one of her feet being of little use to hold with, although it is not badly out of place. As I have not another hen for him, he will have to wait while the other gets through with the buff hen, which is coming four years old, and a good breeder. Neither of these birds is so forward as the others, but are good friends, and the Yellowhammer has previously tried his luck with a Canary without result. I know it is not usual to advertise one's failures, but as I have got further than one or two others who have tried, I feel encouraged to try again, and should you, sir, feel sufficiently interested I will let you know later on what sort of luck I have. I thought perhaps Mr. J. Pauley might be encouraged to try, if he should hear that a novice like myself was also having a shot at it, and I certainly wish him all success if he does. I should like to hear how he gets on and if he cares to would be pleased to compare notes with him.

B. PAIN.

(We shall be most pleased to hear further from Mr. Pain. Details of such experiments are always of great interest, whether successful or otherwise, and we hope other readers will follow Mr. Pain's lead, and send us for publication accounts of their experiences during the breeding season.—Ed.)

Birds Getting on Cage Floor.

Sir,—A correspondent asks how to stop birds from getting on floor to feed. Why not fix seed and water vessels on middle rail and fix cross perch to suit ditto? It is quite possible.

W. H. BURDETT.

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Kindness or Cruelty?

An Interesting Account of a Pet Canary.

Sir,—This is a short description of the bird seen in the photo. He was bred from a ticked buff cock and clear yellow hen on the 19th of April, 1910, and is from a nest of seven, which the mother refused to feed after about ten days, but I thought rather than let them die I would, with the help of a friend try and hand rear them. Alas! they died off one after another until there only remained this one. Until he was some weeks old he had nothing to drink but milk, and even now he hardly touches water, but will ask for milk so plainly that a stranger can tell what he wants. He practically has his freedom, and is allowed at large as much as he likes, except when meals are being prepared, and he is then shut up in his cage as he is so inquisitive, and wants to know what everything is, and is afraid of nothing. At mealtimes he will sit on my own or my friend's shoulder, and try and get at the food as it is being put into our mouths. We also had a French poodle, and the bird would perch on his head or back, and tug at his coat, but they were the best of friends, and he never once tried to harm the bird. He will also sit on my pipe and pick the tobacco out, and without any harmful results to himself. To see him chase the Sparrows is most amusing, but upset him and then one has to look out for squalls. He comes for one like a little tiger. He is a most accomplished little singer. Someone may say yes, he may do this with you, but will he with anyone else? All I can say is, come and see, as heaps of others have done. I guarantee that the biggest strangers can put him through his tricks as well as my friend or I can (especially if members of humanitarian societies, as I feel sure he would know they were kind to all dumb creatures). This is not the only case of tameness of birds I have now and have had in the past, as there are several birds flying about my bird room that come every day for their feed of seed, etc, which is put out for them, and I have them tame enough to take it out of my hand and come when called. Is this done by cruelty or kindness? I feel sure if the members of the humanitarian societies would only go to some of our shows they would come away with quite a different opinion of the hard-hearted (!) men and women, who resort to the cruel practice of keeping birds shut up in captivity.

MR. MEEK AND ONE OF HIS PET CANARIES.

A. MEEK.

Hunstanton.

The Trouble About the Southern Norwich Painhead Club's £10 10s. Cup.

A Settlement Satisfactory, We Hear, to All Concerned.

Sir,—I, like "Interested," formed a similar conclusion, owing to the President's ruling at the annual meeting that the original rule as framed and printed cannot be altered. Whether the right be waived or not, the original competitive rule stands to-day. The controversy could be settled once and for all by awarding the cup to the winner by these rules, and perhaps the gentleman who thinks he has the claim of it would give the trophy back for further competition, under rules that could not be ambiguous or liable to misconstruction—it is now no secret that no one wants this trophy! It was inevitable that the whole trouble should be threshed out, and it will prove a good lesson to many a committee. Certain it is that those of the S.N.P.C. who have joined since 1909 had no idea of these original rules governing this cup. Therefore we are obliged to Mr. Gill. There seems to have been of late years a great activity on the part of societies to leave no stone unturned to retain trophies in their possession, and incidentally to save them from the struggle they would have to replace them. This is hard to avoid, but it would certainly add to the life of their trophies if the only birds that could compete for them were bred and shown by the exhibitors themselves. This would prevent the incentive of buying to win these cups, which is the cause of all this trouble, if I read the signs of the times aright, and the motion by Mr. Garland. Only birds bred by the exhibitor, and ringed, should compete for these said trophies. Ask where you will, either in or out of the Fancy, you can only hear of this as the fair and equitable form of competition, besides preventing the bickerings and ill feelings on all sides. This does not in any shape do away with buying birds to win, but it does allow the breeder the chance of winning what he has endeavoured to secure, whilst the other must be content with the prize-money. At any rate, it is my earnest hope and wish that all new trophies will be competed for under rules that admit of no ambiguity. I understood by reading through the correspondence that Mr. Gill's suggestion was to do away with the present cup, whereas the new complexion on the matter does not in any way embrace this, and only means a parting with cash on both sides, leaving the cup open to still further argument and to continue its career of trouble,

IPSO FACTO.

(Owing to this correspondence occupying so much space, we have had no option but to condense lengthy letters to within reasonable limits.—Ed.)

Sir,—It seems to me that both Messrs. Baker and Gill are wandering from the point at issue. Mr. Gill asked what is the position of the £10 10s. cup, and why was the cup awarded under a bye-law in 1908-9 after the cup had already been competed for at five shows under the original rules, before that bye-law was made? Mr. Baker and others would not accept Mr. Garland's motion at the last general meeting, saying that the rules governing the competition for the cup could not be altered until the cup was won outright. Now I consider Mr. Gill is quite right. He says that if Mr. Garland's proposition could not be accepted, then the bye-law in question was likewise illegal. If I read Mr. Gill's letter right, this is all that he means.

A MEMBER.

Sir,—A special committee meeting of the S.N.P.C. was held last night (April 1st) when both Mr. Gill and Mr. Baker were present. After discussion and explanation, it was agreed that the dispute had arisen through a misunderstanding of the conditions under which the cup was offered in 1908. As a result, Mr. Gill withdrew his claim, and accepted the ruling of the Committee. I have the pleasure to inform you that Messrs. Baker and Gill shook hands, and considered all letters, etc., as withdrawn. The matter is, therefore, amicably settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. A report of the meeting will be sent you by the Hon. Sec. in due course. In conclusion, I may say that Messrs. Baker, Gill and Hodder agreed to relinquish their claims up to date upon the cup, so that it might be put up for competition afresh under conditions to be decided by the Committee that will admit of no further misapprehension.

J. W. RAMSDEN.
Chairman of Committee.

[We have been requested by Mr. Gill to withdraw the letter he had sent for publication in reply to Mr. Baker's of last week. We think, in view of the chairman of committee's letter, notifying an amicable settlement of the dispute, that this correspondence may now very well close.—Editor.]

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The Capture of Birds Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir, I wish to report the capture of a hen Greenfinch with a marking ring. The ring is marked Aberdeen University 705. The bird was captured in the early part of last January at Bonnington Goods Station. It has only been brought to my notice to-day, hence the delay in reporting.

George Archibald.

149, Broughton Road, Edinburgh.

The Future of Arbroath C.B.S.

Sir,—I feel sorry at my friend "A.B.C.'s" ignorance. I would have liked to have shown where he is very ignorant, namely about financing a show; also guaranteeing classes, but as I would require to go into the private business of the Arbroath C.B.S. I refrain from doing the least thing to damage the society, as they have been very successful up to the present. As this is the last time I am to lift my pen, I would, however, advise the committee to put a cloth over this piping Lintie, for his music is no good, and will do harm to the association.

Wm. M. Hastings.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique Judges" to Blame?

Sir,—With reference to "Plainhead's" last letter he says that I agree with him that a good bird can be purchased by a judge at the price of a songster. Now, "P.H." I did not admit this, but I said "you will agree with me when I tell you that you have purchased many at 4s.6d. (and less) at Bird Stores in Edinburgh, and most of them turned out winners when showed under certain judges." You deny this, so I think it my duty to remind you of two of your last season's winners which you purchased in Edinburgh for somewhere about 2s. Did these birds win under any other judges than those whom you did most of your winning under? Did a well-known judge of Border Fancies tell you when he saw one of them at a show not to show it under him, or he would put it in its right place—he wanted no Yorkshires in Border classes? I consider it is actions by so called prominent exhibitors which are the cause of short entries at Scottish shows. You do not enlighten me on the question I asked you re exhibiting with coarse gravel, thick spars, and other distinguishing marks on show cages. You say I have tried them and ask with what results. I admit I have, and every time I used coarse gravel under a clique judge, it did lengthen my purse a bit. But when tried under any other judge, it was useless. Now, perhaps you yourself will explain in the columns of this valuable paper what benefits are derived from the use of coarse gravel, etc. As you do not say that I am the young judge who wanted to buy an exhibitor's bird which was not a "top marker," but which should have been, I need not trouble about other people's business. I did come out last year to "sweep decks," and exhibited at the first show of the season, in the Green and Cinnamon class, which I won, Did you purchase 46 Green and Cinnamon Borders and week after week show them, and win prizes with them? How did you happen to win with these birds when the former owners could not win with them? I say it was because you showed under "Clique judges," with coarse gravel, and when you were challenged about this, you used thick spars in place of coarse gravel. Both of the above would be more suitable for pigeons than the "wee gem." I hope for the benefit of the shows next season that you will practice what you preach, and with no ill-feeling to you I wish you a successful breeding season, which sometimes means a good show season.

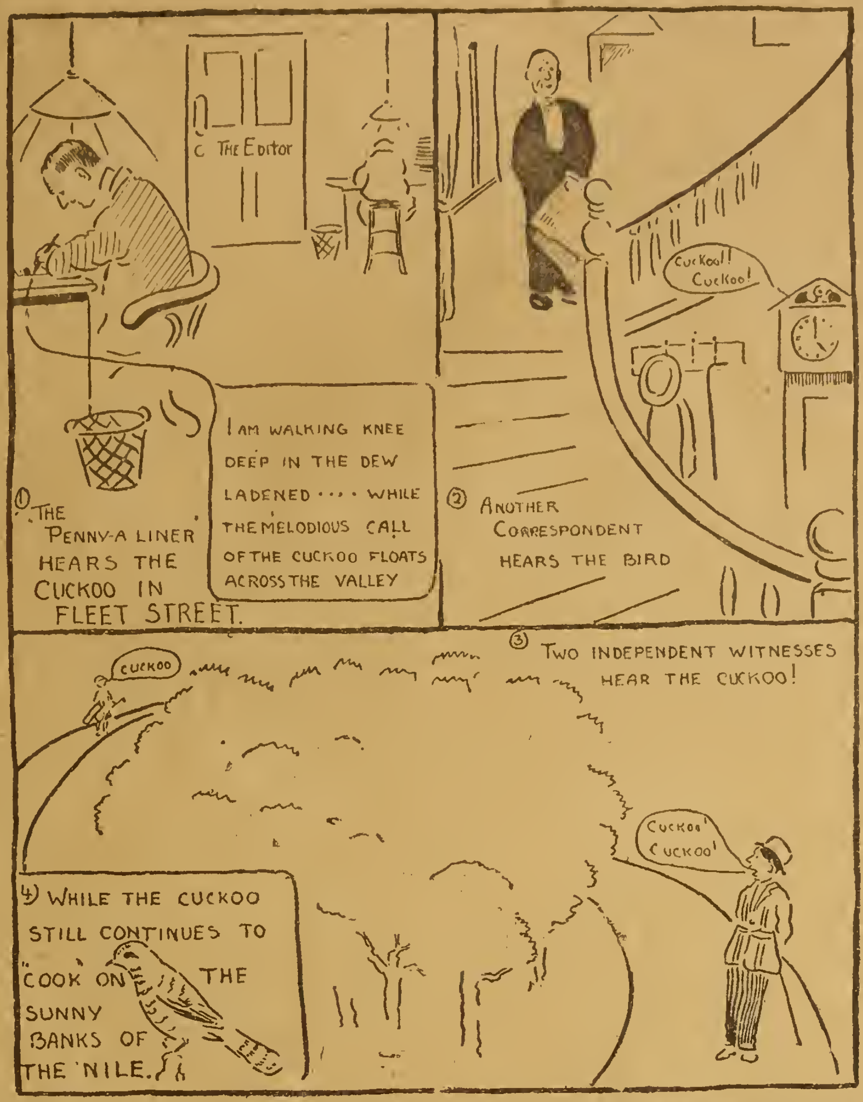
W. Lambie (or Even Mark).

Whitburn.

Sir,—Like "Even Mark," I am now satisfied that "Plainhead" of last week, is not the one that wrote first in defence of the "Clique." Nevertheless, his reference to me comes from the same old source namely, Kirkcaldy; I am glad to say that the whole is without foundation, that is the worst of one getting second-hand information. "Plainhead" says my "guessing" assertions are not true. Now I will send three different names and addresses, and will either send them across to yourself, or to the Editor, whichever you prefer. All three names are above suspicion, and if I did not name all three correctly I will pay 10s. to Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital, providing "Plainhead" does likewise if he is wrong. I cannot do more to convince him. Re the judges winning more before they judged than I have ever won, this is another false tale I have already answered. We could argue a year on paper and never be any further ahead, but to be practical I will, the first time you are across, allow you to examine my cards from 1899 up till now, and you can examine those of your pals. You would be clean out of it; but, as you say, that is outside of the point. I am glad to inform you that one show last week rejected two names for the Borders; they guessed correct. I presume that your reference to the man in a business refers to your humble. I did dismiss an assistant a week or two ago, but not owing to decreased sales. Nor yet was it through paying attention to other people's business. Although I dismissed one, I took on two which make one more, and my sales have never stood higher for years than they do at the present time. But, as you say, this has no bearing on the vexed subject; why did you introduce it? You have put yourself in a ridiculous position in the eyes of the Fancy in general. My business career has been like my hobby this last sixteen years, unblemished. I have nothing to keep back, and am still out to fight "Clique Judging." I daresay you have heard the story of a certain judge, who put the best birds aside and said they were colour fed. Most of the "Top-Markers" had a certain material for cage-bottom covering, and he told the steward the name of the exhibitor to whom it belonged. Of course, that is nothing to what has happened since then. You must try and get your information from a more reliable source and try and stick to the points at issue. Silence is an admission, and all the main points of my letters have never been contradicted, either by "Plainhead" No. 1 or 2. All the malice you can throw at me (both of you) will not harm me a bit. As you have already pronounced me to be honest and straightforward, you cannot go back on that. As regards to Mr. Hasting's inquiries, I may say I have never been at law; I do not intend, either, to be personal. Are you not aware that every letter that appears in Cage Birds means death to the Clique? You must excuse me for not giving you the names and proof thereof; you that are fearless of the law were to tell us something. I am still waiting to hear it.

J. Logan.

We have received a letter signed "Ne'er Surrender"; as, however, this is wholly composed of personalities directed against the fancier whom the writer considers to be "Plainhead," we cannot publish it. Correspondents must try to keep to the subject at issue. —Editor.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Getting a Chaffinch on Song.

Sir,—In reply to "Youth," feeding on the following lines should make his Chaffinches burst into full vigorous song. Give once a week a little of a good insectile food containing ants' eggs, also give a mealworm every other day, and any other insect life such as live ants' eggs, spiders, caterpillars, etc., according to the season. I have had several Chaffinches and have always kept them on full song with this treatment.

E. O. Stalybridge.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds?

Sir,—What an interesting and delightful hobby bird-keeping can be. For instance, look how you can sit down by the fireside in winter and suddenly your Lark bursts out trilling along its joyful song. How far, mind you, in winter would you have to go to hear the Lark sing? I have never heard a Lark sing outside in winter. Who has? And yet they say it is cruel to keep birds. It may be in some conditions, but there's keeping birds *and* keeping birds, and the Humanitarians need not run away with the idea that all birds are kept in 6in. by 4in. Linnet cages. I have a Greenfinch now, and if I put it some distance away from its cage it will hop back into it. Has that bird been cruelly treated? No! And how many others have been tamed likewise with patience and kindness. Still these "protectors of birds" don't like it; how is it? I daresay some birds are cruelly treated in some men's hands, and if that is so the humanitarians are justified in prosecuting. But what I'm dead against is people trying to do away with the hobby, and if anybody sets up to stop the hobby, bird fanciers should get together in one united body and strike straight from the shoulder.

Geo. A. Hartley.

Appointment of Judges at Gateshead 1912 Show.

Sir,—As yet I have received no reply to my questions respecting the re-appointments of judges to extra classes at Gateshead 1912 show, and I have still to learn when, where, and by whom they were made. Seeing "Johnny" has the necessary information I shall be glad to have a "full and detailed" answer to my questions. I hope he will guarantee his information to be authoritative, as what is wanted are facts, and not suppositions. I fail to see that his own questions have any bearing upon, or connection with, the subject under discussion, but to satisfy his curiosity my replies, suggestions, and comments are as follows:—(1) I know of no person who has resigned his membership of the Gateshead Society for the reason he states, and I should be very reticent to associate myself with any such rumour. (2) If such a case has existed, an application to the secretary of the Newcastle Society would no doubt bring the information asked for. (3) No one (fancier or otherwise) to my knowledge, has acted the "Copper's tout," and I was not aware until I read his ('Johnny's') letter, that suspicion was afloat. It is evident that "Johnny" is gifted with a large amount of detective instinct, and I am not at all anxious to take the honour out of his hands, therefore I suggest that he should name the person, and give the "suspect" a chance of defending himself. What the consequences might be I am not wishful to anticipate. I cannot think that any fancier would be guilty of such conduct, and prefer to believe that this suspicion is simply the product of his imaginative mind. Should his suspicion be supported by evidence which is irrefutable, then, I repeat, give the suspect a name, and the exposure which he deserves.

Bobby.

Experiences of a Successful South African Bird-keeper.

Sir,—A description of my outdoor aviary may be of interest to your readers. It is quite cheaply made, but I find it very useful for Canaries and other small birds. The covered portion is 15ft. long, 6ft. high, and 4ft. deep. The floor and back is made out of cheap disused packing case boards. The roof is of canvas, as used in the Navy, and is perfectly water-tight, which is assured by giving it a coat of paint. The outer flight is 12ft. long, 6ft. high, and 6ft. wide, and is quite uncovered. The floor is covered with river sand, which is taken out and renewed fortnightly. I have a tree planted slantingly in the centre, which has a very pretty effect when occupied by a good many birds. The birds gain access to the outer flight through a small window at the back of the covered flight, which can, if necessary, be closed at night when the birds have gone to roost. I use ½in. mesh wire netting. About one hundred and twenty Yorkshires, Norwich and Crests occupy this aviary during the winter months, and it gives the stock birds plenty of stamina for their arduous duties during the breeding season. Such a thing as an egg-bound hen is an unknown quantity with me. Canary seed is the staple diet, using maw, hemp, linseed, and rape, with discretion. I supply lettuce daily as green food, giving as much as it will take the birds, say, half-an-hour to demolish. I wish Cage Birds continued success.

W. L. Forster.

Smithfield, Orange Free State.

Rural Rambles and How to Make the Most of Them.

Sir,—Just a few notes in answer to "Unflighted," in your issue of March 22, on the above topic. Having had the great pleasure of attending a few of these rambles the procedure adopted by us ran somewhat on the lines I mention. We generally fix the date towards the end of May, or early in June, which time suits us who are stationed in Fife, but we have had to stretch the date according to the nature of the season. Then you must secure permission from a landlord who has suitable grounds for rambling, and place yourself in the hands of his keeper, and if that gentleman has a leaning to ornithology so much the better, as he will be more suited to lead you upon grounds where he has already been taking notes. Over and above, it is of great benefit to appoint one as leader, who is a recognised expert, as it were, on wild bird life, besides you can secure a few good pocket books bearing on nests and eggs, and any little doubt is easily soon settled from them. If a party is taking part in the ramble it all depends as regards time when you make a start. We have had by necessity to always make a start at midday, and we have always found plenty of time to make a good day of it, When on the march it is best to spread yourselves well out in a long line, and by taking plenty of time, paying strict attention to every little likely place, you cannot help but run into your work. Whenever something good is found send along the line a "wireless," and ca' a halt. Then down goes the notes by the scribe of the party. If anyone in the party is a camera hand, he will find something good to snap. I have seen some fine subjects returning from these rambles. British men in particular simply load up with wild seed mixtures, and the birds at home no doubt would greatly benefit by their master's day in the country. The nature of a wild seeds expedition I believe would be worked on the same lines, and I would for one would like to see it carried out, and any others in West Fife who would care to take part in such might arrange to hold a field day this summer. I will only be too pleased to answer any question which "Unflighted" may care to ask.

Robert T. Campbell.

Club Reports.

GODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Queen's Head, Ridding, March 29. A good number of members put in an appearance considering the bad weather. The second table show was held; two classes, Goldfinch and Bullfinch. Mr. H. Parsons judge. Goldfinch: 1, 2, Simpson. Bullfinch: 1, 3, Lees and Smith; 2, G. Bradley. It is most important that all members should show up at next meeting, April 5. Business most important.—A. Smith, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Table show, held March 29th, when Mr. W. Forster judged and gave every satisfaction. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, 2, Davidson; 3, c, Wild; vhc, hc, Hedley. REDPOLL: 1, c, Hedley; 2, 3, Wild; vhc, McNair; hc, Ward. Meeting held same night, Mr. Forster in chair. Decided that owing to clashing with local shows, our open show will be held on November 22nd, instead of October 25th, as before arranged. Also that Mr. T. Dixon judge Canaries and J. Hands British, etc.—R. Wood, Sec.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Mar. 28, at headquarters, Mr. Batton in the chair. There was not a big gathering of members present, possibly owing to the Easter holiday and other attractions, otherwise a pleasant evening was spent, and a good deal of business got through. It was decided to hold a table show of British at our next meeting; judge, classes, and time will appear in CAGE BIRDS in due course. Several new members joined the society. Also five new committeemen were elected, which will make the work of the society more easy. The schedule for our first open show was almost completed.—R. Elliott, Sec.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting held March 31, at the house of Mr. Enoch Waugh, Colliery Inn. Mr. J. Riseborough was elected judge for Nest Feather Show, July 19. Two judges were appointed for annual show, December 6th. Mr. Hands, Ryton-on-Tyne, Canaries, and Mr. Riseborough, Sunderland, the remainder. Moved and carried that we give 3s. for best young Canary, and 2s. second best, at N.F. Show, also 3s. best British bird, and 2s. 2nd best. Mr. J. Stanger gives 2s. 6d. for most points in Canary section, and Mr. Wm. Davison 2s. 6d. for most points in British, donors not competing. So members, nip in and see if we can't have a grand show when time comes round. We would be glad to see a few more at our meetings. More members welcome; subs. 5s. per year, and 1s. entrance. Remember, we are one of the oldest societies in the North, and still going well.—Wm. Forster, Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held March 26, at the Balmoral Hotel, Mr. Robinson in the chair. Mr. J. Beswick, the well-known Stockport fancier, gave a most interesting lecture on British and Mules, which everyone enjoyed; many questions were asked, and Mr. Beswick answered all in a practical manner. Messrs. Jackson, Robinson, Whittaker, and others joined in the debate. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer. A letter was read from the Secretary of Clithero and Dis. C.B.S., offering to show our members round when we have our picnic on June 28th. The members desired the secretary to thank Mr. Southworth and invite him to join us on that date, telling him what arrangements we had made.—John Davey, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting held in Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, March 22, Mr. W. Aitchison, president, in the chair. The financial statement was then considered. Mr. Winter called attention to the special donations, and asked why they had not been included in the special prize fund, and secretary explained these donations had been received after the special prize fund had been disbursed. Mr. Sloan asked why the secretary's salary was not shown in statement, and was told that secretary had received no salary, owing to heavy loss on club show. Ultimately it was decided to pay the secretary £2 as remuneration for his year's work. The financial statement was then passed. Regarding the loss on club show, Mr. Barron thought that competition might be stimulated, were the club to procure one, two, or three trophies, to be competed for at the patronage shows. Mr. Winter thought the club might adopt the Scottish Crest Club's method with benefit to the members. After full and free discussion, Mr. Barron was asked to think out his scheme of trophies, and lay the same before the first meeting of committee for consideration. Medals won during the past year were presented to the winners present. Voting for office-bearers for 1913 was declared as under:—West: J. Young (24), J. McLay (20), W. Bishop (18), E. Barron (17), A. Sloan (14), C. Campbell (13); East and South: A. G. Cameron (28), W. Aitchison (27), J. Winter (26), J. Smeaton (19), J. Holmes (18), A. Fleming (15); North: J. Hector (24), G. Mitchell (21), W. Grewar (18), A. G. Forrest (17), T. Adamson (12), A. Harris (13). Judges: J. McLay (21), A. G. Cameron (20), A. Chalmers (15), G. Mitchell (14), J. Smeaton (14), C. Campbell (11); auditors: A. Maxwell (30), J. Peters (24); scrutineers: A. Miller (8), F. Taylor (4); sec. and treasurer, J. Brown (31). Mr. G. G. Henderson, who had acted as scrutineer for several years, wrote asking to be excused from accepting this year, which was agreed to, and secretary instructed to write Mr. Henderson thanking him for his services to the club. The following were admitted to membership:—W. Barrie and A. Hedley, Glasgow; J. Kerr, Keith; A. W. Naismith, Muirend; and W. C. Smith, Balquhidder. Mr. Grewar moved and the chairman seconded that a vote of the members be taken next year as to whether or not the closed ring be adopted, which was agreed to. The undernoted are names of medal winners during the show season: Gold medals at club show, W. Aitchison for best cock, and W. Grewar for best hen; silver medals, R. Martin, T. S. Mabon, A. Harris, W. Grewar, G. Mitchell, J. Smeaton, J. C. Murray, A. Fleming, W. Aitchison, W. Bishop, G. Steven, H. Thomson, L. Will, W. Hampton, W. Allison, A. M. Gardiner, D. Smart, A. Maxwell, W. R. Finnie, A. Sloan, R. Craig. Novice medal at club show was won by J. Bryson. The half guinea specials competed for at Aberdeen and Scottish National shows were won by the donor, W. Aitchison. The two novice prizes competed for throughout the series of patronage shows were won by D. Harper, 60 points, and J. McLeod, 46. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. I shall be pleased to hear from any Plainhead fanciers wishing to join the club, and will furnish particulars of membership with pleasure. T. Brown, Sec., 339, Duke Street, Glasgow.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Mar. 25, at Headquarters, Mr. F. C. Barnes in the chair. First feather show was fixed for July 9. Schedule, etc., to be drawn up at next meeting. Will all members kindly endeavour to attend? Quite a pleasing feature of the meeting was the enrolling of seven new members. Anyone intending joining can have full particulars from Hon. Sec. Membership, 4/ per annum.—R. L. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Hoole, Chester.

LEIGH ROLLER CLUB

Adjourned meeting, held March 29th, at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, when owing to the very bad weather, the attendance was not up to expectation. We decided to again adjourn until April 12, when we shall meet to draw up rules and elect officers. We enrolled four more very prominent Roller fanciers, and they seemed pleased with the prospects of the club. Will all members and intending members kindly note that our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 12th, at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, at 7.30 sharp.—J. McAllister (Sec. pro tem.).

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

A table show of Goldfinches and Rollers was held March 19. Mr. H. Brown judged the former, and had the largest class yet staged at any of our table shows. We must congratulate the members on bringing out their birds, and trust it will prove an incentive to others to beat this record at future shows. The competition was very hot, and many of the birds were of equal merit, consequently at the judging competition which followed none succeeded in placing the birds in the same order as Mr. Brown. Mr. Luther Short brought some of his winning Rollers, all of which opened out. The tours and notes were explained by Mr. Short, who was congratulated upon his winning a cup at the late International Roller Show. Arrangements were made for the annual dinner on April 2, when it is hoped all members will endeavour to attend.—A. T. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, March 29, Mr. J. Rankine (president) in the chair. The principal item for the evening was the exhibition of the fine collection of wild seeds belonging to Mr. J. S. Clarke, Rothesay. We were pleased to see the many friends who took advantage of seeing this collection, and to hear the very able article specially written for us by Mr. Clarke. Each seed in the case, and there were some ninety varieties, had full attention paid to it, the author paying great heed to the medicinal value as well as the feeding properties of these wayside plants: new light was thrown upon old favourites, and fresh ground broken to not a few, the outcome being that a well-arranged wild seed expedition will find consideration from the executive in the near future.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Mar. 25, when a large attendance of members and visitors witnessed a washing exhibition of Canaries by Mr. George Gregory, Mountain Ash. Mr. Gregory was introduced to the members and visitors by the chairman, Mr. E. Powell, as one of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of the Yorkshire Canary in Wales. He took plenty of time in washing the birds, and explained the method of holding the bird, also as to temperature of water. After the washing was over he was asked several questions by the fanciers present, which he answered satisfactorily. A pleasant afternoon was spent, and all the fanciers were highly pleased with the information they received from Mr. Gregory in regard to the management, breeding, and exhibiting of cage birds. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously carried. Mr. Gregory responded, stating that he was only too pleased to impart to novices any information in his possession.—W. B. Watkins, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Mr. G. Gardner's Views on Norwich Plainheads.

Meeting held at headquarters, "Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh Street, N.W., March 15th. Lecture on Norwich Plainhead by Mr. G. Gardner. Mr. Gardner began by saying the Norwich Plainhead needs not much introduction. The subject is old and well worn, and one finds it very difficult to bring forward anything fresh. This last six months, he said, I've made up my mind to try and set men thinking. The novice nowadays is a much pampered individual. You can pamper him too much; he gets into a way of dogging footsteps, for which you cannot blame him; it is certain you cannot draw water from a dry cistern. The novice must get thinking for himself; fortunes are not going begging. He reads books, and lectures, and addresses; he himself knows nothing about the subject, and therefore makes mistakes. What he should do is to listen to no one, but rely on his own efforts, otherwise he will be out of the running. If he selects the Norwich Plainhead as a variety, the best thing to do is to make himself thoroughly acquainted with what it is. In the first place, it is a bird of shape. You must find out what the true shape should be: there are certain to be different opinions on the exactitude of same. It should not be a long-tailed, upstanding bird, not a bird that lifts itself high, not squatty, must not hug the perch, it should cross the perch at a nice angle, should not have a great fat chest, as it is easy to produce that by feeding on hemp seed. I have been surprised to see recently at the open and pair shows that men of long experience preferred the fat chest. They gave first prizes to birds that I didn't consider were worth 10s.; they were thick to extra degree because of fatness; it is departing from the uniform bird. I want nice rounded chests, those which carry shape backwards and forwards from perch, not boat-shaped; short tail, short wings and flights; long tail is an abomination. The head provoked a great deal of discussion and criticism a year or two ago. Latterly, the birds shown had improved in this respect. I like a nice rounded head, short feather round the eyes, clean away from gullet, with a closely fitting body feather on back nicely over flights. Don't get open shoulders; you can avoid this by breeding class feather. In buff you don't get the open shoulder, in yellow you do; what you want above everything is feather to produce buff texture on yellow in the same quality as on buff, or you will be behind in the race. Look along the feather; I like those with a dent in the middle, the same feather in yellow as in buff, and that is bound to be near the top. If you look around the novice classes you see the class of bird that has been picked up from the waste basket of older breeders. Do not buy cheap birds at selling classes. These birds are nothing but a delusion and snare for the novice. Take it from me, get it in your head what a Norwich Plainhead should be in shape, feather, and colour. Get this rammed in, and use your own judgment. If you make a mistake, get up and have another try. Don't ask everybody, and when you have got birds right, stick to the strain. If you are doing fairly well, breed closely; don't be afraid of father and daughter, or sister and brother, and so on. I don't say keep it on for a considerable time; if you want a change of blood for stamina, take care never to buy a bird unless you can learn something of the pedigree. Don't be content by looking at a bird and saying, "That is just the bird I want." There may be a "dud" from good parents, and many a winner from offcasts. Middling pairs may throw a winner; you don't know what is at the back of them. It may be residue of strain. The novice will gain more when buying by asking the tops and bottoms and everything he can about the bird. Don't be stalled off. Have 20s. worth for a £1, or go elsewhere. It is no use saying the Norwich Plainhead should be this, that, and the other; this is the old tale. Ask what the parents were. I can trace my birds back for ten generations, and know exactly what to do with the tenth. What I say, in conclusion, is, don't ask somebody else. Sit down and think for yourselves. You must have the feather, shape, and know exactly what are the antecedents. Several questions were put to Mr. Gardner, which were answered to everyone's satisfaction.—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Monthly meeting held at Cossar's Tea Rooms, Mar. 29th; president, Mr. A. Moffat in the chair. The replies of judges were read, and the following gentlemen were elected to judge at our show on December 6th:—Norwich, Mr. J. Winter, Edinburgh; Borders, Mr. G. Hislop, Stirling; Mules and British, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. The classification was read over, and it was agreed to add two more Norwich variegated classes, and a Bullfinch hen, and Greenfinch field-moulted classes to the British section, making the total of 50 classes. Agreed to leave the Scotch Fancy classes out. Mr. J. Kirkland was elected as a new member.—A. Hoyle, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held March 27, before a moderate attendance of members. The secretary, Mr. J. E. Sutcliffe, read the report and balance-sheet, which was a very good one considering the heavy expenses the society has been put to during the season. The season was started with a balance of £1 1s. 7d. Receipts have been £11 16s. 9½d., making the total receipts for the year £12 18s. 4½d.; expenses, £10 17s. 0½d.; leaving a cash balance of £2 1s. 4d., which is excellent considering that we have only 30 good financial members. Exhibits at the series of shows have totalled 455 birds, shown by 24 exhibiting members. The report and balance-sheet was unanimously carried. The best thanks were given to the retiring officers for their able services, and ably replied to by Mr. J. E. Sutcliffe, secretary, who thanked them for kindness, and said that he wished to resign as secretary. His resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. A. Sutcliffe (president) also replied, thanking the members for their kind support that had been given to all the officers, and said he was sorry to lose the secretary as he had been a willing worker, and he was sure they could not get a better man for the position. He had been ably supported by Mr. T. Walker, assist.-sec. Officers for 1913 and 1914 were elected as follows:—Mr. J. Robertshaw, pres.; Mr. E. Stobart and Mr. C. Pickles, vice-pres.; Mr. E. Crossley, treas.; Mr. A. Sutcliffe, sec.; Messrs. F. Walker, J. E. Sutcliffe, T. Magson, committee for two years; Messrs. L. Turner, H. Brandwood, and G. Mitchell for one year; Mr. W. Wild, steward; Messrs. W. Highley and F. Walker, auditors.—Archie Sutcliffe, Sec.

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SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

First annual social was held March 15, in Johnston's Hall. The hall was beautifully arranged, and about 50 members and friends sat down to a splendid tea, which was excellently purveyed. The duties of the chairman were discharged by Mr. Lunn, president of the society, who briefly referred to the present prosperous state of the society. Songs and recitations were given in grand style to an appreciative audience by Mr. J. Mackay, Mr. Gibson, Mr. R. Mackay, Mr. Yule, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Williams, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Black, Mr. Hood, Mr. Carrack. Instrumental music of very high class was supplied by Mr. Johnstone. At the close votes of thanks were awarded to all who had helped in the evening's entertainment. The evening was an outstanding success.—A. Berry, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at Flying Dutchman Hotel, March 22. About twenty members attended, a fair muster considering the wretched weather which prevailed. Mr. Morement presided. The principal business was classification, nomination, and election of judges for the season's shows. Four new members were made—Messrs. E. Riley, H. Lund, J. Bolton, and R. Bunney. We are likely to add a good many more new members before the season closes. Sir George Scott Robertson, K.C.S.I., M.P., has again kindly consented to stand as pres., and said he would be delighted to attend our next annual show, Parliamentary duties permitting. P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec. (Kindly note that matter intended for publication must be written on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

SWINDON F. AND F.A.

Monthly meeting, held at the Baths, March 26. Present, Messrs. H. R. Halliday (chair), A. Ireland, W. Thane, J. T. Edmonds, C. Bridgeman, W. Townsend, H. A. Northover, E. Jefferies, D. Hoare, F. Ireland, A. J. Parker, S. Lewis, W. Brooks, and W. J. Moran. New member elected: Mr. T. J. Jervis, Swindon. Mr. E. Wallington was elected to the vacant seat on the committee. It was decided to alter the date of our young stock show to October 25th, as we could not have the hall on the date arranged; the arrangements to be left in the hands of the committee. Mr. J. T. Edmonds gave a very interesting paper on Foreign Cage Birds, explaining the best species that a novice should take up, and also showed samples of the different foods, and explained the best way to feed the birds. At the close Mr. Edmonds was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, and in response mentioned that he would be only too pleased to give us another on a vacant date. Next meeting will be held at the Baths, April 30, when Mr. Ireland will give us a paper on pigeons; fanciers heartily invited.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Meeting held March 29, at committee rooms, in the Assembly Rooms, Market-street, Carnarvon, Mr. James Jones chair. There was a fair attendance. The chairman begs that the committee will attend better in the future, so that they can do a bit more work. A first feather show for members only will be held in June or the beginning of July, but the date is not yet fixed. All members of the past should rejoin at once. The meeting was held to elect new officials, etc., for the year. The following gentlemen were elected, the election of president and vice-pres. being held over till next meeting. Chair, Mr. James Jones; vice, Mr. Geo. Jones. Committee passed a vote of thanks to these gentlemen for their kind services during 1912. Treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards, a very keen Norwich exhibitor of many years ago, who is now coming to the Fancy again. We all wish him a long life and success. Hon. sec., Mr. R. E. Griffith, late treas., who also received a vote of thanks for past services. Committee, Messrs. Edward Jones, J. O. Parry, J. W. Jones, Capt. Williams, Hugh Williams, R. Green, John Pritchard, Evan Hughes. Mr. John Wynne Parry, late sec., was added as a member of the committee, after receiving a vote of thanks for past services. Will the above committee kindly note that they have been elected, and make it a point to attend all meetings if possible, so that they can do some business to help the society. There will be a meeting held on April 5 at the above committee rooms at 6., committee only. I would like to entice a few members to join at once. For further particulars write to the new hon. sec., Mr. R. E. Griffith, 5, Balaclava-road, Carnarvon.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting, held at headquarters, the "Feathers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, March 27. Present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), A. Silver, G. E. Weston, H. J. Fulljames, E. Stephens, O. Puck, T. R. Trower, J. Dewhurst, G. Mortlock, R. A. Newley, C. T. Maxwell, G. Crabb, A. C. Askew, and J. P. Carr; visitor, Mr. James Livingstone. A letter was read from Messrs. Nicholls, Herbert and Co., stating that they would be pleased to allow the firm's name to appear as hon. solicitors to the club for the ensuing year. Mr. Weston promised to ascertain the cost of printing the diploma in black and white, and report to the next meeting. Mr. Livingstone was asked to leave the room pending the arrival at a decision whether or not to entertain the matter dealing with the Bullfinch disqualified at Bathgate Show. The Hon. Sec. read the correspondence that had passed between the owner, Mr. Parlett, and himself. Also a letter he had received from Mr. Alex. Nicol, Bathgate, stating that he had sent Mr. Parlett's Bullfinch to be tested by the committee of the N.B.B. and M. Club. The Hon. Sec. stated that he had had no communication whatever from the Bathgate Society until he received Mr. Nicol's letter and the Bullfinch on the 25th inst., therefore there was no time to communicate with the committee to ascertain their views as to dealing with the matter. After the matter was fully discussed, the following resolution was carried without dissent: "That this club cannot see its way to take action in the matter, seeing that the owner of the bird is not a member of this club, and that the show was not held under its patronage." Mr. Livingstone was then asked into the room, and the resolution was read. Mr. Livingstone expressed his satisfaction at the decision arrived at by the committee. Mr. Puck placed before the committee a "meating off" cage for Nightingales, of his own design. This opened a very interesting discussion on the caging and feeding of Softbills. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Puck for bringing the cage, and for the very interesting discussion it had opened. The annual ramble was fixed for Saturday, 24th May, Epping Forest being the place selected; the necessary arrangements being left in the hands of Mr. Puck and the Hon. Sec., and will be announced at a later date. Mr. James Livingstone, Bathgate, and Mr. Heven, Greenwich, were elected members. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec.

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ARBROATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 26th, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, Mr. W. Muir presided over a very large attendance of members, all eager to make this a record year for the society. We enrolled another five members, making up a grand total in the society. Mr. J. F. Dewar and W. Mosie were appointed judges for open show. The financial position of the society was considered satisfactory. Several minor matters were decided upon, and the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman. J. Gray, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held March 29th, Mr. C. Waters presiding. It was agreed to hold our open show Jan. 16 and 17, 1914. The election of judges was left over till next meeting, when it is hoped that all the members will make a special effort to be present. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Jeffery, our late secretary, and to Mr. A. Walker, our late treasurer, for their past services, on behalf of the club. The new secretary's address is: 16, East Whickham Street, Monkwearmouth. T. Davison, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Drill Hall, Mar. 19th, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Judges for open show were appointed as follows: — S. Fancy, Geo. Fulton, Partick; Bord., H. Besset, Kelso; Crests and C.B., Wm. Paul, Uphall; Nor. Plainheads, A. G. Cameron, Kelso; British and Mules, R. Bald, Bathgate. The Yorks. section is not yet settled. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. J. Steel, Dalkeith, anent a lecture on British birds, to be held if convenient on Saturday, 12th April. Ramble has been fixed for Monday, June 2nd, to Raith Estate.—R. Muir, Sec.

PLYMOUTH (W. Counties) O.S.

Monthly general meeting was held at Oddfellows' Hall, Plymouth, March 18. Mr. W. C. Dart presided over a good attendance. A presentation of a marble clock was made to Mr. Chas. Garland, who for many years has largely helped the annual shows by obtaining special prizes. A judging competition of Goldfinches was held, the birds being judged by points, according to the standard set out in CAGE BIRDS 1913 ANNUAL. Two new members were proposed, making the total membership up to 71. The next meeting will be held on April 15th, when a judging competition of Linnets will be held, and Mr. J. E. Rowe will give a paper.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

EAST PERTHSHIRE O.A.

Fifth annual general meeting held in Temperance Hotel, Blairgowrie, March 15, Mr. Thos. Menzies (vice-pres.) presided over a good attendance. The secretary and treasurer's report showed that the 1912 show was the most successful yet held, although none of the sections paid their way with the exception of the poultry section. Notwithstanding the fact that there had been a loss on the year's working, there was still a balance in favour of association. Office-bearers elected: President, Mr. Chas. H. Scott; vice-president, Mr. Thos. Menzies; hon. sec. and treas., M. Irvine, 17, Brown-street, Blairgowrie; committee, Messrs. A. Anderson, D. R. Butchart, A. Blaikie, A. Moir, D. Adams, R. Irvine, W. Reid, J. Keay, jun., J. Skinner, J. Prain, W. Bryce, and J. Rogers. 1913 show fixed 22nd Nov.; committee to meet on 12th April to arrange classification and nominate judges.—M. Irvine, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Higgin's Hall on March 20th, Mr. McGown presiding over a good attendance. A letter was read from Mr. Campbell that he would be unable to give us a washing exhibition as arranged that night, but promising that he would do so any other night that would suit us. Agreed to hold F.F. show June 28th, annual show on Nov. 1. Also agreed that we hold our annual show on the first Saturday in November every year. The secretary and treasurer were appointed to look after the same ball as we had last year. Agreed to advertise annual show for two weeks previous in the Fancy press, and also the local press. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Greer and ask him if he could get permission for a ramble through Erskine Estate for a Saturday in May. A committee was appointed to revise the rules. Ten new members were elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—William Kane, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, March 18. Mr. A. W. Watson occupied the chair, a large number of members being present. The secretary intimated that he had been successful in securing the Tynecastle Hall for annual show. Four new members were elected, Messrs. T. Brosh, Wm. Dodds, Wm. Colburn, and Mr. Taylor. The classification for April table show then came up for discussion. It was unanimously agreed that it be the same as last year, with an extra [illegible] the classes to run as follows: Goldfinch (British or Foreign), Linnet, Bunting, Softbill, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, any variety Finch, Bullfinch hen (British or foreign), Mules. Mr. Sykes, Musselburgh, kindly consented to judge. Entry fee 2d. per bird. No other business being forward, the President introduced Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith, to the members, who had kindly consented to answer questions on "British Mules and Hybrids." About twenty questions were handed up to Mr. Steel, and he very ably replied to all of them. The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Steel for coming that evening, which was heartily responded to. This brought a very instructive and successful meeting to a close.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

SMALLBRIDGE C.B.S.

Smoking concert held at headquarters, Garside-street, March 12, Mr. E. Hartley in the chair. A good muster of friends present, but not as many of our own members as I should have liked. As a concert it was a success, but attendance was poor, which I put down to sickness, as there is a lot knocking about here at present, and I take this opportunity to wish a speedy recovery of all our sick members and friends. About 30 persons listened to a capital programme, the contributors to which were: Mr. Windle, Littleboro', tenor; Mr. Hartley, Hursted, tenor; Mr. Schofield, Rochdale, baritone; Mr. Walton and Mr. Merchant, comedians and ragtime singers, Rochdale; also a few choice selections on a good gramophone. Mr. Crossley (Littleboro') efficiently fulfilled the duties of accompanist. The singing was greatly appreciated, and we hope to have another of these gatherings at an early date, as they are beneficial both to the members themselves and to the club, and tend to bring more members to the fold for the good and welfare of the society and the hobby. Mr. Hartley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes. This was seconded by Mr. Cheetham with a few remarks, and carried in usual manner. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," all standing.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Worth Prizing, and How to Get It.

Messrs. Boothman and Robinson entertain and instruct the members and friends of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.

Meeting and lecture held in the Onward Hall, March 18, when a large number of members and friends were present to hear Mr. Boothman and Mr. Robinson give their lecture on the Norwich Canary. Previous to lecture we went through our usual business, Mr. Robinson being in the chair, assisted by our President (Dr. Twigg). Three new members were proposed, and three came up for confirmation from previous meeting, so we are going with a swing which promises success for the coming season. We also fixed date of our first feather show for July 12. Mr. Boothman, on being called to give us the lecture, said that probably there were some present who knew more about birds than he did, but he promised to give this lecture with the idea of trying to give the novices some good advice and put them on the right way to success. He stated that his ideal Norwich was as follows: Must have large head and not browy; face chubby and good cheeks; eyes bold and well set in centre of head; beak short and neat; neck short and stout; body large and nicely rounded, well cut away at back; wings short and close, meeting at tips; tail short and carried well without drop; nice feather and jaunty carriage. A bird like this he thought would be worth prizing. He strongly advised the novices to go to a reliable fancier and put themselves in his hands and mind and note the pedigree of the birds bought. It was not necessary to buy winners, but they must buy birds of good blood. He believed in getting the pair from the same fancier. In pairing up he liked the hen as near a show bird as possible; medium size, and not small unless bred from big stock, with good head and nice shape and quality. The cock bird large and of nice type. He did not mind him being a bit rough, but it must not be browy, and must have good colour; a marked bird to be preferred, as he thought one marked helped to keep the colour up, and we all knew green blood is the fountain of colour. In selecting a breeding pair he strongly advised us to be careful to get size and colour in the cock, and quality and type in the hen. Mr. Boothman stated he would not touch on colour-feeding, as there were several methods, but he strongly advised those who had a good feed to stick to it, and not change about, as it would surely bring disaster. He was a great believer in green food, especially dandelion, as it helped to keep the liver in good condition, and he always used it during breeding and moulting season, as it was one of Nature's foods. Mr. Robinson, on being called, stated he would not give a lecture, as we all knew his ideal Norwich, but he was going to put several questions to the lecturer to make it more instructive. The first question asked was as to the lecturer's ideas of double buffing. Mr. Boothman, in reply, stated he would not double buff without a reason, but he did not think we got size in body, but only appeared to, because of the broader feather which we got, and his idea of birds for double buffing would be to have birds very tight in feather and very clean behind; the cock not to be browy, and both to be nice type and colour; a marked bird to be preferred. The hens from such breeding would be of good service. Mr. Robinson also stated his experiences of double buffing, mentioning that we must do away with frosting, as we lose colour with such. He paired a green variegated cock to a clear buff hen, and got a grand hen from same, which he had double buffed with for four seasons, and she had always bred good feathered birds with good colour. He had had also several yellows from double buffing. Next Mr. Robinson asked the lecturer for his ideas of double yellowing. In reply, he stated he had not done much of this, and he would only do so with two birds of good size with very little feather, and they must be teeming with quality; if not, he thought we would get long and scanty birds with very bad feather. In reply to a question as to inbreeding, he stated he was a great believer in inbreeding in fixing different points, and would prefer to do same with show specimens. That is, if they had not been overshown, and had thereby had the stamina taken out of them. The nearest he would care to go would be to pair cousins, but with birds he knew something about he would not mind father and daughter, or mother and son, if the specimens were medium to large. He did not mind a small one if well bred, but he would be very chary of breeding with birds with weak head, etc. We must use discretion in all the above points, and must know our stock. Several other questions were asked, and all were answered in grand style. Time being up, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mr. Swanell to the lecturer and Mr. Robinson, who ably responded, and so ended a most enjoyable and instructive evening.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Snowdon's, March 29th, Mr. Jos. Robson in the chair, when there was a small attendance of members, probably through it being a very wet night. We enrolled two new members—Messrs. J. Teasdale and W. Soulsby. Mr. W. H. Butler was elected judge for our young bird show June 21, for which we have 21 classes. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) was elected judge for our annual show Dec. 20. Mr. Hannighan has kindly offered to lend us a room free to hold young bird show, which will save the society expense.—R. Peart, Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

The annual general meeting will be held April 12th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, at 7 p.m., and I want all members and intending members to attend, as very important alterations are likely to be made in the constitution of our club. Secretaries of societies holding open winter shows who would care to have our patronage, should write me before April 12th, stating the number of classes they will have in their schedule for cinn. marked Yorks., as it is desirable to have our competitions settled earlier than in previous years. I have only two applications at present—Bradford National and Sheffield—and we want ten shows at least. Any member wishing to bring any business before the meeting, and not being able to attend, may write me, and I will bring it before the meeting.—R. Garnett, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

ANNUAL BIRD FANCIERS' SUNDAY SERVICE.

The officials and members of the above society wish to draw the attention of all fanciers and friends to the annual fanciers' service to be held at Park Chapel, West Bowling, Bradford, on Sunday, April 6th, service to commence at six o'clock. We are desirous of seeing a good attendance of fanciers on this occasion as a welcome to the new pastor, the Rev. H. Parrish, whose sympathies and deepest interest in the Fancy and fanciers have already been shown in no half-hearted manner to our members. The service will be a bright and cheerful one, and several fanciers will take a prominent part in it. Mrs. F. Hammond has very kindly consented to sing two sacred solos during the service. Members of the society will gladly welcome any fanciers or friends, and one and all trust that this will prove one of the best services held since the innovation was started. Will members of the society kindly turn up in full force and show their personal sympathy with the cause. Kindly note the time, six o'clock. —H. Hill, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Annual general council meeting held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, March 29th, before a capital attendance of delegates. Mr. F. Armstrong, president, occupied the chair. Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S. applied for admission as members of the Union, and this was unanimously granted. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's offer of prizes to members of the Union using his noted colour-feed was heartily accepted with thanks. Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S. tendered their resignation as members of the Union, and this was accepted with much regret, the society having made a splendid struggle against odds. The scrutineers, Messrs. R. Wilkinson and C. E. Walker, submitted the result of the annual ballot to the council, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them. In respect to the new rule passed by the annual ballot that the Union novice competition be divided into two periods, it was proposed that the sec. should notify the winners of novice medals in the first half of the season individually as soon as possible after the half-way show is over. The treas. (Mr. F. Hammond) gave his report, and read the balance sheet for the past year, this showing a small deficit on the year's working. The balance sheet was unanimously adopted by the council. Messrs. R. Halliday and F. Armstrong gave the auditors' report as to finding the Union books and all accounts in perfect order. An honorarium was granted to the secretary for his services during the past year, and Mr. Hill suitably responded to same, and thanked the council for their appreciation of his services. A vote of thanks to all retiring officers was unanimously carried, and the retiring president, Mr. F. Armstrong and the treasurer, Mr. F. Hammond, capably responded, each taking the opportunity of thanking the council for the help and support tendered to them during their term of office. Delegates' expenses for the past year were paid over. Will secretaries of societies connected with the Union, who have not as yet notified me who the delegates are for the ensuing year, kindly send their names and addresses without delay, in order that I can make arrangements for the first meeting of the new council.—H. Hill, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

General meeting held at headquarters, March 26th, T. Walker, Esq., in the chair. The meeting was followed by a lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "Pairing and Breeding." There was a large muster of members and friends, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Various questions were asked, and were ably answered by the lecturer. Mr. F. Fox proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson; this was seconded by Mr. A. J. Marley, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.—F. Onslow, Hon. Assist. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held March 11, Mr. J. Robinson in the chair. We had the pleasure of a lecture on Norwich, by Mr. W. Robinson. He gave his idea of the breed, and impressed it most clearly on the novices to get the best bird their pockets would allow, and to pay particular attention to the head properties, these being one of the most essential points; also to get birds with a good bold front. It was quite an enjoyable evening. Messrs. Jackson, Jones, Pike, Colley, Robinson, and others asked questions, which were readily answered by the lecturer. Mr. J. Robinson proposed that the best thanks be given to the lecturer; this was seconded by Mr. Whittaker and carried in the usual way.—John S. T. Davey, Hon. Sec.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in St. John's School on March 20. Mr. Cowell presided over a good attendance, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. L. Hodgson, who was to have given his lecture on breeding. Mr. Hodgson's absence was a disappointment to the members present; however, great credit is due to Mr. Casey and Mr. Helliwell for stepping into the breach and entertaining the members with their experiences on breeding, both giving some good advice, which was much appreciated by all present, especially the novice members. Messrs. Sharp, Gledhill, and Firth also joined in the discussion, after which came the presentation of prizes to the exhibitors having gained most points for 1912:—Open Section: 1, W. Helliwell; 2, C. Padgett; 3, W. Bleazard. Novice Section: 1, F. Hinton; 2, and rose bowl for most points in certain classes, Messrs. Hodgson and Holdsworth, after a tie with W. Helliwell; 3, Wilkinson and Son. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturers and our worthy president brought the meeting to a close.—L. Booth, Sec.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Mar. 29th, T. Wildridge (pres.) in the chair. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that rings be adopted, but not compulsory. Rings only to be got through the club secretary. Members not present, or any one who intends joining should write me at once enclosing 1d. for each ring they require (this must be done at once, so that first round can be rung). The secretary to keep a record of the rings used. I cannot see why this club is not better supported by the Plainhead fanciers in Fife and Kinross, as I am sure there are over 200 breeders in these two counties. Our special prize list can bear comparison with any specialist club. Our list is as follows for 1913, and likely to be largely increased:—Cup and gold medal for most points over all shows; 5s. 2nd; 5s. 3rd; 5s. 4th; 5s. 5th; medal 6th; 2s. 6d. most points one show; 2s. 6d. ditto different show; 2s. 6d. ditto; 2s. 6d. ditto; shows to be named afterwards when patronage given; 2s. 6d. best young bird; also another special not placed yet. We also give eight medals, and this year intend to grant four extra for novices. With a prize list like this no one should be afraid to join, and it is to their interest to do so, as only by joining a specialist club can they expect to succeed in the Fancy. Now Plainhead men in Fife and Kinross see if we can build up one of the strongest clubs in our own particular breed. 2s. 6d. is the annual subscription, and any one requiring particulars can have them by applying to me. New members joined: P. Langan and G. B. Sinclair (Cowdenbeath).—A. Dickson, Sec., 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty, Fife.

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DARWEN F.A.

Meeting held Mar. 25, Mr. G. W. Harwood in chair. Decided to remove the radius; members please note this. Any person wishing to join please apply to Secretary, J. C. Riley, 144, Sough Road, Darwen, for particulars and rules. All sections in dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cats, cavies, and cage birds provided for.—J. C. Riley, Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held March 28, Swan Hotel. Proposed, that Mr. J. H. Roe, of Birmingham, judge our annual open show on Oct. 4th; carried. We have started a Roller club as well, along with our society, and have had some nice specials promised for a singing contest, to be held on the second Tuesday in May, so all local fanciers of the Rollers who wish to join please come to the next meeting on April 8th at the Swan Hotel; we have three members already joined; the fee for the year is 2s. per member; we enrolled two more new members for our other society as well. It was then proposed that the schedule for the next feather show be the same as last year, with the exception that a Siskin, etc., class be put on instead of the Softbill, and that the old Hybrids and Mules and the F.M. Goldfinch class do not compete for the cup; carried. Also proposed that an equal number of classes throughout the Nor., Yorks and British, 5 in each, compete for the cup.—P. Barker, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held March 13th at Horse and Jockey Hotel. Our president, Mr. Havenhand, presided over a good muster of members. Two new members were enrolled, showing that our society is still going ahead. A grand cup for competition among the novices was presented to the society by the committee. Then Mr. Browning was called upon to deliver his lecture on "Pairing and Breeding," a most appropriate subject for the season, and also exceedingly instructive for the novices present. There were also some good hints for old hands to pick up. The subject was ably and exhaustively dealt with, taking in cages—kind advocated, painting, enamelling, cleaning, etc. Then the lecturer went thoroughly into the pairing up, health of stock, and care of same from putting together to staging for next feather shows. The discourse was enjoyed by everybody, as was proved by the volley of questions fired at Mr. Browning at the close. He satisfied all enquirers, however, and our evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

The Shows.

CHARLOTTEVILLE F. & U.S.K.S

2nd monthly show held at St. Luke's Institute, Mar. 27th, when Mr. E. Stevens judged the cage birds: 1, T. Taylor, good Bullfinch; 2, W. Lympoos, sweet hen Linnet; 3, A. Reifeld, fair Crest. C. H. Pope, Hon. Sec.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK., C.B.C

Monthly meeting and show of British birds held in Reid Hall. Mr. A. Sloan presided over a good attendance, and gave a special for best bird. Mr. A. Gordon, one of the members, said he would give a medal for most points from this show until the first feather show. Mr. T. Erskine judged, and many thanks are due him. LINNET: 1, Dunlop; 2, McMillan; 3, 4, Crawford. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Dunlop. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 2, Crawford; 3, Morrison; vhc, c, Dunlop; c, Taylor. BULLF. HEN: 1, sp, Taylor; 2, 3, Dunlop; vhc, McMillan; c, Morrison.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND M.B. AND F.B.C.

Monthly meeting and show of British birds in rooms, 94, West Regent-street, March 25, president Mr. M. Craig presiding. A splendid array of birds faced the judge, some birds of exceptional merit being on exhibition. The judging was in the capable hands of Mr. Hugh Jamieson, his awards being well received.

GOLDF. (12): A grand class: 1, 2, Morrine, leader champion black leg, expansive square cut blaze; 2nd, another black leg, not far behind; 3, Webster, extra fine exhibit, large size, little rough at throat; 4, Wallace, house-moulted, largest faced Britisher out, when in full bloom will trouble the best of them; 5, 6, Raines. BULLF. (10): A blaze of colour here; 1, Campbell, grand size, broad cap, rich col.; 2, Wallace, old winner, all there for col., not far behind; 3, Taylor, nice Bullie, not quite steady; 4, Sloan, nice Finch, grand size; 5, Taylor; 6, Chubb. GREENF.: 1, Campbell, extra large, grand col.; 2, 5, Craig, leader good one, in the pink; 3, Webster, grand fellow, field-moulted, will be heard of later. SISKIN: 1, Webster, grand yell., fine cap, extra good bib, in good condition; 2, Craig, well-known winner, fails in bib, hen; 3, Raines, loses a bit in condition. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Craig, grand Goldie, fine face and tanning; 2, Webster, good Finch, not far behind; 3, Wallace, Goldie, little broken in top of blaze, will make a champion, much admired. FOR., A.O.V.: 1, 2, Webster, winner Black-cheeked Lovebird, absolutely perfect in condition; 2nd, Diamond Sparrow, beauty; 3, 4, Park, Zebra Finches and Avadavats in sprightly condition and well staged. Medal for best exhibit was awarded to the British Goldie, and proved a popular win.—F. Taylor, Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in the Co-op Hall (St. George's Cross), March 14, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a good attendance. Correspondence re judges was read, and the President intimated that the services of the following well-known judges had been secured: F.F. Show, Mr. J. Young, Rutherglen; annual members' show, Canaries, Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; mules, British and foreign, Mr. R. V. Raine, Cathcart, Glasgow. Both shows will be held in the Co-operative Hall (St. George's Cross), F.F. show July 12, annual show November 15. Nine new members were enrolled, A. Innes, W. S. Bannerman, J. Sinclair, D. Law, Wm. Cochrane, D. Weatherhead, G. Corner, J. Walker, and G. Alexander. Twenty classes for F.F. show were fixed (same as last year). It is very pleasing to note that a large number of specials for F.F. show were intimated from the following gentlemen, P. Allan, W. Proudfoot, A. Gillespie, A. Miller, R. Prentice, J. J. Whyte, D. Lunn, J. Campbell, W. Campbell, G. G. Henderson, J. Stewart, and A. Hendry. Also specials for the British and foreign table show were kindly given by the following gentlemen: G. G. Henderson (3), P. Allan, C. Campbell, and A. Miller. Prize cards for February show were handed out to winners present. A table show of British and foreign birds was also held, entries being exceedingly well up, when some grand specimens were staged in the pink of condition, including some recent Palace and City winners; in fact, rarely has such a fine lot of birds been together at one time, "a richt braw lot." Mr. T. Erskine, Glasgow, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction (many thanks to him for his kindness in coming to judge).

GOLD. OR BULL.: 1, 6, Henderson; 2, Gillespie; 3, sp., 4, sp., Allan; 5, Stewart. LIN.: 1, Henderson; 2, Prentice; 3, Stewart; 4, Gillespie; 5, Proudfoot. GREEN.: 1, sp., Stewart; 2, 5, Gillespie; 3, Henderson; 4, Allan; 6, Campbell. SISKIN OR TWITE: 1, Henderson; 2, sp., Stewart; 3, Prentice. REDPOLL: 1, Allan; 2, 4, Prentice; 3, Campbell; 5, Henderson. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE.: 1, 2, Henderson; 3, Stewart; 4, Gillespie. A.V. BUNTING: 1, 2, Allan; 3, Henderson. FOR.: 1, sp., Proudfoot; 2, Henderson. HENS SUITABLE FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Whyte; 2, Campbell; 3, 4, Gillespie; 5, Proudfoot. Members please note that no meetings will be held in April or May. Next meeting June 13th. I would also remind members that subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in Oldham Hall, Mar. 13th, Mr. J. Abbott in the chair. Four new members were elected, and seven nominated for membership, bringing our total to nearly 100. Afterwards we had a British bird night show. Mr. R. Bratherton judged in the absence of Mr. Mallinson. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Eccleston. LINNET: 1, 3, Jones; 2, vhc, Bell. GREENF.: 1, Bell; 2, Lloyd; 3, Redpath. BRAMBLE: 1, Redpath; 2, Bell. Afterwards Mr. J. W. Metcalfe gave us a few remarks on the points to look for when buying British birds, and Mr. J. Lloyd gave us his views of steadying and getting same up for exhibition, which brought out a large number of questions and remarks. J. Lloyd, Assist. Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Show held at headquarters March 12, when some fine birds were exhibited. Mr. W. Swayeland judged, and afterwards pointed out to the members where the winning exhibits scored over those behind them. Many useful hints were thus gained by those present. Awards were as follows:—YORKS.: 1, 2, Gibb; 3, vhc, hc, c, Dandridge. NOR.: 1, 2, Gibb. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Gibb. BRAMBLE, CHAFF, OR BUNTING: 1, 2, vhc, c, James; 3, hc, Gibb. REDPOLL OR SISKIN: 1, Plummer. LINNET OR TWITE: 1, Bignell. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, vhc, hc, James; 2, Plummer; 3, Pazel; c, Gibb. Points were gained as follows: H. James 17, H. T. Gibb 15, F. Dandridge 9, O. Plummer 6, J. Pazel 4, H. Bignell 1. Judging Points: A. Goble 47, F. Dandridge 45, O. Plummer 37, H. Bignell 36, S. Sparks 36, C. Pearson 31, E. Holley 29, G. Absolon 21.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD CANARY F.A.

A very successful night show of British birds was held at headquarters, March 18. The entry was a record one, novice members showing up well, and easily holding their own against the champions. In the soft-billed class Mr. E. R. Gaylard and Mr. N. Jones staged two lovely Starlings, steady as rocks and shining like glass, and new members who had never seen these birds in the show cage before were surprised at the spangling and beauty of them. The class for Buntings brought out a good variety, Mr. Barker taking premier honours with a lovely Reed. Mr. N. Jones's Yellow and Mr. Lloyd's Snow giving it a good run. In the hard-billed section birds of high merit were staged. Mr. W. Mallinson judged, and his awards were well received. A vote of thanks proposed to him by Mr. Jones being carried with unstinted applause.

GOLDF.: 1, Mealor; 2, Morton. BULLF.: 1, Walton; 2, 3, Gaylard. GREENF.: 1, Burns; 2, Benson and Young; 3, Morton; vhc, Gaylard; hc, c, N. Jones. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF.: 1, Benson and Young; 2, Lloyd; 3, Barker. SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE: 1, 3, Barker, Siskin, and Mealy Redpoll; 2, Morton, Redpoll; vhc, Barker. Twite: hc, Gaylard; c, Benson and Young. LINNET: 1, Lloyd; 2, Greatrex; 3, Hall; vhc, Morton; hc, c, Gaylard. BUNTING: 1, 2, Barker, Reed and Yellow Bunting; 3 hc, Yellow and Reed Bunting; vhc, c, Lloyd, Snow Buntings. SOFT-BILL: 1, Gaylard; 2, Jones; 3, Bird; vhc, hc, Gaylard.—G. Morton, Sec.

BARRINGTON AND CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

Annual pair show held March 8th, when thirteen pairs were placed before the judge, Mr. Thos Sanderson (Bridlington), whose awards were well received. 1, 2, T. Griffiths; 3, T. Dixon; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, c, Paxon. There was a good attendance. It was arranged to have a full meeting on April 5th to rearrange classes, etc., for the ensuing year and the enrolling of new members.—D. Reaveley, Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Second annual pair show held March 15, at headquarters, Barnfields Inn, Pleasant Street. The fixture turned out to be one of the most enjoyable and interesting shows held by this society. Along with the usual pairs of Norwich and Yorks., which were judged to everyone's satisfaction by Mr. Hawley, Hanley, was held a Roller contest, open to a four-mile radius. Mr. Tomlinson, Newcastle-under-Lyme, officiated as judge for these. I believe that this is Mr. Tomlinson's first time out as judge, but the exhibitors will learn from the awards that he placed an approximate value on their birds' song points. After the points (21) of one of the birds had been taken, Mr. Watson, who acted as steward, informed the judge that this particular bird was not for competition. It had been awarded 33 points at the last Crystal Palace show under Mr. Oldroyd, and it had been entered simply to have another expert's opinion of its song value.

NOR. YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, vhc, James; 3, Johnson; hc, c, Hulme. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, Johnson; 2, hc, Greatbatch; 3, Hulme; vhc, c, James. YORKS. YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Hughes. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, Hughes. ROLLERS, GLUCKE: 1, Plant; 2, Breeze; 3, vhc, Leese; hc, Booth; c, Watson. SEIFERTS OR HOLLOW ROLL STRAIN: 1, vhc, Booth; 2, Holland; 3, James; hc, c, Ramsey.—L. James, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S

Monthly meeting and pair show of Mules and Hybrids held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Mr. John Edwards presiding before a good turn out of members. Secretary read correspondence from Judge A. E. Silk re his cup promised for last annual show, which was on view, and much admired by all present, and was duly handed over to the winner, Mr. A. McFarlane, who suitably replied. Owing to being unable to secure hall for the third Saturday of each month we have arranged for the first Saturday in each month in future. Next meeting, Saturday 5th April; 5 classes have been agreed upon; also judging competition on the Linnet class for two silver medals kindly granted by Messrs. Telfer and Connelly; also special by Mr. Kerr for best British Goldfinch. Motion to abolish Rule 15 was withdrawn. Two new members were elected, A. Ingram and J. Findlay. The pair show proved very successful, bringing out 42 pairs, some well-known winners being staged. Mr. George Marlin judged, and his awards were well received.

GOLDF. and CAN.: 1, sp., 2, McFarlane, 1st, Siberian Goldfinch to clear yell. Norwich hen, grand pair, in fine condition; 2nd, British Goldfinch to clear yell. Norwich hen, another grand pair; 3, Roulstone, British Goldfinch to yell. hen, fails size to winners; 4, Bannerman, 5, Edwards; 6, Roulstone; 7, Bannerman. LINNET and CAN.: 1, Bannerman, fine big upstanding H.M. Linnet to grand Norwich buff hen, Linnet carries them through; 2, Edwards, another grand H.M. Linnet to big green Norwich hen, right sort for dark Mules, we liked; 3, sp, Edwards, H.M. Linnet to yell. variegated hen, fine condition, likely to pair; 4, 5, McFarlane; 6, Connelly; 7, Young. GREENF. and CAN.: 1, McFarlane, fine big bouncing Greenie, known winner, going strong, mated to clear yell. Norwich hen, grand pair; 2, Telfer, grand coloured Greenie to big yell. Norwich hen, in fine condition; 3, McFarlane, another fine pair, pressing hard on 2nd; 4, Edwards; 5, 6, Roulstone; 7, Bannerman. A.O.V. FINCH and CAN.: 1, 3, sp, McFarlane; 1st, grand yell. Siskin, well known, to yell. varieg. Norwich hen, in good order; 3rd, same cross, well put down; 2, Campbell, H.M. Mealy Redpoll to fine big Norwich hen, well mated; 4, Connelly; 5, Edwards; 6, Campbell; 7, Young. BULLF. HYB.: 1, Connelly, H.M. Mealy Redpoll, annual show winner, mated to young hen F.M. Bullie, well balanced pair.; 2, McFarlane, good yell. Greenie, paired to fine hen Bullie, promising pair; 3, Jeffrey, grand British Goldfinch to fine big F.M. hen Bullie, well staged; 4, Connelly; 5, Campbell; 6, Edwards; 7, Halbert. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Jeffrey, charming British Goldf., well known, to fine H.M. Mealy Redpoll, very promising pair that should produce a fine Hybrid; 2, Connelly, grand H.M. Chaffinch to fine coloured hen Greenie, nice pair; 3, Telfer, grand Siskin, well mated to hen Redpoll, close up; 4, sp, Edwards; 5, McGowan; 6, Campbell; 7, Young.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

First table show of British birds held at Blythswood Halls, Great Western-road, March 28. The show was a grand start for a new club. Over forty birds were shown, and some fine specimens amongst them. Mr. M. Craig judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction. Many thanks to him for his kindness in coming to judge.

GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, 4, sp., Jamieson; 2, 5, Taylor; 3 sp, 4, Henderson; 5, Gibb; 6, Adams. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Jamieson; 2, sp, Taylor; 3, sp, 4, Henderson; 5, 7, Gibb; 6, Loan; 8, Brown. LINNET (7): 1, 6, Brown; 2, 3, Jamieson; 4, Gibb; 5, Manson; 7, sp, Taylor. GREENF. (10): 1, Adams; 2, Brown; 3, Loan; 4, Taylor; 5, sp, 6, Gibb; 7, Brown. HEN FOR BREEDING (7): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Gibb; 4, sp, 6, Brown; 5, Jamieson; 7, Manson. GOLDF. OR BULLF., FOR.: 1, sp, best in hall, Henderson; 2, 3, 6, 7, Adam; 4, 5, Taylor. Members please note our next table show April 25, six classes: A.V. Bunting, Chaffie or Bramble, Small Brit., Large Brit., Mules or Hybrid, Foreign A.V.—W. Loan, Sec. and Treas.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest at the Old Market House, March 30, when 19 birds faced the timers and tappers, and some splendid singing was heard. 1, 3, Watson; 2, Robinson.—Spinker, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held March 29; 38 birds entered for a four-minutes' time sing. 1, Kirk, 109; 2, Ratcliffe, 93; 3, Morley, 63. Also March 30; 36 birds entered in a three-minutes' time sing. 1, 3, Smith, 74 and 42; 2, Ratcliffe, 50.—Walter Dobson.

LEIGH.

The Globe Inn, Linnet Club held a contest March 28 for novices only; any member that had won a prize in previous contests was not allowed to sing. Quality: 1, Hughes; 2, Coan. Time: 1, Disley, 56; 2, Statham, 42. The bird that won first for quality sang very well, and the judge said it would win in better company for Mr. Hughes.—R. Holcroft.

BLACKBURN.

Quality Linnet singing contest will be held at the headquarters, Empire Hotel, No. 1, Bolton-road, Blackburn for members only on April 12, when there will be seven valuable prizes given. All members must pay their subscription before they stage their birds, hoping to see old and new members.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Linnet singing contest was held by the Shakespeare Linnet Club on Easter Monday for time singing, 48 birds taking part. Some of the best singing took place that has been heard in the district: 1, 2, Guthrie; 2, 3, Holcroft. New members will be made welcome at the club room, where they will get to know all workings of the club.—M. Devine, Sec., 15, Ladysmith Street, West Hartlepool.

Time-singing Linnet contest held at headquarters, Shakespeare Hotel, Brunswick-street, March 29; 21 birds sang for three good prizes; some good singing heard by a good attendance. 1, 2, Redfern; 3, Holcroft. An open contest will take place April 5. Now, you members, rally around and let us have a good contest.—M. Devine, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Open sing, held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, March 24th, 37 birds entered for 3 good prizes. 1 and 3, Smith (Castleford), 125 and 46; 2, Wallis, 60, the winner being a bird of exceptional merit, and a treat to hear. Members' sing, held March 29, 25 birds sang for 3 good prizes: 1, Liversidge, 97; 2, Atkinson, 68; 3, Perkin, 36. Members please note, a monthly meeting will be held after sing on April 5th.—A. Temun, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, March 24, when 29 of the best picked birds in Leeds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Butler; 2, Sissons; 3, Spedding; 4, Sissons. Judges, Jenning, Naylor, Thompson. Also March 25, 22 birds sang for four good prizes: 1, Green; 2, Butler; 3, Sissons; 4, Towers. Judges, Thompson, Lacey, Naylor. Also March 29, 19 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2, Butler; 3, Hayes. Judges, Crane, Smith, Naylor. Also March 30, 27 birds sang for four good prizes before a crowded house: 1, Sissons; 2, Butler; 3, 4, Wigfield. Judges, Hardcastle, Smith, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing Linnets held at Prince Albert Hotel March 30; 25 birds sang for three good prizes. The singing was of very good quality. 1, Soloman; 2, Binns; 3, Chippendale. Judges, C. Lorriman and P. Madden.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Contests for quality held at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, March 21; 18 birds sang for 3 good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick, when some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, 2, 3, Ward. Judges, T. C. Summers, J. Granger. Also March 22, when 19 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction: 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, shared between Sellers, Green and Connor. Judges, Granger and Clayton. Also March 23, when 32 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard for four good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick: 1, 2, Ward; 3, 4, shared between Sellers and Hullah. Judges, H. Allen, J. Granger, and C. Clayton. Also Mar. 24, 29 birds sang for four prizes; good singing was heard before a house packed to its utmost: 1, Towers; 2, 3, shared between Ward and Sellers; 4, shared between Towers and Green. Judges, C. Biss and H. Hayes. Also March 29, 18 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick: 1, Towers; 2, Green; 3, shared between Playforth and Granger. Judges, Clayton and Granger. Also March 30, 30 birds faced the judges for four good prizes, when some extra good singing was heard, and judged to perfection: 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, Biss; 4, Granger. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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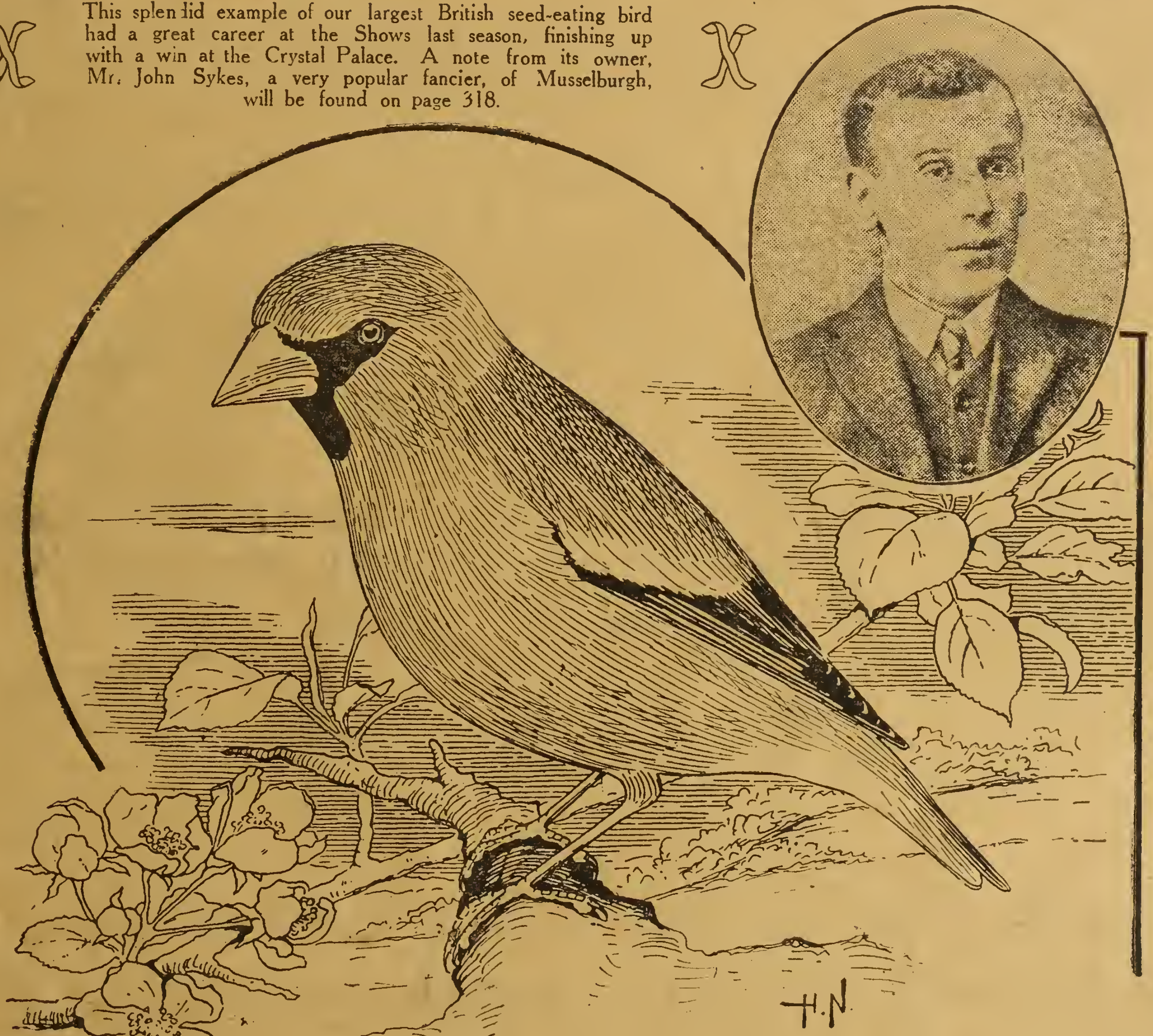

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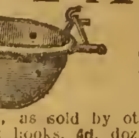

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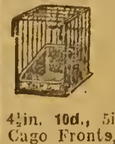

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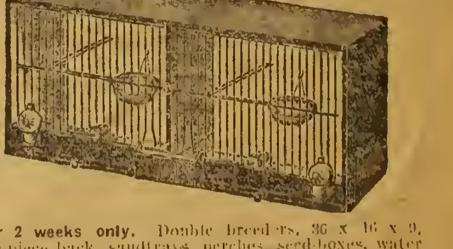

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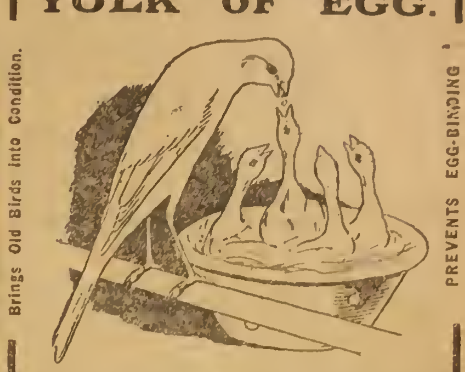
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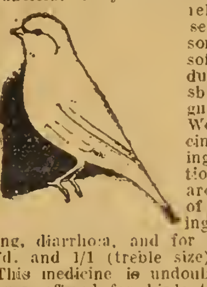

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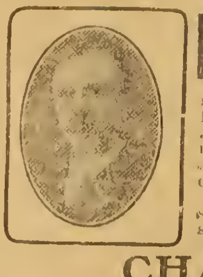

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FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, March 29, Mr James Muir presiding. Business: Appointing judges for shows. The following were appointed and have agreed to officiate:—Norwich, Mr. R. Martin Kirkintilloch; Borders, Mr. George Brown, Leith; Brit. and For., Mr. R. V. Raine, Cathcart. Next meeting will be held on April 26, when a table show of British birds will be held. Mr. John Penman has kindly consented to judge them. I hope the members will bring what birds they can and give him something to do. Mr. Robert Reid, Shieldhall, has been appointed to judge the First Feather Show.

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England.

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.** (P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 10 & 11. **Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18. **Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 81, Oxford Rd.).

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18. **Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18. **Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.H., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston O.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.).

Oct. 25.—**South Shields C.B.S.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen St.)

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

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Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

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THE OLDEN DAYS ON TYNESIDE.

Some Reminiscences of an "Old Hand."

Apropos of the success scored by the Blaydon-on-Tyne Society at its last annual show, an "Old Hand" writes:—It is not so many years ago that the cage bird Fancy on Tyneside had a hard and desperate struggle for existence. Well do I remember how, a quarter of a century ago, the enthusiasts of Newcastle, Jarrow, Shields, Gateshead, Blyth, Bedlington, and other Tyneside towns struggled and struggled to keep their heads above water. The smaller towns actually did better than the larger ones, doubtless owing to the fact that a certain amount of local enthusiasm could be raised amongst the general public, which could not be in the more largely populated neighbourhoods. There are some of the old fanciers still living who know full well of the disastrous shows which were held in the Newcastle and Gateshead districts. Splendid schedules were issued, with classifications large and varied, a galaxy of specials was offered, the best of judges engaged, but whilst the men of Northumberland and Durham did their bit in the way of support, the fanciers from a distance fought shy of Tyneside fixtures. Why, no one could tell. Further, the general public were most apathetic, and the gate-money was such that never a single one of the shows could pay its way.

During the last seven or eight years all this has been altered, and Tyneside shows have come to be looked upon with far greater favour in every direction. Much of this is due to the influence of CAGE BIRDS, which has been a very potent instrument in arousing and maintaining interest in cage bird culture in the far North. With the coming of CAGE BIRDS, the Fancy in Northumberland was galvanised into life, and from that day it has waxed stronger and stronger. In the old days of which we speak, Blaydon was not "on the map" so far as the Cage Bird Fancy was concerned. The neighbouring township of Scotswood made several attempts to run a good show, but could not succeed in rousing sufficient interest to make the venture either self-supporting, or permanent. Nine years since, our Blaydon friends made a start, and after a hard and stern fight, they have succeeded in establishing themselves as one of the best societies in the North. Beginning in a small way, they have waxed stronger and stronger. Undismayed by the mammoth fixtures of other societies, they have held on steadily, and by energy and perseverance have made the name of Blaydon known from one end of the kingdom to the other. The position of the Blaydon Cage Bird Society to-day should be an encouragement to fanciers in other places to plod cheerfully on, determined to do or die. Blaydon has succeeded in the face of great odds.

It was, writes Mr. H. Lewis, Pendleton, a very pleasant surprise for me on opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday, to see a sketch of my Canary Bullie winner of the Novice Mule class at the Crystal Palace. He has also won many other honours for me. Since the Palace I have sold him to Mr. Hart, of Sheldreth, Cambs., and I wish his new owner every success with him. I would like to say I bred him myself, and hope with luck to breed one again this year. I wish your valuable paper and staff every good thing.

I was very much surprised when I opened my CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to find my Clear Cap Gold Lizard in. I must say it is encouraging for a novice to find his bird worthy of a place in your valuable book. I have lent it to a friend now to see if I can't get him to take up the hobby, in the same way that I gave first one and then another your good paper, CAGE BIRDS. Thanking you for the beautiful sketch of my bird.—E. Lord (Newchurch, near Manchester).

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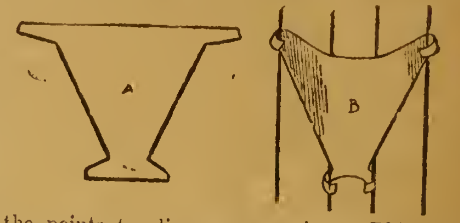
Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 618.

A Simple Tit-bit Holder.

Sent by F. C. Dickens, 36, Vernon Street, Northampton.

The sketches show a handy tit-bit holder which may be easily made from the lid of a cocoa tin. Cut a piece to the shape of Fig. A., bend slightly as shown in Fig. B, and turn the points to clip on cage wires. This requires no soldering, and is useful for holding apple, suet, green food, etc.

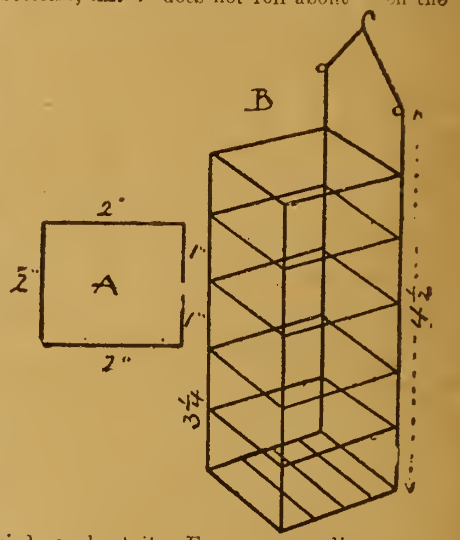


No. 619.

To Hold the Nest Bag.

Sent by S. Parsons, Monk Bretton, Barnsley.

The nesting material holder shown in the sketch will be found useful for hanging on the cage front. It enables the birds to take only a small quantity of cowhair, etc., at a time, instead of pulling it out all over the cage bottoms, and it does not roll about when the birds peck at it. From some ordinary cage wire cut six pieces eight inches long and bend into shape, as shown in A., joining up the open end, so as to make a complete square, with a soldering iron. Then procure two pieces 4½ inches long and fasten the six squares with a touch of solder, about ⅝ of an inch apart, to them. On the other side place two pieces 3¼ inches long as at B. Three pieces of wire placed on the bottom, and a hook on the top for hanging to punched bar make the article complete.



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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

A Reply to the R.S.P.C.A.

In our correspondence columns this week there appears a letter from Mr. E. G. Fairholme, Chief Secretary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

I am very pleased indeed to have at last the gratification of welcoming a communication from a representative of this society. I have for two years past invited discussion both from the R.S.P.C.A. and the Society for the Protection of Birds. I have criticised their methods and their propaganda, have invited them to go further into the question of keeping of birds in captivity, in order that they might controvert, if possible, my repeated contention not only that the keeping of birds in captivity does not in itself entail cruelty, but that when birds are properly kept, their lot in captivity is infinitely preferable to the lot of their kindred who have to battle for existence against the perpetual struggles incidental to a "natural" existence—the continual dread of predatory animals, the sufferings due to weather conditions, and the necessity of providing their own means of sustenance.

For the present, I will content myself with answering Mr. Fairholme's letter, and with the statement that I shall be pleased, on behalf of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, to go as fully as he may desire into the whole question of the keeping of birds in captivity.

Cautions and Convictions.

Mr. Trower, in his letter published in CAGE BIRDS of March 8, says: — "The R.S.P.C.A. exists by getting convictions. They very seldom caution." This statement perhaps, was not intended by Mr. Trower to bear the wide interpretation which the Countess von Hahn and Mr. Fairholme have placed upon it. I take it that Mr. Trower was referring only to the methods of the Society as applied to bird-traders. In the matter of complaints against bird traders, neither the R.S.P.C.A. nor the R.S.P.B. has adopted the method of cautioning before prosecuting. It is notorious that the first a bird-shop keeper knows of anything wrong is that an inspector of one or the other of the two societies walks into his shop, and buys a bird or two, which he takes away with him. The next is that he receives a summons to appear before a magistrate upon the charge of "causing unreasonable suffering," etc. This charge is supported by the evidence of the paid inspector who has lodged the complaint. What did Mr. Hopkins, the Lambeth magistrate, say last February?

"I find, without hesitation, that nothing was done or omitted to be done by the defendant or his servants whereby any unnecessary suffering was caused to any of these birds. In my opinion this is an ill-advised prosecution, and I wish that I had had the courage of my first opinion, and refused process altogether. I should have saved the society from wasting its funds, and prevented energetic inspectors from making it appear almost ridiculous. The real background of such a case as this is to be found in the idea that it ought to be unlawful and cruel to keep wild birds in cages, and that idea gives birth to another idea, that almost any trifling evidence will induce a magistrate to convict an owner of cruelty to his caged wild birds. I dismiss the summons, and allow the defendant £5 5s. costs."

Mr. Fairholme further points out a slip in Mr. Pearson's letter in our issue of March 8, in which Mr. Pearson referred to Inspector Moxey as being an official of the R.S.P.C.A. Herein Mr. Fairholme is perfectly justified. Moxey was an inspector of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, not of the R.S.P.C.A., and has since, I believe, been dismissed for reasons which are transparent. He brought actions which were thought by the magistrates to be unwarranted, magistrates deprecated his methods in very strong language, and his society was more than once mulcted in costs. It is only a matter of which society Moxey represented, and although it is quite fair for Mr. Fairholme to point out that he did not represent the R.S.P.C.A.; this in no wise affects the seriousness of the matter.

The Attitude the R.S.P.C.A. Takes up.

Later in his letter Mr. Fairholme says: "The Society (the R.S.P.C.A.) is not against the caging of birds, but it is certainly against the keeping of wild-bred birds in captivity, and the cruelty involved in capturing them." Here, of course, it is meant that, in the view of the R.S.P.C.A., Canaries may be kept, but not British or Foreign birds. I am quite prepared to join issue with Mr. Fairholme, either in the columns of CAGE BIRDS or in "The Animal World," the organ of the R.S.P.C.A. The opponents of the keeping of British and Foreign birds in captivity have only to use their eyes at any bird show, and they will see birds in a degree of beauty of plumage that can only be accounted for by the fact that they are in absolutely perfect health and condition, such beauty and condition being far in advance of those of any wild bird. It is notorious that a British bird improves in plumage and general condition in captivity, and that a bird which has been several times cage moulted is always a much better bird than when he was freshly caught.

As for "the cruelty involved in capturing them," this charge is based upon the undoubted fact that occasionally a hobbledehoy or hooligan is caught using a brace bird braced in such a way that suffering is caused, and quite the larger proportion of prosecutions under the Wild Birds Act is against these miscreants. The fact remains, however, that a bird may be braced in such a way that no discomfort, not to say suffering, is caused, and many brace birds used by skilled bird-catchers have been used for years for the purpose, and the utmost care and attention are lavished upon them by their owners.

Bird-keepers and Cruelty.

Finally, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has for its principal object of existence the obviating of any possibility of "systematic neglect of birds in cages." It has on its books thousands of bird-keepers who have signed a declaration that they will take every care of their feathered pets, and will induce others to do the same.

The columns of CAGE BIRDS are every week full of instruction and advice to bird-keepers on the proper methods to adopt in order to keep their birds in a clean and healthy condition, and to the final words of the latter of Mr. Fairholme I need only reply that CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE are at all times ready to afford, and have offered to afford, either the R.S.P.C.A. or the R.S.P.B. any assistance in their power in the endeavour to abolish cruelty when it exists, or to prevent it when it threatens to exist. My contention from the beginning has been simply that the charges of abominable cruelty alleged to be incidental to the keeping of birds are grossly, and in many cases purposely, exaggerated by those who profess the doctrine that "it will be a good day for England when the keeping of any birds in captivity shall be made illegal." No statements of Mr. Fairholme can dispose of the fact that 999 out of every 1,000 birdkeepers rejoice when the humanitarian societies bring to deserved punishment those who inflict cruelty of any kind upon the birds or other animals which they have in their charge.

Figures Further Analysed.

It has been pointed out to me that in the figures which I gave last week as to the proportion of convictions in respect to cruelty to birds and offences during the close season to the total number of convictions obtained by the R.S.P.C.A., three months out of the four in respect of which I quoted figures were outside of the close season. This was only as it chanced to happen, but in order that the case may be stated with every fairness I have looked up the figures for a whole year, January to December, 1912 (both inclusive). During the twelve months 6,905 convictions were registered, of which 29 came under the heading "Wild Birds—Offences during the close season, etc." In other words, out of every 239 convictions for cruelty obtained by the R.S.P.C.A., one was in some way traceable to bird-catching, bird-dealing or bird keeping. Sixteen out of the 29 occurred during April and May, so that it is at least fair to assume that the larger half of the total convictions were convictions against ignoramuses who were taking birds during the close season, taking birds' eggs, and such like offenders.

The more complete examination only confirms my statement that bird-catching, bird-dealing, and bird-keeping are not the abominable practices they are represented to be in the literature circulated by the R.S.P.C.A. and the R.S.P.B. Cruelty in any form we, as bird-keepers, deplore as fully as do the professional humanitarians, and the humanitarian societies have the sympathy and would have the help of all bird-keepers in their efforts to put down cruelty of every kind. What we object to is the hysterical denunciation of bird-keeping *as* bird-keeping and the sickly sentimentalism of those who find no colours too lurid in painting the imaginary horrors conjured up by themselves.

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Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Barnfields Inn, Pleasant St., April 3, Mr. H. Hassall in the chair. There was a fair muster of members to hear Mr. T. Hawley give his most enjoyable and instructive lecture on the breeding and rearing of Canaries. After the lecture Mr. Hawley invited questions, and it was simply splendid to see how courteously and willingly he ably answered same. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, who said in reply that what was a pleasure for us to listen to was more pleasant for him to say.—Leonard James, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual general meeting, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, March 27, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. The sec. presented balance sheet, showing that we had 15s. 6½d. in hand, notwithstanding the fact that we started the year with a debit balance of over £3, and lost 30s. over the annual show. Everything considered, it has turned out very well. The accounts were adopted unanimously. The following were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mr. V. D. Deacon; chair, J. W. Metcalfe: vice-chair, J. Walker: auditors, T. R. Jones and J. Lloyd: committee, Messrs. Abbott, Bratherton, Green, Lloyd, Malone, Rowlands, and W. Walker. The hon. sec. and treas. having tendered his resignation, Mr. F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy, and all communications should be addressed to him from now on. The annual subscription was reduced from 5s. to 2s. 6d. It was proposed and seconded by Messrs. Rowlands and Malone that we adopt the old style of patronage, viz., Yorks., Norwich, and Borders, four each. Messrs. Lloyd and Deacon moved an amendment that we include novice classes. This did not find favour with some of the champions, and it was finally decided that the twelve classes be put on as in former years. The president, in his endeavour to find a way out of the difficulty regarding novice classes, made an offer of a silver cup, to be competed for at local shows. It was suggested that a radius of twenty miles be included. As no decision had been arrived at on the stroke of 11 o'clock, the chairman adjourned the meeting until April the 24th. In the meantime secretaries of societies are requested to send in their applications for the G.C.A. patronage as early as possible. July 17 has been fixed as the last day for accepting same. Sec. will be pleased to hear from any society willing to include one or more novice classes in their application.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

YORKS COUNTY B.B. AND M.C.

Sixth annual meeting held in the Market Tavern, Bradford, March 29th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (vice-president) in the chair, through the absence of Mr. F. Archer through indisposition. It was most gratifying to see we have a decent balance to start the new season with of £1 3s. 7d. It is to be hoped that next season's exhibiting would be twice as heavy at Bradford; at district shows members had shown very poorly, which meant the cancelling of most of the classes. Dr. M. A. Wilson kindly mentioned that he would try and induce some of his friends to give a cup or something of the sort, which will be very acceptable. We were also very pleased to hear our chairman remark that he would present 7s. 6d., also Mr. Chittenden and Mr. Lane will give a silver medal. The balance sheet was passed subject to auditors' report. Officers for the coming season were nominated. Patrons, Theo. Martin, Esq., Messrs. Martin and Archer), E. Clegg, J. Chittenden, and W. A. Cowgill; pres., Dr. W. A. Wilson, on the retirement of Mr. F. Archer, which was accepted with regret; vice-pres., Mr. F. Archer, F. Inman, J. Isherwood, F. Hammond, H. H. Towers, W. A. Cowgill, H. J. Chittenden, and E. Clegg; auditors, Mr. S. Dean and Mr. R. Halliday; committee (Bradford district), Messrs. S. Dean, G. Ross, P. Jowett, and J. Gomersal, (outside Bradford district) Messrs. B. H. Wilson, Bramley, J. Gomersal, Morley, Daniels, Ossett, H.W. Walsh, Halifax, Jas. Wilson, Malton, J. Bourfield, Knaresboro', H. Stake, Brighouse, W. Lee, Doncaster, E. Clegg, Dewsbury. Mr. J. Lane was again elected secretary, but declined with thanks owing to other business. Mr. F. Inman was pressed to take on the same, but declined the same. Three new members were proposed: Mr. Daniels, Mr. H. W. Walsh, Mr. R. D. Parlett (slight sensational debate re the last named). Mr. Chittenden suggested enlarging club to include Lancashire as well as Yorkshire, and said that it would be better for competition, and also that the club would benefit by same. It was left for Mr. H. H. Towers to mention in his notes to the Press. Proposed that next meeting should be last Saturday in April. Mr. Isherwood proposed that the best thanks be proferred to Mr. J. Lane for his work as hon. sec. Mr. P. Jowett seconded. Mr. Lane suitably responded. Also proposed and seconded that the best thanks be given to retiring officers. It was suggested that societies wishing for club's patronage should send in their application as early as possible owing to getting same in Union Handbook, as per Mr. Hill's letter, also to avoid unpleasantness with secretary owing to dates clashing, as we want all in by third week in April. We shall be pleased if all intending members will send in their names and addresses, so that same can be got in books. Members present: Messrs. F. Hammond, H. H. Towers, W. A. Cowgill, E. Clegg, T. Inman, P. Jowett, J. Isherwood, and J. Lane, hon. sec.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Geo. Brown, the well-known Border Fancy enthusiast, of Leith, N.B., has removed to 8, Elm Place.

The first feather show of the Oxford and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, press correspondent, has been fixed for July 3rd.

We hear from the hon. sec., Mr. F. Sweeting, that Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester, will judge the Abersychan Show, held Oct. 30 next.

The date of Cardiff C.B.S. show, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec., is fixed for Nov. 19, 20. Messrs. J. H. Payne, Gloucester, and J. Robson, London, will judge.

I never saw such value for the money as you gave in your Birthday Number, the plates were grand, writes Mr. G. Lester (Bridgport, Conn., U.S.A.).

A little error has crept into your report of the Burslem C.B.S. show, writes Mr. J. Tomlinson. The points awarded by Mr. Oldroyd were 23, and not 33, as published.

Will you kindly announce, writes Mr. W. Tallantyre, sec., Haltwhistle C.B.S., that we have secured Mr. Wm. Pennington, of Wigton, to judge our nest feather show on June 21.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Open Norwich P.C., at their forthcoming shows, should apply as early as possible to the sec., Mr. F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Bradford.

We hear from Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec. Cheltenham C.B.S., that Messrs. J. Robson, H. W. Battye, and D. Longden have been engaged to judge the annual show Nov. 5 and 6.

If this meets the eye of Mr. F. Lightfoot (late of 39, Albert Road, Widnes) will he please supply a correspondent with his present address; or perhaps a local reader can oblige with the information.

Societies desirous of having the National Green Marked Y.C.C. patronage at their forthcoming shows should apply as early as possible to the sec., Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

Owing to the date originally fixed, Aug. 27th, clashing with other local fixtures, writes Mr. G. E. Cragg, sec. Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A., my committee have now decided to hold the event on Sep. 3rd.

A sample of remarkably light aluminium marking rings reaches us from Mr. J. Heap, of Renshaw Street, Burnley. They are very easy to fix, and close. A supply of register cards for breeding cages is sent gratis to his customers.

L. and P.O.S.: Lantern lecture, "British Bird Life," by E. Kay Robinson, at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street (next G.P.O.) 8 p.m., Thursday, April 17th. Admission free; all welcome. Now, British bird fanciers, come and see these fine pictures of your pets. —(Advt.)

We hear that Mr. G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street, Stamford, has been appointed sec. of the Stamford and Dis. C.B.S., in the place of Mr. A. Harrison, resigned. Messrs. H. W. Battye, and A. Silver have been appointed to judge at the annual show of the society, Oct. 23 next.

At the Craghead and Dis. C.B.S. meeting, held March 29th, Mr. Jas. Stanger, of Pelton Fell, was elected to judge our young bird show, held July 12th, writes Mr. A. Dawson, the sec. Mr. S. Collicott, of the "Punch Bowl," has kindly offered to lend us a big room to hold the show in.

We have received from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn, City and Sub. A.C.B., the statement of accounts for the quarter ending 1st inst. After meeting a loss of £1 16s. 6½d. on the pair show, the credit balance amounts to £7 10s. 11½d., an increase of 4s. 4d. on the amount brought forward from 1912.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

An interesting evening has been arranged for the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. next meeting, May 7th, writes Mr. W. Hodson, when an egg food making competition will take place. Several handsome prizes have been promised." Members and friends should make a note of this date, and not fail to be present.

The Leyton and District C.B.A. is giving a first-class dramatic entertainment on April 14, at Grange Park Hall, Grangepark Road, Leyton, write Messrs. Forso and Son, the hon. secs. We hope to see a good crowd of members of other societies; we can promise them an enjoyable evening. Admission is 6d., doors open 7.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the Clapham C.B.A., April 1st, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec., it was decided that we have an outing on May 18, to Effingham Common, when we hope all members will endeavour to join us. We also cordially invite all our fancier friends to join us in this ramble, further particulars of which will be announced in due course.

That noted dealer, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, has once again given us evidence of the great satisfaction he affords his customers, by submitting a very big batch of recent testimonials, including some wonderful ones received from abroad. Mr. Rudd has recently, too, had the honour of supplying close on 40 birds to a well-known titled millionaire.

OBITUARY.

We very sincerely regret to learn that our old friend, Mr. T. Heath, has suffered a severe loss, his wife departing this life last week, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Heath is well known as one of the best of our present-day judges, as a great lover of the Crested Canary, and for his successful management of the Crystal Palace Show some few years ago, and the sympathy of a wide circle of fancier friends will be extended to him.

I am deeply sorry to say that Mr. T. A. Hoskins, a member of our society, has, during the last week or so, been bereaved of both his wife and her father. He is left with two children. We as a society give him our deepest sympathy.—G. T. Wall, Sec. Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.

We deeply regret to hear of the sudden demise of the sister of Mr Wesley T. Page, our well-known foreign bird expert, and Editor of the Foreign Bird Club's Magazine, which took place on April 5. Mr. Page's hosts of friends in the Fancy will join us in an expression of sympathy at his misfortune.

On receiving my paper, Cage Birds, I was agreeably surprised to see the lifelike sketch of my winning unflighted buff cock, first at Clapham Show, where he was claimed at £5 10s., writes Mr. W. Wren, Oxford. I must say it gives your artist, Mr. Norman, great credit for his splendid drawing of him. I am pleased to say the bird has won several other first prizes for his new owner. I wish your valuable paper continued success.

We have received the Manual of the North London C.B.A. from Mr. P. W. Jeffries, the hon. sec. It is a neatly got up booklet, and contains a list of officers and committee, particulars of membership, syllabus of a well diversified programme of events for the year, show rules, conditions of competition for the various cups and trophies, and a full list of members' names and addresses. The hon. sec.'s address is 31, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, N.

We have elected Mr. W. Vardy to judge at our annual members' show on December 6, writes Mr. G. T. Wall, hon. sec. Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S. We also decided not to have an open show (as announced) in connection with the members' show this year, as we find that funds are not good enough for us to be able to guarantee prize-money, which is required by a rule of the society. We are holding a First Feather Show on July meeting night.

Visitors will be cordially welcomed at the meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B. on Monday next, April 14, when Mr. G. E. Weston is due to give a lecture entitled "Some Things I Don't Believe," which, we understand, deals in an unorthodox manner with some matters of great interest to bird-breeders and keepers. Commence at 8 p.m., in the hall of the Church Institute, 59, Paddington Street (on High Street, Marylebone Road), W.; close to Baker Street Tube and motor 'bus routes.

It was a pleasant surprise you gave me by depicting my unflighted yellow on the front page of your interesting and instructive journal, Cage Birds. It clearly proves to me that you give all birds that merit it a chance of such an honour, whether they belong to large or small exhibitors. I might say that I am one of the latter. It will be news to our local men to know that I bred the bird myself, and that the Palace made his second appearance in open competition, the other being Stoke Open Nest Feather Show.—Leonard James (Burslem).

The Gateshead Appeal

Our appeal on behalf of the Gateshead C.B.S. has already, we are glad to say, borne fruit. It will be remembered that this fund was instituted last week with a view to helping this most excellent and deserving society to discharge the heavy financial liabilities incurred by reason of the failure of their last annual show (due to the railway strike) and the prosecution of the secretary by the police authorities for getting up a prize-drawing with the idea of providing funds. Full details of these matters were given in our issues of dates March 29 and April 5. We shall be glad to acknowledge any sums, however small, which readers and societies care to contribute. We suggested that if a few societies "sent the hat round" at meetings, and those present put even a copper therein, that the sum necessary to save the working-men fanciers of Gateshead from financial disaster would quickly and easily be forthcoming. A generous offer by Mr. C. H. Goodman will be noted below. Our fund at present stands:—Cage Birds, £5; Wigan C.B.S., 5s.; Mr. T. Farnish (Baildon), 2s. 6d.; Mr. Fred Hammond (Bradford), 5s.; City of Bradford O.S., 10s.; total £6 2s. 6d.

What Others Think.

Sir,—I was glad to see that you had opened a Cage Birds subscription list in connection with the unfortunate affairs of the Gateshead C.B.S., and I sincerely trust that the result will be such as to relieve this most deserving and progressive society from any financial embarrassment. Apart, altogether, from the magnanimous manner in which the committee, in the matter of so arranging dates that these two great events should not clash with each other, such an exhibition as our Gateshead friend's provide is of so vast importance to the Fancy that any fancier worthy of the name could not contemplate even its possible discontinuance without some feeling of dismay. I have pleasure in enclosing five shillings on my own account and also ten shillings, which I collected from my fellow members of the City of Bradford O.S. at their meeting on Saturday last. We wish the fund every success.—Fredk. Hammond.

Sir,—The Wigan and Dist. C.B.S. are in sympathy with the Gateshead Society. I put the case to the last meeting; it was well-known to all members through reading Cage Birds. The members thought very highly of the magnificent way you opened the subscription list. and instructed me to forward 5s. from the funds of the Society, which you will find enclosed.—Ed. Ball, sec.

A Generous Offer.

Sir,—Re Gateshead Society, if the secretary will canvass the *members only* during the next fortnight to purchase a "Filup" Young Bird Feeder (one each only) at 1s. 3d. each, I will forward to him, on receipt of the names, as many feeders as he gets orders for, the money to be kept for the benefit of the Gateshead Society.—C. H. Goodman, 24, Bedford Rd., Kempston, Bedford.

An Early Sand Martin.

I saw a Sand Martin flying near here about 10.30 a.m. on March 31st, writes Mr. Walter Swaysland, Brighton. I have never seen one so early before.

Southern Norwich P.C.

Clubs that wish to have the patronage of the above society must now apply, with a written acknowledgment of accepting the following eight classes (a rule) for champion section to be printed in their schedules:—Norwich, clear or invisible ticked, Yellow; ditto, Buff; ticked, marked, or variegated, Yellow; ditto, Buff; Yellow hen; Buff hen; Yellow unflighted; Buff unflighted; novice section, six classes.—F. S. Matthes, Hon.

Our Frontispiece.

I have been a reader of Cage Birds since the first number, writes Mr. John Sykes, of Musselburgh. There is always something in it to interest, even in what I call the slack season, which for my part means the end of the show season. The Hawfinch, besides winning at the Palace, was successful at the City of Glasgow, Alnwick, and Carlisle and 2nd at the Scottish National. My feeding of Hawfinches, of which I generally have about six, is two parts sunflower, the remaining two parts hemp, canary and linseed in equal portions. I never miss an opportunity of giving greenfood and fruit of some kind, throughout the season, as I find it does not pay to start giving these things with a rush, just when the moult is coming on. You have to sacrifice some of your summer in running about the country getting hold of the different weeds as they become ripe. I colour-feed them, using some good insectivorous food, and mixing the colour feed with it.

Wild-Bird Life.

The First Nests.

The prevailing weather conditions are not quite what we could wish for to usher in the most promising month of the year. The rains still continue, and the cold winds make outside observations anything but pleasant, excepting when the none too frequent gleams of sunshine brighten the landscapes, then, we forget the cold and the dull skies and live in the mellow light and hope of the future. The spring is here, and wild birds have obeyed Nature's call and are busy in hedgerow and copse. Our resident birds are hardy and as we have had an unusually mild winter it was only natural to expect them to make an early start in nesting. The first full clutch of eggs to be observed by the writer was that of a Robin in a discarded paint-tin lodged at the bottom of a bush in a quiet corner of a meadow, little frequented by man or animal. The Robin somehow cannot resist the snug quarters of an old tin can, or kettle. In such they are, as a rule, only exposed to the wind from one direction, and are generally perfectly dry.

THE GREAT (OR OX-EYE) TIT.

An ivy covered bank is another favourite site, indeed this is frequently chosen by all ground building birds, and the writer has just located the nest of a Blackbird upon one facing the east, but as a high fence was within a few yards of it, the cold wind would hardly be felt by the sitting bird. The nest was placed in a depression, with a clump of tussocky grass overhanging, and the thick ground ivy growing round. We were within a few feet of the site, but the mother bird clung to her treasures, her bold black eye watching us closely, as we circled round, pretending not to notice her. It is astounding how near one can get to birds by moving quietly past them. One must not stop to gaze; if so, they are off at once; move quietly, in a natural manner, and they do not fear you.

In the garden, the trees by the roadside, and the small copse, the "saw-sharpening" note of the Greater or Ox-eye Tit can be heard at all hours of the day. He is a pugnacious little rascal, and during the breeding season will stand no rival to his claims, and so just now they are only seen in pairs. Some of them have already commenced to nest.

We have received the year book of the Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S. It contains the rules of the society, list of officers and committee, the classifications and judges for the Nest Feather Show, June 28, and the members' show, December 6, the syllabus of lectures and other events for the season, and a list of members with their addresses The hon. sec. is Mr. A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Hillsbro, Sheffield.

At the usual monthly meeting of Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Havver, sec., there was a fair turn-out of members who decided to advertise the annual show in Cage Birds,. We also decided to engage Messrs. W. O. Cowgill and W. Mundell, both of Bradford, as judges The date of the show is November 14 and 15. Two new members were proposed, Messrs. T. Robinson, Ryton, and J. G. Robson, Blaydon.

Cupar O.S. New Departure.

Perhaps you will permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to inform the Fancy that the Cupar and Dis. O.S. has decided to hold a separate show for cage birds, writes Mr. J. Peattie, sec. The date has been fixed for 4th October. The committee hope that cage bird fanciers generally will support them and make this new venture a success. Particulars will be advertised in due course.

The G.C.A. New Secretary.

Mr. F. Handley (23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool), asks us to announce that he is the newly-appointed secretary of the Green Canary Association, and that the subscription has been reduced to 2s. 6d. He also wishes to increase the membership, and asks fanciers to give him their best support to make the Green Club a success. Everything is being done to encourage the novices: special classes and prizes for next show season.

HOW YOUNG BIRDS SHOULD BE REARED

By T. JOHNSON (Southport.

A Fine Contribution, on a Matter of Vital Importance, that will Help You to Succeed in the Hobby.

I HAVE been assailed by doubts as to my worthiness to write on the above subject, but after fifteen years in the Fancy, during which I have always gone about with, I hope, my eyes open, I have gained some knowledge that has, at any rate, been of use to me, and which may be also of use to my readers. I will endeavour therefore to give a few points about rearing young birds. I intend to describe my own methods, as well as those adopted by other fanciers. In other words, I will give you the same hash with different sorts of seasoning; and surely I shall then be able to offer you something that will be agreeable to your palate.

Are we too Conservative?

Taking us as a body, we Canary fanciers are very conservative. That is, we regard anything in the way of a change, anything unorthodox, from out the corner of our eye, as it were. Most of us prefer to go plodding along the same old lines, utilising the ideas promulgated by our forefathers, sometimes doing well, sometimes badly, but at all times trusting to the good offices of that fickle jade, Luck. Personally, I have tried all sorts of ways and means of rearing young birds, and have had all sorts of results, but generally managing to obtain a decent average of youngsters. I am convinced, however, that we haven't yet reached the limit of knowledge in the science (is it a science?) of Canary breeding. No other section of the Fancy—by which I mean the whole feathered and furred Fancy—owes so little to the cause of science as does the Canary Fancy. Why, I don't know; unless it be that the Canary is a difficult subject for scientists to handle. If only some of the great men would take up the Canary hobby with a view to experimenting, then we should perhaps be able to learn something notably about youngsters dying in the nest.

WORTH MANY TIMES ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD!

This noted Yellow Scots Fancy cock is a winner of many prizes, including 1st and special at the Edinburgh O.S. New Year Show. Its owner, Mr. J. Dalgleish, of Trinity, Edinburgh, was offered £40 for this fine specimen, but refused to part with the bird.

Paving the Way.

But I am anticipating: Before we get young ones in the nest we must pair up our birds, and before we pair up the birds we must see to it that they are in the best possible condition for pairing up; therefore, after this somewhat lengthy preamble, I will first deal with the treatment of the hens during the winter months. Although it doesn't strictly fit my title, the "rearing of young birds," I am convinced it is of so much importance to the success of rearing, that I must give the treatment that I have found best for getting the hens into condition.

We will assume the time to be the end of October, or the middle of November. Practically all birds are through the moult by then; and if the surplus stock—that is, if there is any surplus—is not disposed of, no time should be lost in getting rid of it, as you can't have too much room for stock being kept for the next year's breeding. If fresh arrivals are expected, either for change of blood or to augment the existing stock, the sooner they come, the better, so as to ensure them becoming used to the fresh surroundings and any difference in treatment.

Preliminary Treatment of the Hens.

Turn all hens wanted for the next year's breeding into the largest flight available; and when I say a flight, I don't mean an ordinary breeding cage, but a cage that will allow the hens the full use of their wings, and to chase one another about as if they were blessed with the joy of living. Such a cage prevents the birds from getting too fat, the latter a condition of things which would be deplorable. Of course, it is out of the question to put birds into flights which are being exhibited; they must be kept in separate cages. But directly the show season is over, into the flights they should go to be prepared for breeding. Cock birds can be treated similarly, but in separate flights; towards the beginning of February they will be getting quarrelsome, so they should then be caged off.

How to Feed the Stock Birds.

It is assumed that all the birds are healthy. If any are not—that is, if there is any long standing disease, such as liver complaint, in individual specimens—much the best method is to do away with them. They are not worth breeding from, as it is a hundred to one on the youngsters being weakly, even if they rear any at all.

Let the staple diet be the best Spanish canary seed. Three times a week give rape seed, equal to half-a-teaspoonful per bird, and give summer rape and winter rape alternately. Not many fanciers use winter rape; but it is one of the most important seeds, in my opinion. I believe it to have the effect of keeping the hens "down," and preventing them getting too fat. I shall have something more to say about this seed later on. No egg food is required at all yet, and no tit-bits, unless a piece of apple twice a week may be called a tit-bit. Once a week give the same quantity of groats as you give of rape seed.

If you can get green-food, either watercress, chickweed, or groundsel, give it by all means. Don't be afraid of giving plenty, because green food is absolutely essential to the well-being of Canaries all the year round. Use sawdust for the cage-bottoms, as it prevents the feet clogging better than does sand; but give grit in a separate tin.

Tested and Found a Success.

Give fresh water every day. Twice a week give as much carbonate of soda as will lie on a sixpence, in an ordinary two-ounce drinking vessel, for one day only, and the same quantity of Epsom salts once a fortnight. My reason for giving the soda is because it prevents the liver from getting clogged up, and, of course, the Epsom salts are to keep the bowels properly on the move. I may say that I have given my own stock this soda, etc., through the last winter, and I never started the breeding season with a healthier and more promising stock of birds. Liver trouble, which is easily discernible by the whip-like action of the tail, and the difficult breathing of the bird, is this year conspicuous by its absence in my room, thanks in a great degree to the soda treatment, and to plenty of exercise.

Give a bath every day. Some will tell you to withhold the bath on cold days; but I have always found the birds themselves to be the best judges as to whether it is too cold to bathe. If they don't feel inclined for a bath, they won't take one; but if they are in a healthy condition you will find they will bathe oftener than not, and I have never yet noticed any ill effects accrue.

When Pairing Time Approaches.

The foregoing treatment is all that is necessary until the beginning of February, when you should add to the diet half a teaspoonful per bird per week of niger (or inga) seed. Inga seed may be regarded as a tit-bit with medicinal qualities; to the bird fancier a happy combination of qualities surely, because the birds eat it with avidity, and you know that it is doing them good, in so far that it has a tendency to prevent egg-binding.

At the beginning of March the inga seed may be increased to twice a week. No egg food is required until the birds are paired up. If you were to give egg food during the winter months, you would probably have your hens in breeding condition by the middle of January; then, if a week's sharp frost were to come, it is long odds that you would have some of them go into soft moult, a condition of things than which it would be impossible to imagine worse. About the middle of March the hens may be caged separately in double breeding cages, and the last week in March, if the weather is favourable, the cock may be introduced in the other compartment, a wooden slide being between them.

Before we go any further, a few words about cages won't be out of place. I have used single, and double, and three-compartment cages, and have come to the conclusion that the double cage, about 36 inches long, with both a wooden and wire slide, is the cage par excellence for the rearing of young Canaries. I might say here that I regard the single breeding cage as an abomination, and I wouldn't have one in my room for breeding purposes. It is difficult to understand why fanciers stick to the single breeder; in my opinion the disadvantages are many, while the advantages are nil.

The Course of True Love.

We will assume you have six cocks and six hens. You introduce the six cocks into the cages containing the six hens, and you have a pair of birds and a large nesting receptacle in each cage, while you have six other cages lying idle. Now, why in the name of all that's logical shouldn't the birds be enjoying the benefit of the six cages lying idle. One double breeder takes up the same room as two singles, and if you have the cock on one side and the hen on the other, when the slide is drawn they have the benefit of a large roomy cage, with room to smile at one another, or to quarrel, as the spirit moves them, because, as most of you are aware, Canaries, after the first glamour of married bliss is over have many quarrels. There are not many pairs of Canaries that could qualify for the "Dunmow Flitch."

(To be continued.)

Some Problems of Mule and Hybrid Breeding Unravelled.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Concluded from page 297.

Do you believe it possible for a Finch-Canary Hybrid to breed with a Canary?

I have never seen a claim to having obtained fertile eggs from a hen Hybrid, but the evidence in support of a claim to having produced young from a cock brown Linnet Mule, with a hen Canary, is so conclusive that I am convinced that it is possible. Needless to say, such an occurrence is rare.

Would such three-parts Canary Mule be eligible to compete in a Mule class?

This is a moot point. For my part, if I possessed such a bird, and it were a good specimen, showing distinct features of both parent species, I would certainly exhibit it. A judge has only these features to guide him in recognising the parentage and excellence of a Hybrid.

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From what cross was produced the finest Hybrid you have ever seen?

A certain Goldfinch-Bullfinch was, in my opinion, the finest specimen of a Hybrid ever I have seen, because it approached the highest standard of excellence in size and colour known to exist in its combined parent species.

What do you consider the most common fault in the average Hybrid?

A tendency to one-sidedness, i.e., pertaining too much in size and colour to the smallest and plainest of its parent species. Of course, light Canary Hybrids do not come under this standard of colour judging, one-sidedness being with them a desideratum.

Do you consider it fair that a Hybrid bred from foreign Finches should be allowed to compete in a class allotted to Hybrids between British birds?

While recognising and regretting the handicap such inclusion places on the British Goldfinch and Bullfinch, I fail to see how this could be prevented. It must be borne in mind that such Hybrids are only half foreign, and when we consider the difficulty of discriminating between some foreign specimens, I think it would be beyond the abilities of any judge to detect the foreign element in all Hybrids having such parentage.

Foreign Bullfinches a Lottery.

Have you ever found Hybrid breeding from the Russian Bullfinch to be a profitable hobby?

I think I err on the side of moderation in saying that not one Russian hen Bullie in a dozen ever becomes the mother of a Hybrid. Add to this the fact that despite its Russian parentage a Hybrid so bred may be either good, indifferent, or poor as an exhibition specimen, with the former in a minority, and the speculative side of the question is very apparent. Of course, some breeders may have found it profitable, but the same may be said of those who try their luck at Monaco or in a Hamburg lottery. I must include myself among those whose love of the hobby is only stimulated by the difficulties encountered, and who are blind to the financial side of the question.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ALMOST NUDE (Let Me Live).—Keep the cage well strewn with clean gritty sand, and in a comfortable, but not overheated, place, and if bird seems strong and robust, allow it to bathe freely in mild weather. For the rest, treat it as advised in detail to "Sympathetic" in last issue. You say nothing about the age or general condition of the bird, but if it has left its youth far behind, I'm afraid you will find cure a rather slow and unsatisfactory process.

KEEPING EGGS (Bert).—For safety, about a week, or, in quite favourable circumstances, a fortnight, is about the limit of time you can keep eggs with any fair chance of their hatching out robust chicks. A good deal, however, depends upon the virility of the birds, and consequent vitality in the germs. They should be embedded in bran or meal to exclude air, stored in a cool, but not very cold place, and be given a half turn morning and evening. By the bye, how do you know *these* eggs are "quite fertile," as you say? It is utterly impossible to tell by any external appearance whether a freshly laid egg is fertile.

SITTING WITHOUT LAYING (Novice).—The phenomenon is due to an abnormal condition of the ovary, and the prevailing conditions of weather for some time prior to time of writing is not likely to help matters. If the hen is still sitting and shows no signs of laying when this appears, remove the nest and nest-pan and treat for a fortnight as advised to "Alex. B. McF." in this issue. Then, if she seems anxious to nest again, try her once more. If she then re-commences sitting without laying, give her a clutch of common eggs to hatch out and rear.

SMALL LUMP ON STOMACH (Robt. L. Ker).—Sorry, but I cannot gather any definite idea as to what the lump is from the particulars you give. It would have been some assistance if you had enclosed a rough sketch showing the position of the substance. As the bird is apparently quite well and singing, it cannot be a very serious matter, and I am really inclined to think it is nothing worse than a little superfluous fat. Try keeping the bird on a diet of plain canary seed with a liberal supply of green food, but no other extras or luxuries, for a fortnight or three weeks, and meantime add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water every second day for a fortnight. Leave the substance entirely alone. If it does not disappear voluntarily, or should any other symptoms arise, write again at close of above treatment, and give full particulars of the result.

SITTING IN NEST (Alex. B. McF.).—You mated the hen much too soon, and probably whilst the reproductive organs were almost or quite dormant. Remove the nest and all nesting material, and separate the hen for two or three weeks. Keep her where she can see or hear a vigorous singing cock in high condition, or a breeding pair. If she is in very plump condition give a diet of plain canary seed only, with a liberal supply of green food for one week, and add to the drinking water ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day. After this, in addition to the usual seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of egg food with half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it. If you have any mealworms available, it would be an advantage to add two finely chopped fat worms to the egg-food each time before adding the seed. Give this every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and tincture of steel two days in every three for a week. Then you may try mating her again in two or three weeks hence if she appears anxious to nest, and if she repeats her late performance, and settles down to sit in nest without laying, give her a clutch of common eggs from another pair to hatch out, and let her rear the young if she will do so. It is not at all unlikely she may do so. If she is not too plump in condition omit the first week's treatment, and give the buckthorn only for three consecutive days, then go on with latter part of treatment.

STORING COLOUR-FOOD (Roller). (1) Air-tight tins, or tins with close, well-fitting lids, which are generally regarded as fairly air-tight, would form a very tolerable substitute for jars or glass vessels for storing the colour food, but wherever available the latter kind of vessels are preferable, as being easier to keep thoroughly clean and less liable to affect the contents by chemical reaction. (2) Yes, the quantity of salad oil means adding one ounce to the quantity comprising each formula—which, as you will see, totals 16 ozs.

REFUSING TO SIT (I. S.). Unfortunately, that is if the eggs are likely to be fertilised, you can do nothing whatever to make the hen take to the nest and hatch out the eggs. The only way out of such a difficulty occurs when you have other hens about laying, or ready to commence incubation, when you would distribute the forsaken eggs among one or two other hens to be hatched and reared. From a week to a fortnight is the time you may keep the eggs and still have a reasonable chance of them hatching out robust chicks when set. See reply to another querist this week on this subject.

PROLIFIC AND BACKWARD. ("Paddy").—(1) This hen has not really had a fair chance given her, or I imagine she would give a fair account of herself. She was mated a great deal too early, and both your feeding and general management seems to have gone against her since. You omit to say whether you have now put her to sit on the one egg in case she did *not* lay again. You ought to have done so, and allowed her to sit her full time for the sake of the rest, whether anything came of it or not. Whilst sitting, feed as advised in latter part of reply to "Bullfinch, Handforth," in this issue. You would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and be guided by the information you will find therein. (2) Keep the backward birds caged separately. You will lose time rather than gain anything by putting them together before they are ready to mate. Treat them for two or three weeks the same as advised to "Alex B. McF." in this issue, but if the birds are not in an overfed condition, omit the first week's low dietary. Give the buckthorn for three consecutive days instead, and then go on to the latter part of treatment.

BACKWARD ROLLERS (Quiz.).—Keep the birds as they are—one in each side of a double breeding cage—but if you have a wired slide, substitute this for the wooden one and keep them in this way until you see the cock frequently calling the hen to the wires and feeding her, and between whiles singing at her with drooping wings. If you have no wired slide you will find this love-making going on at the small wired opening at the bottom of the partition. Then, if the hen is quite active and responding freely to the attentions of the cock, you may let them go together, and from this point interfere as little as possible with them. Remove the nest bag until after the birds are together, or it will only get wasted. When putting them together a mere tuft of hair may be given them to play with until the hen wishes to nest in earnest, when the bag must be supplied. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part rape. Every second day give each half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion to each daily.

CROSSING ROLLER. (Banjo).—Of the two crosses you suggest for the Roller cock—Yorkshire or Norwich—I should prefer the Yorkshire, which will give you a more smart, racy-looking bird, and a slightly better singer. As regards your question about the cross, you will certainly get a better-looking bird than the pure Roller, but you must expect to sacrifice something in quality and a purity of Roller song. Still, if the young cocks are trained under a good Roller cock, they will make very good songsters, and you may easily be able to dispose of them as songsters at about 7s. 6d. There is generally a ready sale for such birds, but the pure Roller is coming so rapidly to the front as a songster that it is scarcely safe to say whether a first-cross would sell quite so readily. This is a question to be decided in a small way, as this, by what the local demand is likely to favour. The initials B.R.C.C. signify British Roller Canary Club; they are not a guarantee of quality; but only indicate that the owner or breeder is a member of the society.

COLOUR-FEEDING AND SITTING (Bullfinch, Handforth).—You seem to be a little mixed up. You ask at what age to start giving young Canaries colour food, and go on to say yours are yellow and buff. Do you mean last season's birds, or are you such an "early worm" as to have young of this season forward enough to begin to think of feeding for colour? No fixed age can be given for starting to give young birds of the season colour food prior to the first moult, because young birds do not all begin to moult at a given age. Late-hatched birds will begin to moult as early as eight weeks old, or even a little earlier, whereas the early-hatched broods will be twelve, or more, weeks old when they begin. The rule is to begin feeding a little before any feathers are dropped. To be on the safe side, it is sufficient to give a little colour food about twice a week to early-hatched broods from about the middle of June. This will suffice until the birds show distinct signs of dropping into moult, when you must begin to give a regular daily supply. You do not mention the breed you keep, but pure tasteless red pepper is the mainstay for colour-feeding all fed varieties. Get the brochure of "Colour Feeding," which our Manager could send you for 3½d. post free. A staple diet of plain canary is all that is needed whilst hens are sitting. Just a scrap of egg food, or a small pinch of mixed seed in the egg drawer two or three times a week may be given, but be sparing with these extras.

REMARKABLE ABNORMALITY (Doubtful Starter).—It is certainly very remarkable for each one of your six hens to depart so far from the normal course with their first clutches. I cannot hazard a guess at the probable cause without detailed particulars how and where they have been kept during the winter, and treatment since mating them up. Were they fed up any length of time prior to mating? There is one remark in your letter which may suggest a possible clue. It is that the hens are all "year old birds." Does this mean that they were hatched last season? It is very vague. If hatched last season, especially if rather late hatched, it would partly account for their small clutches, and they will doubtless do better next time. It would be interesting to know whether the hens are all related, and, if so, something about their breeding. You may treat them without separation for two or three weeks the same as advised to "H. Williams" in this issue, and, please, let me hear the result.

A SYSTEM OF FEEDING ("Lecteur").—The packet seed you use as staple probably contains the whole gamut of seeds used for feeding Canaries in more or less wholesome proportions, but still, by having all the seeds continually before them, there cannot be much actual variation in diet. As a simple and easily arranged system giving ample change or variety, the following will answer very well. For a regular staple give plain canary only in the hoppers. In addition give separately, in the egg pan, or on a clean place on cage floor if cages have no egg pans, a pinch of summer rape—about half-a-teaspoonful for each bird—every third day. On two other days each week give a similar quantity of the packet seed you now use as staple diet, and once a week a small teaspoonful of some soft food—egg and biscuit, crushed plain biscuit, sponge cake, or bread soaked in milk and dusted with soft sugar. Every day in summer, and three times a week in winter, give a spray of some succulent green salad in season, or sweet fruit when green salads are out of season. This will furnish an ample and wholesome variety of changes. Clean gritty sand is best covering for cage floors.

INTRODUCING FRESH COCK (J. Walker).—There would certainly be some risk now in introducing a fresh cock to the hen for the second brood until the first brood are at least old enough to place in a nursery cage, to be fed through the wires, in case the strange cock maltreated them. You have let the best chance slip by. The best and only really dependable way to avoid the risk is to remove the first cock when the hen is put to sit, and let her hatch and rear the brood alone. Then, when the hen is ready to go to nest again, by which time the young will probably be quite safe to go in a nursery, you introduce the fresh cock in the ordinary way. You might, by removing the first cock now, or when the hen has sat twelve or thirteen days, but keep an eye on her for a few hours after removing him, and if she leaves the nest and refuses to go back, there will be nothing for it but to return the cock and wait until the young are old enough to go in a nursery, if necessary, before exchanging the cocks.

CANARY QUERISTS

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MISSED LAYING STAGE (H. Williams).—It is an abnormal condition of the reproductive organs, which cannot as yet be satisfactorily accounted for. Remove the nest and nesting material, and separate the birds for a fortnight. During this time feed the hen the same as advised to "Modus Operandi" in this issue, and if you have any mealworms available give her two fat ones daily. If she will not eat them separately, chop them up and mix with egg food. Give dandelion for green food. During the first week add to the drinking water six drops of dandelion juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, every second day, and on the alternating days give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel.

STOPPED SINGING (Modus Operandi).—You only need a little patience, and I think matters will turn out right. It is not very uncommon for cocks, after the first season or two, to behave as yours have done. I suspect they were not in quite such high condition as you thought, and the approach of these dry, spirit-sapping winds which prevail at time of writing, has probably put them back a little. Leave them with only the wire slide between, and as soon as milder conditions prevail they will doubtless buck up again. Your seed mixture is not of the best description for your purpose. Treat both sexes alike now, and in addition to the staple diet, give each bird half a teaspoonful of egg food with about half the same bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily to each bird, unless the hens seem very forward, in which case give them watercress, but give the cocks dandelion daily. If the hens get so forward as to pull at their breast feathers, mate them, and take what chances there are.

NO RESULT AND SEX (W.K.).—You mated the birds much too early, and, I daresay, they were in nothing like breeding condition at the time, when the absence of any result would be a natural consequence of your indiscretion. See that the birds are kept in a fairly bright position in healthy surroundings, but free from cold, cutting draughts. What do you call "plain Canary food?" If it is a mixture of many varieties of seeds, discontinue it and substitute a staple diet of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape. For the rest, treat birds the same as advised to "Modus Operandi" in this issue. You need not separate the birds, but will require a little patience. ybe. The song is the safest and only quite reliable sign of the male sex for the tyro *to* judge by, and as neither of the birds you have bought sing, it would be *best* for you to get a more experienced fancier to look at them and give you an opinion. All external differences are so purely comparative, and also slight, that they cannot with any certainty be conveyed in writing. Tersely, the hen has a soft henny look compared with the bold, defiant appearance and manner of the cock. Study the black and white plate of Norwich in Part VI. of "Our Canaries," when you should soon begin *to* recognise these appearances.

ROOM, MICE, SAND (H.R.S.).—(1) You do not say whether you mean to have the birds flying at liberty in the room or keep them in cages, but as you might readily calculate the amount of cage room you have available, I take it the first-named plan is what you have in view. If I am correct, the room would accommodate at its full capacity 220

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Wallsend-on-Tyne.—Wm. Cockburn, 106, High-st. E.

CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

average sized Canaries. As a breeding stock to start the season 60 birds would be ample say 15 cocks and 45 hens. If short of cocks, 10 would do for the same number of hens. (2) A mouse-proof floor of concrete, and the total absence of waste food lying about are among the best things to keep mice away. To exterminate them, an occasional thorough application of the "Virus" remedy advertised in our columns is about the best thing. (3) Cannot be quite certain what the sample of powder you enclosed consists of. It is either a fine grade of silver sand, similar to that florists use, or finely sifted sea-sand. I fancy it is the latter. Its only use in cages is to assist in preserving cleanliness. It is too fine to be of use in aiding digestion.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

INDOOR AVIARY (Starter).—For any chance of breeding you should only put in two pairs. Pekin Nightingales I do not think would attempt to breed in that space, and they are not always safe with small birds in a confined space. Mannikins, except the Bronze-winged and Magpie, have not proved free breeders, either in cage or aviary; it would, however, not be easy to give a reason for this. Here are a few pairs that should do well together: Zebra Finches and Silverbills, Zebra Finches and Bronze Mannikins, Silverbills and Bronze Mannikins; less probable breeders would be Orange-cheek and Gold-breasted Waxbills, Avadavats and Gold-breasted Waxbills; while if you were content with a single pair in this division, you could choose from the following: Gouldian, Long-tail, and Rufous-tail (Ruficauda) Grassfinches. Beautiful or pretty and freely imported birds besides those you name are: Green Singing Finches, Alario, Bib, Spice, and Ribbon Finches; all the Waxbills. Cock Weavers make a beautiful show when in breeding plumage as a series of odd birds.

ROSE COCKATOO (T. C.).—Rose, Rose-breasted, and Roseate Cockatoo, and Australian Grey Parrot are all trivial names referring to the same bird, most usually known as the Rose-breasted Cockatoo. It is as large, or a little larger, than a Grey Parrot. They are chummy, acrobatic birds, and very hardy; very many of them do not count for much as talkers; at the same time I have heard and seen several really talented birds of this species, so there is no reason why you should not make a talker of one—first win its confidence, and as soon as it becomes tame, then talk to it gently and quietly, while supplying its food, etc.; keep it where it will hear conversation, yet you must take care not to scare, and during its quiet and restful periods you can train it by the constant repetition method.

CAGE FOR FOREIGN BIRDS (Banjoe).—You must allow one foot of frontage per pair for the Waxbills, and one and a-half feet for such as Grass Finches, assuming that the cage has a depth of from 18 to 24 inches, and height of 24 to 30 inches, and it would be best to have wooden sides, glass would do for the sides outside the wirework, providing these are arranged so that the slides move in draught-proof grooves. I really advise a 3½ to 4ft. cage and two pairs of birds, as the arrangement most likely to yield breeding results, and in this connection our reply to "Starter" in this issue should assist you. Use twiggy branches as perches, and two nest receptacles for each pair of birds. Back and sides should be of wood, or wood and glass as above, for a position near a window

QUAIL, PIGEONS AND FINCHES (W. Tomlinson) —(1) Yes, you should be able to keep the above together; arrange a heap of brushwood in some dry corner as cover for the Quail, and arrange your food hoppers for the Finches so that they will be difficult of access to the Pigeons. (2) Broad-leaved Laurel, Berberis, Box, Evergreen Privet, Golden Privet, and Euonymus are all good, with coarse grasses and cereals growing in between, left to grow at will between the bushes in irregular tufts, but an open space should be left where the grass can be clipped and swept regularly. (3) You will get better results from two or three pairs than from a larger number, you can easily increase your stock at a later date from some of the young birds you breed.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. each); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet St., London, E.C.*

WHAT BIRDS? (F.D.S. and P. Pearce).—Both your queries refer to Indian birds, and so far as the data you supply at present is concerned I find myself unable to pick them out—such birds as they mostly resemble would not live on the diet you are giving. An Anglo-Indian, well acquainted with Indian birds, who happened to be in when your queries came to hand, was equally fogged. Could you supply more detailed descriptions, and also give me the locality they came from. I think I could then identify them. I am retaining your descriptions for reference, and hope with a little more information from you to clear up the mystery.

AFRICAN WEAVER (L. N.).—Give these birds an aperient and then put them on a course of Byno-phosphates—as regards the former, making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts will suffice, and half a tea-spoonful of the phosphates in the drinking water during the period of the moult and for a week afterwards. At moulting time these birds are the better for a little animal food, and though some individuals will not take mealworms, the majority do so readily, if yours will take them give two or three per bird daily, after the moult is over you can lessen the quantity, and one daily, or occasionally, will suffice —the same to the period when they change from winter to breeding plumage. Probably your bird is in the habit of clinging to cage wirework, and thus the flight and tail feathers get frayed and ragged.

TOUCANS (H. P.).—The staple diet should be a good insectile mixture, first made slightly moist with boiling water, then stir in scalded grocer's currants, and dripping—standing it on a range while stirring so as to properly incorporate the dripping. They also eat boiled rice (sweetened), boiled potato, ripe fruit, such as bananas, apples, pears, cut up into small squares, grapes, cherries, soaked sultanas, and some live insects—so that a varied diet can be easily maintained. If possible, ascertain how it has been fed previously, and do not make any sudden change of diet, continuing what it has been accustomed to, and then gradually get it on to some such diet as above. As soon as they become tame and thoroughly accustomed to you, you will find them most interesting and engaging pets.

INDOOR AVIARY (C. E. J.).—I hate straight formal perches in an aviary, neither do they give the birds proper foot exercise. There is no need to nail the branches to the wall; get three large pots, arrange your branches in these, partly fill with sand, and then run in liquid cement; this will solidify and make a good firm base for the branches. You will have to put a few nails into your wall to hang up some small rush nests, square boxes with a hole in one side for entrance, cocoanut shell nests, etc., for the Foreign species. They will not interfere materially with the Canaries, or vice versa. Of course, there is always some commotion and confusion when fresh arrivals are put into an aviary, and possibly one or two nests might be disturbed in the confusion, but they soon settle down, and you will have to take what risk there is. Zebra Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Bib Finches, Avadavats and Gold-breasted Waxbills—I think you could put these into your aviary with scarcely any interference to the nesting Canaries. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., and Nutshells Nos. 16 and 20, 2½d. each, all post free from our Manager. You can easily have grass in pots and saucers, and taking these out of doors for watering—a double set would enable you to keep up a continuous and fresh supply of green food by using the sets alternately.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

HAS THERE EVER? (Matt. Beacroft).—You ask: "Has there ever been a clear Mule shown at the Crystal Palace?" This seems an odd sort of question, seeing that a clear Mule of some kind or other is invariably to be seen at that show—often three or four of them. We recently illustrated one that won at the 1913 show. Have you missed out a word? Did you intend to specify some particular kind of clear Mule?

MAGPIE WEAK (E.M.F.).—You give no particulars as to the housing and feeding of the bird, and it is possible the trouble is due to some inadequacy in one or both of these items. The bird should have a very large cage, and be allowed to bathe freely. Its diet must comprise a proportion of flesh food—newly-killed mice and sparrows being, perhaps, best of all, though rabbit flesh, and fowls' heads and "innards" are excellent. I can only (in the absence of fuller information) advise you to get a supply of extract of malt and hypophosphites (combined) from a chemist, and mix a teaspoonful daily amongst the bird's soft food; commence with rather a smaller quantity. This is a good food for softbills that are weakly and not as plump as they ought to be.

A QUARTETTE (T.W.H.).—(1) I have never had the pleasure of keeping Dartford Warblers (being a poor man) but should certainly think they would winter safely in a well-sheltered aviary in the South of England, assuming, of course, they were properly fed. I take it that you know they are a resident species. (2) Five shillings to seven and sixpence. It is dangerous to buy birds not well on food; they will not, for one thing, stand a long journey. If they reach you at all "down" through fasting, you'll be very lucky if you pull them round. (3) I have known Blackcaps safely winter in an outdoor bird-room, where the water was many times frozen. In any case neither Nightingales nor Blackcaps need be taken indoors until the autumn nights turn frosty, or very cold, wet weather sets in. (4) If the aviary is a really large one, Wagtails will do no harm—they can be very vicious towards others of their own kind, however.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr Clarke's 'Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding'* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. each): *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

GREENFINCH MULES (True Blue).—The hen Canary when ready will fly about flapping her wings vigorously, and calling loudly; she will carry bits of nesting stuff in her mouth. The cock Greenie will also dance around quite lively, calling ("breezing," as it is termed) at the top of his voice; he will also feed the hen. Give the old birds canary, teazle, rape, and sunflower seeds; early dandelion, chick-weed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse; egg-food when about ready to nest, and when they have young. At the latter period give the hen also cracked hemp and groats, chickweed and shepherd's purse. I have very seldom found it safe to leave the cock Greenie with the hen whilst rearing the young. Some are perfect brutes. One I bred with last year, however, was just the opposite—as gentle as the proverbial lamb. He was devoted to the hen, and touched neither nest nor eggs; he was inclined to be spiteful, however, towards the Mules, when they commenced to hop out of the nest-pan, as, indeed, practically all of them are.

HEN BULLIE AND COCK CANARY (D. C.).—Bullie hens vary as much in taste, so far as nesting sites, nesting materials, etc., are concerned, as do Canary hens. I never interfere; it is best to let the fair sex have their own way. If you get out into the country at all, you can find dried grasses, bents, and an old Blackbird's or Greenfinch's nest (pulled to pieces), and give these to the hen Bullies. My own hen [illegible] and Linnets in particular) are often fond of charpie, and one or two have [illegible] cosy nest practically entirely of it. Some use an earthenware nest pan, but the majority of hen British birds prefer wooden nest-boxes, or Roller travelling cages with the end (or top) and inside fitments removed. Some like an old Blackbird's nest to re-line, and some will lay their eggs in simply a hole made in dried grasses strewn on the cage floor. They are peculiarly variable. About the best nesting material out for hen Bullies can be made from a cheap cocoanut fibre doormat. Unravel the fibre, and cut it into varying lengths (from one to two-and-a-half inches). It works out very cheaply in price, and my Bullies delight to build with it. They will rear the young (or attempt to do so, I should say, for few succeed, the usual plan being to put the eggs under foster parents) on the ordinary seeds, but must have unlimited seeding shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, and the like. In addition, mine also relish soft foods, and egg food, and live ants' eggs. You could utilise the cock Canary for one nest with a hen Canary.

LINNET "OFF COLOUR" AND LOOSE IN BOWELS (Jim M.).—Get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and give the bird a course of this tonic medicine daily for a week. It will also correct any tendency to looseness of the bowels, which will be helped, too, by giving him a small teaspoonful of maw seed daily for a time. Dose: As much of the crystals as will just cover a threepennypiece, dissolved in two tablespoonsful of drinking water If necessary, continue it longer, but give then only on alternate days (plain water in between).

MANAGING A MULING COUPLE (Tenby).—Different fanciers have different ideas, and you must adopt those which fit in with your own cages, etc. It is possible for half-a-dozen or more ways to meet with equal success. Run the wired slide down the centre of the cage, leaving the Goldfinch on one side, and the hen Canary on the other. When the Goldie is in breeding condition and vigorous song, they will not take long to strike up an acquaintanceship. Probably he will commence to sing to her through the partition wires; also to feed her. These are the sure signs of an "understanding." When you notice these things, put a few coarse pieces of material (moss) out of a nest-bag into the hen's compartment. If she commences to carry these about in her beak, you can hang in the nest-pan (or box), giving her at the same time a little more nesting material. Should she carry the latter into the nest-pan, and appear bent on nest building in earnest, hang the nest-bag up against the wires, or put it in the nesting rack, if you use those appliances. First thing next morning (the earlier the better) withdraw the centre partition, letting the Goldie run with the hen. If you retire quickly and discreetly on the other side of the room, you will no doubt see the hen "call" to the Finch, and he, if really in breeding condition, is not likely to lose any time in doing the needful towards ensuring fertile eggs. It is well not to hurry one's muling hens, or they are apt to get on with their first nest before the Finch is fit. Keep an eye on the Finch at first, until you learn his disposition. Some pull the nest about, and some will put their beaks through the eggs when laid. Such birds should be run with the hens only for a hour or two each morning and for a short time in the evening, too, being shut off during the day, and entirely (with the solid wood partition) as soon as the hen commences to sit. The procedure applies equally well to all Finches, besides Goldies, especially where the cock bird is kept to the one hen.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—April 12, Queen's Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; important; election of officers, etc.—J. W. Christon.

Ardwick and Manchester Dist. C.B.A.—April 15, St. Thomas' Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, Ardwick, 8. Lecture by Mr. L. Harrison, Altincham, "Paining Norwich, Yorks, and Borders."—J. Spencer.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—April 17, Jolly Gardeners, 8.30. Payment of specials won at March show and arrangements for June show, etc.—John Clark.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.—April 15, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Fixing dates and judges for young and old shows. —Geo. Morton.

Bradford West C.B.A.—April 12, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Members' shows.—A. Cooper.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—April 12, Victoria Hotel, 8.30. General business.—H. Bryant.

Cardiff C.B.S.—April 17, Masker's Hotel, 8. Usual monthly meeting to decide re cups for open show; also other important business.—E. Thomas.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 14, Church Institute, 69, Paddington Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. E. Weston, entitled: "Some Things I don't believe." Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 16, Lamb Hotel, 8. Table show Greenfinches and A.V. Hybrids. Judge, Mr. Geo. Stevens.—A. S. Treasure.

Chopwell C.B.S.—April 12, Store Hall, 6.30. Business important.—W. Tomlinson.

Clackmannanshire C.B.S.—April 12, Townhead Tea Rooms, 8. Exhibition of wayside seeds and flowers for British birds, and a paper on same by Mr. J. B. Clarke, Rothesay. All please come and each bring a new member. Subscription 3s., 1s. payable on admission; balance later.—W. W. Duncan.

Clydebank C.B.C.—April 17, Higgins' Hall, 7.45. Washing exhibition by Mr. Campbell and other business.—Wm. Kane.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—April 19, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Third table show. One class Siskin, Redpoll and Twite, and important business. —A. Smith.

Denton C.B.S.—April 14, headquarters, Manchester Road, 8. Lecture on breeding and rearing by Mr. F. Barraclough, of Hyde; also other important business. —W. Hopwood.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—April 13, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Arranging schedule for nest feather show.—B. Robinson, Sec.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—April 12, Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, 4. Enrolment of new members, classification and nomination of judges for annual show. Table show of British birds open to professionals and novices; 8 classes; fee 2d. Judge, Mr. Sykes, Musselburgh. Meeting to be held during judging.—John C. Charlton.

Garston B.B.A.—April 17, Club Room, 8. Very important.—A. T. Mullock.

Gillingham F.S.—April 17, Deacon Courts Rooms, 8. Discussion on schedule and judging competition; all fanciers are welcome.—J. Hyde.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—April 12, Wesley Place School, 8. Arranging schedule for members' shows and selection of judges for same.—W. A. Brown

Great Horton O.S.—April 12, Butcher's Arms, 8. Business most important.—J. Holroyd

Hartlepools C.B.S.—June 18, St. George's Hall, Wind or Street. First feather show; birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. E. Woodhead.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Heywood O.S.—April 16, Rechabites' Hall, 8. Show business and paper by Mr. Blincoe (Rochdale); subject, "Judging on points."—James Greenhalgh.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—April 12, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Nest feather show business. Anyone wishing to join please attend.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Meeting postponed from April 14 to April 28.—A. Lawford.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—April 12, Church Inn, Huddersfield Road, Oldham, 5. Tea and social; presentation of prizes; tickets 1s. 6d.—John Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 19, Y.M. Halls, 7. Business important; fix committee; new members invited.—Allan Thomson.

Leicester B.B.S.—April 16, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show pairs for Hybrid bleeding between Brit. and Foreign, F.-M. Brit., For. Goldies and Bullies, Mule or Hyb.; fanciers invited.—J. Cook.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—April 15, White Swan, 8.30. Lecture on nesting and the care of young by Mr. E. H. Hulse. Fanciers invited.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 16, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on British birds by Mr. P. Hart. Fanciers cordially invited.—R. Charleson.

Leith O.S.—April 12, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Booking of hens; election of judges.—George W. Brown.

Llanelly C.B.S.—April 12, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important; members having any money belonging to the society, Secretary would be glad to receive same.—Daniel John.

North London C.B.A.—April 16, headquarters, 8. Lecture, "Causes of failure in breeding," by Mr. J. Robson.—P. W. Jeffries.

Openshaw C.B.S.—April 16, Good Intent Mission, Old Lane, Higher Openshaw (room above Acton's Timber Yard), 8. Date of first feather show and other important business; new members still wanted. —W. Hathaway.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—April 14, Irwell Castle, 8. Arranging first feather show; also other important business.—J. W. Parkinson.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—April 17, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson. Management of young stock and preparing for exhibition bench; friends and fellow fanciers invited.—E. Meades.

Redcar C.B.S.—April 12, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. General business; subscriptions due.—C. L. Mallory.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—April 15, Liberal Club, 8. Lightning lectures on different aspects of the Yorkshire Canary.—J. Hird.

Skipton C.B.S.—April 14, Globe Restaurant, 8.—E. Gill.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—April 12, headquarters, 7.30. Discussion of ideas for improving society.—G. L. Sampson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 12, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Election of judges.—T. Davison.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—April 12, club, 7. Nest feather show and annual show dates and judges.—H. Briggs.

Walthamstow F.A.—Thursday, April 17, Trinity Churchroom, 8.30.—H. C. Cooper.

York C.B.S.—April 14, All Saints' Room, 8. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. S. Campling.—H. Sayles.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Frightened.—Death occurred from depletion following hoemorrhage, probably of accidental origin. There was a very large blood clot on the left side of breast.

H. E. Addison.—The primary disease was fatty degeneration of the liver. The exciting cause of death "enteritis." The structural alteration of the liver is denoted by the symptoms you describe, viz., inordinate appetite, and drowsiness, particularly after eating. The disease is slow and insidious in its onset, and by the time symptoms are manifest, the organic changes are too far advanced for cure. I should advise remaining bird to receive twice weekly some glauber salts, as much as will lie on a sixpence, dissolved in a wineglassful of drinking water.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

An interesting meeting was held on April 1st: the attendance was not so large as one would have liked, but no doubt the very wet night prevented many turning out. The evening had been set out for questions and answers; this is an excellent means of getting different men's views on birdy matters, and a large amout of knowledge is gained. Our novice members will do well to bear this in mind and not miss these meetings in future. Mr. Frank Cole was in the chair and very ably conducted the meeting; many knotty points were raised, and a really good discussion took place on the question and answers. Those taking part were Messrs. Fairman, Pratt, Clarke, Franklin, Whiffin, Hodson, Cole. Vote of thanks to chair closed meeting.—W. Hodson.

Eagles' Ways.

As a rule large birds do not lay so many eggs as the smaller species. The Golden Eagle deposits two eggs only, and seldom rears more than one chick. Both parents are very attentive to the nestling and should one be shot or meet with an accident the other will safely rear the young one alone.

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Correspondence.

New Sec for Edinburgh O.S.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me to intimate that I have been appointed secretary of the Edinburgh Ornithological Society. I would esteem it a favour if all the old members would come and rally round this old society, and forward booking of hens as early as possible, so as to allow me to get a good grip of the business before next meeting. Wishing every success to Cage Birds.

Alex. Weston.

50, Albion Road, Edinburgh.

Size in Exhibition, British Birds and Hybrids.

Have Judges a Craze for it?

Sir,—As a novice exhibitor of British birds, I have been much struck with the apparent craze which most judges, at shows which I have attended, have for excessive size in British and Hybrid exhibits. On many occasions exceptionally fine specimens have had to give way to others for no other visible reason than the fact that those preferred were a size or two larger. The losing birds were correctly marked, in perfect condition, and, in many cases, beaten by very rough giants. I would not suggest that bantam exhibits should compete with equal chance of success, but surely a good British bird of the average size of those at liberty in the open should not have to stand aside as regards honours in favour of an untidy, though much larger bird. In the Hybrid classes, as is well known, most of the alleged "Hybrids between two British birds" were obviously the offspring of foreign birds.

E. Allison.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique Judges" to Blame?

Sir,—It appears to me that the whole position is centred on one or two main points, namely, the use of a certain material for the cage bottoms, and this, having failed, a special kind of perch was adopted, these both being means of attracting the judge's attention. What surprises me is, why cannot the Border Fancy Canary Club come forward and take this matter up seriously, and adopt a rule that only a certain class of material should be used at all shows having the patronage? I think crushed white oats or plain canary seed. The former would be preferable, as cheaper, and all fanciers, both town and country alike, could obtain them. I hardly think they would be as heavy, and thereby not add to travelling expenses. In the rule book of the above club it states that the object is to further the interests of the above variety, but when a motion is sent in to the annual general meeting, such as the above, it is over-ruled, for the simple reason that only part of the members are represented. To alter this I suggest that previous to the annual general meeting, all matters of a kind such as this should be sent out on ballot papers, or on a referendum system, to all members, and thus enable each individual to give his own unbiassed opinion. I am quite aware that even if the above two things were rectified, there would still be the question of cages, but I think that these two points would be a big step to raise the matter above suspicion.

Pro Bono Publico.

Sir,—Your many readers will be pleased now that they have the name and address of this judge and breeder of even marks, who has boastfully assured the Fancy that, if given a chance at open shows, he will give the best of satisfaction. Surely committees in trouble will not allow this chance to increase entries to slip by. Is it true that he has won five firsts all told, some of which were won under a judge he frequently purchased birds from? I make no insinuation of anything wrong, but only wish to point out that, if true, on his own reasoning he must have won under "clique judges," as there were always short entries at the shows where he won! Now my informant, who is a near relative of his, says he comes out every year to sweep decks, with Greens and Cinnamons, and when he fails, the judges are a "clique." I am told that, with the assistance of "Lover of Justice," and co., he is going to wash out all the "clique judges," and come out next year, and sweep decks with Greens, Cinnamons, and marks. I fear he has again set himself a rather big task, but we'll wait and see. He says it is his duty to remind me that I purchased two of my last season's winners in Edinburgh for about 2s. I say it is not true. I try to breed my winners, most of which I actually have bred, yet if I see a bird to beat mine, I try to purchase it, but am not always successful. Neither is it true that a judge told me not to show under him (nor would it be wise). I doubt all he refers to, including thick spars, coarse gravel, distinctive marks, etc., are, like the honest judge, come from Whitburn (where judge hecklers also come from). Let breeder of even marks use all the freedom he likes in staging his birds, but let others have the same freedom. Let me also, in a less degree, get a cheap advertisement, and say that my birds last year won under no less than twelve different judges—rather a large "clique." I thank him for wishing me a successful breeding season. Let me say to Mr. Logan, the prophet, that his offer cannot apply to me, as I have never tried to guess a medal winner, outside my own. Why not accept my offer made to him through Cage Birds, Feb. 1st? I can also believe him when he says he has preserved all his prize cards since 1899, as I know a very small case could hold them. It is quite a regular thing for shows to reject names in other varieties, as well as Borders, but yet the supposed "clique" are being engaged for next year, let me tell you. It is no fault of mine that you applied my illustration to yourself; it served my purpose in showing that increased opposition would naturally decrease entries at our shows. I am pleased to hear of your success in business; long may you succeed. I have never thrown malice at you at any time, neither would I think it worth my while to differ severely with you. I have heard and read many a story about judges (more than I would credit as being true), but the straightforward man, with nothing to hide, who knows so many faults about judges, should state the show, the judge with the faults, so that suspicion may not rest on the wrong men. I would advise show committees to secure the services of Messrs. Logan and Lambie next season, which should be a certain cure for short entries at our Scottish shows.

Plainhead.

How Can All Shows be Made to Pay?

Sir,—Kindly allow me to reply to my old friend, Mr. Woodall, of Sheffield, who I regret to notice dismisses my suggestions re points judging with the curt assurance that it wouldn't work; and he sends particulars of the work of the Sheffield O.S., showing that they have made a success on lines which differ but very slightly from the usual lines on which almost every society is run. Now I know Mr. W. too well to think that he will be offended if I say that his attitude reminds me of the old Lancashire man who, when sitting by a roaring fire, had a remark made to him about the severely cold weather. He curtly replied that there was "nobuddy out that mattered." And in these days when show after show is being given up and societies all over are complaining about their losses, one can hardly help taking Mr. W.'s arguments that way. But in his balance-sheet, which he so kindly sent me, I notice against the profit of £10 4s. 6½d. an item for £28 add for donations, which shows quite clearly that even with a body of workers such as few clubs have (as shown by the receipt of £21 14s. for sale of tickets over and above gate-money) that even they cannot make a show pay on its own merits, but are dependent, like the rest of us on the generosity of wealthy outsiders to cover their losses. A rather humiliating position for the Fancy generally, is it not? Of course it is all right to accept donations from wealthy people who are really interested, but it would certainly be more creditable to us not to depend entirely on charity in such matters. Now as I have been much misunderstood (probably owing to the impossibility of condensing all the arguments for, and methods of carrying out, etc., into reasonable space), will you kindy allow me to draw attention to the following points, which I may say are all parts of the one idea, and not to be taken as separate suggestions:—(1) That I advocate points judging only as a means whereby we can raise the prize-money to a point at which it would be possible for a successful exhibitor to pay his way. (2) That unless something is done to make this possible we shall never succeed in attracting any great number of people to go in for showing, at present even those who benefit by the sale of stock, or dealers trading on their reputation as successful exhibitors, do not do any more showing than is absolutely necessary to accomplish their purpose. (3) That points judging by ensuring a fair chance for different sections of a variety shown in the same class would do away with the necessity for an extravagant classification. By all means give all the classes necessary or that are likely to be reasonably filled, but classes should not be extended to such a point as to lower prize money to a ridiculously inadequate figure. There are numerous minor points that occur to me in its favour, but the main idea is to raise prize-money. People will always compete and keep competing, when there is a reasonable chance of winning something, but no man who works for his money takes any interest in throwing it away without a reasonable chance of benefiting in some way.

R. Blincoe.

Mr. Blincoe's letter has unavoidably been held over for some weeks.—Editor.

The Breeding of Yellowhammer-Canary Mules.

Two Cases of Success Reported.

Sir,—I have read with great interest in the last two issues of Cage Birds, regarding the breeding of Yellowhammer Mules. I also have tried this cross, about four years ago, which would be only about one year after I started keeping birds, so you see I was then only a novice at the game. I happened to look at the stock of a very old friend of mine, and he had the Yellowhammer paired up with a hen Canary. I asked him what he was trying to do, and I got the reply, in a very serious tone, that he was "going to do what had never been done before," i.e., breed some Yellowhammer Mules. "I am sorry to say I was ignorant enough to laugh at him. The Yellowhammer had been running with about a dozen hens for two or three months, and had been feeding them, so he said he would have a try to mule with him. However, a few minutes after I was asked in hushed tones by my friend to "just look at that Yellowhammer now," and sure enough the act of copulation was taking place. The outcome of it all was my buying the Yellowhammer (it was a good exhibition bird as well, and got me a few prizes). Well, my friend got a young one up to four days old, when the hen left it to go to nest again, and stopped feeding. I took the Yellowhammer home, and paired him straight away to a hen I had carrying nesting stuff at the time, and to my delight she seemed quite satisfied with her strange mate, and let him feed her. I got three young Mules up to three days old, but when I got home from work that night my wife told me to "go and look at that poor hen and young ones, and if she had her way she would kill the beast of a Yellowhammer." Goodness knows, I felt like it myself when I saw them. The young were dead in the nest, and the hen was on the cage bottom with hardly a feather on her, and bleeding from head to tail. However, after a stormy week with the wife, I put him up with the only hen I had left. She seemed as pleased as her predecessor, and things went on fine, and she had four eggs. I think two of them were full, but that was as far as I got with that clutch, for he had the lot broken the next time I went into the room. Anyway, that finished my career with the breeding of Yellowhammer Mules, and I vowed to have no more of it. I wish I had him now, however, as I am certain he would not get the chance to do it again. He died the following show season; after coming from Gateshead, I think it was. I know now my failure was through inexperience; had I taken him away from the hen, all would have been well. I have three witnesses who can prove all this, and all are connected with cage bird societies, so you will see that it is not bluff, as a lot of fanciers whom I tell think it is. Well, I wish Mr. Pain and Mr. Pauley "all luck," and hope they will let us know how they get on, for I certainly shall have another try when I get a Yellowhammer so steady as my old one. I might say that he took mealworms from our hands, and was uncommonly steady for a Yellowhammer. I wish your paper all success.

George Wiggins.

Redcar C.B.S.

Spring Visitors in the Colne Valley.

Sir,—In the course of a ramble in the Colne Valley, near Uxbridge, on 6th inst., I saw a dozen to fifteen Martins, mostly Sand Martins, but at least two were House Martins. I also saw a single yellow Wagtail. These are the first summer migrants I have seen this year. Of residents, I saw: Reed Bunting, Stock Dove, Kestrels (two, both quite near the train in motion). In all I had thirty species on my list. The following were singing lustily: Thrush, Blackbird, Lark, Robin, Wren, and Hedge Accentor, although the day was not at all genial, a strong cold North-East wind prevailing all day, making one feel sorry for the newly arrived migrants.

G. Crabb.

Appointment of Judges at Gateshead 1912 Show.

Sir,—"Bobby" again states that he has not had a reply to his questions. Now "Bobby" knows perfectly well that his statement is what is called a terminological inexactitude. His comments upon (not answers to) my own questions are characteristic of "Bobby," and make suspicion a certainty. To question (1) he says he would not associate himself with such a rumour. Quite right; no one would think of circulating an ill-rumour against himself. (2) Bobby advises me to enquire of of the Newcastle members. I have done so, and been informed that "Bobby" is the gentleman who exhibited in the novice classes against genuine novices, and the catalogue confirms this. (3) To this he pleads ignorance and innocence. Well, it is only his past conduct that caused "Bobby" to be suspected.

Johnny.

(This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.)

The Border Fancy and English Shows During 1912.

Sir,—Having received your excellent Annual for 1913 (which, by the way, clearly surpasses all previous editions), I, of course, turned my attention to the variety which appeals to me, viz., the Border. I was somewhat surprised to read the severe remarks by Mr. S. Hadwin, regarding the matter of support given to shows during the past year. Unfortunately, however, only one case is cited, namely, Bradford National. This, I am aware, was a failure as regards entries, but still I think when all the circumstances are taken into consideration, one can somewhat understand the reason for it. In the first place, it will be remembered that at the time the entries closed, we experienced one of the severest snowstorms of the past winter, and in view of the fact that the majority of fanciers hail from the North, they would be somewhat reluctant in sending in their entries. Secondly, a specialist judge was not adjudicating, and although the one appointed has in one or two cases had a fair following, I think this is the main point which accounts for the shortage. It will be remembered that the previous year, when Mr. Patterson judged these classes, a good entry resulted, and I think it would be to the benefit of the Bradford National Committee if, when allotting judges to this section, they would take this into their consideration, as the majority of shows in the North provide a judge specially for this variety. I do not wish it to be understood that I am making any complaint against the judge in question at the last show, as, in my opinion, all birds, with the exception of one case, with which I differed, were well handled (but no two fanciers see eye to eye with one another in any variety). My main point is that it is necessary where the full patronage is given to appoint a specialist judge, who has handled these birds regularly.

My principal reason for taking up the above matter is because I know from experience in my own district that the Border Fancy is practically in its infancy, and as one or two fanciers are taking them up, I naturally wish the same to go forward, and not keep at a standstill. I was pleased to read Mr. Patterson's excellent review, and also notice his remarks respecting cups, and I think this is a splendid chance to push forward our favourite. I shall be glad to see some other fanciers taking up the matter with a view to getting the same put on a proper basis.

Type and Quality.

The Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club.

Sir,—On reading the above club's report of the annual meeting, I was highly amused at a few things that transpired at same. Firstly, just imagine the idea of leaving the trophy business in the hands of one who is practically a novice. Secondly, the judges are the same old firm, and I stoutly maintain that more than one of this select band are incapable of judging the Norwich Plainhead Canary. Lastly, I notice that Mr. W. C. Smith, of Balquhidder, has been admitted to membership. Why, may I ask, was he debarred from membership in the year just past? This society boasts of a large membership, and it may be news to some that it has been engineered by a certain division for quite a number of years. At least, that is the opinion of

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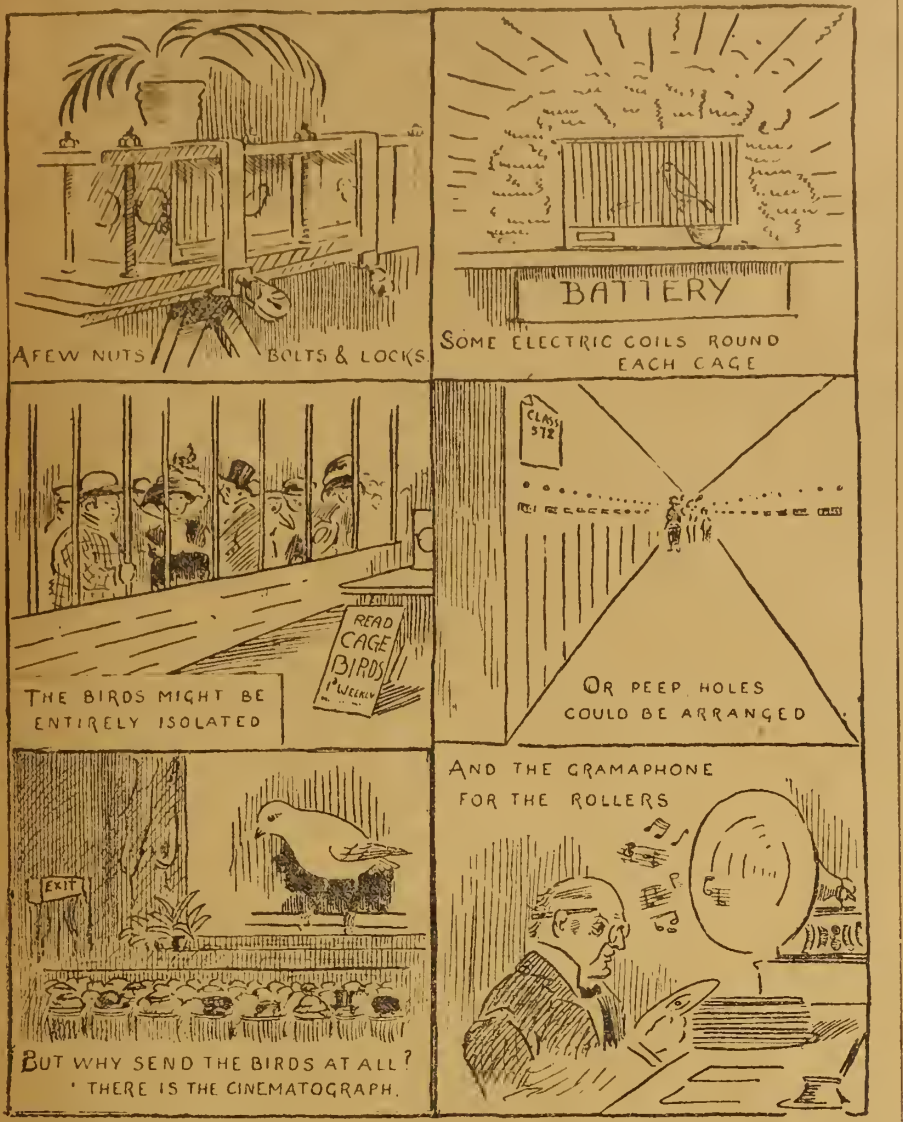
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Foot Trouble in Softbill Birds.

Sir,—Can Mr. O. Puck or any of your many readers state a reason for the feet of Softbill birds growing twice the ordinary size? Can it be cured? I have had a Grey Wagtail with the left foot very large, and also a Thrush. Both birds stand chiefly on one leg, the other being held up under the breast feathers. Shall be pleased to learn reason and cure. I wish Cage Birds every success, which it well deserves.

Young Britisher.

Proposed Roller Canary Society for North-Staffordshire.

Sir,—There are several fanciers residing in and around the ancient and loyal borough of Newcastle, who are desirous of forming a Roller Canary Society, to represent North Staffordshire, with headquarters to be in Hanley, Stoke, or Newcastle. If there are any other fanciers who are in favour of this proposal, or have any suggestions to advance, will they kindly communicate with the writer?

Joseph Tomlinson.
Thistleberry Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs.

The Yorkshire British Bird and Mule Club.

A Proposal to Extend its Radius.

Sir,—I was glad to see that Mr. Tower has been giving the Yorkshire British Bird and Mule Club a good lift, and that he has suggested that the membership be open to Lancashire. It is a suggestion that I am very much in favour of, and seeing from time to time Lancashire men have applied for membership, if any are desirous of becoming members, and will write me and make any suggestions, I would bring them up at our adjourned yearly meeting. I might say that the club has finished the year with a balance of over £1 in hand, and we have promise of a trophy and other support. All we want is more competition and more members, for the subscription is so small, only 2s. 6d. per annum, that without larger numbers it is crippled. As the founder of this club, I should like to see it extend its usefulness, and give its patronage to Lancashire cage bird clubs' shows. Let me again invite the Lancashire fanciers to consider the matter, and let me hear from them.

H. J. Chittenden.
53, Carlisle Street, Manningham.

Age of Captive House Sparrows.

Sir,—In reply to "J.P.," I had a Sparrow which lived ten years. It died last July. I caught it in Kegworth, Leicestershire. It had been stolen out of its nest by some boys, and I found it lying on the ground, being so young it could not fly. I need not go into particulars of how I cared for and fed it, but we got to think a great deal of it. For six months of the year (March to Sept.) it would come to the side of the cage every morning for my husband to stroke its head. It would go to sleep clinging on to the wires. We also had a dog, and whenever a strange cat came into the yard, the Sparrow had a certain chirp which sounded like "Nellie," which was the dog's name, and strange to say the dog knew the call, and was soon in the yard.

M. E. C.

Bridlington.

A Keeper of Cuckoos for Thirty Years.

Sir,—Seeing in Cage Birds that Mrs. Sargeant has lost her Cuckoo, nearly five years old, I should like to tell you that I once kept one to about the same age—mine wanted about one month of being five years old. It never called "Cuckoo." I have been keeping these birds for the last thirty years, however, and I once had one call "Cuckoo" the same as those out of doors. That bird died when it was two years old, owing to being kept in too warm a kitchen. I saw it sitting with its mouth open (it was too hot). It died suddenly, for it had been calling quite freely the day before. I have kept them from about one month up to the one which was five years old. I have had more than twenty, I believe. I have two last year birds alive now, and I lost one last year, three years old. I shall be very pleased if you think it worth while to put this in your valuable paper.

M. Vickery.

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Early Breeding of Wild Birds.

Sir,—As bearing on early breeding in wild birds, I may say that I found this week in my garden a Thrush's nest, containing young birds. I thought this was early.

T. J. Reynolds

Eggs from a Rock Parrot.

Sir,—On Saturday last, April 5, I came across an unusual incident. A gentleman at Kingswear has an Indian Rock Parrot, which has laid five eggs in the bottom of her cage. The first egg was laid on March 11, and the last one on 28th of the same month. Could you kindly let me know if you have had a case like it before, especially at this time of the year? I wish your paper every success.

G. Grant.

(Instances of Parrots of almost all species laying eggs in their cages are by no means uncommon.—Ed.)

The Suggested Southern Border Fancy C.C.

Sir,—A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, at 8 p.m., at the Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, to discuss the formation of the suggested Southern Border Fancy Club. Mr. Norman has kindly promised to preside, and I hope all interested fanciers will do their best to attend. The hall is situated a few doors from Queen's Rd. train terminus and No. 77 Service 'Buses from King's Cross pass the door. It is about seven minutes from Clapham Junction. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join us.

Fred Moore.
49, Kelmscott Rd., Clapham Junction, S.W.

The Seed Supply in an Aviary.

Sir,—In reply to the enquiry of your correspondent, "E.A.K.," the following arrangement has for years given every satisfaction in my outdoor aviary, containing a mixed collection of British Finches. It is nothing more elaborate than an inverted common flower-pot, about a foot high, placed on the floor of the aviary with an ordinary flower-pot saucer placed upon it. The day's supply of mixed seed—roughly, a desertspoonful each bird—ascertained by experience of their appetites, is placed in the saucer, and spread out in it as much as possible. This prevents the necessity for any bird to scatter the seed in search for its favourites, and at the end of each day the saucer should be empty, and practically no waste incurred. If a sufficiently wide and deep saucer is used, mice cannot possibly reach the seed. The supply of heating seed should, of course, be regulated according to the seasons, and if British are kept, a liberal supply of hemp should be allowed in the depth of winter if the flight is small.

E. Allison.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Birdkeepers.

A Letter from the Chief Secretary,

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to a correspondence which has been published in the recent issues of your paper with reference to the work of this society. I should like first of all to correct the mis-statement made by Mr. Trower, which has already been referred to by the Countess von Hahn, in your issue of the 15th. The R.S.P.C.A. does not exist by getting convictions. It is a society for the prevention of cruelty, and we only take legal proceedings in cases that are so bad as to necessitate such a course. Mr. Trower says that the society very seldom cautions. As a matter of fact, the cautions issued by the R.S.P.C.A. numbered during the past year 25,659, as against 6,906 convictions. These figures should be sufficient to contradict the misleading statement above referred to, and any unbiassed person will acknowledge that the society's chief work, in addition to its educational propaganda, is to give advice and cautions through its inspectors. Another correspondent, Mr. T. Pearson, in your issue of March 8th, is entirely in error in his remarks when he refers to "Mr. Moxey, the society's inspector." The society never had an inspector of that name, nor was the case referred to one taken up by this society. Hence his remark that there "is need for the society to compel its inspectors to speak the truth" is uncalled for, and I think it might more suitably refer to your correspondent. The society is not against the caging of birds, but it is certainly against the keeping of wild bred birds in captivity, and the cruelty involved in capturing them. As a society, we are always ready to help animal lovers with advice, but I think it is expecting too much of the R.S.P.C.A. to overlook the systematic neglect of birds in cages when such cases come to our notice. Rather should it be one of the duties of a paper with so wide an influence as your own to impress upon bird fanciers and dealers to keep their birds in a clean and healthy condition.

Edward G. Fairholme,
Chief Secretary.

[This matter is dealt with on page 317 by the Secretary of Cage Birds League.—Editor.]

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Brother fanciers: I have been asked to say a few words on Mule and Hybrid breeding, which I trust will be of some little benefit to the Fancy. I might say I was reared amongst birds; in fact, in the bird business. I have seen Mules bred year after year from childhood. I have myself bred and exhibited almost every known cross, and won at leading shows throughout the country. In the middle of the winter, after getting together a few of the best hens your pocket will allow (yellows preferred, and as large as possible), you must turn your attention to the British birds you intend to use. You need not be frightened at getting a few more than you think you will require, as you will no doubt lose one or two before sorting time. What I mean by sorting time is this: I examine my Britishers about the end of March, when those that are well "sprung" are the ones to keep. Clear the others out, as it would take half the summer to make them breed.

In the Long Ago.

Before the passing of the Wild Bird Protection Act of 1880, I was taught a far easier system by my father, which I carried out at times myself. Have one hen in a quiet place, out from amongst your other birds, and start her nesting. As soon as she has been carrying building material a few days, off you go for your cock bird. You have him marked. He may have a nice little home in some country lane. You catch him as early as you can in the morning, get away home, and put him along with the hen, with plenty of food on the cage bottom. Then clear away and leave them quiet. You will not fail to have fertile eggs. When your hen has laid her third egg, you probably have another building in the room wherein you keep your stock. Transfer your cock to this hen, and nineteen times out of twenty he will breed well all the season for you.

With birds we have kept from the winter, we have to work a little differently. Never let your cock bird get paired with any one hen from the commencement. Keep moving him two or three times a day to different hens. As a rule I run nine or ten hens with one cock. I have reared as any as seventy-five young off one Linnet, besides a friend of mine rearing about a dozen off the same cock, in one season. Do not think this is going to kill your cock bird; far from it. If you leave him with one hen all the while she is building, she is "calling" every few minutes; therefore divide his energy.

Hybrid pairs are different. I prefer pairing these about Christmas, as you have not got the domesticated Canary as one partner. If you are thinking of trying the Bullfinch hen, get a supply of building material, such as old heather, broken into fine twigs. Then tear up a cokernut fibre door-mat, so as to supply fibre for her to line with. As green food, use shepherd's purse, and dandelion (white tops). Watch your birds' droppings; if they are getting too loose, just colour the drinking water with carbonate of iron for one day. If otherwise, about as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence, given for one day.

When You have Young Hybrids.

Should any of you be fortunate enough to get some young Hybrids, if possible, put the young at once to a hen that has been feeding young three or four days, as the hen is then feeding coarser, and more to the nature of the young Hybrids. Of course, move the hen's own young. Failing this, hand-feed the young Hybrids for a day or two.

If you happen to have a hen egg bound (but be quite sure before you interfere), place her in your left hand, and, holding the tail up by the right, dip her vent into a saucer of warm water. Let it remain a few minutes, then lift gently out. The hen will be "working" to get clear of the egg; press gently behind the egg when the hen is trying to relieve herself. Hold her close to the saucer, and the egg will go into the water, without injury in most cases, and the hen be relieved of what may kill her, or ruin her for the remainder of the season.

A good number of questions were afterwards asked, which Mr. Fisher very ably answered. A vote of thanks to Mr. Fisher brought to a close a very enjoyable and interesting lecture. —J. Bostock, Hon. Sec.

British Birds and their Nests.

A Lecture by Mr. G. Crabb before the members of the Highgate, Hampstead C.B.A.

The study of the nests and nesting places of British birds is a most interesting phase of ornithology. It is perhaps matter for some regret, from an educational point of view, that the many ornithological societies in existence in various parts of the country do not devote as much attention to this and similar aspects of bird life as they might. Happily one meets, here and there, with a cage-bird society which gives a thought to the wider educational possibilities of its mission. Thus it was a pleasure to listen to a lecture given before a large audience at the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.A., by Mr. Geo. Crabb (President of the London and Provincial O.S.).

A Liking for the Uncommon.

By the aid of lantern slides interest was sustained for quite a couple of hours, during which we were shown many delightful pictures. Among these was the nest of a Hedge Sparrow in an old boot. The bird had fixed its nest right against the inside of the heel of the boot, in a most curious fashion, and there was rearing its brood. A Swallow's nest in a belfry, and the Swallow passing by the bell with food for its young; a Sparrow's nest fixed in the mouth of one of the carved figures in the masonry, probably on the Thames Embankment, where the bird seemed quite at home; a nest securely affixed to the fungi growing round a tree; another, that of the Song Thrush, snugly ensconsed in the horn casing of a horse's hoof, in the nest being a good clutch of eggs. A Great Tit's nest in a flower-pot, showed the pot turned upside down, the bird entering through the drainage hole, constructing its nest inside, and safely rearing its brood. Mr. Crabb had found a Robin's nest in a disused watering-can at Hampstead two years ago, and thought this by no means an unusual selection of breeding quarters by the Redbreast; a remark which does not apply to the discovery of the nest of the same bird placed carefully in an old disused earthenware coffee-pot.

We were then taken through a long list of familiar British birds, and shown their normal and natural haunts and nesting places, from the smallest of the Wrens to the Kestrel and the Osprey; from the trustful, saucy Sparrow, to the wild and intrepid Stormy Petrel. Speaking of the Wheatear as one of the earliest of the migrants, Mr. Crabb said Hampstead Heath was one of the places where it appears as early as anywhere. The Warblers and their nests passed in review, with a reference to what was generally termed the Hedge Sparrow, whose eggs were of the palest blue. The term Hedge Sparrow is unfortunate, said Mr. Crabb, for the bird is not a Sparrow at all, but one of the Warblers.

The Prettiest Nest of All.

A Long-tailed Tit, with her prettiest of all nests, in a bush of gorse; the Great Tit's nest in a tree hollow; the Cole, Marsh, and Blue Tits, each came in for recognition. The Nuthatch, a climber, had the peculiarity that it moved backwards and forwards, head down; it was to be found frequently in Richmond Park, and similar places the Wrens, Wagtails, the Pipits—the distinction between the Tree Pipit and the Meadow Pipit being that the back claw is longer and straighter in the Meadow than in the Tree Pipit.

The Red-backed Shrike came in for notice, with its predilection for establishing a "larder" by catching a lot of flies and impaling them on thorns until required for food.

The Britisher and Some Others.

Speaking of the birds of colour, Mr. Crabb said there had been some controversy about the Goldfinch, as to its nationality when on exhibition. Many exhibitors got hold of what they termed a typical Goldfinch, and if it got beaten at a show, the remark about its conqueror was "Oh! it's a Foreigner!" The Siberian Goldfinch is recognised as a different type of Finch altogether—larger, and with more white in its markings. The Russian Goldfinch is smaller and carries more brown on the breast than the Siberian. The Goldfinch found here is smaller still, and has more breast brown. But there is migration to be taken into account, and interbreeding, it being consequently in many cases rendered difficult to establish actual nationality. The Bullfinch, Linnet, Jay, Jackdaw, the Wryneck (or "Cuckoo's Mate") the Woodpeckers, and many others, with their nesting places, were reviewed to the intense delight of an attentive audience.

At the close of Mr. Crabb's most interesting address, of which we have only been able to give a brief resume, Mr. Geo. Gardner, who presided, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and to Mr. C. W. Law, who kindly arranged for the lecture and provided the slides and the operator. This was very heartily received by those present.

A "Grate Fite" at Sheffield.

The "Bird of the Bull-Dog Breed" Knocked out by "The Gentleman of the Fancy."

INTERESTING AND NOVEL DEBATE HELD BY THE SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

THE monthly meeting of the Sheffield C.B.S. held at the Wentworth Cafe, March 3rd, proved to be one of the best and most interesting ever held—the best, because of the happy relations that existed amongst us, and the election of nine new members (Messrs. J. Jack, S. Richards, F. Gregory, H. Hobson, A. W. Sparks, A. Simpson, J. W. Varley, W. Wragg, and A. Hartley), the most interesting because we had the treat of the session in the "humorous" debate of our two members, Messrs. W. Bingham and J. G. Cowley, entitled "The Norwich Canary versus the Yorkshire Canary." Everything passed off in the best possible manner, and our President, Mr. F. Jones, had a right happy time. The meeting decided that Mr. Cowley should lead off, so the Norwich scored to start with.

Blowing the Yorkshire Away!

Mr. Cowley said: Mr. President and fellow fanciers, In championing the Norwich Canary against the Yorkshire breed, nothing could be more pleasant to me. The Norwich Canary as exhibited to-day, must undoubtedly be given the premier place. Just close your eyes to everything other than the subject under discussion, and imagine you are beholding the noble outline of our present day tip-top Norwich Canary. Look at his beautiful head and neck, his bold, fearless eye, his broad back, his short compact wings, short, well carried tail, and lovely rounded chest, also his brilliant blaze of plumage (no other variety can compare in this), and every one of you I venture to say must admit, that here we have the "Nut of all the Nuts." Don't forget his captivating grace, as he takes the perches in his show cage; his every movement justly claims for him pre-eminence and fame beyond the reach of Yorkshire birds.

Methinks I see again the last show held in the Temperance Hall, Sheffield, where so many present here to-night beheld the ideal I am endeavouring to justify, in the winner in the clear buff Norwich class. Why, even our most ardent Yorkshire exhibitors here to-night could be seen admiring this beautiful bird. Time and time again, as they wandered about the show, you could see even these men as they met their various friends practically lead them by the hand to behold this beautiful specimen of the Norwich breed, the bird that undoubtedly must be claimed as the bird of all birds.

I do not desire to say anything detrimental to the foe of to-night. I refer, of course, to the Yorkshire Canary, because he is so slender and delicate looking that we would only need to trumpet our cause a little boisterously, and I am afraid he would be blown away! I feel sure the entrancing charms, the superiority of our favourite, will accomplish the same end—I mean, Mr. Chairman, that at the close of our discussion the Norwich Canary must be proclaimed the most popular and useful bird of the two.

Helpful to Others.

Here are a few very important reasons why one must support my argument. First, the usefulness of the Norwich type of Canary to aspiring exhibitors other than the purely Canary fancier. I claim that all our brother fanciers whose one desire is to produce the winning Mule or Hybrid must naturally support our side, because of the usefulness of the Norwich type to them. I ask, Mr. Chairman, which bird do they use along with the various species of British birds in order to top the poll on the show bench? The answer is, of course, the beautiful Norwich type. Why, because of his jaunty appearance and type, from which more advantages are gained than from any other breed. Reason No. 2 is the very exalted position we find our hero occupies at a great many of the very large shows when the specials for the best Canary are being allocated. Look at the Great National show, held in Bradford last show season. Who was the conquering hero there? Who won the special for best Canary? What! you say, in Bradford, the home of the Yorkshire Canary? Yes, you may well stare but methinks our hero claimed the plum.

Reason No. 3. When you are procuring new blood to introduce in your stock, you get more for your money, more to look at, more to handle, than when you purchase the slim, tender, fragile, delicate-looking Yorkshire bird. As a warning, let me beg of you not to be misled by anything our Yorkshire champion may say, but judge his actions rather than his words. Look, I say, how even this advocate of the Yorkshires, evidently not fully satisfied with the breed he is claiming to be superior, occasionally exhibits a Mule showing most decidedly the Norwich type, which he evidently has a little liking for himself. Support the bird held in high esteem by the distinguished fanciers present here to-night, as shown by the colours in the coats (the lecturer had bedecked his supporters with yellow ribbon), men who have bred and exhibited this wonderful bird successfully, some who have even bred the Yorkshire bird successfully, but have evidently found the same wanting.

The Muse Invoked.

Mr. Chairman, I claim there must be something in our favour in this respect, for several fanciers known to us all as men who know the right thing when they see it, have even in my memory dropped the Yorkshire specimen completely out of their keeping (myself included), but they have ever kept the bold and fearless Norwich as their pet. To the Novice I would say, there is no variety of Canary more prolific, none more engaging, none more robust, none more taking to the eye, and none so likely to give you such pleasure in your hobby as the Norwich. Fanciers, keep the thoughts of our ideal candidate in your eye, and then, gentlemen, I have no hesitation in saying our advocate must, and will, succeed.

The Norwich Canary I claim to be King,
O'er brothers and sisters, thick ones or thin,
His "John Bull" appearance,
O'er foemen so slim
Stands aloft—who denies it? -
While the Yorkshire grows dim.

The applause as Mr. Cowley finished was loud and long, and during his speech he was continually backed up by his supporters. He named as his seconder Mr. J. Woolhouse, who ably "held the fort," and showed without any doubt which is the best variety, he also having kept the long ones, so able to speak from experience.

The Yorkshire Champion takes the Field.

After he had finished, Mr. Bingham, proceeded with his reply, and said:—Mr. Chairman, I take it that my duty to-night in this discussion is to point out to you all where the Yorkshire excels over the Norwich Canary. Now I have in some respects set myself a very difficult problem, but in others it is easy of solution. The first question, Mr. Chairman, is the name. The two varieties we are discussing are named each after the respective county from which it is supposed to have originated. I take it then, that in name alone I have a great advantage over my opponent, as the County of Yorkshire, stands for everything that is large and noble and good—except large Canaries, for which Norwich alone is famous. Now, to be strictly fair to my opponent, I ought to acknowledge that a matter of 50 years ago the arguments were entirely on his side, both as regards build, shape, and colour, the Norwich of those days being, to my mind, far in front of the Yorkshires at that time, and also in front of the Norwich of the present time, in which I think every good point has been sacrificed for the sake of size and colour.

But to come down now to present-day Canaries, the saying that comparisons are odious is fully bourne out when considering this subject from the point of beauty. If you take the best that can be produced from each variety and place them before an impartial judge, it will always be a case of Yorkshires 1st, and the rest nowhere. I expect that our friend, Mr. Cowley, will enlarge on the good points that the Norwich Canary ought to possess, and I don't envy him his task. The Norwich Canary in every particular except size, comes second to the Yorkshire. Speaking of size reminds me of a tale about an Irishman who, when building a wall, built it 3ft. high and 4ft. thick, and when asked his reason for building a wall of such dimensions, said he expected it would get blown over, then it would be a good wall 4ft. high. So it is with the Norwich Canary; they are "tall across," and the expression oft used when speaking of them, "big, bouncing bird," covers all their faults and beauty.

Comparisons that are Odious.

I don't think, Mr. Chairman, it is necessary for me to extol the many good points that the Yorkshire Canary possesses; I will allow the expressions used by our leading judges and writers in the Fancy Press to speak for them. I will also show you where the same judges and writers with their expressions condemn the Norwich. Speaking of the Yorkshires, how often you see the terms: "Gentlemen of the Fancy," "The bird of grace and beauty," 'Stands like a guardsman," "A charming damsel," and last but not least, "full of swagger"—(allow me to remind you, gentlemen, that action speaks loudest). What do we find with the Norwich, and from the same judges and writers? Such terms as "Short, chubby ones," "A ball of fire," and the report of the last Palace show began with "Birds of the bulldog breed." Such terms when looked closely into condemn the variety to which they are applied. "Balls of fire"—a fine term surely to tack on to a show bird as its only recommendation. If applied to the artist, or vendor of colour food, it would be much more appropriate, and would be giving the honour where it was due. "Birds of the bulldog breed," another expression used to try to convey to the public the beauty of the variety to which it is attached. Now, if there is anything more ungainly or ugly than a British bull-dog, I have failed to locate it. I have here a picture of a specimen to which the Norwich is compared (the lecturer then handed round a picture of the bull-dog, amidst roars of laughter, mostly from the Yorkshire men). "Where beauty *lies*" ought to be the title of it.

"Out of its Own Mouth."

These expressions from judges lead us when comparing the two birds to another source, out of which the Norwich is condemned. In the standard which is drawn up on their behalf we find 15 points for colour, which placed against the five points for colour in the Yorkshire standard, clearly shows us that it is not the bird alone, but its food that has a very large share in any honour it may earn. Another factor that tells against the Norwich very strongly, is the Standard Show Cage, but those responsible for the drawing up of this cage evidently knew the ungainly, shambling, slovenly occupant that it was to hold. We have a cage 4½in. wide to hold a 6½in. bird, and with wires only at the front. The bird, if able, has not room to turn around to show its so-called graceful form, evidence that its "cribbed, cabined, and confined" occupant, would not come out very high up if judged solely on its merits against the sprightly, active, tight feathered, and upstanding Yorkie, in its all wire cage, where its every good quality can be perfectly seen and admired. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever. Which is the more prolific of the two kinds? Which is the better from a commercial or money-making standpoint? And there are other points which, however, I must leave, having taken up sufficient of your time. Let me impress upon you in conclusion that of the two varieties mentioned from a view-point of beauty the Yorkshire Canary stands supreme.

As Mr. Bingham resumed his seat he was loudly applauded for his very fine effort to overthrow the Norwich. His seconder, Mr. J. Thorpe, also did his best to turn the votes towards the thin ones. He kept the meeting in a good humour, and altogether did very well.

The meeting was now thrown open, and a very interesting discussion was held, Messrs. A. Hobson, G. Drabble, and W. Kelley, amongst others taking part, after which, the lecturers both replied. Mr. Cowley mounted a chair, and in real electioneering style, claimed support for his favourite. Mr. Bingham followed, after which a vote was taken, when to the surprise of the meeting the Yorkshire men won! But a little explanation afterwards showed that the Norwich men had "turned traitors" for once, voting Yorkshire to cheer the other side up a bit!

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by our President, Mr. F. Jones, to the lecturers, for giving us such a treat, this was seconded by Mr. A. Hobson, and supported by Mr. J. Thorpe. Our friends, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Cowley, suitably replied. Don't forget meeting, May 1st, another treat in store, all fanciers welcome.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

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LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful table show of British birds was held in the headquarters on April 2nd, when some very fair birds were put down to be judged by Mr. W. Ordish, whose awards gave every satisfaction. 1, hc, Seddon, Goldfinch, Linnet; 2, Charleson, Starling; 3, vhc, Gaskell Bros., Greenfinch, Chaffinch; c, J. Hamer, Goldfinch. On April 16th, Mr. P. Hart is giving a lecture on British Birds, and I hope as many members and friends as possible will make a special effort to attend, as Mr. Hart has promised to answer as many questions as may be asked, according to his ability. R. Charleson.

EAST STANLEY EMPIRE WORKMEN'S CLUB C.B.S.

At a meeting held in Club Room of Empire Workmen's Club, Front Street, West Stanley, April 2nd, it was decided to have our fifth annual show on November 22nd and 23rd, in the hall adjoining club premises. Mr. Wm. Butler and Mr. Bewicke, of Newfield were nominated as judges. Mr. Wm. Stephenson was elected chairman; Mr. J. Emmerson vice-chairman; Mr. J. Smith, treasurer; Wm. Robinson, sec., and a working committee of the following: Messrs. J. Boyle, J. Emmerson, J. Elliott, J. Almond, J. Stephenson, and E. Heskeys.—Wm. Robinson, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 4th, in St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, this being our first meeting in the new quarters. There was a fair attendance, and the members showed their delight in having such splendid rooms at their disposal. Mr. Hurst (Accrington) was elected to judge nest feather show and Mr. Cowgill annual old show. It was decided to make 4 Norwich classes, 2 clears, etc., and 2 green; also 4 classes heavily varieg. Yorks for novices (if these classes do not fill to amalgamate with champions). We also added 4 classes for Borders, 2 clears and 2 green for nest feather show only. Judge, J. W. Metcalfe has kindly consented to give us a lecture on general management at next meeting, May 6th, so let us have bumper meeting, for it will be greatly to your advantage. The society is showing a big improvement; several new members have joined this year, and there are now about 50 members on the books.—L. S. Hamilton, Hon. Sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

Meeting held March 29th at the Club House, Mr. J. Appleby in the chair, and a good attendance of members. Decided to hold Young Bird Show July 5th. Mr. A. J. Notley was elected to judge. After business the members and a few friends sat down to supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. McCabe, and after ample justice had been done to this, the rest of the evening was spent in enjoyment, the principal item being the presenting of the President's cup to the winner, Mr. H. Wilson. Mr. Wilson has won it three times in succession, and it now becomes his own property. We raise our hats to you, Mr. Wilson. After a most appropriate speech our President, Councillor F. Piper, promised another to be competed for at our next annual show. The following contributed towards the harmony of the evening: Messrs. R. Spence, J. Hacket, G. Vipond, M. Tonks, and E. McCabe, the latter of whom entertained with a few selections on the gramophone. A most enjoyable evening was brought too quickly to a close by "Old Father Time."—A. J. Notley, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

There was a record gathering of some 60 or more at the usual monthly meeting, held at 6, The Broadway, and of those present nearly one-half were ladies. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and the chief event of the evening was a lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "Breeding and care of young birds." Mrs. Griffiths was added to the list of Vice-Presidents in recognition of her many services to the society; one new member was elected, and there were three nominations for membership. Medals won at the pair show were presented, the one for best pair in the show going to Mr. G. W. Saunders, and for the best pair shown by a lady to Mrs. L. M. Thynne; the prize for the judging competitions was won by Mr. E. Gibbs with a total of 13 points. Votes of thanks to t auditors were heartily given. The meeting confirmed the action of the committee in arranging for the annual show to be held Oct. 21st and 22nd, the engaging of Queen's Hall, the appointment of Messrs. Frostick, Robson and Mundell as three of the judges, and the application for the patronage at the show of the various specialist societies as hitherto. Principal subject for the May meeting, an egg-food making competition, the winner to be settled by the vote of those present, and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. Jay, Mr. Newley, Mr. Whittome, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Nash promised to take part. The Secretary announced that Miss Durham, of the John Innes Horticultural Institute, had recently brought back with her from Teneriffe some specimens of the wild Canary, and had also obtained some white Canaries from Mrs. Martin, of New Zealand. She had kindly promised to bring the white Canaries and the wild specimens, if she was sucessful in acclimatising them, for the members to see, besides giving another lecture at a later date. —H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

The best bird's meeting ever held in Sheffield took place April 1st, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Woodall, presiding. Members turned up in full force (about 70) and if our meetings are much larger we shall have to find fresh headquarters. The great attraction was a table show of British birds and a lecture on what constitutes ideal specimens, by that enthusiast, Mr. H. J. Chick, of Nottingham. Three classes were originally decided upon, but owing to such a large entry it was decided to add an extra class (total, 44 exhibits, including 3 Palace winners). At the conclusion of judging Mr. Chick was asked several questions, which he answered in masterly manner. He was also asked to point out in what form the winning birds beat their rivals, all of which was very instructive, especially from a novice point of view. After satisfying all present, he commenced one of the most practical lectures it has ever been our good fortune to listen to, one of the interesting parts being a number of framed prints and drawings of noted winners, all of which showed the various points it is necessary to get in an exhibition specimen. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all. So keen was Mr. Chick on his subject that he had to be reminded of the time, and as the law shows no consideration (even to keen fanciers) we had to be outside by 11 o'clock, and he had to make an abrupt close. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. P. Walsh, and seconded by Mr. Tow, brought this most successful meeting to a close. Result of show:—LINNET, Etc.: 1, 2, hc, P. Walsh, Linnet and Siskin; 3, W. Baxby, Twite; vhc, Colton; c, Fletcher. BULLF., Etc.: 1, 3, hc, Fletcher, Bullie; 2, Wright, Goldie; vhc, Walsh; c, Linley. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Milne, Hawfinch; 2, hc, Walsh, Chaffie; 3, vhc, Fletcher, Greenie; c, Baxby. SOFTBILL: 1, Walsh, Waxwing; 2, 3, hc, c, Fletcher, Tree Pipit and Black Redstart; vhc, Milne.

WIVELISCOMBE F.A.

The Rev. Howard McCririck (President) presided over the annual meeting. The balance-sheet for the past year, showing a favourable balance of £14 18s. 2d., was presented; this was considered very satisfactory. Messrs. E. W. Dascombe and C. H. Hill were re-elected hon. secs. The rules were revised, it being decided to revert to the old 7 miles' radius for membership, and also that members should be allowed to join the Association up to the advertised date of closing entries, instead of one month before the show, as formerly. It was resolved to hold the next annual show on November 20th next. Other hon. secs. please note.—C. H. Hill and E. W. Dascombe, Hon. Secs.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at the Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, Bradford, April 5th. A nice gathering of members was present. The Chairman, Mr. W. Moremont, opened the meeting as usual. Two new members were duly enrolled. The election of judges for the season's shows, which was left unfinished at the last meeting, owing to insufficient time, was continued. Many congratulations were passed to the Chairman on his winning the silver cup given by the Yorkshire Green Marked Club, which he had kindly brought to the meeting to show to the members. Feelings of sympathy were expressed by several members of the Society in reference to the trying ordeal which our brother fanciers at Gateshead are at present undergoing, and at the suggestion of one of the members a subscription was started which resulted in the sum of 10s. being raised at the meeting, to be handed over to the Gateshead Society's subscription list. Promises of specials by some of the members concluded a very interesting meeting.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

IDLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the White Bear Inn, on April 2nd, this Society was favoured with a lecture on inbreeding by the worthy President (Mr. C. A. House). There was only a moderate attendance owing to the inclemency of the weather, but the verdict of those present was that it was a rare treat, owing to the lucid and efficient manner in which the theory and practice of this controversial subject were expounded. It was a lecture of first-hand knowledge, the speaker having proved the subject up to the hilt by his own personal experience. After having reviewed the results obtained, assisted by pedigrees, with horses, cattle, poultry and pigeons, we arrived at Canaries. Mr. House illustrated to those present in an unmistakable manner, the mode of procedure, showing what was and what was not inbreeding, also the methods adopted by the various breeders of all live stock. After a lecture of one hour and a half's duration we had a few minutes' interval, during which Mr. C. E. Hylton, Sec., announced that the lecturer would answer any question or point that had not been made clear to anyone present. Only about six questions were asked and answered, which showed that a very wide field of this interesting subject had been fully covered, and that few phases of the subject had been neglected. Those in our district will realise that they are the losers in not being present to hear the pros and cons of the subject. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. C. A. House, on the motion of Mr. C. E. Hylton, seconded by Mr. F. Studd, and ably supported by Mr. T. Elsegood, by saying he had heard the subject debated in such masterly style.—C. E. Hylton, Sec.

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REDCAR C.B.S.

Meeting held March 29th, at Crown and Anchor, Mr Metcalf in the chair. Decided to hold first feather show, June 7th, and that Mr. Milburn should be asked to judge. Classification as follows: Yorks. yell., cock or hen; buff ditto; novice yell. or buff; Norwich, yell., cock or hen; buff ditto; Mule or Hybrid, A.O.V. Can. Linnet; A.O.V. British. Next meeting will be held April 12th, at 7.30, Crown and Anchor, when we shall be pleased to see any intending members who can obtain full particulars from the Sec., C. Mallory, 17, Lilton Street, Redcar.

LONDON C.B.A.

Commitee meeting held at The Feathers, Great Chapel Street, S.W., April 2. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. James Bray, jun., to the annual general meeting for the position of Sec. to the Association. Nominations for judges for the annual show were received. It was also arranged to meet the sub-committee of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, to discuss their proposed classification for foreign birds which they hope the L.C.B.A. will adopt at the annual show. Several other important items were settled in connection with the annual show. F. Knight.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN, C.B.S.

At the last meeting of this society Mr. G. Gardner delivered a lecture on "British Birds." The Hon. Sec. (Mr. P. Brooks) had failed to secure the services of a lecturer for the evening, so Mr. Gardner stepped into the breach and spoke for close upon an hour upon the Goldfinch, the Chaffinch, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Thrush, Blackbird, Wagtails, Buntings, Redpolls, Siskins, etc., their points of perfection, the mode of keeping them in captivity, wild seed foods, etc. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, and a very pleasant meeting well attended, terminated.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 3rd, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. It was arranged to have another social later on. Also agreed to have a picnic. A subcommittee was appointed to make arrangements. A vote of sympathy was passed to Gateshead Society on their recent police court case. Mr. J. Chirnside and Mr. Matthews, both of Newcastle, were elected members. Mr. Gill (Hancock Museum) gave us a lecture on "The Structure of Birds." He dealt with the subject in a masterly manner, and showed he had a good grasp of his subject. He was listened to very attentively by the large company present. At the close a number of questions were asked and answered. Those who had the misfortune to miss this lecture missed a treat. Mr. Gill was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and in reply said it had been a pleasure to him to come amongst us. We trust at not a very distant date he will give us another lecture, when we hope that those who missed this treat will make a big effort to attend. Subscriptions are due, and I will be pleased to receive same.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters April 3rd, a fair number of members being present. Preliminary business was got through with great dispatch. A letter from Mr. Hill resigning the chair was read, but the members were against accepting his resignation, and he was aked to reconsider his decision, which he did, greatly to the satisfaction of everyone. Owing to special pressure of business, Mr. Trower was unable to be present to give us the lecture he had promised, so Mr. Frank Cole, of Dulwich, kindly obliged. The best thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Cole for coming at such short notice and his kindness is appreciated by the members. Mr. Cole gave us a lecture on "Breeding and Rearing Canaries,' which proved highly interesting and instructive. He took us step by step through the work in the breeding-room for the whole of the season, telling us what to do and what to avoid. He told us how to pair up the old birds, how to feed them, what to do in the case of egg-binding, and how to treat other difficulties which may arise, in a manner which was easily understood by all. He told us how to feed the youngsters and how to mix the egg-food, samples of which he had brought with him and which were carefully examined by all present. He afterwards invited questions which members took advantage of by bombarding him with queries, all of which he ably answered. Replying to a vote of thanks, Mr. Cole said he was pleased to have been with us, and thanked us for the kind way in which we had received him; if we had learned anything from his remarks that evening he was amply repaid for any trouble he may have been put to. Amid applause the meeting came to a close. We think when members, who were not present, know what they have missed they will turn up in force on May 1st, when we are to have a lecture by Mr. Norman. We made one new member, Mr. Gardiner, of East Dulwich; our membership is creeping up nicely, but we want a lot more yet.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

A Few Words on Canary Breeding.

Meeting held April 3rd, when a lecture was to have been given by Mr. J. Shepherd, but owing to indisposition he was unable to be present. The Chairman suggested that the Secretary (Mr. Jeffery Jefferis) should fill the gap, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Jefferis said he had been called upon somewhat unexpectedly and therefore had had no time to prepare a lecture. He proposed to say a few words upon Canary breeding, this being the commencement of the season. He proposed to give his own experience without any wish to dictate, and advised those that were doing well with their own methods to let well alone, but if their method was not altogether successful, then it was time to try something else. Mr. Jefferis said birds should not be forced into breeding condition, and that providing the stock was properly looked after during the winter months, nature would bring them into the proper condition at the right time. The time to pair up is from the middle of March to the beginning of April. After having explained the feeding of the pairs, period of incubation, testing the eggs, etc., he next dealt with the youngsters. Early in the morning of the day the eggs are due to hatch he supplies a small quantity of egg food made in the proportion of two Osborne biscuits to one egg, as he had found that by giving a good proportion of egg it increased size in the progeny. He did not mean it would make Canaries as large as pigeons, but in most varieties nowadays, size played an important point, and he was sure there was more nourishment in egg than in biscuit. Size, he went on to say, is made in the nest. By saying that he did not impute that a bird did not grow afterwards, but he did say that undoubtedly the size of a bird is determined to a great extent by what it eats and how it is fed before leaving the nest. He stated that he gave yolk and white of the egg right from hatching, and also supplied canary seed, German rape, and hemp (whole). Canary and rape ad lib, but limited the hemp. As a green food he gave watercress from the third day. When the young leave the parents he feeds on egg food and boiled German rape. His method of preparing the rape was to boil it for twenty minutes in a fine muslin bag; after this, give it a thorough cleansing under the tap; shake as much of the water away from it as possible, and then hang it up to drain. If this is done overnight it will be quite dry enough by the next morning. His birds do not get hard seed until they can crack it themselves, as he believes their digestive organs are not strong enough to take it until such time. He feeds alternately on the rape and egg food prepared as previously stated, giving about a teaspoonful of either to three birds, three times per day, and since adopting this plan his losses are very few. After answering a few questions, a vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried by acclamation.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD (Eastfield Side) C.B.S.

A tripe supper was provided for the fanciers and their wives at the headquarters of the above society. Upwards of 40 sat down to an excellent repast, and great credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury (the host and hostess). A concert was given after the tables had been cleared. Mr. Wright, the chairman, was in a happy vein, and he rendered some good comic songs. Mr. Bennett, of the Mansfield C.B.S., rendered a good song. R. Nuttall, Sec., also gave of his best, and the evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, being passed with musical honours.—B. Gabbitase, Press Corespondent.

PARTICK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in the Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road, Partick, April 4, Mr. Fraser presiding over a good attendance. Agreed to leave classification for first feather show same as last year. It was agreed to hold our annual outing on Sunday, May 18, small committee being appointed to carry through same. A proposal that we hold open section for Yorks. at our annual show, and apply for patronage of Y.C.C. of Scotland was carried. British and Foreign bird show, held in connection with above, some 61 birds being staged. Mr. R. B. Gibb judged, and his awards were well received. FOR. GOLDF.: 1, Anderson; 2, Fraser; 3, Crammond; 4, Priest. BRIT. GOLD., OR BULL.: 1, 7, MacRobie; 2, McMillan; 3, 4, sp., Fraser; 6, Priest; 6, Anderson. LINNET: 1, Aitkenhead; 2, Crammond; 3, 7, Henry; 4, Fraser; 5, Priest; 6, Anderson. SISKIN: 1, Grant; 2, Webster; 3, 4, Fraser. REDPOLL: 1, 4, Webster; 2, Fraser; 3, Anderson; 5, Coates. TWITE: 1, sp., Webster; 2, Fraser; 3, Webster. GREEN.: 1, Webster; 2, 3, sp., 5, McMillan; 4, Aitkenhead. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Priest; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, 6, Webster; 4, Anderson; 5, Fraser; 7, Grant. DARK MULE: 1, 2, 4, Webster; 3, Grant. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Priest. FOREIGN: 1, 2, sp., Webster; 3, 4, Park. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gibb for judging and Mr. Fraser for presiding, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual dinner held at headquarters, April 2. Mr. T. J. King occupied the chair in the absence of the President (Mr. W. Theobald). An excellent dinner was served. After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the Chairman said he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. Theobald, Mr. Madagan, and Mr. Pounsett. The toast of "The Society" was entrusted to Mr. L. Short, who proposed it in a very neat speech, pointing out the advantages of belonging to such a society, both from a social and fancier's view, and said how much it had increased his interest in bird-keeping since he had joined. He coupled with the toast the name of the Hon. Sec., to whom he alluded in very eulogistic terms. Mr. Treasure, in replying, thanked Mr. Short for all the kind things he had said about the society and himself personally, and said the society was in a very good position, that a good number of new members had joined this year, and that as we had succeeded in the past so we should in the future if we all worked shoulder to shoulder with plenty of enthusiasm. He would like to say how sorry Mr. Madagan was at not being present, but he was called away on a business engagement. Mr. Pounsett, whose wife he regretted to say was very ill, was absent in consequence, and he was sure all the members joined with him in wishing her a speedy recovery. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. King, Bastin, Lewis, Treasure, Brazener, C. Yiend and H. Yiend. Mr. Tarren acted as accompanist.—A. J. Treasure.

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HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.

A most instructive lecture was given March 31, which Mr. G. Crabb ably discoursed on British Birds and their Nests, illustrated by limelight views. A very large number of members and friends were present, some seventy in all. The following have joined the society: Messrs. Davey, G. Legate, H. Blight, A. R. Smith, Fike, Geo. Kirby, and Boothing.—J. Hyde, Sec. (A full report of the lecture appears elsewhere in this issue. Ed.)

READING C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held April 2nd, before a fair attendance. S. G. Oates was elected a member. A letter was read from Mrs. Noble, of Henley, consenting to allow members to view her aviaries on a date to be decided later. The resignation of our Treasurer (Mr. G. H. Acton) was announced by Mr. J. Brooker, who referred to the many acts of kindness we had received at his hands. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Acton, and the hope was expressed that we should see as much of him as formerly in view of the fact that he will still retain his membership. Mr. J. Brooker was then elected Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Questions relating to breeding and feeding were then passed round to members, and a general discussion ensued, which resulted in a pleasant evening. Next meeting, egg food making demonstration. Come along and show us all how you make it. W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held April 1st at headquarters, the Old White Swan, Market place. Mr. Gibbins presiding. Mr. J. Allen gave us a very interesting discourse on the Yorkshire Canary, displaying some old prints of the Yorkshire and Norwich 20 and 30 years ago. Mr. Allen began his lecture by reading extracts from the book written by the late Mr. Blaxton, explaining the points a good Yorkshire should possess, also dealing with the introduction of the Lancashire, Belgian, and Norwich into the variety. Mr. Allen then related some of the late Mr. Thackeray's exploits on the show bench, giving the results of several seasons' exhibiting. Mr. Allen having the receipts and expenditure of same in tabulated form at hand. It really seems incredible to fanciers of to-day that one man could have been so successful. Questions were invited to which Mr. Allen suitably replied. A lengthy discussion brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. E. Hulse, Press Correspondent.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAK O.S.

Meeting held in lesser Town Hall, March 29th. A good number of members put in an appearance, Mr. W. Shearer (President) in the chair. Mr. W. Haddow moved, and Mr. A. Cant seconded, that we hold an open young bird show, which was agreed to. The date was fixed for August 2. Classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 4. Hyb 2. Mr. D. Harper and Mr. C. Polock will judge, commencing at six, and we hope to see fanciers in the district patronise this venture. For our annual show to be held on November 8th, six judges were nominated for each section, and we have been successful again in getting the service of Mr. W. Watson, Kilmarnock, for Norwich; Mr. W. Mossie, Annbank, for Borders; and Mr. W. Clark, Larkhall, for British. These are well-known specialists and should draw a good entry from the readers of CAGE BIRDS. Classification was left over until the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shearer terminated the meeting.—G. Martin, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held April 5th, at the Assembly Rooms. Present: Chairman, Mr. James Jones; Hon. Treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards; Messrs. J. O. Parry, R. Green, E. Jones, J. W. Jones, E. Hughes, H. Williams. Sir T. E. Roberts, Lady Turner, and Mr. G. Brymer, jun., were elected Vice-Presidents. More replies are expected by the next meeting. A vote of thanks to the above for their acceptance of office was passed. A rule was added to the new members' rules cards as follows: That all exhibits shall be the bona-fide property of exhibitors, and shall have been in their sole possession for one clear month prior to the date of show. (Strictly enforced.) For 1913 and 1914 up to 1st of March, the committee have reduced the members' fees to 1s. instead of 1s. 6d. Entrance fee at open show is 1s.; non-members 1s. 3d.; so late members should join at once so that they can have full benefit, and they will be open to compete at the coming first feather show. Come, fanciers, and make it a record. The society depends on members, so the only thing for you to do is to send me your name and address, and a P.O. for 1s., and you will be a member up to 28th Feb., 1914. The Commitee passed vote of thanks to the delegates for 1912 for their services, but for this year the committee have done away with them, as they think to give a few lines at back of members' cards to show the benefit of becoming a member. Rule cards will be ready next week, but members may join at once. Next committee meeting will be held at the Committee Rooms, April 11, 7.30 sharp. I beg that the committee will all attend, so that they will have the full report of the election for 1913 and 1914. R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

On April 1, at the Ragland Hotel, a committee meeting was held, Mr. J. W. Ramsden in the chair. Present: Messrs. G. Crabb, J. Hodder, S. Gill, E. Baker, A. J. Kilby, G. W. Saunders, R. Pretty, J. Robson, and F. S. Matthes, and at the preliminary meeting also Messrs. Crawford and Hazell. New members elected on the 18th ult.: Messrs. McMillan, Redwood, Noyce, and Richards, and at this meeting: Messrs. Thurley, Coombs, and F. Marshall. The matter of the £10 10s. silver challenge cup, which has been the cause of much correspondence in the Fancy Press, was brought up, as Messrs. Gill and Baker were present. Mr. Gill placed before the committee the reason why he had thought it fit to open up the discussion, so that the matter might be brought before the officers of the society to investigate. The secretary then gave the reason why he had counted points in 1908-09 to Mr. Rennie, but legally Mr. Hodder had won the points that year in accordance with the resolution of the committee passed June 16th, 1909. Mr. Gill withdrew his claim after hearing the minutes of the various committees held since the formation of the society, which made the condition of the cup to abide by byelaw 7, and the Palace points, Feb. 4, 1909, as printed in L. and P.O.S. schedule. After further discussion, principally between those that had the most interest in the cup competition, Messrs. Gill, Baker, and Hodder withdrew their wins in the cup competition in order that the £10 10s. cup could again be put up for competition, and start on a fresh career, which all hoped would be more favourable than its former one. A most friendly feeling was shown by all present, and many hearty laughs were heard during the discussion, but the principal aim of the committee all through was that justice should be given to the winners of points for cup, according to the rules of the society. Proposed by Mr. J. Kilby, seconded by Mr. S. Gill, "That the new bylaw for the £10 10s. cup be as follows: 'That members must nominate four birds, by marking 'cup' against entries at the club shows, and points shall count as birds stand in their respective classes.'" Carried. Proposed, Mr. Matthes, seconded Mr. J. Robson, that for £3 3s. cup and other specials, any number of entries may be made, but only the three highest birds to count, two in cock classes, one in hen classes, each to be in a separate class. Carried. Proposed Mr. J. Robson, seconded Mr. G. Crabb, "That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the chairman." Carried.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

P.S. I here might apologise to all concerned who had hoped to see me reply to letters in Press that contained my name. As secretary of the club, I did not feel it my duty to give any opinion in the matter, but state that as rule book had been issued in July, 1908, I should have sent to all members a printed form containing the bylaws made on Sept. 16, 1908, so that the misunderstanding could not have happened. I hope now the cup under the new bylaw (or the secretary) will have a most pleasant time.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Monthly meeting, held in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, April 5, Mr. Begbie, president, in the chair. Decided to have classification as last year, also the old bird classes. Decided to keep the number of judges the same as last year also. It was also decided to add a class for Crest or Crestbred at our first feather show. A discussion then took place regarding the ramble, and it was fixed for July 12th, secretary being instructed to try to get permission to go through Dalmahoy Estate.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Monthly meeting held April 1, in the meeting-room, the Tokio Cafe, Fishergate. The date for first feather show was fixed for June 28th. in St. Wilfrid's Rooms, Corporation Street. and Mr. F. Issott, one of our members, was appointed to judge. A trophy, value 15s., is given by the society for the best bird in the show, and another trophy, value one guinea, was promised by a member, Mr. R. Johnson, for amateur classes only. After the usual business was finished we had a very interesting discussion on pairing up, and the fertilisation of eggs. The discussion was opened out by our worthy chairman, Mr. T. H. Dent. T. Barton, Hon. Sec.

WEST FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting held in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, April 5th, Mr. T. Wildridge (President) in the chair. Only half the delegates present. It was agreed to hold a first feather show in Cowdenbeath on July 5, judging to start at 3. It was also agreed that each society supply a judge from among their members, and the following were balloted: Kelty to supply judge for Scotch Fancy and Yorks; Dunfermline, Norwich Plainheads and Crests; Cowdenbeath, Border Fancy and A.O.V.; Lochgelly, Common Canary Mules and Brit. Classification was gone into, and it was agreed to give 23 classes. Scotch Fancy 2, Yorks 4, Plainheads 5. Crests 2, Bord 4, A.O.V. and common 1 each, Mules and British 4. Entry 6d. Prize money to be equal throughout. It was agreed that each society pay 5s. into League funds. Next meeting, May 3rd. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held in Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, March 25. President Heggie presided over a moderate attendance. Decided to hold a first feather show June 28, and the hall at above address has been booked for the occasion. Dr. Syson was elected judge, and has accepted. Classification same as last year, as follows:—Cl. Yell., Cl. Buff, Tkd. Yell., Tkd. Buff, Varieg. Yell., Varieg. Buff. Fee, 6d. The club will give a silver medal for best bird in champion section, and the same in novice section; only rung birds may compete for these medals. Messrs. Heggie, Martin, and Crichton, intimated specials, and I will be glad if other members will kindly follow suit. Members who have not yet ordered rings might do so at once, instead of waiting until they are actually needing them. I try as far as possible to send them by return, but being often from home, cannot always guarantee to do so. New members elected: Messrs. Welsh, New, Galloway, Peters, Barrhead, and Kane, Clydebank. Prospective members can have every information from R. B. Gibb, 2, Alexandria Terrace, Govan, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Maskell Hotel, March 27, Mr. Whetton in the chair. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Viscount Tredegar, he having been president of our society for a number of years. The notice of motion by Mr. Chedgey to rescind resolution passed at the previous meeting re 10s. 6d. special, on being put to the meeting was lost. The auditors, Messrs. H. C. Smith and A. Magg reported that books and balance sheets were correct. Mr. Smith said he was sorry to see so many arrears of contributions. He appealed to members to pay up. The secretary, on reading out balance sheet for the year, pointed out that though we lost £7 0s. 10d. on the open show, we had, through the generosity of the guarantors, a balance to the good of £6 3s. 4½d. Ro the table show, Border Fancy class was cancelled. In British, judge Mr. H. C. Smith, 1st and 2nd went to Mr. Davies. 3rd, 4th, and vhc, Mr. Morgan. Judging competition, 1st Mr. Merritt. Secretary was instructed to guarantee advt. in CAGE BIRDS for the open show. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. F. S. Whetton; vice-chair, Mr. A. Maggs; sec., Mr. E. Thomas; treas., Mr. E. J. Davies; committee, Messrs. E. James, H. C. Smith, D. Raymond, W. Merrit, W. Morgan, F. Hopson, E. J. Banks, W. Sampson, F. Howard, A. J. Simons, F. Slocombe.

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HULL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 7th. A members' show of pairs for Canary, Mule, and Hybrid breeding was held. Mr. Tom Perkins (Hull) judged, and his awards seemed highly satisfactory. Although the entry was very disappointing in numbers, some very good pairs were on view.

PAIRS for GOLDF.-CAN. Breeding: 1, Riley; 2, Watson. LINNET-CAN.: 1, 2, Hogg; 3, G. Watson; vhc, Marriott. A.O.V. CAN. MULE: 1, 2, Riley. PAIRS for HYBRID Breeding: 1, 3, vhc, Riley; 2, hc, S. Watson.—E. R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and show of British birds, held in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Mr. John M. Edwards presiding, before a fine turn-out of members. The following new members were enrolled: Mr. A. McLean, and Mr. J. Kerr. Suggested ramble was left over to next meeting, 3rd May. Six classes were arranged for night show, and specials were handed in by Messrs. Kerr, Munro, Roulstone, Pettigrew, Edwards and Findlay. Medals in judging competition were won by Mr. A. McFarlane and Mr. W. Connelly. Five classes were provided for table show, which brought out an entry of fifty four birds, some very fine specimens being staged. Linnets and Greenfinches were particularly strong. Mr. A. McLean, Larkhall, judged, and his awards appeared to please all.

BRIT GOLD. (8): 1, Edwards, fine square blaze, in full bloom, good size and richly tanned; 2, Pettigrew, very rich face shade, smaller, fine condition; 3, Campbell, not so square cut, fine col., grand moonings; 4. Gray; 5, McFarlane; 6, Bannerman; 7, Jones. LINNET (16): 1, Bannerman, fine upstanding position, grand condition, nicely laced and rich col.; 2, sp., Telfer, good col., full of breast work, very steady, fit; 3, Edwards, fine size and shape, richer col., faces back of cage shows itself badly; 4, Kerr; 5, Munro; 6, sp., Pettigrew; 7, Young. GREEN. (13): 1, sp., McFarlane, grand one for col. and size, good head, fine qual. of feather, wins; 2, McGowan, fine size, thicker set, good wings and tall, not so rich col.; 3, sp., Edwards, good size, well made nice col. appeared restless; 4, Jones; 5, Young; 6, Telfer; 7, Campbell. SISKINS (10): 1, Connelly, good size, rich col., dense cap, bib, well laced flanks, nice condition, F.M.: 2, McFarlane, nice col., good cap, fine size and shape, close up, H.M.: 3, Munro, sweet hen, wonderfully well laced, shapely, and well placed, F.M.: 4, sp., Pettigrew; 5, sp., Telfer; 6, McFarlane; 7, Gray. FOR. GOLD. (7): 1, Telfer, grand size, well cut blaze of rich col., fine order; 2, Edwards, fine one, not so expansive in blaze, good col., nicely tanned chest, nice condition; 3, McFarlane, nice size, paler col.; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Connelly; 6, Young; 7, Jones.

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, March 5, when 23 birds sung for three good prizes: 1, 3, Liversidge, 68 and 57; 2, E. Atkinson, 60. Members' sing on April 12th. First pair in window 3 o'clock.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest held headquarters, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, March 22, when we sang for three good prizes. 1, 2, Piper; 3, Proctor. Open sing, March 23. 1, 3, Piper; 2, Ratcliffe. Special sing held Easter Monday, when we had some very good singing indeed for five good prizes. 1, Piper, 141; 2, Wilson, 97; 3, 4, Nelson, 79 and 74; 5, Piper, 72. We sing five seconds a break, one minute spring, three bluff, all breaks to count. Also March 29, for three good prizes. 1, Piper; 2, 3, Nelson. Also open sing March 30. 1, 2, Piper, 90 and 74; 3, Nelson, 59. Some splendid singing heard April 5, when Mr. Piper's "Old Pink 'Un" won again. He did a splendid break of 70. 1, Piper, 98; 2, 3, Nelson; 4, Piper. —A Member.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet contest held April 6th at the old house, Market Hotel, when some good singing was heard. 1, Calligan; 2, Robinson; 3, Blonk.—Spinker, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing held April 5th; 56 birds entered for four good prizes. 1, W. Harding, 84; 2, S. Morley, 72; 3, J. Williams, 56; 4, E. Smith, 53. Also April 6th, 37 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, S. Morley, 72; 2, W. Harding, 64; 3, W. Nelson, 58. Anyone wishing to sing for our big Whitsuntide contest may do so by joining the club on or before April 12th.—Walter Dobson.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union-street, April 5th, for time and quality; 36 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was done. Quality: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, W. Cain; 3, A. Marshall; 4, N. Smedley. Special prize given by club was won by W. Cain. Judges, J. W. Jones and A. Marshall. Time: 1, G. Bate, 185sec.; 2, J. Pool, 102; 3, E. Hickman, 93; 4, J. Fairhurst, 91. Timekeepers, A. Biddulph and T. Hindley; tappers, C. Evans and J. Talbot; minutes, J. Caswell; birdman, T. Jolley. After contest we spent a jolly evening, friends from Stockport and Leigh taking part in the singing. Next contest, open, for time, April 12th, first pair up at 2.45 prompt. Members kindly note there will be a general meeting on April 13th, at 7.30 o'clock. Business important.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, April 6th, when 35 birds sang for four good prizes. The birds sang in very good form. The best singing that has been heard for a number of years. 1, N. Soloman; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, A. Lorriman; 4, G. Towers. Judges, Messrs. A. Turner, C. Lorriman and P. Madden.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, March 5th, when 16 of the best birds in Leeds sung for 3 good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick: 1, Granger; 2, Towers; 3, Sellers. Judges, Clayton and Granger. Also March 6th, when 29 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction for four good prizes. Some extraordinary good singing was heard before a house packed to its utmost. 1, Green; 2, King; 3, Ward; 4, shared between Appleyard and Longley. Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Clayton; timekeeper, A. Granger. —T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, April 5th, when 18 birds sung for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Wigfield; 2, Richardson; 3, Clark. Judges, Lacy, Madden, Naylor; also April 6th, when 30 of the best birds in Leeds sung for 4 good prizes before a crowded house: 1, Chadwick; 2, Butler; 3, Gummereal; 4, Wigfield. Judges: Crane, Hardcastle, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Largest importers of foreign birds and talking Parrots in the county. Largest and finest selection of singing Yorkshire, Norwich and Roller Canaries in the North. We specialise in cages: 24, High st. (next door to "Daily Telegraph"), Sheffield. Prices as on Birmingham list. (491)

Pheasants.

FOR sale, one cock Golden Pheasant, 1912, coming into colour, 10/-: Mrs. E. Hallum, West Lodge-rd., Colchester. (628)

WANTED.

WANTED, Norwich Plainheads for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (636)

WANTED, Canaries, any breed; state prices: H. Radbone, 10, Baker's-lane, Ealing. (628)

WILL give 1/- each hen Goldfinches, Goldfinch Mules: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (633)

WANTED for cash, cock Goldfinch Mules; I will give 7/- each: Roberts, 5 and 8, Market st., Liverpool. (611)

WANTED, cock Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, or Siskin; give 1912 Norwich hen: Stevens, Dicker, Hellingly. (628)

WANTED, Canaries for cash; Norwich and Yorkshires; state lowest price: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow. (617)

WANTED Canaries, foreign birds, must be cheap; give cash or good exchange: Mack, 31, Euston-st., Euston, London. (623)

WANTED, Roller cock in song; will exchange sitting pure bred White Leghorn eggs: Fletcher, Castle-rd., Bedford. (636)

OFFERS for three fine white shirts, Irish linen, only worn once; exchange songsters: 89, Walsall-rd., Bridgtown, Cannock. (629)

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, cheap for cash: H. McCormack, Bird Dealer, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester. (630)

WANTED, cock Blackbird; must be in full loud song; on approval, deposit: 52, Highfield-rd., Seedley, near Manchester. (635)

WANTED, a few large, good-coloured hen Bullfinches; approval with deposit: Pearce, 442, High-st., Manor Park, Essex. (632)

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for violin, bow and case, or sell 12/6; good condition; approval: Gregson, High-st., Walsall. (631)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, large birds, also speaking Parrots and British birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (581)

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WANTED offers Britishers or muling hens for two barber's hair-cutting machines; sell 12/-: David Kidd, Mid Calder, Midlothian. (632)

WANTED, Canaries, British, Foreign, cheap; or exchange prize Wyandotte and Orpington eggs, 5s. sitting: 14, Budebury-rd., Staines. (629)

WANTED, cock Song Thrush, in full song; will give Linnet Mule, in full song in exchange; yours first: Hedges, Confectioner, Wallingford. (629)

WANTED, Norwich buff cock; exchange workingman's overcoat, new, value £1: James, 9, Abbot's-cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham. (628)

WANTED, long, slim Yorkshire cock; exchange Cassell's "Natural History," complete, unbound: B., 83, Tasman-rd., Stockwell, S.W. (628)

WANTED good Linnet Mule, pure Linnet song, for catching; exchange 10 yards clap nets: Charles Lee, 79, North-st., Stanground, Peterboro'. (631)

CANARIES or Mules wanted; exchange foreign and Colonial stamps and zither harp: Archer, 283, Corfield-st., Bethnal Green, London, E. (636)

WANTED, Canaries, all varieties; also Guinea Pigs and Crest hen, clear body, for re-sale: Landport Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (637)

WANTED, offer, poultry, chickens, exchange powerful club air rifle, etc.; sacrifice; 15/-; approval; yours first: 91, Mary-st., Balsallheath, Birmingham. (636)

WANTED, 100 pairs Yorkshires and Norwich, colour-fed preferred; must be reasonable; cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas. (429)

WANTED, lady's or gentleman's tricycle or African Talking Parrot; give splendid hand camera or large musical box: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (635)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also odd hens; best price given; stamped envelope reply: Enock Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (639)

WANTED any quantity good healthy Canaries, all kinds, for prompt cash; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (639)

WANTED, Yorkshire cock; exchange cock Bullfinch, cock Linnet, pair Greenfinches, all steady, good plumage: W. Levett, 19, Cromwell-rd., Hertford. (634)

WANTED, any quantity Norwich, also Yorkshires, Rollers, Borders, and Mules; give from 5/- pair if cocks full song: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-rd., Lowestoft. (633)

WANTED a yellow variegated Border cock; exchange house-moulted Siskin, grand condition: J. Stables, 12, South Market-st., Hetton-le-Hole, Durham. (632)

WANTED Canaries, Parrots, poultry, pigeons, does, rabbits, mice, birds, monkeys, guinea pigs; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (639)

WANTED, three big common yellow or yellow variegated hen Canaries; exchange new pair of boots, special prize, size 6: W. Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks.

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WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries; exchange quantity commercial books, shorthand magazines, etc.; yours first, stamp: Judd, 22, Canonbury-rd., Enfield. (628)

WANTED, Canaries, Scotch Fancies preferred; exchange Fantails, Blues, or Saddles, best blood obtainable; mutual approval: Gilmour, South Bridge-st., Airdrie. (635)

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WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, and common hen Canaries, 1/4; Norwich, 1/8; Yorkshires, 2/- each. I buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens. Pretty talking Indian Parrot, finger tame, and nice cage; sell 15/6, or exchange; same address 25 years: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (633)

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Any variety Yorkshire and Norwich, any quantity large or small; particulars to: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax. (635)

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any variety, any quantity, cocks or pairs; good prices given: Chapman, Bird Dealer, Birmingham. (637)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

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COCK Goldfinch, full song, bred Mules, exchange typical Yorkshire hen, buff: G. Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley. (633)

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GOLDFINCH and Bullfinch, 25/-; Greenfinch and Bullfinch, 15/-; winners; H.M.; exchange Rollers or Roller, crossed; offers: E. Anstee, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton. (631)

TWO grand Skylarks, singing, sell 4/6 each; cock Greenfinch and cock Chaffinch, 3/6 two, or exchange Canaries: approval both ways: 93, High-st. South, Dunstable. (629)

WANTED, extra large house-moulted cock Chaffinch, will give a magnificent cock Goldie in exchange; sell 12/6: Sadler, 53, Preston-av., Hale End, Essex. (636)

SEVERAL cage-moulted British, winners, proved mulers, cheap for cash, or exchange for York blue brood bitch, pedigree; offers: Francis, 98, Augusta-st., Poplar, E. (630)

EXHIBITION yellow cock Greenfinch and hand-reared German hen Bullfinch, exchange thistle, hard heads, or dandelion seed: W. Fairhurst, 17, Linwood-grove, Longsight, Manchester. (635)

THREE Greenfinches and Redpoll, with white ring round head, 4/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, yellow Norwich hen, breeding cage, 10/6; exchange fowls or offers: T. Cole, 77, Butcher's-lane, Cradley. (63[illegible])

TO breeders, lovely hand-reared cock Chaffinch, has reared Canaries; also grand cock Linnet, very steady, both winners; sacrifice £1, or exchange for extra large clear yellow Norwich hen: Hasler, Wemington, Essex. (636)

OFFERS wanted; two yellow-beaked cock Blackbirds, in aviary three months; three cross-bred 1912 hen Canaries, two large cock Linnets, caged September, full song, 2/6 each Linnet: Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (632)

NOTICE.—Giant specimen Welsh Goldfinch, real gem, 1912 bred; price 20/-; or will exchange clear yellow Norwich cock; no rubbish wanted; honest man; approval both ways; yours first: D. Jones, Crown, Clwty Bont, R.S.O., North Wales. (626)

Mainly Canaries.

SIX Seifert hens for sale; or exchange; healthy and last year's birds: 24, Carlton-rd., New Brighton. (632)

GOOD green Yorkshire hen, 3/6, approval; exchange anything useful: Gibson, Vernon-av., Nottingham. (635)

SALE, large buff Norwich hen, true to type and colour, 10/-, worth double; exchange: 18, Royds-st., Rochdale. (631)

EXCHANGE Crested cock Canary, great songster, for 3 good buff Norwich hens: W. H. Haslett, Takeley, Essex. (637)

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TWO pairs Norwich, 20/-; exchange pair for 26 x 1⅜ new Dunlop cycle cover: Duggan, 6, Lower Brook-st., Ipswich. (631)

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EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch and two hen Canaries for good singing Roller cock; yours first: Roland Martin, The Green, Leintwardine. (637)

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GIVING up; sell 20/- five good Norwich, breeding condition; exchange Yorkshire Terrier bitch, young, heavy laying fowls: Orme, 9, Thorpes-rd., Heanor, Derbyshire. (631)

WILL exchange even-marked buff Crest cock for pair of Roller cocks, or sell 25/-; approval both ways: W. Beardsley, Tennyson-st., off Norman-st., Ilkeston. (624)

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TWELVE prize bred Border Fancy Canaries, four cocks, eight hens, 1912; two grand cock Bullfinches; cock Chaffinch; 35/- lot; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater. (637)

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FOR sale, 1912 cold room Hartz Rollers, Roller-Norwich hens, also Crestbred Canaries; hens from 3/6, cocks 10/6, matched pairs 15/-; all in robust condition and anxious to nest; exchange one cock or two hens for bird seeds or mackintosh: H. E. Smith, 62, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, S.E. (627)

Mainly Foreign.

PAIR adult Green Budgerigars; sell 5/-, or exchange cock Green singing Finch: Wilson, 6[illegible], Allen-st., Maidstone. (628)

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, talking: very tame, £2 10/-, or what offers to value: Hampson, 7, West Bromwich-rd., Walsall. (630)

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EXCHANGE 5 double-side 10in. 2s. 6d. good records, for pair Norwich: T L., 23, Cobden st., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (626)

EXCHANGE pair Budgerigars, pair racing pigeons, for pair of Norwich: Horton, Sutton-in-the-Elms, Leicester. (631)

EXCHANGE Bull Terrier bitch, 2 years old, for Canaries or British birds: Pusey, 26, Myddleton-rd., Uxbridge. (630)

EXCHANGE Bantams, O.E., four hens and cock, for pair Yorkshires: W. Flanaghan, 95, Dalrymple-st., Stranraer. (632)

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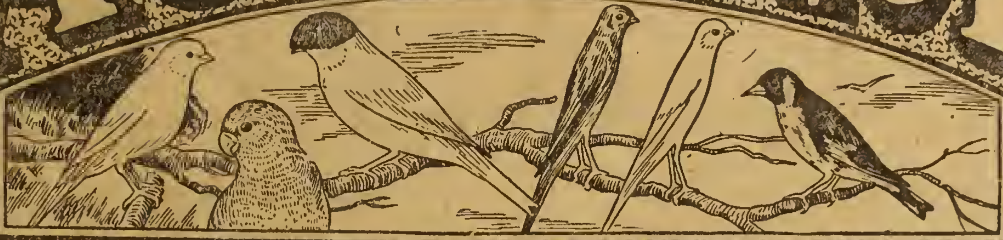

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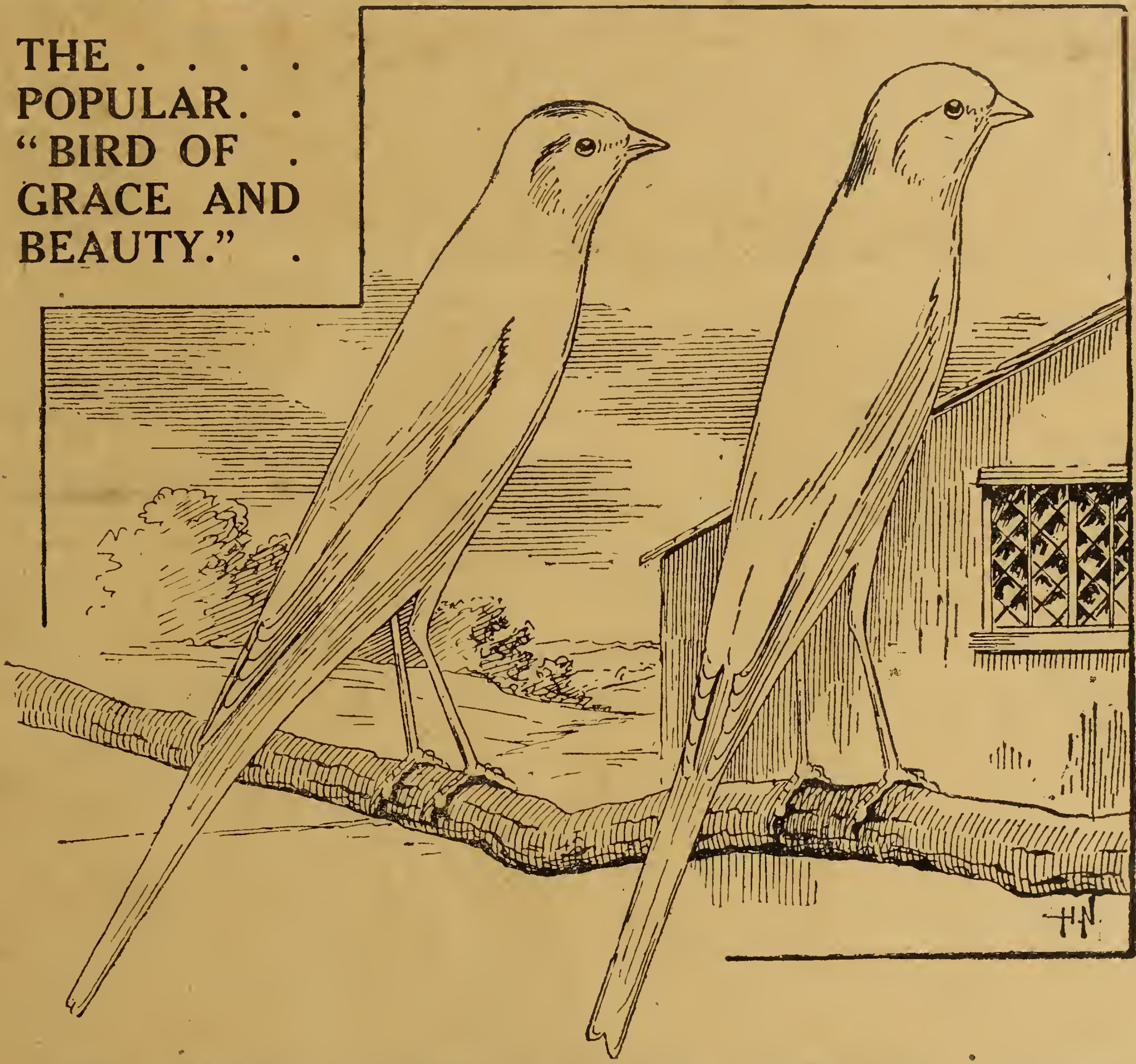

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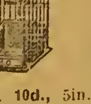

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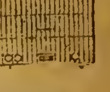

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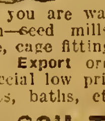

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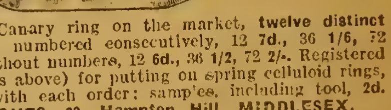

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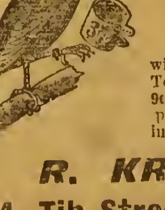

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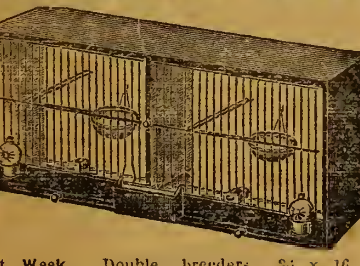

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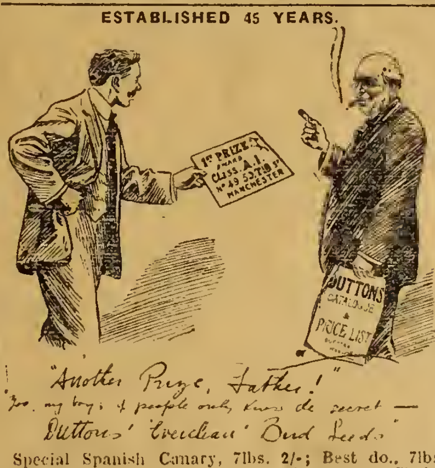

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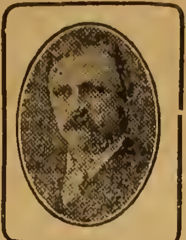

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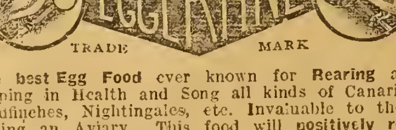

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WANTED, a few healthy songsters, must be good birds; straight dealings; state price to: Mr. Hunt, Barley Mow, Dover, Kent. (646)

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, also cock Mules cheap for cash: H. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester. (647)

WANTED two good buff Yorkshire hens, two yellow Borders, exchange cylinder records, camera, foreign birds: Macleod, Teignmouth, Devon. (646)

WANTED good large Norwich hen Canaries, exchange large muling Linnets to value; caged August: Gainford, Calder Bridge, Cumberland. (649)

WANTED, singing Canaries, Mules or Foreign Birds for cash, or exchange high-class Homers, winners: Lanham, 42, Walcot, Bath. (652)

WANTED up-to-date 10in. double-sided gramophone records or useful offers; exchange high-class Yorkshires: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven. (647)

WANTED, 100 pairs Yorkshires and Norwich, colour-fed preferred; must be reasonable; cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas. (439)

WANTED Norwich cock, singing, in exchange for British cock and hen Goldfinch, house-moulted: Bennett, 29, Ranelagh-rd., Philip-lane, Tottenham. (646)

WANTED good young yellow Norwich cock, give good exchange in British for muling or exhibition: Mr. Ward, Gunthorpe, Melton Constable, Norfolk. (649)

WANTED any quantity good healthy Canaries, all kinds, for prompt cash; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (639)

WANTED, cock Canary in full song, will give in exchange a sitting of my noted 260-egg strain White Wyandottes, value 7/6: Jowett, Confectioner, Castleford. (653)

WILL buy for cash any quantity of Goldfinch Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-; hen Canaries, 1/3; large Yorkshire, 1/6: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (601)

WANTED for cash, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshires, and any variety of singing birds; any quantity: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalist, Argyle-st., Glasgow. (648)

WANTED field-moulted Greenie to moult out, must be a topper; second-raters useless; size, skull, etc., for exhibition: Brown, Foreman's Cottages, Carville, Durham. (643)

WANTED, Seifert Schoolmaster, Goldie, Muler, Sib. hen, or new breeders; exchange large mitre machine; sell 15/-: Suffell, 3, South-st., Romily, Cheshire. (648)

WANTED, birds, any description, in exchange for double or single breeding cages, or loose fronts, any size made: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (648)

WANTED, Canaries and other birds, Parrots, Pigeons, Poultry, Dogs, Monkeys, Rats, Mice, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (653)

WANTED, offers in Canaries or Britishers for 12 single, double and three-compartment joiner-made breeding cages: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London. (647)

WANTED Canaries or anything useful in exchange for well spotted Dalmatian bitch, excellent guard and pedigree; quiet with children: F. Nicholas, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (651)

WANTED a few pairs of healthy Norwich as feeders in exchange for very good old violin, or sell 50/-; mutual approval: Day, 5, Carleton-ter., Halton-rd., Islington, London, N. (645)

WANTED good singing cock Canary in exchange for an asbestos gas stove, good condition, cost 10/6; suitable for office or bedroom fireplace; approval both ways: 19, Peel-st., Hyde. (650)

EXHIBITION Hawfinch, Welsh Goldie; offers British or muling hens; exchange fishing boots (size), new, sell 12/-; offers first; approval: Macdonald, 2, East Broughton-pl., Edinburgh. ([illegible])

WANTED, German Piping Bullfinch for Roller (Schoolmaster) and cage, Linnet Mule, cage; will give extra cash; no rubbish wanted: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham. (653)

WANTED, pair exhibition Cinnamon Borders; exchange monster cock Greenfinch and hen Chaffinch, laid last year; cock Chaffinch, hen Bullfinch, nesting; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater. (652)

WANTED, customers for Norwich, Cinnamons, Plainheads, Norwich and Goldfinch Mules, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens; approval, deposit. Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich. ([illegible])

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Books." These quick-selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 151, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED cash offers for two cock Redpolls, one field-moulted, one house-moulted, both highly commended Swansea, with show cages and case; cock Blackbird, partly white on breast, singing, or exchange Rollers: E., Austen, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton. (646)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, and common hen Canaries, 1/4; Norwich, 1/8; Yorkshires, 2/- each. I buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens. Linnets, Goldfinches and Chaffinches wanted: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (623)

WANTED, for exportation, Norwich Plainheads, Yorkshire Crests, Cinnamons, Germans, large or small quantities taken; state quantity and price expected; good prices paid according to quality; address in first instance: Export D., 10, Bolt Court, Fleet-st., London.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, in full song; state prices. Will give 8d. each cock Larks, 2/6 cock Goldfinches, 1/6 cock Bullfinches; must been caged previous to close season and healthy; fowls, cavies, pigeons, Monkeys, Parrots, ferrets, bought; Manager, Bird and Poultry Stores, Wakefield. (647)

WANTED, wallpapers for 6 roomed cottage, also damp-proof solution, for following: Pair large Crests, Tyson's, 10/-, very cheap; genuine Muling Linnet, with yellow cinnamon hen, 7/6: two White Orpington pullets, Cock's, 10/-; approval: 42, Walsworth-rd., Hitchin, Herts. (645)

WANTED, feeding hen Canaries or talking Parrot for any following: Pedigree Scotch Terrier bitch, 12/6: Edison Gem phonograph, 80 records (would separate); h.m. Linnet, muler, 5/-: F.-M. ditto, winner, 5/-; other winning British; yellow C.B. cock, can win; quick offers secure bargains: approval: Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester. (630)

YORKSHIRES WANTED

Will give 5/6 each cocks full song, 2/6 hens; cash deposited: Oliver, 2, Bridport-pl., Hoxton. (Q.

WANTED

1,000 birds, Canaries, and British: write, offering what you have: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

WANTED FOR CASH.

Any variety Yorkshire and Norwich, any quantity large or small; particulars to: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax. (635)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

TWO field-moulted cock Goldfinches, good birds, exchange Canaries: Davison, Crows Nest, Haddenham, Bucks. (645)

TWO large cock Greenfinches and cock Chaffinch, exchange show cages in good condition: R. Hearn, Bottisham, Cambs. (650)

BROWN cock Linnets 1/6, 2/-; yellow, buff, variegated Border cocks, 4/6 each, hens 2/-; Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (652)

EXCHANGE Goldfinch cock, nicely marked, caged 12 months, for a nice long Yorkshire hen: F. Whitney, Castle Hotel, Southsea. (650)

BIG buff Greenie, 2/-; extra good yellow, 3/-; smart hen Goldie, 1/6; all moulted, breed immediately: Beeston, Ross-on-Wye. (654)

WANTED, good Greenhart trout fly-rod, in exchange for good cock Linnet and hen Goldfinch: John Kavanagh, Ferns, Co. Wexford. (654)

THREE cock Goldfinches; exchange for two large muling hens, or other British, or offers: Tupman, Bootmaker, Camden-st., Middlesbro'. (639)

FOUR cock Chaffinches, pair Bullies, pair Greenies, grand condition; exchange for good pair Borders: L. Hall, Cranhill-rd., Street, Somerset. (648)

LARGE yellow cock Greenfinch, exchange hen Canary; 1 dozen tame rats, offers, exchange, 1/- pair: Percival, 46, Burgess-st., Great Grimsby. (649)

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch and cock Linnet for a good cock Yorkshire Canary, buff or cinnamon: Smart, 38, Millbrook-rd., Brixton. (644)

TWO White-legged Muling Goldies, beautiful feather and condition, 6/- and 7/6 each; cock Goldie Mule, Finch song, 6/-: Robt. Dyer, Haystown, Peebles. (652)

GOLDFINCH, Greenfinch, and Linnet, all cocks, fit for exhibition; exchange for good class Roller cock; offers; Roller first: H. Hickin, 385, Swan-lane, Coventry. (644)

FOUR selected cocks, Goldfinch 3/6, Bullfinch 2/6, Greenfinch 2/6, Linnet 2/6; sell or exchange hen Canaries or cage fronts: L. Arnold, High-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'. (645)

EXCHANGE grand Goldfinch Mule in full song, will make winner, for good Siberian cock Goldfinch and Sib. hen; or sell 15/-: Trewhella, River-street, Truro, Cornwall. (643)

H.M. muling cocks, Greenfinch, Linnet, and 1912 yellow muling hen, 8/6 trio; exchange gent's umbrella, anything useful: Gooderham, Ardeevin, Ballinlough-rd., Cork. (643)

EXCHANGE performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed, thimble for water, for Canaries, or sell 5/- each, with cage and detachable fittings; approval, deposit: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (650)

THREE pairs for Hybrid breeding; cock Twite and hen Goldfinch, cock Goldfinch and hen Linnet, cock Linnet and hen Greenie; all hens house-moulted; for good pair Norwich: Gibbs, West-st., Ewell. (645)

I have the finest stock of cock Linnets in the North of England, guaranteed February caught and sure Mulers, 1/3 each, 3 for 3/3, 6 for 6/-; all red-breasted and in full song; a few just right for contest singing, 2/6 each; approval: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (654)

USE OUR NOTEPAPER

Mainly Canaries.

HEN Canaries, 22 for sale, 2/- each, or £2 lot; will exchange for cocks: Sims, Pitshanger-lane, Ealing. (650)

EXCHANGE four pairs good Borders for lady's cycle: James Kilgour, Sillerhole, Leven, Fifeshire, N.B. (648)

FIVE hen Canaries, ready to nest, 1/9 each; exchange Spaniel pup: R. Barnett, Stoney-lane, Thaxted, Essex. (645)

SILVER Lizard cock; exchange a good make of fountain pen or sell 5/6: Holt, 75, Osborne-st., Rochdale. (647)

[illegible] Border cock, 2 hens, 1912, cold room, 8/-; exchange American saw, anything: Richards, 37, Fore-st., Exmouth. (648)

EXCHANGE two cocks, one hen, Yorkshires, for pair good Norwich, or sell 15/: Richards, 23, Roseneath-place, Edinburgh. (644)

SALE or exchange; two Yorkshire cocks, two Norwich cocks and hens, breeding and show cages: Gardner, York House, Filey. (648)

THREE Cinnamon cocks, two hens; cock Linnet-Canary Mule, full song, 17/6; cash deposit: Stephen Barber, Burringham, Doncaster. (649)

VALUABLE pair clear Yorkshires, breeding, cost 21s., sell 10/6; Goldfinch Mule, lovely songster: --, 75, Lavender Vale, Wallington. (651)

PANSIES, large (choice) mixed, 1/- doz., 6s. 100, exchange 100 for pair Canaries; birds first, or deposit Editor: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE clear Buff Norwich cock for two selected cock Goldfinches; approval: William Melvin, 45, Cammetham-st., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire. (649)

TWO clear hens, 2 Linnets, 2 Greenfinches, caged 12 months, including show cage, all breeding condition, 8/6: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton. (653)

YOUNG Green heavy feathered Crest, cock, Tyson and Joyce strain, nesting order, 7/6; bargain to clear; exchange: Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds. (646)

YELLOW variegated Norwich hen, good one, only 5/. worth double; exchange Goldfinch or Mule: MacWilliams, Tyddynfelin, Talybont, Talycafn. (643)

PRIZE-BRED Rollers, 6 treble, 3 double breeding cages, joiner made, 1912, 2 muzzle-loaders, equal to new; exchange: The Grove, Penygroes, North Wales. (648)

EXCHANGE two good unflighted Yorkshire cocks clears, for one good yellow Yorkshire cock: E. Caine, 1, Swindon-st., Dalmuir-by-Glasgow, Scotland. (653)

TWO splendid yellow Norwich cocks, in full song, 15/- each; and one Goldfinch-Canary Mule, cock, 5/-; approval; or useful exchange: Stubbs, Lazenby, Eston. (650)

HANDSOME Gold Lizard cock, unflighted, breeding condition, 7/6; exchange Crested hen or anything useful; offers invited: Harry Teat, Ancaster, Grantham. (649)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, from 10/6 each, pairs from 17/6; useful exchange; no cards; only seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Pk., London. (645)

EXCHANGE 1 Yorkshire cock, 2 hens and 2 Norwich cocks, 25/-, for poultry; also Retriever dog for smaller breed, 10/-: Ellis, 137, Sandy-lane, Worksop. (649)

YORKSHIRE cocks, 10/- each, or exchange anything useful; Kampfe's safety razor and outfit preferred; yours first: Caretaker, Club, Marazion, Cornwall. (648)

WHAT offers for three pairs of Norwich, one pair of Yorkshires, four double and five single breeding cages; or sell three pounds: F. Gibson, Market-sq., Tideswell. (647)

EXCHANGE 1912 yellow marked Yorkshire hen, grand length, typical, wanted yellow Norwich hen, typical bird, or a good Roller cock: Wickham, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (646)

EXCHANGE two house-moulted Goldfinches, Bullie cock, hen Goldfinch Mule, good feeder, pair Yorkshires for a pair good class cold-room Norwich: Whiting, 39, Vine-st., Romford. (645)

EXCHANGE Rollers, Randall's and Fould's strain, two cocks, four hens, also child's cot, for girl's cycle in good condition: Thompson, Mansfield-pl., Moor-rd., Headingley, Leeds. (648)

EXCHANGE two yellow Yorkshire cocks, 1912, full song, up for breeding, value £1, for buff cock, good bird, or good exchange entertained: Perkins, Grocer, College-rd., Camborne, Cornwall. (650)

CHAMPION exhibition clear buff Norwich hen, grand type, head, neck, chest, short wings, tail, honestly worth £3; what offers in Mules, full song, or sell 40/-: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (646)

EXCHANGE one pair of Gold and Silver Lizards, one Roller cock, and one Norwich hen for double breeding cage and pair of Yorkshires: Henry Sissons, Hollingsworth-rd., Epworth, Lincs. (648)

YORKSHIRES. Two pairs of Greens, 1 pair of clears, 12/- pair; four small variegated hens; exchange gramophone, 10in. disc, Black Rosecombed Bantams, etc.: George Walker, 90, Southport-rd., Ormskirk. (651)

OWING to removal must sell six pairs of cheap Crests, also Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, good talker, worth £3; cash offer wanted for the lot, or part exchange good overmantel or wringing machine; stamp reply: T. Groves, 39, Adelaide-st., Brierley Hill, Staffs. ([illegible])

FOR sale, 1912 cold room Hartz Rollers, Roller-Norwich cross, also [illegible] Canaries [illegible] 3/6, cocks 10/6, matched pairs 15/-; all in robust condition and anxious to nest; exchange one cock or two hens for bird seeds or mackintosh: H. E. Smith, 62, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, S.E. (627)

EXCHANGE for foreign birds or good British [illegible] anything useful, yellow Norwich hen, buff cock; also buff Norwich hen, yellow cock; sell 15/- a pair; also yellow Yorkshire hen, 7/6; 22 single cages, with seed boxes and glasses, 20/-; yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire. (649)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE pair yellow Budgerigars for anything useful or sell 6/-: G. White, 122, Great Hampton-row, Birmingham. (647)

EXCHANGE African Grey Parrot for Norwich or Rollers, been in England 12 months: A. Stock, Ashgrove, Peasdown, Bath. (645)

EXCHANGE yellow hen Budgerigar and cash for good pair of Greens, or sell cheap: Eley, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. ([illegible])

ROSEBREASTED Cockatoo, acclimatised, new cage, £1; or exchange [illegible] Fraser, High House Buildings, Elgin. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE pair Zebra Finches, perfect condition, nesting, for pair of adult Yellow Budgerigars: Williams, Tenby House, Dawley, Salop. (643)

TRUE pair Pekin Nightingales, nice condition, cock a very loud singer, 4/6; exchange Canary or Mule; approval both ways: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (654)

TALKING Parrot and cage, 40/-; exchange good gramaphone and records, poultry, anything useful; particulars, stamp: Brooks, 127, Ballspond-rd., Dalston, London. (648)

PARROT, acclimatised; good talker, sings, whistles, will feed from the mouth; also go about on your shoulder; most wonderfully tame; sell cheap or exchange Canaries, cocks: 70, Cox Street West, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. (648)

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot and cage, good talker, £5; another Amazon and cage, commencing to talk, £2 10/-; double barrelled breech-loading gun, 35/-; will exchange any the above for Poms.: Percival, 29, Pimlico Walk, Hoxton. (652)

Miscellaneous.

SALE or exchange working youngsters, Whitley strain, 3/- pair, club rung: W. Bryant, Ulceby, Lincs. (653)

EXCHANGE 2 pairs Blue Balds for Crestbred hen, or sell 7/6; approval: Hoyle, Gammons-lane, Barnstaple. (650)

WHITE Toy Pom. dog, 2 months, 25/-, correct weight, 1¼lbs.; exchange, offers: Love, 2, Park-lane, Tipton. (646)

TWO joiner-made breeding cages, 5/-; exchange common cavies (sows): F. Cane, 7, St. John's-rd., W. Ealing. (647)

WILL exchange field-glasses in case value 12/6, for fly fishing-rod: Aitchison, 12, Rodgers-pl. Earlston, Berwickshire. (653)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, as new; exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Goswell-rd., London. (651)

400-DAY clock, as new, £1 10/-; 9-carat lady's gold watch, £1; exchange anything: Cottam, 13, Thirkill-st., Bradford. (647)

WILL exchange several pairs of racing homers for Canaries, Goldfinches, or anything useful: Tozer, Rose Cottage, Totnes. (648)

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Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Contest held at the Victoria Inn, Langley Moor, April 12. 26 birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Brady; 2, 3, McVoy; 4, Bentick. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed, Brandon Colliery; timekeeper, Mr. H. Ball. Next contest April 19, at Mr. Rontlage's, Traveller's Rest, Witton Gilbert, near Durham. £2 given; entrance 1s., 3d. back refreshments. First birds up at 2 o'clock prompt.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

An open Linnet contest will be held April 19, at the Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, for time singing, when prizes will be given according to entries. Singing to commence at 2.30. Linnet singing match held at Waggon Hotel, Westhoughton, April 12, for £2 aside. Clark's Unknown beat Malone's Tommy. —J. Woodward, 7, Tithe Burn Street, Westhoughton, near Bolton.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held April 12. 50 birds entered for four good prizes, four minutes' sing, and some of the best song heard in Castleford since the club was formed resulted. Result: Piper 138, Morley 90, Sweeting 89, Ratcliffe 83. Also April 13. 30 birds entered in a three minutes' sing. Nelson 72, Caddy 70, Kirk 60. Contests every week-end. Particulars from—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Contest held at Club Headquarters, Empire Hotel, April 12, for members only. 23 birds competed for seven good prizes. There was some very good singing. One prize was given by the landlord, Mr. Neild. 1, Topping; 2, Bromlow; 3, Jones; 4, Hayhurst; 5, Dobson; 6, Barnes; 7, Topping. After the contest we spent an enjoyable evening.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

LEIGH.

At a meting at Leigh it was decided to have our second club contest for members only on April 19th. Will all members please note this; first pair of birds up at 2.30 prompt, and every member must be straight on the contribution book or he will not be allowed to sing.—R. Holcroft.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, when 26 birds sung for three good prizes: 1, Collison, 60; 2, Cooper, 53; 3, Bath, 42. Members' sing, April 19th; first pair in window 3 o'clock prompt. —A. Tomlin, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

An open Linnet contest took place at the Shakespeare Hotel, Brunswick Street, April 5th, 28 birds taking part. Mr. Appleton's bird, although still in wild feather, winning in good style. 1, Appleton; 2, 3, Guthrie. Also April 12th, when 23 birds took part. Some good singing was heard before a full house. 1, 2, Guthrie; 3, Harrison. An open contest will take place at the above hotel, April 19th; first pair hung on the nail at 2.30 prompt.—M. Devine.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest held at Headquarters, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Pontefract, April 12, for three good prizes:—1, Nelson; 2, Jones; 3, Hinchcliff. Also April 13:—1, Jones; 2, Piper; 3, Pugh. Open sing every week.—S. Pugh.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, April 12th, when 29 birds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Hayes; 2, Ward; 3, Sollaman; 4, Towers. Judges, C. Clayton and A. Granger. Also April 13th, 38 birds faced the judges, who gave satisfaction to everyone present. Some extra good singing was heard to a house packed to its utmost. It really was a treat to hear the 1st and 2nd birds sing. 1, Ward; 2, Towers; 3, Sellers; 4, Tomlinson. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton. All members to pay up on April 27th for our Whitsuntide club match, to be sung on Whit Monday.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, April 12th, when 19 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Riley; 2, 3, shared by Chadwick and Wigfield. Judges, L. A. Jennings, W. Naylor. Also April 13th, when 33 of the best birds in Yorkshire sang for four good prizes before a crowded house. 1, Sissons; 2, Johnson; 3, Bland; 4, shared by Biss and Wigfield. Judges, J. Smith, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality held at Prince Albert Hotel, April 13th, when 36 birds sang for four good prizes. The birds sang exceedingly well: 1, Chippendale; 2, Lorriman; 3, Hayes; 4, shared by Howarth and Bangfield. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and P. Madden. H. Hayes and J. Chippendale are singing their Linnets against each other on April 20th, match time, for a good prize; commence at 1 prompt.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Lark contest (15 minutes' hanging) held at Church Inn, Pendlebury, March 12th: 1, Whitehead, 14min. 14sec.; 2, Jackson, 13min. 28sec.; 3, Gerrard, 9min. 33sec.—J. Jackson.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union St., April 12th, for time. 1, 3, Bate; 2, Syddall. Timekeepers, J. Pool and G. Bumby; Tappers, Jolley and Talbot; Minutes, J. Green. Next contest open for time, April 19th. First pair up at 2.45 prompt.—E. Hickman, Sec.

In the world of business to-day, it is a continual pitting of one man's brains against another's. Mental alertness is an important factor to success, and the rational way to retain it is by cycling, but see that your choice falls on a reliable, easy-running, "last-for-ever" machine, qualities that are inseparably associated with the high-grade Coventry cycles, which are a speciality of the well-known, easy-payment house of Messrs. Edward O'Brien, Ltd., the World's largest cycle dealers, Coventry. So extensive is the business of Messrs. O'Brien, Ltd., and so wide is the range of excellent machines they offer their customers, that all one needs to know about the machine is that Messrs. O'Brien, Ltd., supplied it. That, in itself, is a guarantee that the cycle will be an ideal mount. Cycles are no longer a luxury of the wealthy. they are placed within the reach of practically all. A reliable and serviceable machine can be purchased from Messrs. O'Brien for £3 10s. One of the slogans of this enterprising firm is "Best Quality, Finest-Grade, Coventry Cycles at Pounds below the maker's prices." It would be a good plan to write for their latest 1913 catalogues.

Supplies from Above.

A Montagu's Harrier has been known to hover over the nest at a height of about fifty feet, and drop a mouse down to its mate, who promptly caught it.

Bullfinches in Spring.

Bullfinches pair for life and can be seen together all the year round. Just now their soft plaintive piping notes can be heard along the tall hedgerows, where they will probably construct their future home of roots, moss, and hair. They are fond of the thicket, and are seldom seen in the open fields, excepting during very bad weather. Their food in the spring consists principally of buds, particularly those of the fruit trees, the currant is their favourite of all.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.).

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Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

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Nov. 14-15.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103 Church St.)

Nov. 14-15.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton St.). H.W.B., G.H.

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.

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Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage, Cramlington).

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

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Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)

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Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

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Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).

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Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)

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Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

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Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

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Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.)

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Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimbie, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

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Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Bird-keeping.

Members of Cage Birds League, and readers generally, will note that no further letter has been received from Mr. Fairholme, chief secretary of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. As is pointed out in several of the letters published this week, the present question at issue is whether Mr. Trower, in his letter published on March 8, was correct in stating that "the R.S.P.C.A. exists by getting convictions. . . They very seldom caution," and so on. This statement was traversed by the Countess von Hahn in a letter published in Cage Birds of March 15, in which the Countess stigmatised Mr. Trower's statement as being "most unfair and misleading." The Countess quoted figures to the effect that, in 1911, 25.540 cautions were given, and 7,038 convictions obtained. This was supported by Mr. Fairholme, who gave us last week the figures for 1912, 25,659 cautions, as against 6,906 convictions. The figures quoted by the Countess von Hahn and Mr. Fairholme refer, of course, to the total work of the R.S.P.C.A. throughout the two years, and not to convictions and cautions in respect of cruelty to birds, with which alone we are concerned. I was able to show last week that of the 6,906 convictions obtained during 1912, 29 only were in any way traceable to bird dealing, bird catching or bird keeping, and that some at least of these must have been for bird-nesting and such like "offences during the close season, etc.," including cases of such a nature as the one reported in our columns this week under the heading "In the Courts"; cases which have nothing whatever to do with bird-keeping.

The Question Direct.

What we are seeking now to know is, how many of the 51,999 cautions given during the years 1911 and 1912 were in respect of cruelty or alleged cruelty to birds. It should be a simple matter for the secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. to answer this question, and it is due to his society that he should do this in support of the statement of the Countess von Hahn and himself that the society is primarily a cautionary one, and only prosecutes "in cases that are so bad as to necessitate such a course."

Our contention is that both the R.S.P.C.A. and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds are guilty of gross exaggeration in their allegations as to the horrors incidental to bird keeping, and unless Mr. Fairholme can tell us that a fair proportion of the 52,000 cautions were given to people who were guilty of "systematic neglect of birds in cages," or of some other offence against wild birds, we shall be justified in concluding that the R.S.P.C.A. is not a cautionary society where our hobby is concerned, but that, on the contrary, it endeavours by means that are not beyond magisterial condemnation to obtain convictions against bird-dealers upon the unsupported testimony of its own inspectors, who know little or nothing of birds, and who confess the same under examination in the police courts.

Where Good may be Done.

I have pointed out on more than one occasion that even if every bird taken by the bird-catcher were to perish in captivity the destruction of bird life entailed would be almost as nothing to that which is effected every spring by bird-nesting schoolboys and hooligans who seem to take eggs and young for sheer love of mischief. An educative article on "The Wanton Destruction of Early Nests and Eggs," which appeared in the London "Daily Graphic" of the 12th inst. contains the following passage which expresses exactly the views that have several times been given in these columns, and I commend the same to the notice of local authorities, as well as to the humanitarian societies who profess to have at heart the protection of the wild birds of our country.

The Ground Strewn with Egg-Shells.

"The amount of wilful destruction of early nests and eggs by the marauding schoolboys is incalculable, and it is almost a county scandal that so little is done by the authorities, who are elected to govern our local life, to prevent it. When the County Councils have sent out their printed lists of protected birds, and have caused these lists to be affixed to church doors, barns, and other makeshift notice-boards, they seem to think that respect for their orders is thereby instilled into the mind of every village boy. Thereafter nothing is done, and the gangs of lads, who by now should have had some elementary ideas of humanity instilled into them, roam along the hedges tearing down every nest within arm's reach or climbing distance, and stoning those that are beyond them. And the ground is strewn with eggshells and nesting materials to mark the places they have visited. The lists of protected birds are left to flap in the wind, and long before the nesting season is in full swing they are obliterated by April showers. This orgy of destruction reaches its height on Sundays, when, on leaving Sunday School the boys set out to visit the remoter places, trespassing without let or hindrance, and spoiling innumerable nests. One or two prosecutions in each district would soon stop the nuisance. Once let the boys know that the village constable is on the look-out, and that he means business, and they would fancy 'each bush an officer,' and think twice before despoiling a copse of its nests and eggs."

Here is a wide field for the expenditure of some of the energy which is wasted in efforts to bring about the making illegal the keeping of any kind of bird in captivity. A walk along almost any country lane, or even along the semi-rural roads adjacent to our cities, will at any time during the spring reveal opportunities of preventing this wicked destruction of eggs and helpless young birds.

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Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

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The Gateshead Appeal

We have a few further sums to acknowledge this week, but hope to find our fund considerably augmented in the near future, as quite a considerable amount of money is still needed before the Society's indebtedness can be wiped out. It will be remembered that this fund was instituted with a view to helping the Gateshead C.B.S. to discharge the heavy financial liabilities incurred by reason of the failure of their last annual show (due to the railway strike) and the prosecution of the secretary by the police authorities for getting up a prize-drawing with the idea of providing funds. Full details of these matters were given in our issues of dates March 29 and April 5. We shall be glad to acknowledge any sums, however small, which readers and societies care to contribute.

Cage Birds' subscription list at time of going to press stands as follows: Amount previously acknowledged £6 2s. 6d.; Kelty and Blairadam C.B.S., 5s.; Mr. D. Storrar, 1s. 4d.; Mr. A. E. Long (Longsight), 1s. 6d.; Stanley Victoria Club F. and F.S., 5s.; total £6 15s. 4d. To this must be added the amount (vide Mr. Curry's letter) resulting from Mr. Goodman's offer, 18s. 9d.; while Mr. Greason's list amounts to £2 5s. 10d., bringing the grand total to £9 19s. 11d.

What Others Think.

In sending a contribution of 5s. from his society, the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.S., Mr. A. Dickson writes: "We hope that the richer societies will give at least double this, and the poorer societies at least half. We have decided to pass the hat round at our next meeting, and every member will have a postcard to that effect."

Mr. David Storrar (Dundee) sends 2s., when writing for a copy of Cage Birds 1913 Annual, and writes: "The balance of 1s. 4d. you can add to the Gateshead fund. I feel sorry for them in their trouble."

Secretary R. Peart, when forwarding the Stanley Victoria Club F. and F.S. contribution, writes:—"We hope the Gateshead Society will soon be all right, as it would be a big loss to the North if this grand show happened to fall through."

A Correction.

We are sorry that through an unnoticed mistake on the part of our printers, the principal point of Mr. Hammond's letter published in our issue of last week was lost. In pointing out the error Mr. Hammond writes: "It is well at this time that the Bradford men, and others, should be reminded how generously Gateshead met us in the matter of arranging dates." The sentence which was wrongly printed should have read as follows:—"Apart altogether from the magnanimous manner in which the committee and members of the Gateshead society met our own national show committee in the matter of so arranging dates that these two great events should not clash with each other, such an exhibition as that which our Gateshead friends provide is of so vast an importance to the Fancy that any fancier worthy of the name should not contemplate even its possible discontinuance without feelings of dismay."

From Past and Present Secretaries.

Sir,—I wish to personally thank Cage Birds for its kindness in dealing with our troubles, also for the generous manner in which you have opened and headed the subscription list, which will enable me to hand over a clean sheet to Mr. Curry to start his new duties. The following is a list of the subscriptions that have been handed to me since the fund opened:—Hartlepool C.B.S., 9s. 10d.; Mr. Crawhall (Newcastle), 5s.; Mr. Topping (Newcastle), 5s.; Mr. T. Chapman (Newcastle), 2s. 6d.; Mr. Boag (Gateshead), 2s.; Mr. Maddison's bird, sold 6s.; Mr. Almond's birds, sold 5s.; Mr. Almond's leg of mutton, sold 3s.; Mr. Mackenzie's cage, sold 5s.; Mr. Moore's cage, sold 2s. 6d. The latter five items were prizes intended for the prize drawing, and which have since been sold. Total, £2 5s. 10d.

J. G. Greason, late Sec.

Sir,—Re Mr. Goodman's kind offer, I set to work at once to try and get some orders for his "Filup" Young Bird Feeders, and I am glad to inform you that I have been successful in getting 15, so please include the amount in the most generous subscription list which you opened in Cage Birds on our behalf. The total I have received is 18s. 9d. I expect by next week to increase the amount. At the same time I am trying to do Mr. Goodman a bit of good in return for his kind offer, by getting him orders from those who are not members of the Gateshead Society. I will also be pleased if you will let it be known that all future correspondence should be addressed to me, as I have been elected secretary in place of Mr. Greason, who has resigned through business reasons.

W. Curry.

60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

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Twitterings.

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We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Crewe nest feather show, June 14, and at Chester, July 9.

In my report, Yorks County B.B. and M.C., writes Mr. J. Lane, hon. sec., I omitted number of shows 11, and number of entries, about 200.

Will you please announce in Cage Birds, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, hon. sec. Redhill C.B.S., that Mr. J. Robson will judge our young bird show on July 2.

We hear from Mr. W. H. Gibb, hon. sec. that the fourth open annual show of the Brighton and Hove C.B.A., will be held Dec. 9 and 10, Messrs. H. Norman and J. Robson being the judges.

Mr. W. L. Smith, S. Shields C.B.S., writes as follows:—"Kindly withdraw our advert from your fixed date column. On account of the difficulty of fixing a convenient date, we have agreed to hold a members' show instead."

Kindly announce to the members and those interested in the Chester-le-Street C.B.S., writes Mr. R. Ward, sec., that we have removed our headquarters, and all future meetings, etc., will be held at Mr. J. Waugh's, Dun Cow Inn.

Wandsworth F.S., writes Mr. Lightfoot, hon. sec., has arranged to hold its open show on Dec. 10 and 11. Next meeting will be held at "Sutton's Hall," April 24th, at 8.—W. Lightfoot, hon. sec., 86, Heythorp St., Southfields, S.W.

Secretary R. Lile, Scottish Metropolitan open Derby, 15, Argyll Place, Edinburgh, writes that membership cards have now been issued. Anyone overlooked should communicate with Mr. Lile, who will be very pleased to forward cards.

Kindly inform the Fancy through the columns of your esteemed paper, writes Mr. J. G. Greason, that Mr. W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle, has now taken over the duties of secretary of the Gateshead Society.

We have engaged the undernoted well-known men to judge at our Jubilee show, Nov. 1, writes Mr. G. Mitchell, sec. Brechin C.B.S.: Norwich, Mr. J. Logan, Dysart; Borders, Mr. G. Hislop, Stirling; British, Mr. G. Finnie, Aberdeen.

The Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodgkins, hon. sec., have decided to have a ramble on Saturday, 26th inst. Meet at headquarters (Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Rd., Liscard), at 3 p.m. prompt. All fanciers cordially invited.

At a meeting held at the Railway Hotel, Llandilo on April 10, it was decided, writes Mr. H. S. Davies, hon. sec. Llandilo C.B., etc., S., to hold a cage-bird, etc., show here during the autumn, Rev. E. Lewis-Jones chairman. Further particulars will be sent later on as to date, etc.

Would you kindly announce through your valuable paper, writes Mr. D. Kerr, hon. sec. Forfar C.B.S., that we have secured Mr. Thos. Morrison, Hamilton (Norwich); Mr. James Hamilton, Eskbank (Border); and Mr. Robt. Watson, Glasgow (Foreign and Wild Birds) to act as judges at our forthcoming show.

The judges at the show of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.S. show on Nov. 8th are Messrs. F. Ramsay, Tayport, Scotch Fancy; W. McAdam, Lasswade, Borders; J. McLennan, Renfrew, Yorks; W. Reid, Falkland, Crests; A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, Norwich; C. Sykes, Musselburgh, Mules, Brit., and Foreign.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

We hear from Mr. A. Wake, hon. sec. Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S., that Mr. T. Bennett, Bradford, and Mr. A. Brown, Gateshead, will judge the Canary section, and Mr. J. Maddison, Newcastle, the British and Mules at the open show of the society to be held Oct. 25, 1913.

Please announce in your valuable paper that Mr. F. Robinson has resigned the secretaryship of the Newtownards and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Wm. Montgomery, 165, Mill St., Newtownards, and that I have been appointed in his place. All communications for above society to be addressed to me.

The stock of the late Mr. S. Williamson, a very old fancier and judge, of Nantwich, who passed away a fortnight since, is being advertised this week. He had been in the Fancy for sixty years, writes Mr. A. Windsor, and some of your older readers will know him well. At our Nantwich show he carried away practically all the honours several times.

We have received the Manual of the Leyton and Dist. C.B.A. for 1913. It contains a list of the officers and committees, syllabus of lectures, etc., and dates of shows for the year, the rules of the society, show regulations and particulars of cups and specials, and a list of members and their addresses. The hon. secs. are Messrs. Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd., Leyton.

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Mr. Wesley T. Page writes as follows:—"Very many thanks for your kind and sympathetic reference to our sudden and painful bereavement. Kindly allow me and the other members of the family sincerely to thank, through Cage Birds, those from far and near who have sent kind letters of condolence, too numerous to acknowledge individually. Will one and all kindly accept our thanks and appreciation."

In sending us a balance-sheet of the Woolwich Fanciers' Society, Mr. Pavey writes:—"There are still a few pots and pans for the cage-bird section; all we require is a few more cage-bird members to take part in the speaking and the competition at the meetings and shows. Subscription 2s. 6d., with 1s. entrance. Apply for membership to show secretary, Mr. G. Boyce, 68, Elm St., Plumstead." We are pleased to note that the society has a cash balance of well over £13, and a balance of assets of over £22.

Samples have reached us of the exceptionally good and well-made marking rings manufactured and sold by Mr. A. C. Hughes, Hampton Hill, Middlesex. In addition to aluminium rings, both closed and to open, of quite ideal form, Mr. Hughes has a celluloid ring (to open) in twelve different colours, which is as light as a snowflake, and can be put on by anyone with absolutely no trouble or risk, by using the special tool sent out with them. The numbers cannot wear or rub off, and the price is extremely moderate (six dozen can be bought for 2s. 6d.).

Mr. Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith, W., writes as follows:—"I desire to take this opportunity of informing you that I have been elected hon. sec. of the London C.B.A., and to ask your kind assistance in making this, the twenty-fifth year, one of the best in the history of the Association. I also beg to inform you that the meeting place has been changed to "El Nino," No. 3, Piccadilly Place (near Dover Street Station on the Piccadilly Tube) and the meeting night to the second Tuesday in each month. I hope that members will take advantage of this new arrangement, and turn up in large numbers."

Cage Birds Annual I have always had since first published. I find it very handy to refer to, and it is not only useful for beginners, but also for fanciers who have long passed the callow stage. For instance, our memories cannot always recall the remedies required in cases of emergency which crop up in the breeding room. So I advise all fanciers to procure a copy of Cage Birds 1913 Annual and study it; they will find it very helpful to them with their hobby.—W. McClure (Mount Florida, Glasgow).

The opening article in the April issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the organ of the Avicultural Society, is by Mr. H. D. Astley, on the Gardener Bower Bird. Miss E. F. Chawner writes an entertaining chapter: "In Praise of Owls," illustrated by photographs, and by a sketch of the Pigmy Owl, by Mr. Astley. "Some Experiences," by Mr. A. Lockyer, is a well told account of some happenings with the writer's birds. Sir Roland Corbet contributes a chapter on Crested Tits and other Birds, and the rest of the issue comprises Reviews and Correspondence as usual.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury; Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St., Burnley; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Rd., S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley.

A Rung Starling.

I have a Starling which has a ring on its leg marked Witherby, London, No. 16797, writes Mr. W. Furnell (Grimsby).

Brighton and Hove C.B.A. Rules.

Several members having overlooked Rule 4, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, hon. sec., the committee have decided to extend the date till the half-yearly meeting on June 11.

In the Heart of China.

When done with, my copy of Cage Birds goes out East, to Hong Kong, and from there to two Baptist missionaries (old school-chums of mine) living in the heart of China, but some hundreds of miles from each other.—A. E. Morris (Fishguard).

War on the Birds.

The Sparrows, Thrushes, and Pigeons have done so much damage to the flowers and trees in the public gardens and parks of Paris that the gardeners have received instructions to reduce their number by destroying the eggs during the approaching nesting season.

Birds Hatched in a Top-boot.

Thrushes on the Lilford estate, Northamptonshire—a famous bird sanctuary—built their nest in a top-boot in a railway hovel between Barnwell and Wigsthorpe. Three young Thrushes were hatched and reared, although platelayers use the hovel at mealtimes.

Silver Cup and Gold Medal for Leeds.

Will you kindly mention, for the benefit of Leeds fanciers, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec. Leeds C.B.S., 39, Burley Rd., that Mr. E. Hattersley has presented a silver cup to be won outright this year, also a gold medal for foreign section, and I should be delighted to hear from any intending members. Wishing Cage Birds every success.

A Good Worker Lost.

The new sec. of the Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S., Mr. M. Wigglesworth, 9, Fourth Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle, writes: "Please announce in your valuable paper that Mr. Macdonald has resigned the secretaryship, and that I have been appointed in his place. We shall all miss him from the place that he has filled so well in the past; a good worker for the club, and willing to give a helping hand to his fellow fanciers; we trust that he will still remain a member amongst us. A vote of thanks was passed by the members for the services he had rendered for the club.

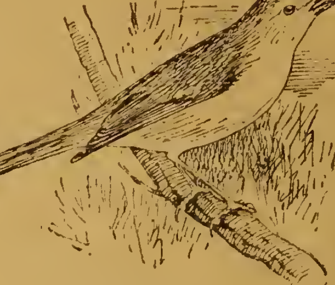
Perils of the Migrants.

The contrivance invented by the Dutch naturalist, Professor J. P. Thijsse to prevent the enormous destruction of migratory birds at lighthouses, is to be erected and tested at two English lighthouses—St. Catherine's on the coast of the Isle of Wight and the Caskets in the English Channel. Both of these are on the main migration lines, and account for the loss of great numbers of migrants. Professor Thijsse's view is that the birds are not stunned or killed by the impact with the lantern, but are only attracted to the light, and keep circling about it till they perish. He accordingly devised a series of resting-places to be fitted on the lantern itself, and experiments with these at Terschelling reduced the mortality from thousands nightly to a hundred during the whole migration time. Several countries have made inquiries about the invention.

Wild-Bird Life.

The First Migrants.

Although a few of the spring migrants have put in an appearance, the cold winds have undoubtedly kept many of them back. The change to more congenial conditions is bound to come, and when it does we shall have a rush of birds to our woods and hedgerows. Although many migrants nest directly upon arrival, the season is so far advanced that clutches of eggs and young birds will be later than usual. In the district where the writer resides, which is situated upon the higher ground, in Surrey, the Wheatear is always the first of the spring visitors to put in an appearance. He loves the uplands, the wide stretches of common land, and the sloping fields upon the hillsides. So conspicuous is the Wheatear that he is noticed directly upon arrival, his general colouring often harmonises with his surroundings, but that conspicuous white patch of feathers at the root of the tail is sure to attract attention as he flits from clod to clod, turning to face the intruder at each stopping place.


THE CHIFF-CHAFF.

To find the Chiff-chaff we must forsake the open fields, and the breezy upland; he is a slender, dainty little fellow, and at all times likes a sheltered nook. He is an early visitor to the Chipstead Valley, a wooded dell with sloping hills upon either side. This is a lovely spot, and the home of many a rare migrant, but we need not travel so far to see our first Chiff-chaff. A sheltered copse facing the south, just outside the village, always contains one or two early birds. Taking the footpath running along the lower side, we were not long before we heard the clear notes of this little wanderer, uttered four or five times in quick succession, but it was some time before we were fortunate enough to get a sight of him. At last he was detected working from bough to bough, hunting and peering into every likely and unlikely place for insects. Sometimes he would dart into the air like a Flycatcher for some passing gnat (many of which had been brought out by a gleam of sunshine). At intervals he sang without the slightest pause in his occupation, quite as a matter of course, and quite unconcernedly. From the trees he made a journey to the edge of the wood, where a heap of refuse had been thrown; here insects appeared to be plentiful, and these he shared with a couple of common Wrens, who frequently dived out of sight to search the more secluded nooks. Upon arriving home we found another Chiff-chaff, in the garden, busy among the roses and fruit trees.

We have received the Hand Book of the Leeds C.B.S. for 1913. It is a neatly got up booklet, and contains a mass of information in connection with the society. Particulars of membership are given, a list of patrons, officers, and committee, syllabus for the year, conditions appertaining to the challenge cups, medals, etc., a list of specials for the various shows of the year, the full classification at each of the shows and the names of the judges, and a list of members' names and addresses. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds.

Robin Killed by Express Train.

A Robin flying across the Great Western line near Reading Station recently was struck by an express train and killed.

In a Grave.

During the absence of the grave diggers for a couple of hours a pair of Robins practically completed the building of a nest in the side of a newly dug grave in Narborough (Norfolk) Churchyard.

Credit for the Breeder.

It was an agreeable surprise to see my foul Yellow Yorkshire hen illustrated. She has had a good many admirers, and all say it reflects great credit on Mr. Norman for drawing so true a likeness of her. Without a doubt she has been the hen of the year in the Green Fancy I believe in giving credit where it is due, so I am pleased to inform your readers that Mr. Huddleston, of Manningham, bred her. May he live long in the Fancy to breed more like her.—J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool).

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By
J. TOMLINSON
(Newcastle, Staffs).

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

AT some period in our existence, most of us will have read, or heard, of a quotation that has impressed itself vividly upon our memories. On a recent visit to London, I had wandered aimlessly about, until I found myself inside the enclosure in Leicester Square. By accident I took a seat facing the statue of Shakespeare. I was admiring what I considered to be a fine specimen of the sculptor's art, when my attention was arrested by the first finger on the right hand pointing to the quotation: "There is no darkness like ignorance." I thought how fittingly this phrase could be used in connection with our hobby. I meditated upon the hundreds of people I had passed that morning, and what a small percentage of them there would be who would not stop to praise the music of the Song Thrush, perched on the topmost branch of a tree; the song of a Linnet, or the flute-like notes of the Black-bird. I thought, too, how few of these hundreds of people had ever heard, or even knew of the beautiful melody by which a high-class Roller Canary can hold its audience spell-bound until the conclusion of its delivery.

Into Our Hearts and Homes.

The experienced will not accuse me of being too eulogistic when I claim for the Roller Canary the title of "The master singer of the Canary tribe." Neither will it be stretching the truth to say that by sheer merit it is actually singing itself into our hearts and homes. This is exemplified by the ejaculations that come from any person of average temperament when first hearing the song of a high-class specimen. It is significant that with the passing of each year we find the number of Roller fanciers, also Roller societies, augmented.

It may be rather astonishing to find that there are still a few people tenaciously retaining the erroneous idea that the Roller Canary will only sing for one year. It is deplorable that this rumour should be so constantly reiterated, and it should be the duty of every fancier to repudiate it. Personally, I say emphatically that there is not one iota of truth in it. If the Roller is given ordinary care and attention, it will sing and be as long lived as any other variety of Canary; further, it is not an uncommon occurrence for highly bred exhibition specimens to retain their song to such perfection that they are not only eligible to compete for, but actually win prizes on the show bench in their second and sometimes their third year.

"What's in a Name?

There have been so many different names used to describe the German Roller Canary that the inexperienced are often hopelessly confused in their choice when contemplating a purchase. By whatever name they may be called, however, they all come under the category of the Hartz Mountain Canary, the St. Andreasburg Canary, or the Twite, Seifert, Glucke, or Water Glucke strains.

In my humble endeavours to afford guidance for the new beginner in the Roller Canary fancy, I have endeavoured not to be laconic, but to describe in detail the various methods employed, so as to enable the recruit to purchase his birds, to keep them in health as pets, or to breed for pleasure and profit, also to explain the modus operandi of training for exhibition.

As the title "German" Roller implies, this variety of Canary is the national breed of the German people, and it is to Germany that we are indebted for this fascinating songster. Our thanks are also due to those who have added to our knowledge by translating articles from the German press for use in our English fancy press; further, to these English fanciers who have given us the benefit of their experiences in their own breeding rooms. A fancier friend of mine once said to me "Literature on the Roller Canary written by Englishmen is so rare." A mistake made by our English Roller fanciers is that they are so apt to think everyone knows the same things that they do. It should not be forgotten that beginners are continually joining the Fancy, to whom even the phrase "A bad feeding hen" would be quite unintelligible; and it is this class of fancier in particular that I intend to endeavour to guide, so that they will be able to keep their pets in health, to be to them a source of pleasure and profit.

A Successful Breeder and Exhibitor of the Yorkshire Canary.

Mr. William Hulme, of Leigh, Lancs., who in 1912 won the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S. cup and locket for most points scored at two shows with 4 nominated birds, the medal on the right for 3rd best bird at the old bird show, and that on the left for most points at the pair show.

The beginner will read in CAGE BIRDS many different names (or "strains") which are given to the German Canary; such as the Hartz Mountain Roller, the St. Andreasburg Roller, the Hollow Roll, the Seifert (it may not be out of place if I mention here that the Hollow Roll strain and the Seifert strain represent one and the same bird), the Water Glucke, and the Glucke strains. The Hartz Mountain Roller is the commonest and the cheapest variety; it is the foundation from which our present strains have been built.

Where Huge Numbers Are Bred.

The Roller is bred in huge numbers in Germany, and after being graded into classes, according to the merits (singing abilities) of the birds, the inferior are classed as Hartz Mountain Rollers, while the better performers gain the name of St. Andreasburg Roller, so it will easily be seen that, as a rule, these names are given to distinguish the inferior from the better-class songsters out of the common German country Canary. The name St. Andreasburg probably arises from the fact that at one time the best singers of all the German Canaries came from the place named St. Andreasburg.

The true Seifert strain has a more classical song, and a different style of song, to the above mentioned. This strain is noted for its beautiful rendering of the Hollow Roll and Hollow Bell tours. It is doubtful whether the Seifert of to-day is the true descendant of the strain of that noted fancier, Herr Siefert, because we read that he would not sell a pair (cock or hen) to any fancier; but let us be just and give him every credit for the grand singer that he established.

Our fanciers are now complaining that the beautiful deep Hollow Roll tour is slipping away from us in our endeavours to cultivate the Glucke tour. It was about the time of the formation of the British Roller Canary Club that the Hollow Roll strain began to find favour with English fanciers, in preference to the strain of Trute, whose birds, while possessing a greater variety of tours, had some objectionable faults in their repertoire. At that time it was quite a common occurrence to see a bird with a crest.

The Longing for Variety.

It has been advanced that Seifert founded his strain upon the Trute birds, and in his endeavour to establish a bird with a pure song some of the good tours were allowed to drop out along with the faults. Whether its popularity with us was due to the novelty of possessing a bird singing a song without any faults is hard to say, but in a few years time we began to complain that there was not sufficient variety in this bird's song, and that it was getting monotonous. To combat this, other tours were introduced, i.e., the Water Tours, and these singers were known by the name of the Water Glucke strain. In addition to the tours sung by the Seifert birds—which are the Hollow Roll tour, Hollow Bell tour, Schockel tour (pronounced Shockel). Flute notes, Bell tour, Bass Roll, and the Bell Roll, the Water Glucke strain would sing the Water Roll, Water Glucke, and the Deep Bubbling Water tour. The next fashionable tour was the Glucke. With the introduction of this and the Water Glucke, came back faults which Seifert had endeavoured to eradicate; further. the Hollow Roll has been allowed to deteriorate, as it was a common occurrence for the Seifert strain to receive seven and eight points (this being the maximum number allowed by our English judging standard) for the Hollow Roll.

(To be Continued.)

WAYSIDE SEEDS AND BERRIES FOR BRITISH BIRDS.

By that well-known authority. JAS. B. CLARKE, (Rothesay).

A continuation from No. 586 of a remarkable article on wild-foods, the result of a lifetime's experience of Birds in field and aviary.

COMMON YARROW OR MILFOIL (Achillea millefolium).—A common plant, known to most. Grows about 12 inches high with woolly stems and white or pink flowers. A favourite seed of the Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll, and good for them during the winter. This seed being of a binding nature, other laxative seeds should be given with it.

SEASIDE PLANTAIN (Plantago maritima).—Common along the sea shores. Grows about six inches high, and resembles Plantago major, but the flowering heads are much smaller. A grand seed for Linnets, Twites, and Redpolls, and fanciers who can get it should see they give these birds a good supply when moulting.

A Grand Thing for Bullfinches.

LING OR HEATHER (Calluna vulgaris).—A great favourite of the Bullfinch; in fact, it is the principal food of the Bullfinch in Bute from August to March, when they then take to the larch trees. I find Bullfinches caught when feeding on heather are very difficult to wean on to hard seeds. It is a good plan to cut bunches of heather, and dip them in water, and then into the seed dish. The seeds stick to the heather, and by this means I have saved many a bird. It is also a good plan to try fresh-caught Bullfinches with water after you have had them a few hours. Catch the bird and dip its bill in water; you will save many a one by so doing. Cut in bunches for winter, also for summer use—heather will last for 12 months if kept in a dry place.

COMMON FURZE OR WHINS (Ulex europæus).—Common everywhere, and a handsome plant, with its bright yellow flowers. The seed is useful for Hawfinches in confinement. Flowers in February and June, and again in August and September. Gather the seed pods when ripe and store in a dry place.

COMMON BIRCH (Betula alba).—A handsome tree, the seeds of which are readily eaten by Siskins, Redpolls, and Bullfinches, and most useful for these birds in cages. For winter use, cut in bunches and store in a dry place.

COMMON BRAMBLE (Rubus fruticosus).—A common plant, with white flowers and jet-black fruit—a favourite fruit of Blackbirds, Thrushes, Waxwings, and Bullfinches. I find these berries extremely useful, and they help greatly to bring out the rich crimson breast of the Bullfinch. To keep for winter use, they should be preserved.

HORNBEAM (Carpinus betulus).—A handsome tree with downy leaves and rich scarlet berries, the latter most useful for Blackbirds, Waxwings, Thrushes, and Hawfinches—a grand fruit when they are moulting, and for winter use. To preserve them, cut when almost ripe, and pack away in sawdust; must be kept dry.

A Useful Natural Colouring Agent.

PRIVET (Ligustrum vulgare).—A well-known plant with white flowers and small jet-black berries, which are most useful for all Thrushes and Hawfinches and Bullfinches. During the winter they will be found most useful in keeping Bullfinches and Hawfinches in good colour.

ASH (Fraxinus excelsior).—A well-known tree which produces large quantities of ash keys. I have found these readily eaten by Hawfinches and Bullfinches. They assist greatly in bringing out the rich brown colour of the Hawfinch. Store in a dry place for future use.

OAK (Quercus robur).—This well-known tree bears large quantities of acorns, eaten by Hawfinches and Jays. I tried these with Hawfinches for many years, but now find they are as well without them.

BLACKTHORN OR SLOE (Prunus spinosa).—A pretty shrub with white flowers and black fruit, the latter eaten readily by all Thrushes, Waxwings, and Hawfinches. Store packed in sawdust.

CORNEL OR DOGWOOD (Cornus sanguinea).—Grows about six feet high, has creamy-white flowers and purple berries. A grand colouring berry for Bullfinches, Hawfinches, Thrushes, and Waxwings. Store away in sawdust for future use.

ALDER (Alnus glutinosa).—The only British species; a small tree with greyish bark and small catkins, which appear before the leaves. A favourite seed of the Siskin and Redpoll. I have found these catkins exceedingly useful for getting these birds on to hard seed, also as a tit-bit during the winter.

WILD CHERRY (Prunus avium).—A handsome tree in spring, with its large racemes of white flowers. The fruit is greatly relished by all Thrushes, and the Hawfinches are very fond of the cherry stones. I gather large quantities of these for my Hawfinches; one has no difficulty in getting them under the trees.

Two Favourite Berries.

HOLLY (Ilex aquifolium).—Eaten in severe weather by the Fieldfare, Redwing, Missel and Song Thrush. Hawfinches will also eat these berries in confinement, and I use them with good results, as they assist greatly in fixing the colour of these birds. Store in sawdust for future use.

IRISH YEW (Taxus fastigiata).—The berries of this tree are readily eaten by all Thrushes and Waxwings. I had once the good fortune to see a Waxwing feeding on the yew trees, and it was a pretty sight to see it fly from branch to branch. The berries are most useful for these birds when caged; I use them largely with grand results. Hawfinches and Greenfinches are also exceedingly fond of the yew berry stones. When the berries are eaten by the Waxwings and Thrushes, they pass from them in a red pulp, and after the latter has been washed away by the rain, it leaves the stones, which are eagerly picked up by Hawfinches and Greenfinches. *(To be continued.)*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ADDRESS (E. Husking, Ohio).—Very sorry, but I really cannot give addresses of breeders. It would be obviously unfair, and also doubtless raise a hornet's nest about our ears. Look up our advert. columns under heading "Rollers," or get a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, wherein you will find addresses of many of the most prominent breeders.

EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS (H. W. B.).—The excessive drinking is the effect rather than the cause of the abnormal looseness of the bowels. Keep cage floor well covered with clean sand or sawdust, the perches as clean as possible, and withhold all succulent green food until the bowels have resumed a normal condition. In addition to the usual staple diet give a small teaspoonful of boiled summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted over with carbonate of bismuth, and then sprinkled with maw seed. Also give a few grains of hemp on those days. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and five of tincture of opium for two days. See that your seeds are quite sound and clean, and especially that the rape is free from mites.

DIET FOR ROLLER HENS (M. L. Bidwell).—The diet for Roller hens should not differ materially from that of the cocks, which you might have seen given in detail in this column several times lately. As a staple give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give a little soft food—egg or crushed biscuit—once or twice a week, a pinch of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape, and teazle twice a week, and a little green salad daily in summer, and three or four times a week in winter. When salads are not obtainable, or not fit for use in winter, substitute a little sweet fruit. If you refer to breeding hens, give only the staple diet whilst sitting, and when young are hatched supply soft food and green food the same as you would to any other variety. It is quite wrong of the dealer to tell you to give the hens a lot of hemp. Do not do "no sich a thing," as the immortal Sairey would have said.

DOMESTIC SQUALLS (T. Robertson).—One cause of your trouble is having two cocks to the two hens. You should have put in the aviary only one cock with two hens. Remove one of the cocks at once, and keep him out of earshot of the hens. Things will then probably run smoothly. Leave the cock that appears to "rule the roost" with the hens. The cause of the hens both laying in one nest is, doubtless, a too limited choice of nesting sites, or that one was in a more favourable position, probably placed higher than the others. As a rule, if one nesting site in an aviary is materially higher than the rest there will be competition, or actually strife, for its possession. You should put in four or five nesting sites of similar pattern. As the hens agree well together they will be almost certain to rear any young that are hatched when one of the cocks is removed.

LOOKS THICK (J. Smith).—You do not give any details which enable me to form an opinion what is wrong. You ought to have said how you have been feeding the birds, where kept, and the probable age. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if bird is not considerably better, write again, and give these particulars. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give a spray of watercress or chickweed daily, but no dandelion. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and beside keeping a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for hen to peck at. Add 20 drops of whisky and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, to the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. You need not separate the birds during the treatment.

TO BRING UP TO SCRATCH (J. C. S.).—Keep the birds caged separately side by side, or, preferably, the hen in a breeding cage, and the cock hung on front in a nursery cage, until you see him calling the hen and feeding her freely through the wires. Feed them the same as advised to "Quiz," last week. As regards the cock mule being so forward, it would be useless putting any cock with the hen until she is herself ready to mate. The mule would doubtless mate freely enough, but the chance of a successful result would be exceedingly remote. Mules, you should know, are generally supposed to be sterile.

BALD PATCH ON NECK (M. A. J.).—It is very doubtful whether you can effect any improvement until next moulting season. You might try the following for a month or six weeks. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed, every third day, and once in each interval give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, millet and teazle. Give a spray of green food daily, or as a substitute, occasionally, a little banana. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and stick a piece of cuttlefish in wires for bird to peck at. Allow the bath quite freely in mild weather. In the drinking water add six drops of dandelion juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece every second day each alternate week. Slightly moisten the bare place with sulphur ointment twice a week for a month, but do not make a mess of the bird.

A FICKLE DAME (Willie, Belfast).—I think you only need to have patience for a little while. The hen is not quite up to concert pitch, but will doubtless set to work in earnest at the first touch of really mild settled weather. I presume she has a nest pan available. Give a small tuft of cow-hair for her to play with, but not a full supply of nesting material until she is ready to make use of it. Give a small teaspoonful of egg food, with the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal parts hemp, niger, and teazle; also a little crisp young dandelion daily. In the water add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week.

HEAVY BREATHING (Septre).—I am inclined to think the trouble of this hen arises from over-feeding, but still, in view of your losses last season, should the bird die I would advise you to send the body to Mr. Yates for a post-mortem, as per rules under heading "Post Mortems." Meantime, keep cages, perches, and water vessels scrupulously clean, and the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Keep in a comfortable temperature and free from cold draughts. Give a staple diet of plain canary only for a fortnight, and supplement it with a liberal supply of crisp, fresh green food. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of soaked and sprouting rape. Limit the diet strictly to these items for the time named. In the drinking water give every second day for a week the rhubarb and soda aperient mentioned in reply to "Pat" this week, and in the next week give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day. See that the hemp you use is quite sound and sweet in kernel.

DESERTING EGGS (Unaccountable).—Right, your pseudonym is applicable. It is not always possible to account for these idiosyncrasies, they are often nothing more. But in your case the reason of the young hens deserting the nest three days after commencing to sit is obvious. It is wholly due to the desire to begin nesting again, which you say is keen upon them. Had the cocks been left with them it would have made no difference, unless it had been to hasten forward the premature desire to nest. I have had hens that absolutely refused to sit unless the cock was with them, but it is not likely that both your hens would prove of that type. Your treatment seems to have been quite correct, and as both the hens are quite young, I do not think it likely they will behave in the same way again. As you are running two hens with one cock, it is not advisable to leave the cock with either hen until young are hatched. You should either remove when eggs are set, or leave him with hen until young are ready to separate. If you follow the same plan next time as you did the last, I do not think you will find the same trouble.

A CLUTCH OF ONE (Moccasine).—The first hen was not in proper breeding condition. Your best course was to let her sit on the one egg for its full time, even if it did not hatch, or if you had other odd or deserted eggs you might have made her up a clutch of three or four. Then you should have removed the cock and let him put the other hen to nest. Treat the hen now the same as advised to "Alex. B. McF.," in last issue, except that instead of the buckthorn, add to the water the first three days the rhubarb and soda aperient as advised to "Pat" in this issue. By the time the cock has put the other hen to nest this one should be ready to make a fresh start. You do not say whether the hens are yellow or buff variegated, so I cannot say whether you are doing right by mating a buff cock with them. They ought really to be yellow variegated, but even then to make a suitable match other typical features have to be taken into account.

BIRDROOM QUERIES (Caxton).—The variation in temperature of practically 30degs. will certainly prove very detrimental if it occurs frequently and suddenly. The amount of glass in front is partly accountable for this, but the chief cause, I fancy, is the "filling" you have used for the walls. I do not know what the "wood waste" you mention consists of, unless it is chips and shavings, which would be of very little use for the purpose for which I recommend sawdust or "wool waste." You must have misread the latter for "wood waste," unless the printer made an error which escaped my notice. "Wool waste," I suspect, is not common, except in districts where textile manufactories abound. I cannot see how the lantern on roof is connected by airway with the inner house, neither is it at all necessary, seeing that you have exits for foul air in the upper angles of the ends. On the other hand, I see no provision whatever to admit fresh air except by the open window. Therefore I would advise you to seal the apertures in the ends on the inside boards, leaving the holes in the outer boards open, make an airway from these between the inner and outer boards down to the floor, and then make an aperture in the inner boards next the floor to connect air shaft with inside of room. Then you would need the lantern on roof as an exit. If this is too difficult, make an aperture 6in. by 4in. near the floor in the middle of front and cover inside and outside with perforated zinc. This will admit fresh air, and you can then dispense with either the roof or end ventilation, and the result will doubtless go far towards eliminating the serious fluctuations. (2) To remove the smell of paint, evaporate an ounce or so of strong vinegar on a hot shovel morning and evening for two or three consecutive days. Keep plenty of ventilation on at other times to assist in hardening the paint. The smell will recur more or less until paint is hard dry. (3) If you arrange ventilation as advised in No. 1, you will not need to keep casement open throughout the day except in sultry summer weather. (4) Provided it does not necessitate a dank, moist atmosphere in the room, it will do no harm to grow seeds in boxes on the floor.

A CHANGE (L.S.).—The snap of very cold weather may very likely be partly accountable for the hen not setting her house in order at once, and she could not have been very forward as you believed. The "unfriendliness" when birds were put together is not a bad sign at all, and the cock ceasing his song is nothing at all unusual. Therefore, altogether I think you only need a little patience, and things will begin to develop favourably presently. If hen has not yet started building a nest, remove the material, but not the nest-pan, and leave just a little tuft of cow-hair for birds to play with until you see the hen engaged busily in the nest-pan scratching and twisting round. Then is the time to give a full supply of material. See reply to "Quiz" in last issue and treat your birds the same.

EGG EATING (Georgiee).—When the birds are of sufficient merit to warrant the trouble to save their eggs for hatching, trap-nests and foster-parents are the only methods worth troubling about. Filling shells with noxious substances for the birds to investigate, or keeping two or three china eggs in the nest for them to work off their energy upon, are believed by some fanciers to be useful. Personally, I have little faith in them. To try the former plan, mustard with a pinch of salt mixed to a cream with strong vinegar is about the least appreciated by the birds. You will find an illustration of a special nest-box for saving the eggs of egg-eaters in Part VII. of "Our Canaries," and the text referring to same in Part VIII. The hen may lay a few more eggs if they were all taken away and hatched by fosters, but it is doubtful whether she would go on laying over a long period, although some hens would do so. I should be most reluctant to entrust such confirmed egg-eaters to hatch out a brood, even if they appeared to reform so far as to complete a clutch without feasting upon it.

A CLOSE SITTER (Sweating Hen).—I am afraid I cannot give you an infallible preventive of "sweating," as some hens appear quite incorrigible. You ought to have said how you were feeding the hen and her age. If she is a young bird of last season it is quite possible she may rear the next and future broods quite successfully. Let the cock remain with her next time. This may help to prevent her becoming lethargic and careless. Do not overfeed them with egg food the first few days. A teaspoonful morning and afternoon should be ample for the first four or five days, even when the cock is present. Begin to give a little fresh crisp green food on the fourth day, or, if the hen shows signs of flagging before this time, give a little green food at once, and continue the supply in small quantities, fresh two or three times daily. Also keep a little rape seed soaking in cold water, changing water daily to keep it sweet and fresh, and as soon as hen shows any signs of flagging, give a teaspoonful of this soaked and sprouting rape daily. Simply drain off the water before giving it. In any case you may give this seed from about a week old, as it is a very wholesome food for the young and helps to keep the parents keen on feeding. Beyond this, treat the birds the same as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and interfere with the nest or young as little as possible. By the bye, there is no fear whatever of a hen sitting too closely at this time of year, especially with the weather we have been having. The fact that two young were dead in shell was more likely to be due to weak germs, and this may also throw light on the hen not feeding those that were hatched.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); Hause's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Buttye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ACCOMMODATION, ETC. (H. R. S.).—(1) Sorry I misinterpreted your meaning, and if you enclosed a sketch of your room last time, as I fancy you did, I have not got it by me now, and cannot tell what wall space you have available for cages, hence my reply must necessarily be somewhat indefinite. The best size for a single breeding cage is 20ins. long, 16ins. high, and 10 deep (that is from back to front). A double breeding-cage should be 40ins. long, and the same height and depth. I should prefer the single cage as above, and the use of separate nursery cages for the cock or young as required rather than the cage you suggest, viz., 24ins. long and a 9in. space at one end wired off to separate cock or young, as this would make the larger compartment a very cramped breeder. Assuming you have the whole of one of the 15ft. walls available, by using the 20in. single cages, you could arrange the cages on a rack in three tiers, starting at 18ins. from the floor, which would make the top tier reach to about 5ft. 9ins., not too high for comfortably attending to them. Each tier would hold eight cages comfortably. Therefore, you could very comfortably house 24 pairs. One or two large flights could be placed on the other walls. If only a 15ft. wall is available, by a similar arrangement, you could accommodate 21 cages and pairs. This number, or even a few more, you could house with perfect safety, from a hygienic standpoint, provided the cages, and food and water supply are kept perfectly clean and pure, and the room properly ventilated. Given these fundamental conditions, there is exceedingly little danger to be apprehended from septic fever unless the infection is accidentally introduced from an infected source. (2) I do not consider rain water the best for birds' drinking purposes. Its collection and storage is too apt to cause contamination. If the ordinary service supply is good enough for humans, in whose interest its purity is closely supervised, it is certainly good enough for the birds. (3) It would depend upon the individual hen whether it would be safe to transfer eggs about to hatch to a hen that had only just finished laying. I would not advise doing so unless the hen had sat a few days, or her temperament was fully known.

SQUEAK AND GAPE (Pat).—The affected birds are in all probability susceptible to changes of weather, and require to be in a fairly comfortable temperature where the fluctuations are as trifling as possible. It need not be very warm, nor artificially heated, but should be just away from the chilly side. Your room seems to be quite a suitable one, but you should see that no direct cold draughts blow from the window on to these birds. It would be much the wiser plan to keep window open only at the top until the weather becomes more warm and settled. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day for a fortnight give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, rape, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece for three days. After this give every second day for a fortnight 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will put up for you: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT BIRD? (L. J. L.).—I must congratulate you on the excellent diagram which has made my task quite an easy one; it is a Grey Java Sparrow, and will thrive on a diet of canary and white millet seeds, about equal parts, with grit, cuttlebone, and green food regularly. These are smart, dapper birds, and very fond of their bath, which should be of the type that hangs outside the cage over the open door; such are procurable from almost any bird dealer. A millet spray and a few crushed oats help to vary the diet. The Java Sparrow is a hardy species, but must not be placed in a draught. Of course, it goes without saying, that no bird will thrive unless its cage is large enough to allow it to take reasonable exercise.

BIRDS FOR KITCHEN AVIARY (A. Hart).—The only fault of your kitchen aviary is its narrowness from back to front. I gather that you are somewhat indifferent as to their breeding or otherwise, because after all your aviary is only really a roomy cage. Here are a few you could keep together in the cage: 1 pair each Green Budgerigars and Java Sparrows, and one Pekin Robin; or 1 pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars; or 1 pair each Zebra and Ribbon Finches and Green Singing Finches. As a mixed series, you could keep 1 pair each Avadavats, Gold-breasted and Orange-cheek Waxbills (4s. 6d. per pair); cocks, Grey Singing and Alario Finches. As regards diet: Canary, white millet, and millet sprays, with greenfood, grit, and cuttlebone would meet the needs of the majority of the above; a few crushed oats for the Budgerigars and Java Sparrows to pick over, and a little soft food and ripe fruit for the Pekin Robin would complete the "bill of fare." Our Nutshells: No. 18, Budgerigars, No. 16, Avadavats, No. 19, Pekin Nightingale, No. 20 Waxbills, all 2½d. post free, from our Manager would help you.

DOVES (Glenfield).—The pair of Doves you have are Barbary Turtle Doves, other hardy species you could keep are: Senegal Turtle Doves, Diamond, Passerine, Peaceful, Picui, and Australian Crested Doves. All are hardy, and usually prove free breeders. Watch our advert. columns, and secure pairs as opportunity offers. There is a chapter on the Diamond Dove in "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1s. 1½d. post free from our Manager), and the treatment given there would apply to most of the species mentioned above, with the addition of a little hemp, dari and wheat for the Senegal Turtle and Crested Pigeons, or if you care to send me a stamped address wrapper per Editor, I shall be pleased to send you a reprint of an article I have by me on the Diamond Dove.

ORANGE WEAVER OR BISHOP (A. L. T.).—A sketchy description is fiery orange, with scarlet washes in aged birds, with the mantle and wing-coverts bright cinnamon brown, with dark shaft streaks, and the crown, sides of head, chin, chest, and abdomen shining velvety black; flight and tail feathers brown, with paler margins. Your birds are evidently either immature, or in undress plumage, and will assume the breeding plumage later. Send me a description when this takes place, and I can tell you what they are. The Scarlet and Black Weavers which have been offered lately are, I believe, the Crimson-crowned Weaver, larger than the Orange, and more fiery red. The Grenadier Weaver might also be sold as such. The Madagascar is frequently sold as the Scarlet Weaver. Possess yourself with patience, and if you are not acquainted with the Weavers, the change of the males from winter to summer (breeding or nuptial) plumage will appear to you little short of miraculous.

WHAT BIRD? (Tonsorial).—Please describe shape of bill and state whether the feet are those of a land or water bird. It would really be a waste of time for me to attempt to search it out without some idea. At such a distance from land one is not safe to assume even that it is an American species. Kindly supply me the above details as far as possible, and I will try and pick out the species. I am retaining your query for reference.

GREY PARROT GAPING (Mrs. Curtis).—This can arise from several causes, and till you tell me how long you have had the bird, where you keep it, and how it is and has been fed and treated, I am powerless to help you. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. On receipt of the above information shall be pleased to help you further.

FOR GREENHOUSE AVIARY (Robin).—(1) Grey Javas and the Pekin may give you trouble later on: I am afraid so many odd British species may militate against successful breeding, and the Pekin is certainly a bit of an epicure and rather fond of eggs for breakfast; moreover, practically all the indigenous species you have are notorious disbudders, and even evergreens will not enjoy a very long life with them. A pair of Zebra Finches (7s. 6d.) would be almost certain breeders, and they certainly are pretty and interesting, if not gorgeous. A pair of Gouldian Finches (20s. to 30s.) would also be very probable breeders. You could also add a pair each of Avadavats (3s. 6d.), and Gold-breasted Waxbills (3s. 6d.), they are both beautiful, and may breed;

prices given are approx. and per pair. Nutshells 14, 16, 18, and 20 would assist you, 2½d. each, post free, from our Manager. If you retain the British species I should advise a good sized common broad leaved laurel, and a couple of box trees, place them so that there are no perches immediately above them, and an occasional syringing will keep them fairly clean; euonymus is also a nice bush for the purpose, but the Finches are fond of the succulent shoots. As regards the Budgies, the yellow cock will ultimately choose any other odd hen (green or yellow) there may be available, and in such case nearly all your young Budgies will be pure Greens, with only an occasional yellow one. To obviate this, the only thing you can do is to take out the Yellows till the Greens are feeding young, then put them back again, and during the intervening period they should be well paired, and should settle down to nesting operations at once—of course, you must see that there are several unoccupied husks, barrels, or logs for them to choose from.

GREEN BUDGERIGARS (H. E. A.).—You can give either the glauber salts as directed, or Dinneford's Magnesia, the latter neat direct to the beak. Whichever you use, only give three drops at a time; you can also give it them in the water twice a week; on these days catch the birds, and give them the three drops direct to the beak, so as to ensure them getting it, but do not give the drops rapidly one after the other. Do not give a second drop till after the first has been swallowed; to give even a largeish bird a quarter spoonful of liquid straightaway would produce apparent convulsions, owing to the bird being in a choking condition for a time. If your bird is accustomed to take a crust, or piece of biscuit, you can soak this in either mixture, and supply to the bird when dry again. A fly round the room when convenient will also be very beneficial. Not having space for wing exercise is very detrimental to the health of Budgerigars.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. each); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

GOULDIAN FINCHES (Gould).—It is these cold snaps that are really dangerous at this season. Mostly they begin to incubate with the fourth egg, and all the chicks are hatched within a day of each other. I should say, however, that the clutch is rather variable, and that six eggs are by no means uncommon, and often four forms the full clutch. It is quite true that many Gouldian Finches rear entirely on seed and green food, the latter seeding grass, etc., in unlimited quantities; but it is certainly wise to test them with a little good insectile mixture (soft food), and milk sop, both of which they take fairly freely of in my aviaries. Allow a bath on sunny genial days. By all means try your method in case of desertion. There is a prospect of success, but shelled and soaked seed should form some part of their menu. While they are rearing young let the supply of spray millet be continuous.

FOR INDOOR AVIARY-CAGE (Starter).—I am afraid you still have not a very comprehensive idea as to space required for any real probability of breeding success. Very many of those who have no aviary accommodation give a 2½ to 3ft. cage to each pair, and I certainly advise you not to overcrowd, and also not to include either Budgerigars or Pekin Robins with Finches in such space. You are more likely to have decent luck with three or, at the most, four pairs than with overcrowding it. It will also be better for you to gain a little experience with the freely imported species before trying the more costly kinds. Zebra Finches would be practically certain breeders; Avadavats and Gold-breasted Waxbill, small and beautiful, but only probable breeders; and for the other pair you could choose from Ribbon and Bib Finches, Bronze Mannikins, Long-tailed or Rufous-tailed Grassfinches. Your idea of the aviary-cage having only wire front is sound. If the above does not quite meet your need, consider the replies given, definitely decide what course you intend to take, and then if you write again I can give you a definite reply. Use twiggy branches as perches, and have several evergreens in pots, one of which could go in for a week and then be replaced by another, and so on. Perches should not be over the plants.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (J. Fordham).—So far as I can gather from your remarks the bird is progressing favourably, but it will take some little time for it to recover tone and plumage. Continue the treatment for another month, and then let me know how matters stand. Does this bird bathe? If not, you must spray it at least once a week with tepid water, but guard against a chill while these cold winds last. Anoint the bare places with Zam-buk, but do not use sufficient for it to run among and grease the surrounding plumage; if the bird will permit you to handle it freely, sponge the bare areas, say every other day with tepid water containing a little Condy's Fluid, and after drying with a soft cloth, anoint with Zam-buk. This should prevent the accumulation of grease. Leave out the oats, wheat and maize, but do not permit it to feed on sunflower and hemp alone. Get some local fancier or dealer to have a look at the beak. From your sketch it appears as if the lower mandible wants trimming back a little. Do you supply it with cuttlebone and wood to cut up? As a rule, when these are supplied a Parrot keeps its own mandibles properly ground down.

AILING GREY PARROT (H. Degg).—Give three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, and dissolve three drops of tincture of opium in one ounce of tepid water, and give this as drinking water for the day, stirring it at intervals. If it will not drink, give two or three drops of it at intervals of two or three hours during the day. Give it a little sop to tempt it, prepared as follows: a few pieces of plain sweet biscuit, break up into smallish pieces, allow half a teaspoonful of bynophosphates to soak in, sprinkle with moist sugar, and pour over it as much boiling water as the biscuit will absorb. As soon as it commences to eat its usual food again, gradually wean it from the boiled maize, and feed as advised in our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot" (2½d. post free from our Manager). If it appears to need a stimulant, let it have a few sips of weak brandy and water (chilled) at intervals during the second day, and as long as required. You can give the opium water for two days consecutively, and then let several days elapse before repeating it; but if the bird resumes its food it should not be necessary. Your letter, while perhaps as full as you can make it, does not enable me to draw any definite conclusion, but the above palliatives should give relief. You had better report progress in seven days, and make your details as full as possible. N.B.—Follow the opium water by a course of byno-phosphates, half-teaspoonful in the daily supply of drinking water.

AFRICAN GREY PARROT (B. Twiss).—(1) It should be saying a few words now. Are you teaching it at all? I assume it is quite tame. Whenever you feed it, or are in its vicinity talk to it, accustom it to your voice, and whenever it is in restful mood repeat over and over again (quietly and distinctly) some short sentence you would like it to repeat, and when that is learned take up another. Once a start is made progress will be rapid, and it will then pick up many words and calls without teaching. (2) It is possibly only the moult, but give it a mild laxative half-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking twice a week for a month, and follow this by the same quantity of byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day for another month. If you have not got our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," get it (2½d. post free from our Manager), it will give you full details as to food and general treatment. Such items as the bird continually rejects could be left out of its mixture, but do not permit it to feed entirely on sunflower and hemp. Most Greys are fond of sweet apple, and let it have a little of any green food (lettuce, etc.) it will take. You cannot force it to bathe, but if it does not, spray it (use a "mist" sprayer) once a week in winter, and twice a week in summer and autumn (of course, taking precaution against a chill) with tepid water. Use a weak solution of quassia occasionally as a precaution against parasites. (3) This query should have gone to our Canary specialist. You had better repeat it to him next week, but the prices run from two guineas up to quite a high figure, according to talent.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A SQUIRREL.—It is possible for any type of Canary to have pink eyes, but it can only do so if it has cinnamon blood in its veins. In other words, the pink-eye is the hall-mark, so to speak, of cinnamon blood. It is quite true that Sib.-bred hens often possess pink eyes, but only because they are bred from stock containing a large percentage of cinnamon blood. Thus your friend is wrong in saying that it is the Sib.-bred Canary which has pink eyes; in reality it is the cinnamon Canary. A bird may be Sib.-bred, yet show no trace of the pink eye.

A THRUSH'S TROUBLE (Cymro).—It is probably the commencement of a cold. Give for one day dissolved in the drinking water, as much sulphate of soda as just covers a shilling (not heaped up). Follow this with a few daily doses (a small teaspoonful) of a mixture composed of one ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and whiskey.

IN AN AVIARY (A Novice).—It is not necessary to pair up each couple in a separate cage before turning them into the aviary; the different species will at once sort themselves out. It is not wise to turn in odd hens (nor odd cocks, either), as unmated birds can be very troublesome. You must be careful not to put in over many couples, or this will seriously militate against your chances of success.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr Clarke's 'Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding'* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. each): *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

The best items to bring the birds into breeding condition are the wild seeds, i.e., groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, and seeding grass, one and all of which are easily obtainable. Almost any evergreen is suitable for use, box, privet, laurel, fir, euonymous, etc. You should put up corner "thickets" made of pea sticks, dead fir branches, etc.

SIX AT ONCE (G. J. Green).—(1) Any cage not less than 30 x 16 x 14 inches would be excellent. (2) It is very doubtful indeed. Hen Bullies are most unreliable mothers when in cages. Best always to transfer eggs to hen Canary. (3) I really don't understand what you mean by "shrub to fake the nest with." Anyway, I gave all necessary particulars as regards the nesting arrangements for a hen Bullfinch in reply to "D.C." last week. (4) Have never heard of Hybrids between Himalayan Goldfinch and Bullfinch. The value would not be particularly high, so far as the exhibiting fancier is concerned, at any rate, for they would not be admitted into the ordinary Hybrid classes, but would have to compete as foreign bird Hybrids, and special classes for these are few and far between. They would have a value for collectors of rarities, of course. (5) I think you will be referring to Mr. St. John's recipe, and I haven't this by me. Ask him to repeat it in his columns. (6) Sometimes the Great Tit is spoken of as the "Blackcap," but this is, of course, only a local name for the species. The true Blackcap Warbler is a very different bird, with grey body plumage, and jet black cap; the hen has a rufous cap, so is easily distinguished.

THE SISKIN'S BIB (Dr. E.S.).—Yes, a housemoult often (in fact, generally) causes the bib of a Siskin to disappear, or to become smaller and very faint. It is not always the case, however, for I have known birds to retain an excellent bib after moulting; it is a bit of a puzzle.

MULING IN AN AVIARY (Folkestonian).—Your aviary is not large enough to accommodate all the birds you specify if you wish them to breed. Leave out the cock Yellowhammer and Bramblefinch, and they might quite likely get along harmoniously. If birds are at all crowded, the chances of breeding results become very small. The aviary, judging by your description, is very suitable. Turn out the birds any time now when the weather is at all genial.

TWO ITEMS (Southview, Sussex).—I cannot decipher your name. (1) Paint the swelling daily for a short time with a little tincture of iodine. (2) The aviary is very large, and the pairs you mention should do well in it. As additional inmates, you could select any of the Finches (I include the Buntings in this). Snow, Reed, Yellow, Lapland, Meadow, Cirl, and Black-headed Buntings are all very desirable aviary birds, though some of them are not easy to obtain (the Meadow and Black-headed, in particular).

LINNET "OFF COLOUR" (T.E.K.).—The best medicine you can try is a mixture of one ounce each of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian. Stir a small half-teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, for at least five or six days.

AN OUTDOOR AVIARY (Hybrid).—(1) You could comfortably moult 40 to 50 birds in the place, but half-a-dozen Hybrid couples would be the limit, though a few hen Canaries could be added as well. (2) You should put plenty of branches (or small thickets of pea sticks) in as well as nesting receptacles. (4) Put in a skylight; don't on any account have open (uncovered) wire netting. Take my advice and do not concrete the whole of the floor—leave some of it earth (it is easily renewable).

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 5, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J.L.G.—Metritis, due to septic infection, viz., inflammation of the oviduct, the lungs also participated, as is common in these cases from absorption of septic products.

C. M. Wilcott.—Ulceration of the bowels of some standing, primarily due to toxic substances ingested with the food. You should have tried dilute sulphuric acid in the drinking water, together with a suitable diet.

H.R.D.—Disease of the liver, known as cirrhosis or hardening, and enlargement of that organ, generally traceable to impurities taken at some time with the food. The body was greatly distended by this organ, giving the appearance of a bird eggbound, but on dissection it was found that the liver occupied almost the entire body cavity. The disease was of long standing, and no treatment would have availed.

B. Dalton.—The presence of a soft-shelled egg in the oviduct, with inability to pass same, resulting in death from exhaustion. The usual form of treatment is to resort to steaming with hot water, to allow the parts to sufficiently relax to facilitate the passage of the egg. Puncture of the egg is sometimes performed, using a very fine stiletto, but this procedure needs great care. Warmth acts magically in some of the cases, by placing the cage in front of a good fire or gas stove, relief is often effected. Inertia of the walls of the oviduct is generally responsible, particularly in birds of an overfat condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

S. Wilkinson.—We do not know anything of the actual makers.

J. T. Jones.—Sorry, but we have illustrated this several times. It is a well-known and widely used device.

W. Hornby.—We are very much obliged to you for your suggestion, which shall certainly be carried into effect.

In the Courts.

Live Crow Used as Scarecrow.

An unusual case of cruelty was recently investigated by the magistrates at the Shire Hall, Nottingham, when John Trickett, a farmer, of Annesley Woodhouse, was summoned for cruelty to a Crow.

A gamekeeper employed by Mr. J. P. Chaworth Musters found a Crow pegged down by a piece of cord round its leg, in one of the defendant's fields. The other leg was broken, as though in a trap. The keeper had previously seen defendant set traps and bait them with potato.

A constable who was fetched killed the bird, and then went to see Trickett, who admitted that he had caught the Crow in a trap and tied it down alive so as to frighten other Crows off the field. Defendant told Inspector Keast, of the R.S.P.C.A., that the field had been black with Crows.

Through Mr. C. E. W. Lucas, who defended, Trickett pleaded that he had no intention of committing cruelty, although he now realised that it was a wrong thing to do, but he thought a live Crow would be more effectual than a dead one. The string was two or three yards in length. Mr. Lucas added that defendant had had this farm all his life, and that it had been in his family for generations. In view of his previous good character he asked that he might be let off on payment of costs.—The bench acceded to this view. The costs amounted to 13s.—"Nottingham Guardian."

Mother and Foster-mother.

A correspondent writes to the "Birmingham Daily Mail," Mar. 1:—"Last spring in the hedge was a Thrush's nest, and we used to sit and watch the old birds, assisted by a Starling, feed the young (the old birds had to clear every time the Starling arrived with food), and the system adopted by the feeders was to fetch a worm and apparently give each young bird a lick at it, though by some method it was divided, because at the finish there was none left. They then fled to one of two holly trees and fetched berries. Next journey was another worm, and so all three birds alternated flesh and fruit. We afterwards put the nest in a box and hung it on a wall. The old birds found it, and the same method went on. The trees are close to the bedroom windows, and I am thus able to see very closely what goes on."

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—April 24, Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Table show of British. Judge, Mr. A. Dippie.—Robt. Forster.

Ashington and Hurst C.B.S.—April 19, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Nest Feather Show, subscriptions, and to enrol new members.—W. Hall.

Barrow C.B.A.—April 23, Gardner and Richards, 7.30. Nomination fees for Nest Feather Show, also election of judge.—Arthur Hudson.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—April 23, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Special committee meeting of selected members to deal with rules for the two cups; all will be advised. Members kindly offer suggestions to—J. Sheppard.

Cnoppington C.B.S.—April 19, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Classification, judges, etc.—G. H. Seely.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—April 19, Flying Dutchman, 8. Important business.—W. Helliwell.

Consett, Blackhill Poultry, etc., Soc.—April 19, Co-op. Buildings, Consett, 7.30. Committee meeting, to appoint judges.—J. H. Coupland. (Kindly send notices in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in CAGE BIRDS and THE POULTRY WORLD.—Ed.)

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—April 19, Masonic Arms, 7. Business important.—J. W. Holms.

Cumnock C.B.S.—April 19, Cross Keys, Auchinleck, 7. General business and fixing of date of proposed rambles to be held in May or early in June.—Alex. Wyper.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—April 20, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Arranging schedule for Nest Feather show, and other important business. Will all fanciers please attend.—B. Robinson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—April 26, Co-operative Hall, 7. Classification and judges of annual show, consideration of rambles.—Robert T. Campbell.

Derby C.B.S.—April 26, Derwent Hotel, 7. Special business, etc.—Wharam and Bamsey.

East Lothian C.B.S.—April 18, Secretary's Room, 8.15, to elect office-bearers. Members and friends invited.—J. McHolme.

Glasgow North-West C.B.C.—April 25, Blythswood Halls, 8. Show of Brit. bird, 6 classes: Bunting, Charlie or Bramble, Small Brit., Large Brit., Mules and Hybrid, Foreign.—Wm. Loan.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—April 21, Mr. Nicholson's, 7.30. Schedule for Nest Feather show, etc.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—April 19, Crown Inn, 7. Classification for F.F. show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—April 26, Durham Ox Inn, 7. Business important. Fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—April 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. Cutmore, Liverpool, "Pedigree Breeding and Heredity," with illustrations. Friends invited.—H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—April 19, All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, 8.30. Annual general meeting. Balance-sheet and election of officers.—G. Denham.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—April 19, All Saint's Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, 8.15. Accounts and other matters of urgent importance.—F. J. Martin.

Morley C.B.S.—April 19, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Classes for coming shows.—J. Rhodes.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.—April 19, Crown Hotel, 7.30. A discussion on bird breeding.—Arthur Wake.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—April 24, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—J. P. Carr.

Newsham C.B.S.—April 19, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Fanciers wishing to join please attend.—C. Snowdon.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 22, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurney, 8. Show business.—John Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—April 22, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Suggestions of pools for all varieties, also closing of pools for young Mules and Hybrids.—James Cope.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—April 26, Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 5.30. Election of president and five vice-presidents, and proposed cup competition.—J. Brown.

Small Bridge C.B.S.—April 22, Secretary's, Oak Street, Smithy Bridge, 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting, show business, etc.—J. T. Cheetham.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 21, headquarters, 8. General business.—John Bamford.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Tuesday, 22, at Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Important, re-open show.—W. G. Andrews,.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.—April 24, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8. Paper by Mr. J. D. Leigh.—G. M. Nelson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—April 19, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Annual show business.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—April 19, Horse and Groom, 5. Annual tea and presentation of prizes; tickets 1s. All fanciers and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Wood Green F.F.A.—April 22, Assembly Rooms, 8. Committee meeting.—T. Callegari. (Kindly send notices in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in CAGE BIRDS and THE POULTRY WORLD.—Ed.)

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—April 19, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 5.30. Meeting of the Council. New Council, election of treas., subcommittee, members' fees, competitions, printing, novice medals, and other business.—Horatio Hill.

Yorks County B.B. and Mule Club.—April 26, at Market Tavern, 7. Allotting patronages, new sec., etc.—J. Lane.

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Correspondence.

New Society for Dunston-on-Tyne.

Sir,—It is proposed to commence a cage bird society in connection with the Dunston-on-Tyne Excelsior Working Men's Social Club. Will any local fancier interested please communicate with me at 13, Athol Street, or at the Club?

A. W. Lord.

A Bird Within a Bird.

Sir,—On getting my Cage Birds on Friday last, I was struck by the fact that on the frontispiece, in the region of the Hawfinch's eye, appears the exact shape of another bird. I don't know if you noticed it, or if it would interest other readers. Let them look at it and try and solve the "puzzle." It was only through my habit of perusing Cage Birds so minutely that I discovered it.

F. Harrison.

Black Mealworms.

Sir,—Some time ago, if I remember rightly, Mr. Claude St. John in your columns denied the existence of a dark variety of mealworms. I have not his statement by me, and am only writing from memory. I think he stated it was only unhealthy specimens that went dark. I tried to put him right, but don't think he was convinced, so having just received a quantity from our mill here, quite 90 per cent. of which are always dark, I herewith send you a few to see that I was right. I also send two or three of the light variety for you to see the difference. Perhaps you may be able to let Mr. St. John see them. It would be interesting to find out if they breed true to colour, but breeding mealworms is a long job. I consider it takes twelve months, although a correspondent in Cage Birds some time ago, stated that if a few mealworms were put into a box with some bran, etc., in about three months they would have bred thousands.

C. P. Arthur.

The sample sent by Mr. Arthur was seen by Mr. F. Thruber, a well-known British bird fancier, and he stated that he had previously had similar dark coloured (practically black) mealworms, the colour of which he had thought to be due to the fact that they were fed on malt and not the usual kind of meal.—Editor.

What Constitutes a "Lottery?"

Interesting Sidelights on the Gateshead Prosecution.

Sir,—Apropos of the prosecution by the Police of the Gateshead Society for the prize drawing they held, it is interesting to note a paragraph in a contemporary mentioning the fact that one of the Leeds Football Club players (who is also a fancier) received his benefit when they played Notts Forest. That of itself is of little interest to your readers, but in this report it mentioned that some firm had given a bicycle to be won by the person who bought the programme bearing a certain lucky number. This number was drawn from a bag by the referee in full view of the spectators, and the bag was escorted to the centre of the field *by two policemen*, so that everything should be above board. The two cases are analagous, yet in Gateshead, where a society wanted to raise money to pay off their debts, the police take action, but in Leeds, where a rich club wanted to make a present of £750 to a popular idol, they even offer their services! There's a great injustice somewhere, but I am informed on good authority that if a society wants to hold a draw, all they have to do is to hold it under the "Arts Club" rules, and they are within the law. From what I can gather, it appears that all they need to do is to print on their tickets the information that the lucky winner of a prize has the option of buying it at his own price, which only need be a penny. Very truly it is said that there is no law on the statute book through which you can't drive a coach and four.

Sub Rosa.

At the meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B., held April 14, the secretary offered a fine iced cake to the member or visitor who came nearest to fore-casting the number of persons present at a given time during the evening. Considerable consternation (!) ensued amongst the officials when the following letter was handed in (also, needless to say, many hearty laughs at the joke perpetrated by a well-known member not unconnected with the legal profession).

85, Bucklersbury, E.C.

To the Secretary,
City and Suburban Canary B.A.

Sir,—It has come to our notice that a cake covered with a thick layer of almond paste, and valued at 10s. 6d., is to be the prize in a competition to be held at the meeting of the society, of which you are the secretary, on Monday, the 14th inst. We beg to inform you that such proceedings as you appear to contemplate in the matter of the cake seem to us to be an infringement of the Lottery Acts, and therefore illegal. Our representative will call at the meeting of your society on Monday next; he will be the last to enter the room prior to 9.15 p.m. If the above mentioned cake is immediately handed to him we propose to take no further action in this matter. But if this course is not adopted and the cake is not delivered to our representative, we shall have no alternative but to inform the Public Prosecutor in order that legal proceedings may be taken against you under the Lottery Acts.—We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

Hitchcoke & Pertinax (Solrs.).

Early Breeding of Wild Birds.

Sir,—I read with pleasure your reports of early nesting, and the various summer migrants noted. Mr. Geo. Crabb's report of the House Martin being seen on April 6th is very interesting to me, as I have a record of their arrival in the same district (Watford) for a number of years and find the average date is about the end of April. There is no doubt our very mild winter has brought a number across much earlier than usual. My first in this district (Mardy, Glam.) is the Wheatear, April 9, and I am not likely to see many other varieties here, as the country is simply barren mountains. There will be the Whinchat and probably the Ring Ouzel, but there is no cover for anything else.

J. Goodall.

The Keeping and Feeding of Goldfinches.

Sir,—The Goldfinch has always been a great favourite of mine, and I was very successful three or four years back with the exhibiting of the same, winning twice at the Crystal Palace and once at Earl's Court, besides 4th at Camberwell, my bird each time being claimed at catalogue price. I have always found the best way to keep my Finches in condition is to keep them on a staple diet of good sound flax and canary in equal parts, and give in a separate feeding vessel twice a week half a teaspoonful of hemp, niger, thistle and dandelion. For green food watercress, young dandelion leaves, and the heads when ripe. During the winter months I give a slice of ripe apple twice a week. I make a usual thing of spraying two or three times a week. I am not a believer in medicines of any kind. I find that once a Finch is very bad and goes light he never seems to recover his true vigour again. My intentions are to start exhibiting again this coming show season. I wish Cage Birds every success.

A. J. Payne.

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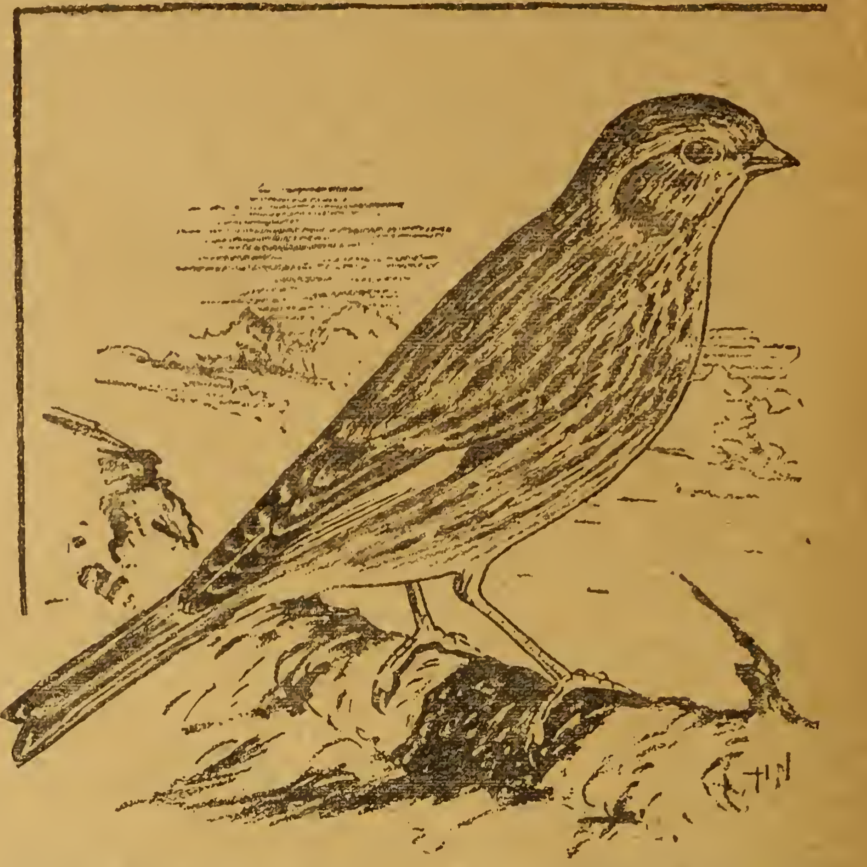

A WELL-KNOWN SOUTH-COUNTRY EXHIBITION LINNET.

This bird, the property of Mr. C. E. Gunnell, of Woodside, Croydon, had a successful career at South of England shows during the 1912-13 season. It was 1st and spl. at New Cross, 1st at Brighton, 3rd at the Horticultural Hall, etc.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique Judges" to Blame?

Sir,—Allow me to thank "Pro Bono Publico" for his timely letter regarding the use of coarse gravel, thick spars, and distinguishing marks on show cages, especially in the Border Fancy section. I am sure if his suggestions were carried out by the B.F.C.C. it would help matters greatly; but there still would be the question of cages, which is another drawback to the Fancy. A few seasons ago I heard a remark passed in a show about a fancier offering 10s. for another's cage; surely there was something special about it? Permit me to say to your correspondent, "Plainhead," who feels rather upset at me putting my name to my letter, that if he is one of the innocent party, let him do likewise, and perhaps it will be to his advantage regarding the judging of shows. Surely the many readers of this paper will have some sympathy with one who has suffered so badly through suspicion resting on the wrong man. No., "P.H.," I did not boastfully assure the Fancy that if given a chance at open shows I would give the best of satisfaction, for I am afraid I should have rather a hard task, but I said I hoped to see the day when I would judge open shows, when I would judge according to my opinion, and would not require to mark "soft" on an honourable fancier's cage, when I had put a friend's inferior bird first or second. You say some of my prizes were won under a judge I frequently purchased birds from. You, who are innocent, ought to name the show, and I will know what you mean. You do not feel inclined to answer my question with regard to the use of coarse gravel, thick spars, etc. I told your many readers that when he, "P. H.," was challenged about coarse gravel he used the thick spars. Again, you deny my statements as regards purchasing two of your winners in an Edinburgh bird stores at 2s. Your memory is surely failing you; do you not remember where you purchased the cinnamon marks you showed all the season? If not I will send you along the show reports where they won, and perhaps it will refresh your memory a bit. I do not intend to "sweep decks" next season, nor did I say so, but if all goes well I will exhibit as many birds as I can afford at every show where there is not a "clique" judge. Let me ask the members of the B.F.C.C. to examine the list of prize winners (club specials) carefully, and they will have no difficulty in finding out the select band. It would be easier for them had the judges' names been printed along with the shows, which, no doubt, ought to have been done. Allow me to thank you, Mr. Editor, for taking this matter up, for it has proved beyond doubt that our supposed "imaginations" have been correct, and no doubt it will benefit entries at Scottish shows in the coming season.

W. Lambie.

Whitburn.

[In the present unsatisfactory state of the law of libel, we have had no option but to delete a certain paragraph from the above letter. If Mr. Lambie can substantiate specific charges of fraudulent conduct (for that is what they amount to) at the shows, against any particular person, he should make them before the show committees, or the committee of the B.F.C.C., who are privileged to deal with such matters. Newspapers have no such privilege.—Editor.]

Sir,—Kindly allow me to reply to some of "Plainhead's" inconsistent remarks in his latest attempt to defend the "clique." He told me distinctly (in fact, it has been his main point throughout) that my guessing was wrong, and now, when faced with the truth of it, he, as usual, runs away from it—he says it does not apply to him. But, "Plainhead," yours was one of the medals I guessed right. I prefer being called a prophet rather than a clique judge. I have also accepted all his offers, including that of Feb. 1st, but "Plainhead" has always kept clear and opened up new ground, so long as it suited his own ends. A small case possibly can hold all my prize cards, and still find room for "Plainhead's." Seeing you refused my challenge, I will make you an easier one. You ask me to give the names of judges and shows. I would be only too pleased to do so, but I am sorry the Editor would not print them owing to the law of libel. That is his business, not ours. I will, however, meet you half-way (say Edinburgh) any Saturday evening you like to name. I will then tell you the judges and the shows—but come by yourself. I hope you will not disappoint me this time and back out of it. Did you never think it strange yourself for some fancier to lift four or five 1st cards the one Saturday and not get even a commend card the following Saturday, a regular happening throughout the whole show season? I repeat that outside the "clique" their great winnings vanish. I am glad you wrote without so much help last week, also to see your admission that the "clique" is again engaged. That may be so, but I am sure it will not be on so large a scale as in 1912. Suspicion is not resting on the wrong men in this case. As regards the latter part of your letter, it is over ten years ago since I refused judging; for proof of that, one of our oldest and most esteemed judges officiated in my place, namely, Mr. George Arnott. I am still refusing to judge. "Plainhead" is aware that my trade does not suit me so well as does his, to go out judging, although I go sometimes. I prefer exhibiting to judging. I am glad to see "Even Mark" has put his name to his letter; it will speak volumes to the Fancy. Winners at 2s. a head is a fact. The novice who sold his stock to a so-called prominent exhibitor got a shock when they came home with 1st prizes to their new owner. The poor novice could not get a commend. Such is our present day Fancy. I hope "Plainhead" will have a better breeding season this year than he had in 1912, and trust he will meet me in Edinburgh. We can be friends for one night, and I will give him my word that the result will not be put on paper by me.

James Logan.

Lavender as an Attraction for Red Mites.

Sir,—As I am a reader of Cage Birds, I would like to tell you of the best red mite trap ever known, that is, to my knowledge. A fancier living close to me had a Canary pestered with them, and tried everything he could think of. His wife bought a pennyworth of lavender at the house door, and happened to put it on the top of the bird's cage. On taking it down the paper was found to be full of red mites. So my friend continued with it, and he has got his bird clear of these pests.

H. Goulding.

The Seed and Water Supplies in an Aviary.

Sir,—I was pleased to read Mr. Allison's letter in your last issue with reference to the method he had for years adopted with much success. The same idea occurred to me some time since (the use of a large flower-pot saucer) and for want of something better I decided to try it. In agreement with Mr. Allison, I have myself found this simple method extremely satisfactory, not only from the point of view of avoiding waste, but of cleanliness—an equally important consideration. Instead of a flower-pot for a stand I have suspended my saucers on an iron hoop 18 inches above the ground. On the opposite side of the aviary I have duplicated the arrangement, the saucer in this case being half-filled with water, which I have found makes an ideal bath, both the side and bottom of the saucer affording a good grip for the birds. Originally I used a large porcelain developing dish, but as the birds could not "feel" the bottom, owing to its polished surface, I discarded this. All it needs to keep these saucers scrupulously clean, is a scrub each morning, the operation occupying only a few minutes.

Dover E. Judd.

A Vexed Point at Our Shows.

The Half Prize-money Rule.

Sir,—I should like to answer Mr. Bareham. First, my letter clearly stated I was fully aware of the amount of work and anxiety a show is to the officials. With the next portion of his letter I quite agree, but when it comes to the entry fees having to pay all expenses, owing to the climatic conditions on the show day, my opinions differ, for enthusiasts are not stopped by weather. No doubt a great many do not attend, but on whom does the gate depend? Fanciers for the greater part, with a few who visit a show now and again as a change—something new to them. In reading show reports one not infrequently finds classes of 18 to 30 entries, and one in my mind this season contained 61, and the reporter remarked they might have made two classes of it, yellow and buffs. With regard to "bought wit," etc., I think the fancier who obtains his without purchasing is extremely fortunate; at any rate mine has cost me a good amount of money and time, as one rarely finds an exhibitor who has not been sharped at one time or other. But I must pay tribute to our friend, C.B., from whom one can learn a great deal at so small a cost. The issue in which my letter appeared is not handy, but I'm quite sure it did not contain the statement that I could not stand half prize money (which Mr. Bareham credits me with). It said that I should like to see a little more given to 6 and 7 entries, and the schedule mentioned by Mr. J. Locke contains practically the same prizes as suggested by me. Mr. Bareham says without shows we should get no fancy prices for birds. Quite so; this to my mind is just where big exhibitors have the pull over us younger ones, as they can command and get big prices by their prize list, etc. But such as myself can't make anything like the money of our stuff that they can, although we may offer better value. Often when a novice buys a bird from a big exhibitor who advertises it as a winner at such and such a show, does he get the bird that won, and how is one to tell if he did not go to the show? In conclusion, let me say profit by exhibiting is not expected by me, but as my letter implied: Working fanciers must have money with their prize cards or cease exhibiting.

Young Exhibitor.

Sir,—Mr. J. Andrews stands alone in inciting exhibitors to boycott societies who pay only half prize-money up to 7 entries, and I hope he will stand alone. Mr. Bareham has put the case very fairly, but I believe he has under-estimated some of the costs. He says 30s. to £2 for a hall. We paid a few years ago about £6 (my society is, I may say, a mixed society). Postage, as a rule, runs up to £5 with us, advertising nearly another £5, for I do not believe in cutting expenses down in the advertising department. Pens in a mixed society are a [illegible] item, running from £7 to £10; judges £5, and several other expenses. All these have to come out of the members' annual subscription, gate money and sale of catalogues. Exhibitors get the benefit, not only in the prize money, but in the sale of birds. The risk? The whole risk lies with the members of the society running the show. Are not exhibitors prepared to sacrifice a little? Societies do not run shows for the money they make out of them. If the show turns out a failure, members who have paid annual subscription, entry fees if they have exhibited, perhaps given a special or guaranteed a class, now have to pay over a certain amount to pay off the deficiency of the late show. Very encouraging, is it not, Mr. Andrews and "Young Exhibitor," after having worked hard and lost time over trying to make the show a success? We are, therefore, simply asking you to accept half-prize-money up to 7 entries. We are giving you the prize cards, and are paying three exhibitors instead of two—a third prize winner gets 2s. 6d. (instead of nothing, as in the case of withholding prizes) and the 1st prize winner gets 5s., the same as he would get if 1st prize was withheld, but gets a 1st prize card instead of 2nd. In four and five entries the society loses 4s., and in six and seven entries the society gains 2s. On eight entries the society loses 5s. 6d., on nine they lose 4s., on ten 2s. 6d., on eleven 1s., and on twelve entries they make 6d. So, with the exception of the six and seven entries, they must have twelve entries to make the class pay—not often the case in any show. I stated in my last letter (or at any rate, I meant to) that the majority of exhibitors do not show for what they make out of it—that is the prize-money—they depend more on the after results of sales, etc., owing to the winnings. I had several letters sent to me this year after one show, in which we only gave half prize-money for four to seven entries, saying the writers were satisfied, and as long as it was in the schedule they did not object. Give the societies good entries, and that will overcome the half prize-money. Societies to-day do not want to make money on their show, but they want to clear liabilities.

Another Secretary.

Foot Trouble in Soft-bill Birds.

A Few Very Helpful "Tips."

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, "Young Beginner," the principal cause of foot trouble is injudicious feeding, and I would advise a change of diet. Frequently the trouble is brought about by feeding on too many mealworms. Mealworms overheat the bird's system, and seem to drive the blood into the feet. I always, in addition to bran and flour, feed my mealworms on a little scraped or grated raw carrot, which makes the worms plump and juicy, if I may say so, and by giving same sparingly, say six a day to a bird in song, I am never troubled with foot ailments. But it is not the worms alone that will cause the trouble—your birds should have a chance to take a bath whenever they like, and the cage-bottom be covered with soft material, slightly damped, such as leaf-mould, cocoa-nut fibre, or fine soil from the garden, and the perch that the bird mostly uses be covered with rubber tubing to make it more elastic. Once a bird is seriously affected with "corns," or swollen feet, the cure is by no means an easy one. I would advise to bathe the feet once a day in warm soda water (not the mineral water, but boiled water in which soda has been dissolved) cleanse same carefully with a small soft brush, then dry them between linen and dust with flour—or if sores, paint same, after washing, with arnica, and then anoint with vaseline or hazeline. I trust that this may assist "Young Beginner" in effecting a cure

Otto Puck.

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"Kindly thank all who answered my advert. re Canaries in your issue dated March 8th, as it is impossible to reply to all singly."—R. WALTER (Bulwell).

"Kindly thank all those applicants, through CAGE BIRDS, for Norwich Hens and Goldfinch Mule, all being disposed of. They had all gone by the Saturday morning. Wishing continued success. I wish to thank, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, all those who have replied to my advert. I have had so many orders that I cannot very well reply to them individually."—WM. ROTHERY (Batbury).

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The Liverpool Fanciers Cycle Club.

Sir,—The above club is going strong. The April runs opened well, what with sunshine and good musters. Last Sunday eleven of the boys took a 40-mile spin, starting from headquarters—Metcalfe's Brunswick Road, at 2.30 p.m., when we wended our way via Broadgreen on to Tarbuck, thence on to the Warrington terminus. The first halt was made at "Ye Old Black Horse," where we indulged in a good repast, and after the inner-man had been satisfied, we were kept in roars of laughter listening to Billy Woods relating some grand stories of his past. We started for home via the Warrington Road, through Rainhill and Prescot, and someone suggested a halt at Judge Welling's, but that was rescinded, because someone said Alf. was a teetotaller, and would have nothing in. So we made for home through Knotty Ash and Old Swan, and arrived home all in the pink, declaring it to be the best run yet. The boys are contemplating a cycle race from Liverpool to the Palace for the next Palace show, but I think that will be rescinded also. Next Sunday, April 20, we intend to pay a flying visit around Farnworth, Widnes, and Runcorn, and return home via Chester; while passing through Widnes we intend to give the Widnes Fanciers a call. Messrs. Jenkins, Hayes, Abbott, Barker, and Bluer, will be delighted to see the Liverpool boys. Messrs. Parsons and Draper will pilot the fast section to Chester, via Manchester, Altringham, and Northwick, when they will pick up the slow section on the main Northwich road. Then we will all ride to Chester via Delamere Forest, Kelsel, and Stanbridge. The fast section meet at headquarters at 9.30 a.m., the slow section 2.30 p.m., Sunday, April 20. All members must carry a lamp on this red-letter outing. Now, fanciers, give us your support for this auspicious run.

R. Malone, Hon. Sec.

41, Guildford Street, Everton.

New Society for Dumfries and District.

Sir,—A society under the name of the South of Scotland Cage Birds Association has been formed in Dumfries; over thirty members have already joined. Dumfries and District, having many fanciers, this society supplies a long felt want. A show is to be held sometime in November. The Hon. President is Mr. Robt. Pattie, Buccleuch Street, and the acting president, Mr. J. Edgar, a well-known exhibitor of Scotch Fanciers. The committee being all enthusiastic bird fanciers, the show should have every prospect of being a great success. The society is open to Dumfries, Wigtown, and Kirkeudbrightshire For membership, apply to.

A. McHolm, Hon. Sec.

50, Friars Vennel, Dumfries.

(Correspondence continued overleaf.)

The R.S.P.C.A. and the Hobby of Bird Keeping.

Treading the Easy Path.

Sir,—I note the correspondence in Cage Birds this week. It would be far more to the credit of the R.S.P.C.A. if it turned its attention to cases of real cruelty, such as occurred in Liverpool here the other Friday afternoon, when twenty-two horses were started at break neck fences, only three out of the 22 surviving to the end, one of these having been remounted after falling. Driving these exhausted animals over impossible jumps is "Sport," and a rich man's hobby, the pastime of our "great nobility," so it must not be touched by the zealous R.S.P.C.A. The working man's little hobby is safer prey for such societies. The people who support this cruelty to horses send their subscriptions to the R.S.P.C.A. making it possible for it to harass the poor man hobbyist. It is the old story over again, one law for the rich, and another for the poor. There is a far greater field for the attention of the R.S.P.C.A. on the playgrounds of the lazy rich. Why shut their eyes to the blood-thirsty carnage of pheasant shooting, and the sending a pack of hounds at a tame stag, hare, and fox-hunting, etc., but I fear it is useless to try and direct their notice to these forms of cruelty, there is too much influence and money behind such. The poor man's hobby is easier prey. The rich man may drive a noble creature like a horse or a stag to a cruel death, but the poor man must not keep a bird in a cage, although the bird may be showing every proof of health and contentment. It is time that we, as bird-keepers, made a greater protest against this unnecessary and fussy interference on the part of inspectors who are often ignorant as far as birds are concerned. There is plenty of real cruelty going on around us if they would only turn their attention to it, but I fear they will shirk the bigger task, and continue their efforts where the ground is safer.

Liverpool. J. W. Cutmore.

"Upholding a Fad."

Sir,—In last week's Cage Birds I notice a letter from the chief secretary of the R.S.P.C.A., in which he refers to certain of my criticisms in connection with the work of that Society. In the first place I must tell him, as I thought he and all your readers very plainly understood, that my remarks only referred to the Society's work in connection with birds, and if there was any doubt in the matter my letter in your journal of March 23rd certainly places the issue beyond question. In his letter he makes no attempt to answer what I asked of the Countess von Hahn as to how many cautions they had given London bird dealers before commencing proceedings. Instead of giving us the particulars for which I asked he simply goes back to that basis of figures referring to the whole year's work of the Society, as quoted by Countess von Hahn, 20,659 cautions against 6,906 convictions. I notice no record is given of cases where proceedings were taken and no convictions obtained. Now will he kindly give us a plain, straightforward business answer to my letter. It is very simple and will not take long. How many cautions were given to London bird dealers, say, within 12 miles of Charing Cross, previous to taking proceedings during the last two or three years? I presume he has no objection to give me privately the names and addresses so that I can verify them. Another very important question I should like to see Mr. Fairholme answer. When and by whom was it suggested that keeping wild birds in cages is cruelty? Did the subscribers and supporters of the R.S.P.C.A. suggest it, or did the officials suggest it to the subscribers and supporters? If cases in which convictions have been obtained were anything like those which have been taken up and successfully defended, it certainly reflects no credit on their method of conducting prosecutions. It clearly shows, as Mr. Hopkins pointed out to the Lambeth Police Court, that it is not cruelty they are prosecuting, but they are seeking to uphold a fad of their own. Some of their convictions are not a conviction for cruelty, but for offences against the Bird Laws. What right have they to take up and institute proceedings for offences in the close season? It is entirely outside their province, and nothing whatever to do with cruelty to animals. I am pleased and grateful for the figures quoted by the Secretary of Cage Birds League that only one in 239 of their convictions refers to birds, and were these reduced down again to actual cases of cruelty, as sensible persons understand such a word, the results would be more surprising still. When their convictions are analysed we see clearly what little cruelty there is to complain of in the bird world. Again, we have the record of the Police, a very keen class of men in all cases of cruelty. How is it that their prosecutions for offences against birds are practically nil? Wild things were subjected to confinement, we might say, before Noah's Ark or else when they got inside there would have been a row. The whole of our useful and domestic animals, etc., in the shape of horses, cows, sheep, goats, cats, dogs, pigeons, poultry, rabbits, etc., have descended down to us from being in their original state wild things. These have been subjected to confinement, and the outcome we see to-day. You have this very aptly illustrated in the Canary, in which we are all so interested. Now cruelty to animals, as defined by the various Acts of Parliament, is doing something which causes an animal bodily pain and suffering, not the fact of simply keeping it in confinement, and treating it with every care and attention till it becomes a pet. If the act of keeping wild birds in cages is cruel, then the same must be said of all wild things in confinement. In such case, why does not the R.S.P.C.A. ask the Zoological Societies to return to their native haunts all those specimens of wild things which are confined in cages and various enclosures in the gardens? Certainly the R.S.P.C.A. would never dream of doing this, and I am sure all persons of any pretensions to common sense will share the conviction that there is no more harm in keeping a wild bird in a cage than in keeping all those zoological specimens at the various Zoo's. As I have previously mentioned, this Society was founded, and is supported, to prevent cruelty that can be properly dealt with by the various laws made for that purpose. Will they confine themselves to that particular purpose and not interfere with a hobby which is centuries old, and which is patronised from our King and Queen down to the humblest subject in the land. Walk through our country lanes where you may hear the beautiful song of the British bird, and even there you come across the cottager who likes his pet bird in a cage. I trust the day is far distant when we can cease to teach our children love, respect, good nature, care, and kindness through the medium of our domestic pets, especially the cage bird. In conclusion I would ask every bird-keeper to-day, and whenever there is a local meeting of the R.S.P.C.A., to attend that meeting, make himself heard, and help to refute that part of their propaganda which preaches that it is cruel to keep wild birds in cages. Our campaign must be when and wherever possible to refute these ideas; hitherto they have had all the talking, let the bird-keeper do a little in defence of his hobby.

T. R. Trower.

The Damage done by Larks.

Sir,—In the letter of the Chief Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. I notice his remarks that the society is against the capturing of wild birds. Might I ask Mr. Fairholme through your columns what he proposes to do with the surplus British birds? Everyone who has studied bird life is aware of the prolific nature of the Skylark, one of the earliest and latest to breed. I have often seen nests of young very early and very late in the season, and, considering how many Larks are caught for food purposes, it is astounding how numerous they are. Only a few weeks ago I was watching a flock of from 300 to 500 making a raid on a farmer's crop of young wheat. These birds visited this particular crop four or five times while I was there, and I could see them running up and down the rows of wheat tearing up and devouring the grain and the young shoots. I got quite near to them, and as I had a powerful pair of field glasses I could see quite plainly what they were doing—any amount of damage. What would happen were these birds left unmolested for a few seasons? Nothing but a wholesale slaughter of same would then place them on their proper level, and that after they had done an immense amount of damage. How annoying it must be to a farmer after the trouble and expense of planting a field of wheat to see a large flock of these birds day after day depriving him of the benefit of his labours. No one would deplore the wholesale destruction of our beautiful Skylarks more than myself, but it is quite certain they must be kept within proper bounds, and I should very much like to hear what the R.S.P.C.A. proposes to do with them if they object to their being caught.

A Lover of Birds.

A Little Explanation.

Sir,—If Mr. Fairholme is under the impression that I doubt the veracity of his inspectors, can it be wondered at after what the two London magistrates, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Chapman, said? In my letter of March 1st I spoke of Moxey as the Inspector of the Society for the Protection of Wild Birds, so it was only a slip of the pen that is of no consequence to the subject at issue. Will Mr. Fairholme kindly let us know where and when his society, the R.S.P.C.A., has ever cautioned if Mr. Polhill has considered there was evidence enough to get a conviction?

T. Pearson.

THE BREEDING AND REARING OF YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

A Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, before the Leeds C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held headquarters, April 5th, Mr. T. Baldwinson in the chair; usual business transacted, which included enrolling two new members in Messrs. R. Haigh and Rowe. The chief item of the evening followed, viz., lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," by that respected fancier, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford), who dealt with his subject in a masterly manner.

In his opening remarks, the lecturer said the first and most important item to bring success was cleanliness. Everything in the bird-room must be subjected to a thorough overhauling, to eradicate, if possible, that pest, the red mite. No fancier could ever hope for success unless such be done previous to pairing up. He advocated plain boards for breeding cages, as they were much easier to keep clean. If breeding Yorkshires, the best and surest way to form a stud was to purchase a quarter-bred Belgian cock and pair him to a hen which is a fourth cross from Lancashires. In selecting, pick out a medium-sized hen, taking care that she excels in quality of feather, with a nice round head; this is a very important point, as nothing looks worse on an otherwise perfect specimen than a bad head. He had noticed this failing was prevalent in many of our present-day winners, and of late years seemed to be getting more common.

Do not on any account breed with a hinge-tailed bird; see that same is carried straight with the barrel. I have proved by long experience that it is impossible to breed this fault out once you have introduced it into your stock. Size on the cock side is an essential point. You cannot have your stock cocks too large, even if you have to sacrifice quality to get it, as a hen I have described will counterbalance this defect, they having more dominating power in this respect. See that he possesses a good full neck, eschewing hollowness. The progeny from such a pair will breed you something that will repay you for the time, trouble and expense involved. One great asset they are sure to possess, viz., that lovely salmon tint that makes a Yorkie so taking to the eye.

I am no believer in early breeding. By avoiding this you take less risk, such as hens being starved off the nest, and in some cases losing a valuable young hen during the trying ordeal of laying her first egg under adverse climatic conditions. Points in favour of a late start are, more likelihood of full eggs; also when young are hatched, the parents can feed them earlier in the morning and later in the evening, thereby minimising having weak, straggly youngsters in the nest. It is common knowledge that birds are made in the nest, so it behoves us all to help the parent birds by being systematical, doing the proper thing at the proper time, and looking after every little detail.

Is Lettuce a Dangerous Green-food?

See that the cocks are in vigorous, healthy condition previous to pairing, by giving a little egg food and pinch of mixed seed occasionally. The hens will come on in due course, some very rapidly if paired to a cock that is constantly singing lustily. If my birds agree they remain together all the season. By letting them stay together you lighten the hen's task, especially if she hatches out four, five or six, as is sometimes the case. After the third day give plenty of green food. For my own use I prefer dandelion, but until this is in season, watercress is used. I strongly condemn the use of lettuce, it being to my mind too full of laudanum, which makes birds mopy and listless, a thing to be avoided. Do not forget to give plenty of mixed seed. When young are about three weeks old, separate from parents. You will find they get on much better. Give plenty of baths, and hang on the show cage for them to get used to. A bird well trained in its nest feather possesses what is required in all show specimens.

If any of you are troubled with young having inflammation, paint the abdomen with a mixture of two parts olive oil and one part turpentine, and put on milk sop. The lecturer here intimated that he would be pleased to answer any question. Needless to say, his kind offer was eagerly accepted by several fanciers present. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Chittenden, who thanked the members in return, closing a very enjoyable evening.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

SOME POINTS ABOUT THE ROLLER CANARY AND ITS SONG.

Questions and Answers at a meeting of the Burslem C.B.S.

The Roller section of the Burslem C.B.S. held a special meeting on the evening of the 10th inst., at the Barnfields Hotel, Burslem. Mr. Tomlinson, Newcastle, was present to describe the song tours of the birds members had brought for the occasion. Previous to commencing the naming of the tours he impressed on the minds of the company that with the advent of the spring and summer months many birds will get rank in song, and pitch the tone of their voices above the normal, often bringing out a prolonged tour, and then breaking off the song, while others would bring short wild bursts of song. A bird in this condition would bring a tour that would be classed as a bell roll, yet in the bird's normal tone, and normal bodily condition the tour would in all probability be a hollow roll. The same could be applied to the schockel and flutes, the former delivered in a high key (he opined) would be a bell tour, and flute notes are often brought high. Further, some birds which sang a hollow roll would at this time of the year ignore it, and play on a bell roll. An illustration of this was afterwards pointed out in a bird that just touched on its true and deep hollow roll, after playing at some length on a nice toned bell roll. So the company would understand that to judge the value of a bird's tours at this time of the year would be unfair both to the bird and to its owner. There was a very good muster of fanciers present, some in other branches of the Canary hobby, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, which left only the desire to advance, and that all would become Roller fanciers in the very near future. Amongst the questions asked, and answered were:.

Eradicating a Fault.

Do you recommend inbreeding to eradicate a high bell tour, using a low toned St. Andreasburg Roller as a schoolmaster?

No, I do not. At the first cross you would fix the fault more fully in the blood, but I believe the desired result could be obtained by careful selection, and breeding only with those birds whose fault was the least prominent. The quickest, and what I should certainly describe as the easiest method, would be to cross into blood that was free from this fault. Neither do I recommend a St. Andreasburg Roller to act as a tutor for our contest birds, for the bird we know as a St. Andreasburg has quite a different style of song, and results would be unsatisfactory.

Up to what age will a bird fertilise eggs? I ask this question because I have had youngsters from a sixteen-year-old cock.

Had you bred with this bird previous to its attaining this age? No.

A hard and fast age limit cannot be placed upon a bird as to its breeding abilities.

Do you feed all the year round on a mixture of German rape, and canary seed?

I find my birds do better on this diet. If I use all rape seed, they seem to become run down, and get in a poor condition.

Do you think that a bird will sing all the tours that are bred in it, without the aid of a tutor?

No, a bird would sing a portion of its song, yet this would not be so perfect as would be the case had the bird been placed under tuition.

Learning all the Tours.

Do you believe a bird would learn to sing all the different tours by tuition?

No. As an illustration of my assertion, I have a bird here that cannot sing a decent hollow roll, although it has been since its birth amongst birds that sing a good hollow roll.

Of course there are exceptions in all cases?

I will grant you that, and will give other instances to show that it is not an exceptional case. I have at home another cock that is bred from a strain that is fairly good in the hollow roll. Again, I have another young cock that cannot sing a water Glucke, he brings an extra bass tour in the place of his water Glucke, this bird has also been under water Glucke singers from its birth. Again, I had twenty young water Glucke bred cocks in school, and one of their tutors was a Glucke singer. In the result only one bird learned to sing the Glucke tour, and then no reliance could be placed on the bird bringing it in his song.

Does a bird have to be Glucke bred to be a Glucke singer?

No. The best deep hollow Glucke singer I have heard was a hollow roll strain bird. It had learned the tour through being in the company of other Glucke singers. Yet this bird did not breed a bird that would or could sing a Glucke tour It is rather a fine point is this Glucke bred, and Glucke singer; a bird can be bred from Glucke parents, yet not be a Glucke singer, again it can be a Glucke singer and not be Glucke bred.

Are there any Glucke singers here to-night?

I cannot tell until I have heard them sing. Up to the present the Glucke tour has not been sung. The best description I can give you of a Glucke tour is a deep sounding Glucke—Glucke—Glucke—Glucke, with a distinct break between each note.

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The Shows.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK., C.B.C.

Monthly meeting and show of British birds held in Reid Hall, April 9th, Mr. H. Sloan, the president, in the chair, with a good attendance of members. One new member was made. The president and Mr. F. Taylor gave a special for 1st best and 2nd best bird in the hall. Mr. Loan judged, and many thanks are due to him for obliging the members. BRITISH GOLDIE: 1, Dunlop; 2, Crawford. FOR. DITTO: 1, Hadley. BULLF.: 1, 5, Taylor; 2, spl, W. Dunlop; 3, J. Dunlop; 4, Sloan; 5, McMillan. GREENF.: 1, spl, Fyfe; 2, Crawford; 3, 4, McMillan; 5, 6, W. Dunlop. SISKIN: 1, J. Dunlop; 2, Crawford.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

April monthly table show held on April 9, when close on 50 birds were staged. Several good specimens were on view. Mr. H. Akehurst judged. SELL. CAN.: 1, Dandridge; 2, Gibb. SELL., BRIT. OR MULE: 1, 3, hc, c, James; 2, vhc, Gibb. NOR.: 1, 3, hc, Gibb; 2, vhc, Dean. YORKS.: 1, 3, c, Dandridge; 2, hc, Gibb; vhc, Rev. T. Miller. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Mrs. Gibb. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, James; c, Gibb. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, James; hc, Absolon; w.c., Rev. T. Miller. A.O.V. BRIT. OR MULES: 1, 3, Gibb; 2, hc, James; vhc, Absolon; c, Bignell. A judging competition was held during the evening.—Wm. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual show of Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign was held in Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, April 8. There was a large entry, and the quality passed anything seen in the Vale. Vice-president Gillies had charge of the arrangements, which were well carried out. A Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, belonging to Mr. A. H. M'Lean, received the prize for best exhibit. The turnout of visitors was good, and speaks for the popularity the club has attained. Messrs. J. McEwan, Bonhill, and J. Keir, Dumbarton, judged, and their awards were well received.

MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp. best exhibit, McLean; 2, McCafferty; 3, Hannah Bros.; vhc, Maltman; hc, c, Bow. BRIT. GOLDF.: 1, McIntyre; 2, Mallon; 3, McKinnon; vhc, Roxburgh; hc, c, Hannah Bros. BULLF.: 1, sp. Hannah Bros.; 2, Finlayson; 3, McColl; vhc, McBride. LINNET: 1, Clemson; 2, 3, Dow; vhc, Mellville; hc, Mallon; c. Trotter. GREENF.: 1, Campbell; 2, McBride; 3, Roxburgh; vhc, McLean; hc, Trotter, McColl. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Hannah Bros.; 2, McLean; 3, Daw; vhc, White. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Bennie; 2, McBride; 3, McLean; vhc, White; hc, Storrey; c, Clemson. BRAMBLEF. OR CHAFF.: 1, Gillies; 2, M. McEwan; 3, Dow. BUNTING: 1, McLean; 2, Dow. HEN: 1, 2, McLean; 3, McBride; vhc, Bennie; hc, Dow. FOR., GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, McBride; 2, Finlayson; 3, Donaldson. A.O.V. FOR.: 1, Donaldson.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

A grand table show of British birds was held at the Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Birmingham, April 2. The average of birds shown was extremely satisfactory, and some very fine specimens were on view. All the members must be congratulated on bringing out their birds. Specials given by members for muling pairs were won by Mr. G. H. Day, two British Finches, and Mr. T. Jones, silver medal, Canary and Finch. Mr. Tonks, Wednesbury, kindly judged, and his decisions gave very little room for comment.

GOLD or BULLF., FOR.: 1, Raby; 2, Johnson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Raby; 2, W. B. Steanes. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Derry, Hawfinch; 2, Johnson, Yellowhammer. SOFTBILL: 1, Jeffreys, Wryneck. MULE or HYB.: 1, Raby, Goldf. and Canary, good pair, in nice condition; 2, W. B. Steanes, Goldf. and Canary, another good pair; 3, W. B. Steanes, Siskin-Canary. MULING PAIR (a grand class): 1, sp., T. Jones, Can. and Bullf.. grand pair, in very fine condition; 2, Johnson, Linnet and Can.; 3, Derry, Chaff. and Can.; vhc, Mrs. Giles, Greenf. and Can.; hc, W. Childs, Greenf. and Can. MULING PAIR BRITISH FINCHES: 1, Day, Greenf. cock, Bullf. hen; 2, Derry, Goldf. and Redpoll; 3, Childs, Goldf. and Bullf.; vhc, Jones, Greenf. and Bullf. After judging, and members had looked over the birds, the business for the evening was gone through, Mr. A. Broadhurst in the chair. All new members proposed at the last meeting were elected. Three new members were proposed, again showing that the old society is still forging ahead, Messrs. W. Sheeley, Moseley, and A. Ward. It was proposed that at the next meeting a lecture should be given on the Roller (Roller fanciers please note). Mr. J. Jeffreys, Birmingham, the Nightingale expert, then gave his lecture on British Softbills. All the members and their friends, of which there was a good attendance, gave him the strictest attention through his instructive address. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Jeffreys. Mr. Tonks, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said he looked upon it as a great honour to be asked to come and judge at the table show of such a strong and powerful society as the City of Birmingham C.B.S., and he was only too pleased to do what he could in the interests of the Fancy in the Midlands.—J. H. Jackson, Sec., per R. Tipper.

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Club Reports.

SELBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Museum Hall, April 11th, Mr. J. H. Dixon in the chair. Decided to hold First Feather show, June 13, and the annual Open Show November 13. Sec. was instructed to guarantee advt. in CAGE BIRDS for the open show. Two new members were elected. Prospective members should join at once, and they will be open to compete at the coming First Feather Show. Now fanciers send me your name and address, or attend the next meeting, May 9, in the Museum Hall, at 7.30. Subscription 2s. 6d.—H. Mathers, Sec., 46, Olympia Cottages, Selby.

LOCHGELLY C.B.A.

Meeting held April 12th, in "Bay Horse Tavern." Mr. Jas. Steel, Dalkeith, being introduced, was called upon to deliver lecture on "British Birds." The chief species treated were the Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Yellowhammer and other Bunting species, and nearly all of the Thrush tribe. Mr. Steel is a most able lecturer, and kept the members up to the highest pitch of enthusiasm by his pointed witticisms. Many questions were tabled, and he most ably dealt with them, his replies being straight and to the point. After the lecture songs were sung by Messrs. Scott, Harris, and Muir. The meeting closed at 10 o'clock, being voted by all as most enjoyable.—R. Muir, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Monthly meeting held April 5, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. Jno. Montgomery presiding over a good attendance. Replies from the various judges having been read, appointments were confirmed, and are as follows: Crests and Plainheads, Mr. Jno. McLay; Borders and Yorks., Mr. G. Hyslop; British and Foreign, Mr. M. Craig. The meeting then had a "hat night," and many and varied were the questions put relating to the Fancy. These led to an exchange of opinions by the members present. Decided to have a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead for next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. Messrs. R. Heggie, R. Watson, Wm. Griffiths, and T. D. Patterson were elected members.—Wm. Hutchinson, Sec.

GATESHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 9th, Chairman Mr. Alf. Holden presiding over a good attendance. Letter was read from the secretaries of the Hartlepool C.B.S. of a resolution of sympathy on our recent trouble, also enclosing a donation of 9s. 10d. towards the loss which our late show sustained from their members. I was instructed to write and thank them. Mr. Peel resigned his membership. We decided to have an egg-food-making demonstration at our next meeting, specially got up for the novice members, and the following gentlemen were asked to give same, viz.: Messrs. Tindale, Scott, Holden, Mather, Wellsbury, and Curry. So novice members, turn up in good numbers and show your appreciation. Time allowed each member will be five minutes; any other member who would like to join can do so. Decided to have next feather show, date to be fixed later, when the classes and judges will be fixed. Mr. J. Mackenzie proposed that the best thanks of the members should be given to Mr. Greason for his past services, and also regretting the anxiety which the police-court proceedings (through our prize-drawing) had caused him and his parents, and Mrs. Greason. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Greason suitably replied by saying that he still intended taking an active part in the society. Applause greeted his reply. I was also instructed to write to the Fancy papers re the handsome donation towards our financial liabilities, and also for opening their columns to receive subscriptions for same. Will members please note Mr. Goodman's offer re his noted "Filup Young Bird Feeders." He is willing to supply our members with one each, cost of same 1s. 3d., during the next fortnight, money to go towards the funds of the society. I have already got orders for 15, and any member who would like one should send at once, enclosing postal order, and I will send their names to Mr. Goodman, so the same can be dispatched without delay. Fanciers will be pleased to hear that soon we expect to get over our troubles, and our show will still be held on December 12 and 13, which, as fanciers come from far and near to see, without doubt is the Palace of the North. Our next show will be the 14th, held by Gateshead and District C.B.S. New members elected: Messrs. Fleck (Wallsend), Churnside (Newcastle), and Lindsay (Birtley). I will be pleased to send further particulars to any fanciers who would like to join. Entrance fee 1s., annual subs. 2s. 6d. Please note change of secretary—W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held April 14th, at headquarters, 60, Paddington Street, W. Forty-six members, including four lady members, were present to take part in the interesting programme provided. Our Hon. Secretary is full of surprises, and as a novelty for this evening he had sent out tickets with the meeting notices, asking each member to write down his estimate of the number present at a certain time and hand up his ticket on entering the room. A very handsome iced cake, embellished with nests of eggs, fluffy young birds, and a bird sitting on nest in centre, with C. and S.C.B.A., 1913, was the prize for the member guessing the number or nearest to it. The cake was presented by an anonymous donor, to whom the Society are deeply indebted for such a generous gift. The Chairman, Mr. W. A. Shepherd, was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending, and Mr. F. Knight, the Vice-chairman, being away in the country on business, Mr. C. Prior was unanimously elected to the chair. Mr. J. Taylor and Miss Jessie Lowe were nominated for membership. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Jolliffe for a donation of volume of "Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds," to be given as a special prize. The winners of the egg food competition were then announced, the gold medal being won by Mrs. L. M. Thynne, 139 points; silver medal, Mr. W. Knight, 125 points; bronze medal, Mr. W. Sanders, 114 points; the six boxes of confectionery being awarded to Messrs. Brumbridge, Monger, Lloyd, Kelly, Eaton and Offord. Mr. Chard, delegate to London Federation, reported proceedings at their last meeting, and announced that Mr. Knight had been elected Hon. Secretary, and that all books and papers had been handed over. He also mentioned that outstanding prize money for the annual show would be settled very shortly. The Hon. Sec. presented the balance sheet for the pair show, which unfortunately resulted in a small loss, and also the quarterly balance sheet, showing a balance of £7 10s. 11½d. He also announced that owing to the state of the finances he proposed with the consent of the members to organise a concert in October next for the benefit of the Society. The Secretary of the Institute had promised the use of the large hall, and Miss Gracie Shepherd had kindly offered to arrange the programme. The Chairman then introduced Mr. G. E. Weston, who gave a lecture entitled "Some things I don't believe." His opening remarks were fully believed by his audience, as he said he should like very much to have had that nice cake—even better, in fact, than having to deliver a lecture! Then followed valuable hints on the ventilation of bird rooms, the breeding of Light Mules, quoting the experiences of his own and eminent fanciers, and in conclusion he dealt with the feeding of pairs when breeding, and the feeding of young birds, reading very interesting extracts from a volume published 175 years ago, showing that the same method of feeding that was adopted then was still used at the present time. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Weston for his most instructive and interesting lecture. Mr. Offord, scrutineer, then announced that no member had guessed the correct number, but two had given 45, and two 47. The cake was divided into four, the fortunate winners being Mrs. T. L. Sayer, Messrs. Sanders, Kelly and Styles. The meeting closed at 11 o'clock with vote of thanks to Chairman.—Fred Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Meeting held at Victoria Club, April 13, Mr. T. Curry in the chair, with a good turn up of members to select judges for annual show, and to hear a lecture on "Red Mite," by Mr. R. Goodchild, which was well received, and several remedies were put forward for the extermination of these pests. It is the intention to have a debate on subjects interesting to the Fancy every meeting night after usual business. Mr. W. Reid was elected to be cage bird judge. Decided to procure some books dealing with the several varieties for the use of the members. We have a lot of novices connected with the society, and we expect to turn out some real good fanciers. We made a collection towards the Gateshead show, and I am very pleased to forward 5s., the sum gathered, towards CAGE BIRDS fund, and we hope the Gateshead Society will soon be all right, both financially and otherwise, as it would be a big loss to the North if this grand show were to fall through.—R. Peart, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Half-yearly meeting held April 8, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. J. F. Park presiding over a large attendance. Secretary stated that he had been successful in again securing the Drill Hall, Greendyke Street, for open show on Nov. 21 and 22. Other correspondence having been dealt with, classification was taken up. It was decided to give two extra variegated Norwich classes, old birds, and one extra class unflighted, Crest and Crestbred remaining as at last show. Decided, to add an even-mark class to Border Fancy section. Yorkshire section was brought into line with demands of Y.C.C. of Scotland, viz., 9 classes. A Yellowhammer and selling class for Britishers were added to British section. Nominations of judges then took place, and if committee are fortunate to secure the gentlemen wanted, intending exhibitors should have every confidence in patronising the show. It was decided to apply to all the specialist clubs for their patronage. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—Wm. Hutchison.

NORTHERN BRITISH AND F.B.C.

Meeting held March 26. Chairman Mr. C. Pettersson presided over a fair attendance. The first item on the agenda was re Mule cup. Secretary had 17s. 6d. towards same. Decided that the balance be taken from club's income, but put back as soon as further subscriptions came in. I will be pleased to receive further subscriptions towards the cup from those who have not yet promised. Owing to the invoices for the cup and medals not yet being to hand, the balance sheet was left over until the April meeting. Election of officers:—Pres., Mr. W. J. Taylor; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Currah, T. Robson, T. C. Crawhall, W. Nicholson, G. Davidson, J. Shepherd, A. Storey, J. W. Allan, H. B. Wilson, A. C. Young, G. Buck; chair., C. Pettersson; vice-chair., J. Mackenzie; comm., local members; auditors, Messrs. A. C. Young, J. Scott; sec., W. Curry. A notice of motion was laid on the table by W. Curry, the same to be discussed at our next meeting, re putting off our meetings during the summer months. In connection with the meeting, the last of the series of table shows was held. Mr. J. Maddison judged. LINNET: 1, Pettersson. GREENF.: 1, 2, Pettersson. A.O.V. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Scott; 2, McGuire. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, 4, Scott; 2, McGuire; 3, vhc, Pettersson. FOR.: 1, 2, Scott; 3, 4, Pettersson. Mr. W. Curry, Ebchester, was elected a member. On the proposition of J. Mackenzie, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Maddison for judging. This brought a pleasant meeting to a close. I will be pleased to hear from anyone in the Northern Counties who would like to join us for the small subscription of 2s. 6d. we give annually 18 medals and 3 silver cups for competition amongst our members. For further particulars apply—W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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MARKINCH P., P., AND C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Lister Rooms, April 10, Mr. John Thomson, sen., presiding over a very large attendance of committee, when judges were nominated for our open show to be held November 1. Mr. W. Forrester and Mr. A. Mitchel were elected auditors for the ensuing year.—John Lindsay, Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

At headquarters, Mr. Sutton in the chair, before a good attendance of members, Mr Bootes gave a washing exhibition, followed by a novice competition, which was won by Mr. B. Booth, one of our latest recruits. One new member was made, Mr. T. Walker, making a total of 26. Next meeting, May 2nd, to form a club for the next Crystal Palace show. Members please attend.—L. Pone, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held [illegible], in the Rochdale O.S. Club Rooms. At the passing of balance sheet there were various motions moved, even some in favour of breaking the Society up, on account of the Lancashire fanciers not having taken the same interest in it as in previous seasons. I may say that 1911 was a great success. It was decided that the Sec. call another meeting, to give every member a chance of saying what we shall do; so I hope every member will drop me a few lines in reference to any suggestions he is willing to support at next meeting. Please say where and when you would like the meeting. An early reply from the present and all intending members will greatly oblige.—J. Hampshire, [illegible], Cowper Street, Oldham.

THATTO HEATH AND DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting held April 7, at Railway Hotel, Mr. A. Ashcroft in the chair. After general business was gone through, Mr. H. H. Bixter was called on to give a paper on "Hints on Cage-making," one which, no doubt, several members benefited by. Mr. Bixter went to a lot of trouble to prepare for this lecture, bringing with him the necessary tackle to make his meaning clear. Our fanciers are pretty keen on the Border Fancy this season, and require a paper regarding them; it would be much appreciated. Classes were fixed for next feather show, the selling classes being cancelled. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Bixter for his useful lecture, to which he suitably responded, this bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.—H. Cuttler, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S

Meeting held April 8, at the Mechanics' Institute, R. Rhodes, Esq., in the chair. Correspondence was read that had passed with the Mechanics' Hall committee, with the result that we have taken in the New Hall (which is nearly completed) for our open show, Nov. 14 and 15. The room is admirably adapted in every way, being very lofty, splendidly lighted, and ventilated, but perfectly free from draughts, with spacious ante-rooms, replete with every modern convenience, and we trust that exhibitors will favour us with a record entry in our new show premises. The following were elected as judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, T. Heath, and Chas. Houlton. Decided to hold a First Feather show on July 12th; Mr. J. Goode was appointed judge. Full points to count in all classes at this show, and points gained to count for specials at open show. Will all members remember this, and that a few points gained at the First Feather show may mean a silver teapot later on.—J. G. Royce, Asst. Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held April 7, Mr. T. Hawley presiding. Previous to the commencement of business, the chairman took the opportunity of congratulating the four members of the society who were exhibiting at the recent Crystal Palace show, and were all successful in gaining money prizes. For the annual young bird show to be held June 21, it was decided to appoint Mr. F. Bate as judge. The same classification as last year was adopted, with the addition of three classes open to local exhibitors, one each for Norwich, Yorks., and Linnets. Entrance fee in members' classes to be 6d., and in open section 1s. per cage. Prize money 6s., 4s., and 2s. in classes over eight entries; if less than nine, prizes on sliding scale. As the breeding season is coming on, it was decided to call meetings for 8.30 p.m. during the next four months. The Chairman expressed much pleasure in announcing that the secretary would present a handsome gold medal to be competed for on same terms as the cups, the members passing a hearty vote of thanks for the gift. The following were elected members: Messrs. N. Leese, Longton, and G. Chadwick, Hanley. I shall have several other nominations at next meeting.—J. Pitchford.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Members and friends of this society spent an enjoyable evening on April 14th, when a dramatic entertainment was given by the St. Barnabas Play Actors. The audience numbered about 180, a large proportion being ladies. Among those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Clacke, Mr. B. F. Forse, Mr. A. B Forse, Mr. J. A. Bartlett (chairman), Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Doris Bartlett, Mr. F. Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Parker (Treas.), Miss Parker, Mr. and Mrs. King and Sons, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Shankley, Mr. and Mrs. March, Mr. and Mrs. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. G. East, Mr. and Mrs. W. East, Mr. and Mrs. Marley, Mr. and Mrs. Jacomb, Miss Forse and friend, Messrs. Fowles, R. East, J. East, Farmer, Dalton, Fox.

The first part of the entertainment consisted of a well selected number of songs, duets, etc., ably rendered by Misses Curd, Rundell and Vincent, Mrs. Raynham, and Messrs. Curd, Grant, Raynham, Smith, Hare, with Miss Eva Phillips as accompanist at the piano. After the musical programme had been completed the St. Barnabas Play Actors, all of whom had already taken part in the concert, gave a comedy in two acts entitled "The Old Story," stage managed by Mr. P. Smith. This was keenly enjoyed by the large audience present, and all agreed that they had spent a very pleasant evening. The proceeds were applied in aid of the funds of the Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.

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ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

A Successful Gathering at Edinburgh.

The annual dinner in connection with the Scottish National Cage Bird Society was held in Hamilton's Rooms, Dundas Street, Edinburgh, April 11. Mr. James Winter, President, was in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Lawrie, J.P., and Bailie Smith Elliot. The others present were S. Buglass, Geo. Brown, A. Rodger, J. Easter, J. Charlton, John Brown, J. Livingstone (Bathgate), D. Kinlayside, R. Mackay, C. Sykes, J. Sykes, R. Craig, H. Todd, R. Spence, J. Murray, W. R. Finnie, W. Carson, R. Carson, J. Stormont, W. Dods, W. Kerr, J. Kerr, R. Martin, J. Lile, Keith, A. Hynd, Machlan, Matthews, A. Hoyle, D. Brown, Jas. Brown, Stoddart, J. Craig, R. Rodger, M. Charlton.

Mr. Lawrie in giving the toast of the Society, said there was no necessity for one of their honorary Vice-Presidents to "crack up" about the Scottish National C.B.S. It was not an old society, but it was a most wonderful one. When they cast their minds back to 1902 they found, at its infancy, that there were 800 exhibits at their show. He must admit that whatever the promoters of the idea had in their minds at that time it must have shown that they were on the right lines when they could in their first year institute such a show and have 800 entries. (Applause.) In coming downwards through the years that had passed there was no necessity to detail the successes which had attended their efforts. Suffice it to say that at their last show, in 1912, they had over 2,000 entries. There must be something pure and good in a sport or hobby that allied them so strongly to it.

He thought it would add to the popularity of their birds if people knew where to go and purchase a bird and to know that they were only paying the true value for it. If a bird was worth 7s. there should be no cajoling any party to pay 30s. for it. In this connection he thought their Society, with all their enthusiasm, could bring about a method by which the public would know how to proceed to buy the correct birds. With regard to their new varieties and hybrids they were learning every day, and he thought every one of them was striving in healthy rivalry to see if he could find a means whereby he could get more beautiful specimens than existed at present.

How to "Come out on Top."

He hoped that their Society would go on long and prosper, and he did not think for a moment that with such enthusiasm as they must display in bringing these exhibits up to perfection that there was any fear of it going in the retrograde way. They should all strive in friendly rivalry; that was what they lived for, and the man that was beaten should take it in a friendly spirit. (Applause.) He had done his best, and if he continued to do so, and was painstaking enough, there was not much doubt that he would come to the top if he tried hard enough. (Applause.) Their present President had occupied the position now for four years, and they had just elected him for another four. He (Mr. Lawrie) was a member of 14 clubs, and he always found that the "hail fellow well met," the man who was not too prominent, the man who had tact and discretion, and knew what was best for the Association, was always the best man to have at the head of affairs, and just such a man he was sure they had in Mr. Winter, whose name he had much pleasure in coupling with the toast.

The President, replying, said he thought that it was a cause for self-congratulation that they had gone on flourishing in the manner they had done. The fact that they finished up last year with an entry of over 2,000 spoke volumes for the enthusiasm and general good feeling that existed in their ranks. He was especially pleased at the present time at the result of their meetings with the Edinburgh Open Ornithological Society, and that they had practically signed the agreement that they were going to have one amalgamated show at New Year time, and he trusted that the show would be such that it would be often spoken about. He hoped that it would prove to be only for the good of the Fancy at large that this step had been taken. (Applause.) He was sorry that Mr. Allan, of the Edinburgh Open Society was not with them that night, owing to indisposition, as a great deal of credit was due to him for bringing about this happy termination to their differences.

Continuing, the President said it was a proud moment for him when they elected him to be their President. Since they had put him in office he had always endeavoured to do his best to help on the work of the Society. It was all very well for Mr. Lawrie to put the President on a pinnacle but a President was of no avail unless he had a good committee at the back of him, and in this respect he was blessed with one of the best working committees that it was possible for a President to have. He had to thank them for the toast, and for the way they had responded to it.

The Fanciers Troubles and Trials.

Mr. J. G. Easter gave the toast of "The Kindred Societies." In doing so he said there was no gainsaying the fact that the Scottish National Society would not hold the proud position it did if it was not for the kindred societies sending their exhibits to it. When a man bred a bird as a rule he was not satisfied until it had graced the benches of the Scottish National Show. He also referred to the friendly spirit that was abroad at present, especially that existing now between the Edinburgh Open Society and themselves, and he was pleased that the reconciliation had been effected. He coupled the toast with the name of Mr. Kerr, the President of the Edinburgh Open Society.

Mr. J. Kerr, alluding to Mr. Lawrie's reference to healthy rivalry, said that he thought that many of their differences were of such a petty character that they should never have occurred, or, having occurred, should be passed over. Perhaps no sort of sportsman ever encountered so many trials or heartbreaks, or so many real knock-downs as the bird fancier, but he always got over them, and came up smiling again ready to commence any season. He thanked them for the kind reference they had made about his Society, and they would do all they could to make the National Society still better than it had been in the past. He thanked them for the kind reception they had given him.

Mr. R. Craig, in pledging the toast of the "Edinburgh Town Council," said they had nothing but thanks to give to that body. When they started the Society in Picardy Place the hall was so small that people could not move about, and the Town Council came to their aid and gave them at that time free of all charge the use of the Corn Exchange. They were greatly indebted to the Town Council, and he hoped that as long as it was possible they would continue to give it.

Friendly Relations with the Corporation.

Bailie Smith-Elliot, replying on behalf of the Corporation, thanked them for their kind and sympathetic references to the Town Council. With regard to the use of the Corn Exchange granted by the Town Council he hoped they would continue to be there as long as it was vacant and standing, and he understood that it was likely to stand yet for some considerable time. The Town Council were slow to demolish valuable property, and he rather thought the National C.B.S. would get the hall so long as they conducted their show on the lines that they had been in the habit of conducting it. (Applause.) He knew of no better purpose or fitting object than a bird show on a New Year's Day. They had all their hobbies. He had tried cage birds, but he had always killed them with kindness. (Laughter.) He thought there was no finer hobby a man could take up than that of birds. He commended the end and object of the Society, which he said was well worthy of the interest the Town Council took in it in giving them the use of one of the finest halls that they could get for the purpose.

Other toasts were "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. Stormont, replied to by Mr. Lawrie and Bailie Smith-Elliott.

During the evening an excellent programme of music and recitations was carried through, contributed to by Messrs. Matthews, Stormont, Stoddart, Hynds, Charlton and Easter.

Votes of thanks and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a memorable evening to a close.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting April 3. The first feather show was fixed for July 3. A discussion took place with regard to change of meeting place, and it was decided to call a committee meeting to deal with the question. Members of the committee please take note.—A. F. Fifield, Press Correspondent.

PONTYPRIDD F. AND F.S.

A very successful meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, April 7, Councillor Daniel Arnott presiding. Judges were selected, Mr. C. A. House taking cage bird section. Ten new members were proposed. It was expected to propose fourteen, but four did not turn up. This is a record of proposals at one meeting in connection with this society. Numbers of members at present 43. We require 50. Fanciers attend next meeting, Saturday, April 19.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

A Night of Questions and Answers.

Monthly meeting held April 1, at the Staffordshire Knot. Mr. Hathaway occupied the chair, a large number of members being present. Table show for British, 14 entries, resulted as follows:—1, Smith, Bullfinch; 2, Smith, Goldfinch; 3, Wood, Greenfinch; vhc, hc, Freer, Chaffinch, Greenfinch; c, Oldham, Greenfinch. Mr. Hathaway judged and gave every satisfaction. The principal item for the evening was questions, the members who drew them giving their methods of dealing with the same:—How would you mate birds to establish a strain? Some considered there was no royal road to success. Novices were advised in the first place to deal with a good breeder who is successful on the show bench, and be sure of getting birds true to type; feather and colour were strongly advocated, green blood being required to bring the same out, and when you have got the birds right, do not be afraid to inbreed. Father to daughter, son to mother, and so on, but it was not advisable to keep it on for a considerable time without introducing fresh blood for stamina. When doing so, be sure and know something of its pedigree. One old member believes a two-year-old cock paired to an unflighted hen produces the best results, typical cocks to be tried with two or three hens, and possibly a winner might be bred from the same. What method do you adopt to wean young birds? Leave the same with parents as long as not interfered with. If so, hang on the nursery cage, and keep on egg food, gradually reducing the same, with crushed hemp and canary seed, until put on colour food; give water as soon as young are taken away from old birds; quite a number of members also give green food. At what age do you put young birds on colour food? At seven to eight weeks old, likely birds to be caged off in twos, also look out for plucking in flights. How would you deal with egg-binding? Several remedies were suggested, among which was to give half a teaspoonful of maw and niger seed mixed, a drop of olive oil warmed and dropped on the vent. One breeder always puts a piece of suet in the wires, saying he was never troubled with egg-binding. Steaming over a jug of hot water only to be used as a last resource. How do you deal with sweating hens? The member who drew this question advocated Epsom salts in the drinking water, give plenty of baths, if they will not bathe spray them, pull the old nest out and put hay in; he had tried the same with considerable success. Do you believe in double buffing or double yellowing? It was considered that if the birds are a good size it is not necessary, but if of medium size and tight in feather it might be tried with success. One member said he could breed plenty without double buffing, because in breeding that way it broadens the feather, and of course the same as a rule are coarse, and he would only double yellow with large birds that are long in feather. What is the best cure for asthma? Many members think there is no cure for this complaint. One member had tried the following recipe for colds with considerable success:—Paregoric Elixir, oxymel of squills, and syrup of poppies, and believed the same might cure asthma.—A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

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STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting, held April 10. Arrangements settled for first monthly evening show, April 24. Specials for all sections; admission free, 7. Everyone welcome, Workman's Hall, Stratford, E. Entries close April 21, to show secretary, W. Maxey. New member: Mr. Malcolm Alexander, Canning Town. List still open for testimonial to W. Maxey; if ever so small, send along to A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec., 123, Capworth Street, Leyton.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Foresters' Arms, March 29th, Mr. Alex. Jardine, President, in the chair. Decided to have a ramble in company with Loanhead Club to Arniston Estate, on June 28, final arrangements to be left in the hands of Mr. Smart, Sec., Loanhead, and Mr. Starling, Sec., Bonnyrigg. New members admitted: W. Hamilton, and J. Pearson, Musselburgh, W. White, Gorebridge, G. Wright, Bonnyrigg, and J. Purvis, Newtongrange. The Visiting Committee appointed were: Messrs. J. Currie and J. Pearson, Musselburgh; W. Smart, and R. Douglas, Loanhead; R. Fisher and J. Stirling, Bonnyrigg. Judges appointed are: P. Gentleman, Avonbridge, Borders; and D. Holden, Muirkirk, the remainder. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. James Stirling, Sec.

CINNAMON MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting held April 12, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. In the unavoidable absence of the pres., Mr. A. Brown, Mr. P. Drake (vice-pres.) took the chair. The balance sheet, showing a surplus of £1 13s. 3d., was read by the secretary, and passed. Applicants for patronage were read by sec., and were left over, the sec. being instructed to put notice in Fancy Press, as more applications were wanted before it was decided where our patronage should be given. I should like any society of good standing, who will provide four classes for cinn. marks, to make early application. The following officers were elected:—Pres., M. T. Drake; vice-pres., A. Brown, C. Morrison; sec., R. Garnett; committee, F. Allen, A. Cooper, H. H. Towers, W. Richmond, T. Ogden, D. Thornton, G. Snead, L. Ogden, J. Bailey, J. Hudson, T. Metcalf, O. Atkingson, J. Frith, R. Sutcliff; auditors, R. Halliday, J. Hudson. The formation of a novice competition was left over to the committee meeting. Some slight alterations were made in the rules, and the committee look forward to another successful year.—R. Garnett, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held April 9, at headquarters, Chairman Willmott presiding over the largest gathering since the society was formed, over 40 being present. Messrs. F. West, A. Luckman, H. Moore, and E. White were nominated members, making 68 members on the list. Decided to purchase two silver cups for competition amongst members—one champion and one novice. The general idea of those present was for the champion cup to be won two years, and the novice in one season, at Nest Feather and winter show, with most points, the British members to take part in the champion cup only, and it was agreed to appoint a special committee to consider the best way to create competition for the cups, and submit same to May meeting. Nine members were selected, and the meeting of same will be called for April 23. Any member wishing to give his views should send same in writing to the secretary before that date, so that members will come prepared to hear a sound discussion and pass rules and conditions relating to the cups at the May meeting. Date of Nest Feather shows will be arranged at the May meeting. Specials already promised number over 15. Mr. Kidner promised a good special for competition in British section at both shows. The secretary is again whipping round for promises, and may yet obtain another tea service for competition as per last year's Nest Feather shows. The president will offer a very handsome hand-painted medal to the Yorks. novice section at both shows, under novel rules. After the meeting a table show of British was held. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp, Kidner. HAWFINCH: 1, sp, Barnett. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, sp, Barnett. The members' competition was keenly contested, the winner being Mr. P. Rees, who placed the birds well ahead of all others on the awards given by Mr. G. H. Russell, who spoke of the exhibits as being the finest for many a long day.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.C.

General meeting held at headquarters, Deansgate Temperance Hotel, April 7, when Mr. Raynes presided over a good attendance of members and friends. We did not spend much time over the general business, Mr. T. Harrison being with us to give us a lecture entitled "From Breeding Cage to Show Bench." The varieties he treated upon were Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders. He told us the kind of birds he would choose to produce show birds. He would see that he had good coloured birds for Norwich, the cock to be marked on the flights, as the larger the green feather the more colour they carry. Take great care with hens—have good ones. He would choose short thick hens, with good heads, shape, and feather, length about 5½ins. Cock, wing-marked, good broad head, good wings and legs, and perfect feet, size about 6¾ins. Yorkshires must have tight feathered, typical hens, loose feathered ones not much use; length about 6½ins. Cocks, good round heads, straight neck, well carried wings, good legs, a bit more wedgy than the hens, length 6¾ins. Borders, both cock and hen to have head small and round, back well filled in, and nicely rounded, breast nicely rounded, but not too big, wings compact and close, position about 45 degrees, fine quality and jaunty carriage. Mr. Harrison then dealt with the feeding, giving us his method from the time the birds were hatched right through the moult, and told us how he fed when they were being exhibited. He mentioned that baths played a prominent part; let the water stand in the room overnight, or, better still, boil the water. Birds would be more able to stand the strain of showing if they had the bath three times a week. After his lecture, Mr. Harrison was asked a number of questions, which he answered to everybody's satisfaction. Time came all too soon, when a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Harrison for his kindness in giving us such an interesting lecture. Next meeting will be held at headquarters, April 21, when Mr. Cutmore, Liverpool, will give us his lecture, which he was unable to give us owing to business reasons on March 17, entitled "Pedigree Breeding and Heredity," with illustrations. A hearty welcome will be given to fanciers and friends.—H. Booth[illegible], Hon. Sec.

NEXT WEEK:

A GRAND SPECIAL ISSUE.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held at the secretary's house, 36a, Snargate Street, Dover, April 9th, Mr. Raynor chairman, and several committeemen present. Correspondence was read, and general business gone through. Mr. A. Hall, of Plumstead, and Mr. Pilcher, of Deal, were elected members. H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, April 3rd, with a large turnout of members. The principal item of business was the booking of hens, which turned out very satisfactory. Several alterations were made in the classification form for annual show in November and judges appointed were Messrs. J. Adams (Dundee) and J. W. Bruce (Coldstream). Agreed, to have a young bird show July 5, in Buccleuch St. Hall. Mr. J. Dewar has kindly consented to place the tickets. Also resolved to have a ramble this year, particulars regarding same will be announced later.—J. Stormont, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held April 8, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (Pres.) in the chair. Mr. Ramsay, Tayport, was appointed Scotch Fancy judge for open show. A communication was read from Scottish B.B. and M.C. stating we could not get 10s. patronage money returned, as they thought our entry was worth it. Agreed, that W. Fraser Simpson get show printing. The Sec. of West Fife League gave a report of their last meeting, stating that our Association had to appoint a judge for Scotch Fancies and Yorks. at their young bird show on July 5, and Mr. Andrew Cowan was appointed. On the President pleading the case of Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. it was agreed to grant them 5s. We hope the richer societies and clubs will at least double this, and the poorer at least give half. Agreed, that next meeting we have a hat night, all the members to be post-carded for same. The following were elected members: Jas. Pate, W. Herd and Jas. Campbell. Donations for month, £3 0s. 6d. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. The following are the judges for our open show, Nov. 8: Scotch Fancies, F. Ramsay, Tayport; Borders, W. McAdam, Lasswade; Yorkshires, J. McLennan, Renfrew; Crests, W. Reid, Falkland; Plainheads, A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Mules, Brit. and Foreign, C. Sykes, Musselburgh.—A. Dickson, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

New Secretary and New Headquarters.

Adjourned annual general meeting held at their headquarters, "The Feathers' Hotel," Westminster, April 7, when a goodly company attended, President Mr. R. L. Crisp in the chair. Amongst those present were: Messrs. Robson, Dewhurst, Penton, Withers, Matcham, Wallington, Offord, Carson, Smith, Shepherd, Marley, Turner, Mugford, Tyson, Sayer, Easterling, Pretty, Bray, Boxall, and Madame Litchfield. After a little healthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr. James Bray, jun., 64, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W., should be approached to hold the important position of hon. sec. Later in the evening the president warmly welcomed our new official, Mr. Bray accepting the office with his usual suavity. All business communications and matters relating to show patronage should be at once forwarded to the address stated above, when it will receive the society's early consideration. Balance sheet for 1912 was handed round, but owing to the printer's delay in delivery it was resolved that it stand over until the next meeting, when our members will have had a better opportunity of perusing the same. After a somewhat lengthy discussion had taken place, it was decided that the headquarters of the association should be removed henceforth to the El Vino Hotel, Piccadilly Place, Piccadilly, W., where the next meeting, on the second Tuesday in the month, will be held, when all old and new members will be heartily and cordially welcomed. The committee, which had on the previous evening received a deputation of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors League, then gave their report, and it was resolved that the L.C.B.A. should accept their patronage, the only stipulation being that all classes should be guaranteed by the F.B.E.L. A most interesting debate was then opened by Mr. J. Robson, on the question of "Size in Canaries," and judging by the opinions expressed by the many able fanciers present, it was not quite proved that the over-sized bird is being discarded in the birdrooms of London fanciers. After a vote of thanks to the opener of the debate and the chairman a most interesting and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. F. Boxall, Dep. Press Corres.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in Oldham Hall, April 10, Mr. J. Abbott in the chair. Seven new members were elected, and five were nominated for membership. Afterwards we had a discussion on hints for breeding season, opened by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the lecturer mentioning points to look for as follows: Are your birds ready? fighting; cutting feathers from around vent; nest pan and perches; claws; green food; singing young; young leaving nest; plucking; training young; hand-feeding. These, which brought out a large number of questions and answers, were listened to by a large number of novice members. Most of our novice members report good results of start of breeding season, and we appear like having a record year for 1913.—J. Lloyd, Assist. Sec.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Meeting held in the Academy Hall, Fort Street, April 1st; Mr. J. S. McClure presided over a fair attendance. We would be pleased to see a few more of our members turning up at these monthly meetings and take a fair share of the business of the club. The chairman intimated that patrons' subscriptions had not all been collected for last year. Mr. John Bell was nominated to collect same. Proposed and seconded that we appoint specialist judges for open show. Sec. was instructed to write several judges for terms, and report at next meeting. Decided to accept the terms of Mrs. Dyer for room to hold our meetings, so that all meetings after May will be held in Wallace Tower. Two new members were elected, and the following were elected on committee: W. Lovie, A. Lindsay, A. Cook, A. Boyd, and A. Hainey. Balance-sheet for last year was passed. Our late sec., Mr. C. C. Irvine, has kindly consented to give us a lecture at next meeting; fanciers invited. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—Robert Aitken, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held April 1th, at the Assembly Rooms. Present: Chairman, Mr. James Jones; Hon. Treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards; Messrs. R. Green, H. Williams, and R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec. Decided that Sec. put the members' cards in hand of the printers. Old members should rejoin at once, and I also hope to see many new members on my future list. Come let us make a record in all ways, so that we will get a clinking show; it all depends on members of the society. I have done my best in the past, but I intend to do more in future, if possible. I am willing to answer any questions on any matter of the society. His Worship the Mayor of Carnarvon (R. Newton, Esq.) was elected patron. President F. R. Brown has sent a cheque value £2 towards the society. Vice-Presidents, Lady Turner, Sir Thomas E. Roberts, Sir William Preece, Mr. W. S. McDowell, and Mr. E. R. Roberts, have each promised to give one guinea. Messrs. Geo. Brymer and T. M. Lloyd have sent 10s. 6d., so we have a good start. I am expecting a few more, and if any of the late members who may wish to give or promise cash or specials will kindly write to me, I shall be very pleased. We are intending to have a first feather show; date will be fixed at next meeting, April 19th. The committee agreed to leave out the delegates this time. Benefits are to be paid members only at our next open show, which will be held at the end of the year. Grand classification; challenge cups, medals, and other specials, and money prizes. Those who are not members should send P.O. for 1s. at once, so that they will have the full benefit and may be open to compete for all specials. I am sure that the committee will provide a good classification and a special judge.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

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GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Brewers' Arms, Mr. G. Mann in the chair. The chief business was to have been arrangements for the open show, but owing to such a poor turn up of members it was decided to hold it over for the present. A quiet but interesting evening was spent on "Breeding and Colour Feeding" the young bird. All those interested in joining the Society will be welcome at our next meeting, May [illegible], at headquarters, at 8, membership 5s. per annum.—H. [illegible], Hon. Sec.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE C.B.S.

Meeting held in Townhead Tearooms, Alloa, April 12, Mr. David Cook, vice-pres., in the chair. The principal item was an exhibition of a fine collection of wild seeds for British birds, by Mr. Jas. B. Clarke, Rothesay. There was a good turnout, all being very attentive, while an article bearing on their good properties (feeding, colouring, and medicinal), specially written for us by Mr. Clarke, was being read. Full advantage was taken of viewing the specimens (over 80), and fanciers learnt the usefulness of well-known weeds and plants and their seeds, which they had formerly looked upon as useless. A book containing over 100 specimens of wild flowers, the seeds of most being favourites of British birds, was also fully gone into. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke was proposed by the chairman, and heartily responded to. Four new members were admitted.—Wm. W. Duncan, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held April 7, at Grange Park Hall. Mr. Bartlett occupied the chair, a large muster of members being present. A table show of British was held, some good specimens being staged. The specials for best bird in show, a Goldfinch, and best second, a Bullfinch, also for most points, all went to Mr. G. A. Parker. An egg food competition also took place. There were several competitors, each using a different method, the winner being Mr. J. A. Bartlett. The judges were Mr. J. S. Clarke, for British birds, and Mr. W. Morris, egg food competition. Following this a pleasant surprise awaited the members. A handsome cup of solid silver was handed round for inspection, being the gift of a gentleman who wished to remain anonymous. The conditions attached to the cup were that it should be won three times, not necessarily in succession, by the best unflighted Crest or C.B. at the annual show, the bird to be bred by the exhibitor and closed rung, all paid up members in novice, amateur and champion sections eligible to compete. It was carried unanimously that the secretaries send a letter of appreciation and thanks to the donor. A vote of thanks to the judges, to which both gentlemen suitably responded, and also to the chair, brought an extremely pleasant evening to a close.—A. W. Farmer Hon. Assist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Annual social and presentation of prizes held at the "Church Inn," Huddersfield Road, Oldham, April 12. Twenty fanciers and wives sat down to tea. The after proceedings were opened by Mr. Rukin taking the chair, and presenting the prizes. Mr. G. Fitton, Oldham, took a china tea service as championship prize in Lancashire section, Mr. Hordern, Heywood taking some cutlery as runner-up. Mr. Ollerenshaw, Glossop, won a silver-plated tea-urn, as championship prize in Lizard section, and Mr. F. Hamer, Oldham, some cutlery as runner up. Mr. W. Kay, Macclesfield, won a silver medal in novice Lancashire section. In novice Lizard section, Mr. E. Lord, Newchurch, received a silver rosebowl as winner, and Mr. C. F. Bosworth, Kettering, a gold medal as runner-up. Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, won Ramsden's special, as winner in colour competition in Lizards. Dancing singing, and instrumental music were afterwards indulged in, the star turns being Mr. E. Lord and Mr. F. Steeple, the latter gentleman a prominent Oldham fancier (I nearly said "plainhead"). Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent, several local fanciers turning up after tea. Messrs. Millington, Longsight, and E. Downs, Oldham, were proposed as members. Next meeting will be held in the Rochdale O.C. clubrooms, York Place, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale, April 26, at 7 prompt. A good muster of members is requested, as the chief business is selection of specialist judges, and the proposition on same left over from the Manchester meeting.—Alec. Martin, Hon. Sec.

ANFIELD AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Successful Bohemian Concert.

One of the most enjoyable concerts run by the Fancy in Liverpool was held at the Sandon Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (chairman Green Canary Association), who opened the proceedings by explaining to those present that the object of the concert was to clear off a debt left on their hands. He hoped the members would stand together like honourable men, pay all just debts, and clear away the stigma that had fallen on so young a society. He trusted they would become one of the strongest societies in the Fancy. After the toast, "The Royal Family," the musical directors, Messrs. Draper and Parsons, presented their troupe of artistes, including Mr. and Mrs. Frank Draper, Chas. Gifford, Geo. Whitehead, Jack Clements, Adelaide Draper, Prof. Ted Traynor, Alf. Newman, Bessie Bower, Rennie and Hirst, Alec. Nimmo, Dave Steinart, and the Roast Joint Quartet, whose talents were greatly appreciated. Mr. M. A. Hinson proposed "Kindred Societies." He was pleased to see so many fanciers from other societies present, and he trusted they would carry in their minds the good fellowship accorded them. It was quite an honour to have them present. He thought the Anfield Society would endeavour to uphold the great reputation which the other Liverpool societies had attained in the past. The society had had a bitter lesson. Mr. Fred Handley, the new sec. of the G.C.A., suitably responded. He hoped the Anfield fanciers would run the smokers regularly; it would serve to bring about a better understanding between the various societies. It was his heartfelt wish that the society might be free from all debt before the show season commenced; it would be a pleasure to him to help them along. We had quite a large gathering, the room being packed. Over 150 tickets were sold, and we hope to clear about £5 off the debts we owe. Practically all the members were present, and we extend our thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who helped us along:—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. Brunskill, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Nimmo, Mr. and Mrs. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, and lady friends, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woods, Mr. Charley Robinson, and some ladies whose names we did not catch. There will be an extraordinary [illegible] soon, when we fix up a meeting room, [illegible] only attend meetings called by [illegible] and Redpath, Hon. Secs., Shaw Street, Liverpool.

FOUR prize Bantams, also good house dog, lemon-white; exchange anything: 50, New-street, South Norman, nr. Alfreton. (613)

CHAMPION cock Lark, gas light singer, indoors, 10/6; Hybrid cock Goldfinch and Greenfinch, 10/; exchange: 67, Bury Park, Luton. (641)

FOR sale, No. 3 Folding Pocket Kodak, in thoroughly good working order, £1: Miss S. Rutherfurd, 14, Gt. Stuart-st., Edinburgh. (616)

SELL or exchange pair of Game Bantams, pair of Dutch rabbits, any kind of birds: Riggs, Lower Union Lane, Torquay. (651)

GENT.'S grey knicker suit, new, 10/; pair Phillip's roller skates, 5/, guaranteed genuine; exchange: G. Frith Crowle, Lincs. (652)

OLD English Spangle Bantams, eight pairs, Dawson's strain, 6/6 pair; exchange Yorkshires or Norwich: Hartle, Peakdale, Buxton. (616)

NEW set saddler-made goat harness, 8/6, worth 30/-, exchange Canaries, fowls, goat cart: Royder, 37, Herbert-st., Kentish Town. (645)

SALE or exchange lemon and white spaniel bitch, broken 18 months, 15/; approval: Thomas, 24, Pallgwaun-rd., Pontypridd. (648)

PAIR clap-nets, 18ft. by 4ft., jointed; Younge, November; exchange pair matched Norwich, large skulls: Wilson, James-st., Ayr. (633)

CRICKET, youth's bat, leg pads, etc. (Warsop's), new, cost 30/-, take 15/; exchange good birds: Orange, 6, Stanley-rd., S. Woodford. (650)

HORNLESS gramophone, nice tone, £2, or will exchange to that value, pure bred Silver Wyandottes: Eyam View, Derbyshire, via Sheffield. (624)

GENT.'S new tweed suit, 34 waist, 32 leg; exchange 4 Yorkshire cock Canaries, full song: Tomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green. (652)

PATHEPHONE, as new, two sound boxes, sell 18/6, or exchange Goldfinches, Mules, or Rollers: Tunfrey, Gardener, Vicarage Cottage, Llandovery. (516)

TWO flight cages, good condition, 40 x 17 x 11, 4/6, and 30 x 17 x 11, 6/: Kightley, Hairdresser, Mount Pleasant-rd., Strand Green, N. (642)

EXCHANGE champion pedigree Fox Terrier puppy, make winner; also 1 Magpie and 8 tumbler pigeons, for Canaries: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (651)

PAIR prize-bred Yorkshires, 15/-; four show cages, two cases, 7/6; rack; exchange lot for good B.S.A. air rifle: Clayton, Postman, Southport. (649)

FEW grand fliers, winners and likely winners; cheap for cash; exchange considered; no rubbish offered or wanted: Wolstenholme, Filey. (649)

WANTED, Canaries or Grey talking Parrot, or offers, in exchange for valuable prize Jacobins: Ackroyd, Wellesley Villas, Ashford, Kent. (649)

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HANDSOME miniature orange and white pedigree Pom. bitch; exchange Rollers, anything; sell, 50/-: Porter, 1, Stanley-st., Easton-rd. Bristol. (654)

EXCHANGE Hobbies treadle fretwork machine, handy for cage making, for pair Seifert Rollers; birds first: Jackson, 1, Hereford-st., Nelson, Lancs. (645)

SPLENDID chance; six grand young Dutch rabbits, exchange clear hen Canary, plants, or offers: Weatherill, 111, Burbank-st., West Hartlepool. (648)

PART exchange gramophone and 60 records, in perfect condition, for good Norwich cocks, or £5 cash; no dealers: Glenn, Bridge-st., Thrapston. (653)

BOOKS. Commercial, shorthand, etc., 40/-; particulars sent; exchange, offers; wanted Canaries, British; yours first: Judd, 22, Canonbury-rd., Enfield. (646)

PINKS (Mrs. Sinkins), 1/6 doz., 8/- 100; Daisies (Double Red), 1/- doz., 6/- 100; cash or deposit Editor, or exchange: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend. (654)

NOTICE! Will give black and tan terrier bitch, good house guard, for Yorkshire singing cock Canary, or sell 7/6: C. Hendry, nr. Church, Burnham Market. (646)

GRAMOPHONE (Master's Voice), original cost £5 5s.; equal to new; with records; will sell, £3; approval: Matthes, Grocer, Braeton-rd., Rotherhithe. (662)

SET of brass-mounted pony harness, in good condition, 25/-; exchange for chocolate Pom. or Canaries: F. E. James, 30, Athol-rd., Norton Honmer Woodseats. (650)

EXCHANGE pair of Canaries, two Greenfinch cocks, Goldfinch, three Brown Linnets, Redpoll, for poultry or disc records: Hammond's, 137, Duke-st., Fenton, Staffs. (651)

SIX good joiner-made breeding cages, 24 x 14 x 8, loose fronts, nestpans, etc.; cost 7/- each; sell £1; or exchange: Gaute, 4, Queen-st., Maidenhead. (653)

FOR sale, small phonograph with forty records, 12/6; opera glasses in leather case, with shoulder strap, 7/6 or exchange: A. Sturt, Salthrop, Wroughton, Swindon. (650)

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GOOD flight cage, 3ft. 4in. by 1ft. 4in. by 2ft. 2in., enamelled, for cock Mule; wanted Yorkshires; lowest price: Hall's, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester. (618)

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary for pair Norwich and Yorkshire cock, also good Yorkshire hen, for pair brown boots, sevens: Cleall, 9, Henrietta-st., Portsmouth. (652)

GREEN German hen, winner 2nd, 5/-; exhibition Bramblefinch cock, 6/-; singing Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; must clear; offers, dog, poultry, useful: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (Q)

EVEN-MARKED fox terrier dog, lovely head, 15 months, good companion, guard, clean house, 15/- cash; accept exchange, good value: Styles, 14, Lillian-rd., Barnes. (652)

30-KEYED English-made concertina, with case, best steel reeds, splendid tone, 37/-; or £1 and Canaries; approval: Richardson, 10, Somerscale-st., Beverley-rd., Hull. (650)

LARGE double breeding cage, complete, new, clear Yorkshire cock, exchange metal tripod, music stool, photographic background: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton. (650)

SALE or exchange cross fox terrier pup, six months, fine sharp, suit rabbits, used to gun, 12/6, or good yellow Yorks cock, 15/-; first, must be good: Simpson, Crayke, Easingwold. (646)

ONE case of silver fish knives and forks, as new, splendid design; sell 17/6; exchange for yellow Norwich Plainhead cock: Winn, Bootmaker, 120, Ullswater-rd., Lancaster. (650)

GRAVES' Express English lever watch, perfect condition, cost 50/-, sell 20/-; take part exchange Canaries; approval willingly; deposit: Walter, 8, Chatham-st., Bulwell. (641)

MAGAZINE camera, hold 12 plates, in case, all accessories, 25/-, bargain; cost double; exchange high-class Rollers, better value: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

LARGE square wire flight cage 4/-; lady's cycle, good tyres and tubes, front rim and back-pedalling brakes, suit girl 14 or lady, 25/-; bargain; exchange: Howland, Ockendon, Essex. (650)

EXCHANGE, set carvers, good quality, ivorine handles, hand forged blades, for cock Canary, or Mule, or three hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield. (652)

EXCHANGE six-chambered revolver, nickel-plated, also double-sided disc records, for Norwich hens, or cocks, must be healthy: W. Crawley, 12, Gray-st., Commercial-rd., London, E. (615)

FOR sale, yellow Norwich cock, 12/6; Goldie Mule, 9/6; pair Bramblefinches, 6/-; Winchester repeating rifle, 13/6 or near offers: C. May, St. John's-rd., Mortimer, Berks. (654)

FOR sale or exchange, Canaries; 200 good gramophone disc records; also ¼-plate Klito camera, RR lens, almost new, 15/-: Bottomley, Bootmaker, 153, Oakworth-rd., Keighley. (647)

TWELVE Plymouth Rock or Leghorn chickens, week old, 8/6; pair Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6, nestling; Grey and Red Parrot, 15/-; exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (653)

SALE or exchange; one Blackbird, one Thrush, two Canaries, two Linnet cages, 5/-; clock, going order, 5/-; gent.'s bike, 50/-; 100 books, 4/-: Newman, 47, Culford-rd., Southgate-rd., N. (648)

EXCHANGE a good English lever watch and albert (both silver), good timekeeper, for good Canaries; no rubbish wanted nor offered; approval both ways: Bell, 19, Jobling-st. Deptford, Sunderland. (651)

WANTED, offers in Canaries; exchange really good A clarionet, Boosey's make, cost £5; sell 30/-; also large powerful painter's brass Aetna blow lamp; George Blows, The Clyde, Ilford-lane, Ilford. (647)

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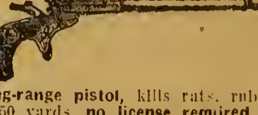

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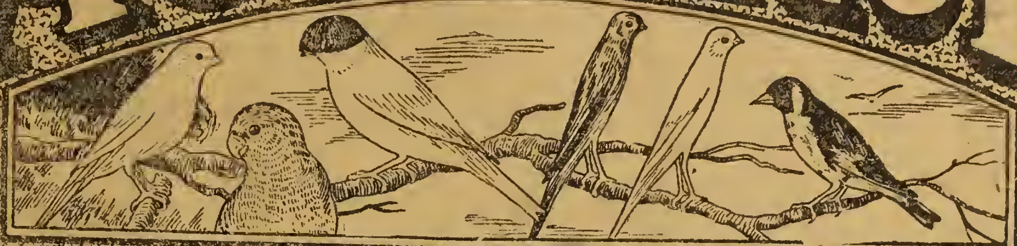

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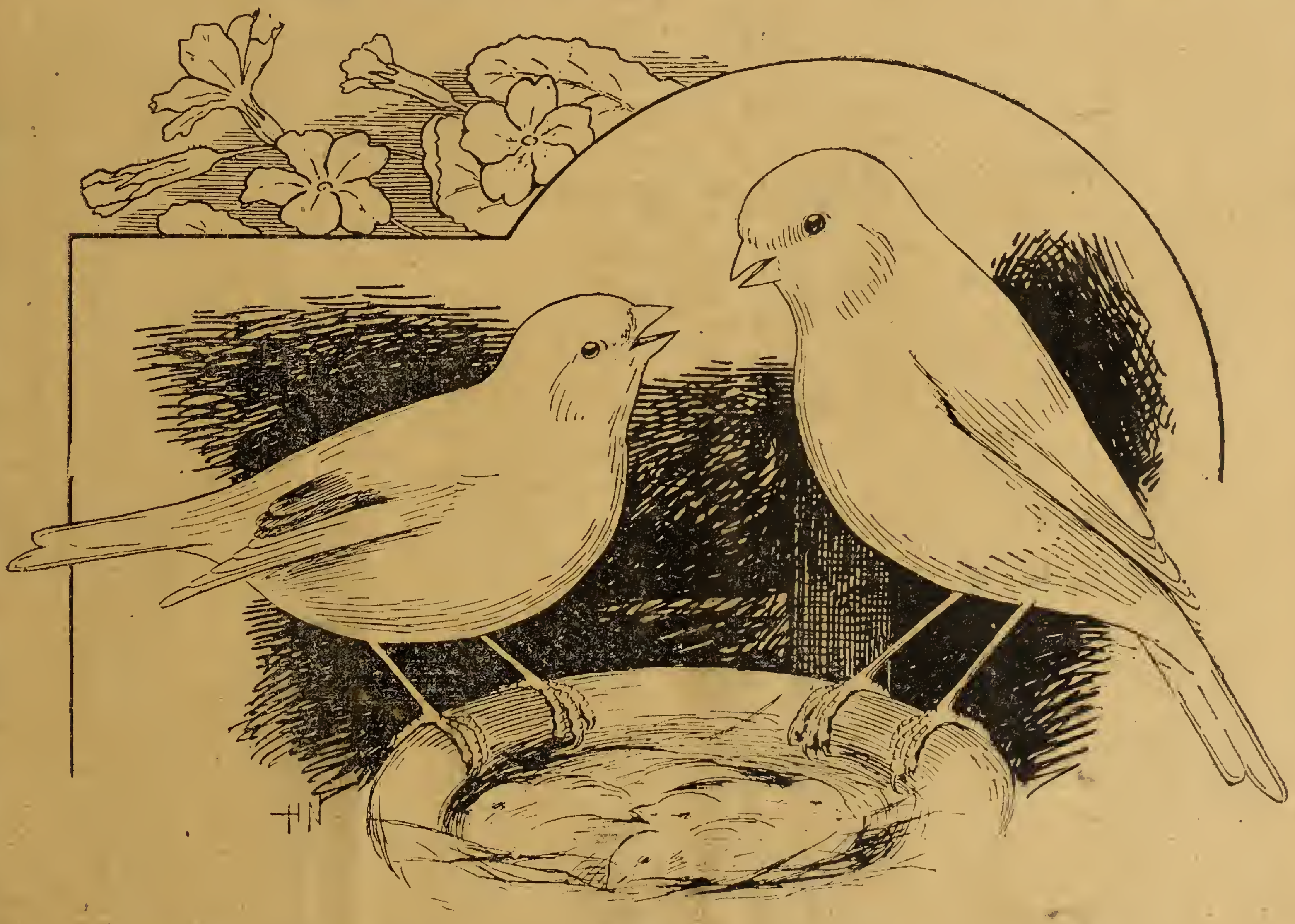

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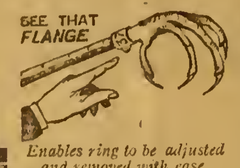

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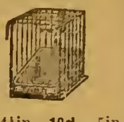

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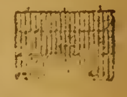

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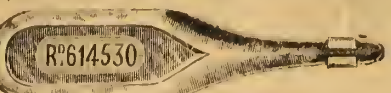

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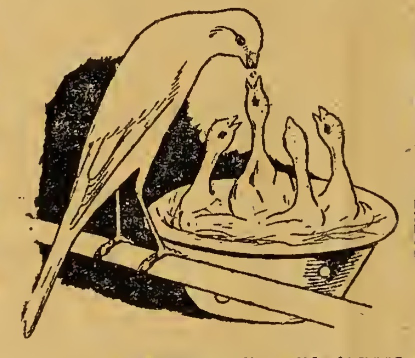

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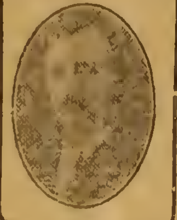

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EXCHANGE buff Norwich hen and Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid, both winners, for extra large Goldfinch for exhibition, or Hawfinch: Clough, 8, Radnor-st., Werneth, Oldham. (663)

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch cock, guaranteed muler, 8/6, or exchange young yellow Yorkshire cock, cash or deposit; approval; yours first: Pink, Rhosnessney, Wrexham. (665)

PIPING cock Bullfinch, 6/6; Yorkshire Green hen, untried, 4/-; Red-breasted Linnets, full song, 1/6 each; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, muler, 3/-: Bugg, Stonemason, Holbeach. (661)

WHAT offers in exchange for pair Bullfinches, house moulted cock Chaffinch, hen Greenfinch, hen Linnet; Norwich hens preferred: William Hughes, 31, Gwendreath-terr., Kidwelly. (660)

BLACKBIRD, winner of prizes; Bramblefinch, winner of prizes; will exchange for Wire-haired Fox Terrier puppy, about 7 or 8 weeks old, or sell 15/- both: W. Cox, 24, Canon-st., Kettering. (667)

WHAT offers, twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, white-legged, and hen Canary, 8/6; sure mulers; also cock Linnet, twice house-moulted, and hen Canary, bred Mules, 7/6: Leach, New Place, Kidderminster. (664)

EXCHANGE h.m. performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed, and thimble for water, with new cage and detachable fittings, for Canaries or anything useful; or sell 5s. each, complete; deposit: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (669)

BARGAIN! three genuine hand-reared Thrushes, with good cages, singing nicely, 7/- each; 1912 birds; exchange cock Canaries or Goldfinches for muling; double breeding wanted: Mrs. Lewis, 35, Burdett Buildings, Westminster Bridge-rd., S.E. (659)

WINNING Treecreeper, stock and show cages, 50/-; monster Greenfinch, two 1sts, 10/6; selected to moult, Yellowhammer, grand markings, size, colour, 5/-; Greenfinch, 3/6; topping Chaffinch, 3/6; densely marked Linnet, 3/-; hen Bullfinch, 2/-; typical pair Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/-; wanted Black and Red Gouldians, Sugar Birds, and Sun Bird (acclimatised); cash or exchange; approval, deposit: Lewis, "Homedale," Hallwood-rd., Kettering. (663)

Mainly Canaries.

TWO hen Canaries and two single breeders, 5/-: F. Bull, Sutton, Surrey. (663)

SALE, three buff Yorkshires, one green, good feeders, 10/-; or useful exchange: 25, Portway, Frome. (668)

TWO pairs B.R.C. rung Rollers for "Weaver" banjo: Apply A. Charles, 48, Farnham-gardens, Seven Kings (659)

EXCHANGE variegated Crest hen for bull terrier dog pup, or sell 15/-: A. Green, 1, Waterworks-st., Gainsborough. (660)

YELLOW Border cock, two buff hens, bred 1911 and 1912; exchange gent's boots, 7: Allen, New-rd., Gillingham, Dorset. (657)

EXCHANGE prize-bred Yorkshires for up-to-date lady's cycle, no rubbish wanted: Cattell, 81, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle. (668)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries or offers for lady's or gent's silver watch, good condition: Bridgwater, 26, Old-square, Warwick. (664)

TWO Crested hens, yellow and green, house-moulted Linnet, £1 or offers: Barnes, Lamorna House, New Washington, Durham. (666)

EXCHANGE few pair high-class Yorkshires, for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: H. Dean, 573, Leeds-rd., Thackley, Yorks. (654)

EXCHANGE good buff Cinnamon cock, on full song, for common pigeons or offers: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs. (659)

EXCHANGE yellow Norwich cock for large house-moulted cock Goldfinch muler; sell 7/6: Lewis, 55, Letitia-st., Middlesbrough. (660)

COCK Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 5/- pair; Norwich cock, 6/6: Talbot, East-rd., Parkstone, Dorset. (661)

LARGE Crestbred hen, "Our Canaries," new; exchange two pairs Yorkshires; sell £2; yours first: Turnbull, Lochend, Dunbar. (660)

TWO Buff Norwich hens, non-fed, exchange good buff or yellow cock, for stock, and 3/- for good one: Want, 11, Gordon-st., Burnley. (664)

EXCHANGE 9 Roller hens and cock for ½-plate dark slides, whole-plate camera, or background; offers: Hodges, 70, Thomas-st., Aston. (662)

YELLOW Norwich cock, 3 buff hens, Vardy's, anxious to nest; exchange Roller cocks, or sell cheap: Burton, Liberal Club, Sutton-in-Ashfield. (664)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock Canary, full song, 6/6 exchange good Norwich hen or Goldfinches: Gillett, Rilshaw-lane, Winsford, Cheshire. (663)

SPLENDID pair of Canaries, nesting, and double breeder, accept £1 lot; or exchange: Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford, Cheshire. (669)

EXCHANGE large yellow Norwich hen for clear or variegated buff cock; must be of good quality: Veitch, 39, Roxburgh-st., Grangemouth. (659)

WHAT offers; good British show cages, for matched pair Border Fancies, 1912 bred; yours first: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire. (666)

CRESTED cock, Crestbred hen, new double breeding cage; splendid large birds, nesting; 25/-; exchange anything useful: Longbottom, Wisbech. (659)

GOOD pair healthy Norwich, nesting, 6/6; also pair Yorkshires, 6/6; yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/6; ditto Norwich 6/6; room wanted: Cotton, Northallerton. (668)

WILL exchange three Norwich hens for one Linnet or Goldfinch; must be sure mulers;: Dick Williamson, Standard Hill, Highfields, Coalville, Leicestershire. (659)

YELLOW Norwich cock, full song, exchange two Norwich hens, clear yellow; pair of Norwich, exchange Yorkshires: J. Welch, 14, Cavendish-st., Chorley, Lancs. (662)

HARTZ Mountain Roller cock Canary, in full song, with many changes, day or gaslight, sell 8/6, or exchange anything: Saunders, 2½, Clarence-st., Gravesend. (667)

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, and Borders, pairs or single, cocks in full song, also Goldfinch Mule; what offers; no live stock: 75, Lavender Vale, Wallington. (666)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, 10/6 each; pairs from 17/6, or useful exchange; no cards; only seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, London. (664)

ONE green crest-bred hen and one variegated, both bred from first winners; also Fox Terrier puppy bitch; for particulars, apply: M. Morrison, Torrance-place, Bonnybridge, N.B. (666)

YORKSHIRES, 3 yellows, 1 foul green, 1 yellow variegated, 10/- each; all first-class birds, bargain; or offer gent.'s cycle; two yellow hens, already nesting, 5/-: Burkhill, Cross, Buckley, near Chester. (668)

GRAND schoolmaster; will exchange for two Yorkshire cocks, full song; champion buff Norwich hen; what offers in common Canaries, cocks, or winning British? sell 40/-: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (661)

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, pairs 8/-; cases, show cages, breeding, single, double, cheap; accessories; Foreigners, acclimatised; surplus stock; exchange Norwich hens: Wilkinson, 193, Cottontree, Colne, Lancs. (662)

BREEDERS; lovely variegated yellow cock Norwich, has bred winners, also lovely Norwich hen, clear buff; sell or exchange gent's cycle or gramophone; overstocked cause of selling: Haster, Wennington, Rainham, Essex. (669)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE pair Green Budgerigars for cock Canary, or sell 5/-: Kingston, 118, Firth Park-cres., Sheffield. (662)

EXCHANGE pair adult Green Budgerigars for singing cock Canary, sell 5/-: Wicks, 2, Glenbrook-rd., Hampstead, N.W. (663)

EXCHANGE Indian Ring-neck Parrakeet, red shoulder, for pair good Yorkshires or gramophone: Evans, 34, Gilbert-st., Barry. (661)

EXCHANGE three splendid cock Budgerigars for pair Rollers or fine pair Crests for two pairs Rollers: 6, Kendal-rd., Hove. (651)

HANDSOME green cock Budgerigars, 8 inches long, 5/- each; or exchange good Lizard Canaries: F. W., "Brooklands," Upper Edmonton. (Q)

ROSE-BREASTED Cockatoo, acclimatised, new cage, £1; exchange cock and hen Norwich Canaries: Fraser, High House Buildings, Elgin. (659)

DOUBLE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, tame, and in good health, sell 35/- or exchange anything: Saunders, Greengrocer, Clarence-st., Gravesend. (667)

COCKS, Java, house-moulted, Linnet hen, Lavender-headed Lovebird; exchange tools, cutlery, pair Red-crested Cardinals, 18/6: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (654)

Miscellaneous.

SMART Whippet-Spaniel bitch, 5 months, 7/6; exchange: Walton, Mintaka, Charmouth. (662)

LADY'S bicycle, good order, exchange Canaries, sell £1, anything useful: Lacy, 3, King's-st., Deal, Kent. (666)

EXCHANGE 5-string banjo for pair high-class Yorkshires; particulars: J. Ditton, 72, Vicarage-rd., Ware, Herts. (659)

SHEEP-Airedale dog, 20 months old, good guard, sell 15/-, or exchange Rollers: Chapman, 3, Paris-ter., Poplar. (659)

CHAMPION cock Linnet Mule, for pair cycle covers, 28 x 1½, or sell 10/-: Hicks, 31, Cotehele-avenue, Plymouth. (659)

ONE dozen fancy baskets, exchange singing cock Canary, or sell, 6/- doz.: C. Rozier, 143, Princes-st., Ipswich. (658)

TWO new razors for cock Canary or two hens; mine sent first; 30 razors left: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke. (668)

PAIR Cockatiels and cage wanted, in exchange for graphophone and 36 records; birds first: 39, George-st., Stranraer. (658)

BOX of Carpenter's Tools, exchange 3 singing Canaries or Mules, cash, 15/-; list sent: 442, High-st., East Ham. (662)

SMART female Pom. puppy, 4 months, 4lbs., light sable, fussy little pet, 12/6, or offers: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (660)

PRINTED instructions. Clean, take apart, put together, your watch, 6d. post free: Watchmaker, 130, Folds-rd., Bolton. (660)

BASKET and four British show cages, exchange large Norwich hens or offers: David Ray, Derwydd, Burry Port, Carm. (664)

WHAT offers in Canaries for 30-egg Incubator, perfect condition, complete, cost 3 guineas: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (661)

EXCHANGE three Game Bantams, hens, Black-reds, for a Hawfinch hen and Bullfinch hen: Barkley, Gelling, E., Malton. (659)

EXCHANGE good acetylene cycle lamp, 8/6, for cock and hen Canaries; birds first: McGuire, Church-rd., Methven, Perth. (657)

EXCHANGE brass Cornet and case, value 25/-; boy's Violin and case, value 15/-, for Canaries: Swann, 219, Falkner-st., Liverpool. (666)

NINE compartment breeding cage, sliding partitions, new, sell 35/-; or exchange Canaries to value: E. Kay, Market Harboro'. (669)

BUILDERS' steps, one pair 9ft., another pair 6ft., new; exchange birds or sell 10/6: Holland, 36, High-st., Homerton, London. (662)

GOOD buff Border cock, H.-M. Redpoll hen, 8/6, exchange Norwich and British hens: T. Ritchie, 26, Bute-st., Whifflet, N.B. (661)

EXCHANGE four Buff Orpington chickens, laying, for pair of Crests, one clear, one variegated: Daines, 41, Harmer-st., Gravesend. (660)

PURE Fox Terrier dog, six weeks, white body, even marked head, smooth, 6/-, offers: Ellis, 71, Peashill st., Rawmarsh, Rotherham. (662)

VIOLIN, bow, case, fine instrument, value 35/-; also 5/- tutor; exchange Canaries; offers: Violinist, 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham (664)

SALE or exchange dark Crested cock, four show cages, for Pelargoniums, Carnations, in pots; sell £1: Miller, North-st., Esh Winning. (662)

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GRAND Crossbred Bull dog, 5 months, clean, healthy; will exchange birds, or sell 10/-: Carter, Bullock's-lane, Beccles, Suffolk. (661)

EXCHANGE good black self cavie winner, for cock Goldfinch, or Norwich cock, or sell 10/-: MacCoughlan, St. Austell-st., Truro, Cornwall. (662)

HOMING and fancy pigeons, 2/-, 3/6, 5/-, 10/- pair; approval before payment; exchange birds: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green. (657)

PAIR field-glasses, 50/-; pair oil-paintings, massive frames, 40/-; or exchange live stock: Burns, 66, Wilton-rd., Hackney, London. (666)

SMALL pet Monkey, very tame, clean, healthy, child can handle it, sell 25/-, exchange singing Canaries. Mules: King, 31, Wood-st., Cardiff. (668)

EXCHANGE gent's cycle, B.S.A., free wheel, Bowden brake, without tyres, 12/6, for Canaries: Bartlett, 51, Harpsden-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (661)

RABBITS. Dutch buck, three does, two black, tan does; exchange Canaries, cages, anything; offers: Goodacre, Horace-st., Boston, Lincs. (663)

TWO strong healthy Retrievers, bitches, six months old, good pedigree, sell or exchange anything useful: Leeming, 8, Club-st., Bamber Bridge. (663)

PRIMUS Stove, inlaid Whatnot, child's Cot, exchange either or lot for one or two Norwich cocks; birds first: Hay, East-st., Chichester. (661)

HORNLESS gramophone, nice tone, £2, or will exchange to that value, pure-bred Silver Wyandottes: Eyam View, Derbyshire, via Sheffield. (624)

SINGING cock Linnet and Norwich hen Canary; also cage; exchange cock Mule, anything: Lyons, 18, Albert-sq., Sneinton, Nottingham. (647)

FOUR young fowls, full lay, 2 pairs pet Doves, nesting, also large buck rabbit; exchange: G. S. Burton, jun., 94, Orchard-rd., Southsea. (667)

SILVER double cased Hunter watch, perfect condition, sell 18/-; take part exchange Canaries: George Roberts, 13, Padley-st., Bulwell, Notts. (669)

FEW grand show fliers, winners and likely winners; cheap for cash; exchange considered; no rubbish offered or wanted: Wolstenholme, Filey. (649)

CANARIES, anything useful; exchange pedigree Irish Terrier, can win; British birds: W. Westrope, North-st., Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill. (669)

EXCHANGE Old English Spangled Bantams, 2 hens and cock, for Canaries or Goldfinch: M. Lishman, 79, Gillingrove Cottages, Kendal, Westmorland. (662)

TWO-SEATED mailcart, good condition, photo sent, exchange good cock Mule, anything; must be approval: Sanford, Kensington-rd., Morecambe. (661)

EXCHANGE horizontal steam engine, 3in. by 2in. lathe bed, 5in poppit head, stocks and dies, value £2, for Canaries: Harrison, Gladstone-st., Ilkeston. (664)

PAIR Excelsior cycle covers, unused, 28 by 1½, beaded edges, accept 5/- each; bargain; or exchange: O'Brien, Wellingborough-rd., Northampton. (661)

EXCHANGE gold-plated watch (value 12/6), book of fishing hooks, and reel, for pair of gaslight songster Canaries: Powell, 29, North-st., Newport, Mon. (658)

LOVELY West Highland Terrier bitch, grand pedigree, 18 months, pure white, £3 3s.; exchange cage birds or anything: Thomson, 49, High-st., Dumfries. (669)

LADY'S and Gent's umbrellas, lady's fur, pair Japanese vases, exchange camera, Parrot, anything useful: Haynes, 19, High-st., Aston, Birmingham. (660)

SPLENDID 1912 yellow Norwich hen, cocks Greenfinch and Redpoll, 10/-, exchange Budgies, Cockatiels, Hawfinches: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (665)

SILVER English lever watch, good time-keeper, heavy silver, hall marked chain, 25/-, or exchange Canaries: Wilshire, Lower Castle-st., Bristol. (667)

WILL exchange new fancy clock, perfect timekeeper, 2ft. long, 10in. wide, for Roller cock, good songster, or what offers, anything: Payne, The Firs, Leacroft, Cannock. (661)

EXCHANGE Irish-Airedale dog, four months, good yard or gun dog, for h.m. cock Goldfinch and Sib-bred Canary hen; yours first: J. Metcalfe, Winston, Darlington. (657)

EXCHANGE Harmsworth "History of the World," unbound, for good 1912 Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, in full song: Grosse, 16, Nutcroft-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (664)

EXCHANGE, fretwork outfit, 35 patterns, worth 11/-, for breeding cage and pair of Goldfinches, or Bullies, or nearest: Wilson, 9, Thackeray-st., Radford, Nottingham. (657)

TYPICAL prize-bred Dragoon Pigeons, 10/-, 15/- pair; exchange beaded cycle covers, 28 x 1½, Canaries, Budgerigars, Parrot, anything: Darwin, 100, Kirkhams, Manchester. (662)

TWO pairs of blue chequered flying homers, winners in show pen, £1 pair; or exchange Goldfinches and Norwich Canaries; approval: Stephen Roberts, Garth, Llangollen. (664)

CHAMPION singing Lark, singing its wild song indoors, 10/6; Black Terrier bitch, good rabbiter, 12/6; prize-bred Fox Terrier puppy 10/6; exchange: 67, Bury Park, Luton. (662)

EXCHANGE 6-draw brass telescope, portable tripod, and pillar and case, value 12/6; for Yorkshire or Norwich cocks: Hornsby, 30, High-st., Homerton, London. (659)

EXCHANGE chocolate pedigree bitch Pom., six months, for African Grey Parrot, or sell 35/-; approval; yours first; extra for good bird: Dales, 18, Hugh-st., Castleford. (662)

EXCHANGE Lancaster ¼-plate Camera and stand; also 15 vols. "Moonshine," bound, for Canaries or Goldfinches; cock birds: Overill, 1, Northway-rd., Addiscombe, Croydon. (668)

FOR sale B.S.A. air rifle, cost 50/-, in perfect condition, take 30/- or part exchange Green Budgerigars, offers; approval: D. Hill, 224, Old-road, West End, Brampton, Chesterfield. (659)

WANTED, offers Canaries for either one or all following: hall-marked silver watch, fully jewelled, value 30/-; splendid fly-rod, suitable trout, salmon, etc., value 20/-; sterling silver matchbox, value 10/-; any fair offers accepted; mutual approval: birds first: Sills, Boltby, Thirsk, Yorks. (664)

WHAT offers in Borders or Yorkshire hens for six brand new 10-inch double-sided gramophone records, cost 2/6 each a month ago: Mr. Jas. Cox, 115, [illegible] rd., Portsmouth. (656)

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LARGE double and single box breeding cages, 1/10 each; celebrated Rudge Whitworth bicycle, £2 10s., worth double: Somerfield Williams, Llangenny Hall, Crickhowell, Breconshire. (669)

WHAT offers in Canaries for good Airedale bitch, in pup to Airedale dog, or talking Parrot, or anything useful, or sell £2; no rubbish; Joel Buckley, 77, Stamford-rd., Waterhead, Oldham. (661)

EXCHANGE powerful pair marine and field glasses, 15/-, also new pair black motor driver's leggings, 8/-, for good pair Norwich Canaries, offers: George Davidson, 3[illegible], Queen-st., Peterhead. (660)

GRAND blue Whippet, extra fast rag. champion killer, 18 months, 19in., 30/-; approval, deposit; guaranteed, or exchange for Canaries: Goodwin, 26, Woodifield Rowe, Crook, Durham. (660)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Bull Terrier dog puppy, 6 months, value 20/-; Fox Terrier pup, six weeks, value 12/6; Fox Terrier bitch, two years, value 15/-: Swann, 29, Falkner-st., Liverpool. (666)

HONEY Extractor, honey ripener, in good condition, 13 glass section cases, lot cost £2 10s., of no use to me; what offers in Canaries, Foreign birds, or anything?: Wilkin, Hathersage, Sheffield. (661)

SALE, extra smart Airedale dog puppy, 9 weeks, 15/-; also black Whippet bitch, 2½ years, 13½in., extra good rabbit courser, 30/-, or exchange cock Mules: Robinson, 8, South West-st., Blackburn. (663)

GOOD old violin and case, £1; also Edison Standard phonograph and 40 records, in good order, £1 10s.; exchange for Canaries or anything useful: W. Thornton, Wasp Nest-rd., Hillhouse, Huddersfield. (666)

WHAT offers in Canaries, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, or any mixed-up lot of British seed birds, for gent's or lady's boots, dress lengths, or suit lengths, any colour: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terr., Leeds. (661)

EXCHANGE champion pedigree fox terrier bitch, 21 months, for gent.'s cycle; or sell 35/-; also three dog pups, two months, 15/- each; approval: E. Waddington, 45, New Hall-st., Burnley. (664)

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and hollow-ground razor for one cock or three hen Canaries, or three Yorkshire or Norwich show cages; mutual approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield. (669)

WILL give pair thick, heavy blankets or suit length, or good new silver watch, for three cocks or two pairs, or seven hen Norwich Canaries; yours first or no business: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (663)

TWO good coloured shaped Buff Orpingtons, accept 30/-, or useful exchange to make room for chicks; Game cross eggs, 2/6 dozen; Broodies 3/6 each: R. D. Steward, White House, Poplars avenue, Gorleston. (663)

EXCHANGE exhibition British and Norwich for Toy Pom, bitch preferred, gramophone and records, or household linen; see Hardbill, Softbill, Mule, Norwich columns: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (667)

HAND Camera, complete accessories, carrying case; Incubator, capsule, thermometer, lamp, new; treadle fretwork machine, exchange good British Hardbills; birds first: Barlow, 119, Parrin-lane, Monton, Manchester. (662)

GENT'S solid silver hall marked English lever, fully capped, jewelled, splendid condition, correct timekeeper, cost four guineas, sacrifice 30/-; or exchange fur or feather: Reece, 152, Wornington-rd., North Kensington. (668)

WHAT offers hen Canaries for good pen O.E.G Bantams (two pullets and cock), and single, double, and three-compartment breeders, loose fronts, sand drawers; all approval: York Aviaries, York-st., Manchester. (666)

PIGEON book of 50 coloured plates, by Robert Fulton. What offers in Goldfinches, Norwich Canaries or Rollers; 3 Song Thrushes, 7/- the three; what offers in cash?: S. Hogg, 10, Robert's-terrace, Marmaduke-st., Hull. (662)

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EXCHANGE small phonograph, carrying case, 32 records (cylinder), for 1912 buff or yell. Norwich or Roller cock, must be on full song; offers; write and wait reply before sending birds; birds only: Lothian, 6, Lyne-st., Edinburgh. (660)

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TWENTY large volumes Lloyd's International Library, good as new, with oak bookcase, cost £6 10/-, accept £4, or pair good Rollers and British, part cash; offers invited: Ballam, Langton Matravers, Wareham, Dorset. (658)

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SNAPSHOT camera, ¼-plate, 10/6; also one 3¼ by 2½ plates, 10/-; both take 12 plates; nearly new; buying stand camera. Zither banjo, Windsor, new last year, £6; a bargain, £4; or useful exchange; approval, deposit willingly: Gould, 11, Little South Street, Coventry. (663)

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THE TRIALS OF A NOVICE.

Although disappointment was his portion, our correspondent is longing to show what he can do this season.

Sir,—My better-half exclaimed the other year on my announcing to her the fact that my second nest of eggs—from a hen Canary that was paired with a Goldie—were all empty: "You'll ruin us yet with your birds!" I had explained to her the possibility of getting a bird worth many pounds from that very pair, and it was mainly the vision of the gold that obtained her consent to purchase a 7s. 6d. Goldie, together with a big buff hen, with a view to breeding clear mules. Alas! "Clear" eggs have been plentiful, but the "clear" Mules have kept clear of me as yet. But let me begin at the beginning. In August of 1911 I succeeded in overcoming the wife's scruples against the "mess" made by birds in the house. Women are weak creatures, and a little diplomatic manœuvring generally fetches them. I managed it, at any rate, gladly complying with her strict injunction that there was to be no more than one. Accordingly, I bought a Border cock from a breeder who had gained some notoriety at local shows, at the same time purchasing a lovely cage for him. This deal cost me 10s. 6d., including cage.

Getting on the "Soft-side" of her.

I determined to have a mate for him. After enlarging to my wife a little on how lovely he seemed, and how a hen would cheer him up, etc., she caved in. Women are very touchy on this point, and are ever ready to advise their unmarried friends to "splice up." They don't believe in bachelors. I repaired to the fancier from whom I obtained the cock, and asked for a yellow hen. He let me have one for 2s. 6d., and I was gratified once more. This led to the beginning of my trials. When I returned from work next day the wife greeted me with the remark: "That's a rare whistler, that bird you got." "What bird?" "The hen, of course," says she; and just at that moment my latest purchase began to rattle off its baby song in a way which left me in little doubt as to its sex. I acquainted the breeder, who replied that he had not another hen for sale, and at the same time cautioned me that though it was whistling it might be a hen. As I did not lose by it, I said nothing more. I have that bird yet, and a tip-top singer he is!

Trouble Number Two.

There I was with two males, and the wife determined no more would come to the house. The fever was on me now, however, and I was quite as determined I would have a hen for each of these cocks; and this brought me to trial number two. I went to another fancier, and asked him to give me as good a hen as he could for 2s. 6d. It must have been a kind Providence which prompted me to ask him for "tick" till the end of the fortnight, although I had the money on me at the time. Certainly it was no business instinct of mine. When night came I wondered what the unearthly squeaking was, and on looking at my hen, saw her body working like a pair of bellows, while she emitted noises not unlike a badly oiled barrow wheel. "Serves you right!" was all the consolation I got from the wife. I returned this hen that same night, and its owner brought another to me next day. To cut a long story short I managed to get a pair of fairly good hens, and thought I would settle down till breeding time. I did, till I met a fancier who preached me a sermon on the glories and possibilities of mule breeding! This fancier, by the way, had once bred clear Siskin mules, but had sold them for a mere song to a dealer, who re-sold them at 2,000 per cent. profit. My friend had then thrown over the hobby in disgust. He had come back to his old love however, and so pictured its possibilities to me that I was captivated, and forthwith decided to throw over the Borders in favour of mule breeding. I managed to dispose of three, one cock and two hens, losing 2s. by the deal. The first British bird I bought was a Linnet. I paid 1s. for him, but he never steadied down, and in a few weeks was no more. I next bought a big buff hen, 3s. 6d. she cost me, although I am positive that the dealer said 3s. to me when I enquired her price two nights previously.

By the way, I always buy birds at night since my experience with the "wheezy" hen. That it does not always pay to do so will be made apparent when I relate my next trial. I was accosted one morning by a brother in the fancy with the remark: "I have procured a hen for you." I went up at night, and duly noticed that she was not wheezy, paid the 2s. 6d. he asked, and came away satisfied. I found afterwards that she had plenty of other ailments. She had

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Anfield, Everton and D.C.B.S.—April 30, New Rooms (concert hall), Royal Street, Everton Valley, Anfield, 8. Extraordinary general meeting. Change of society's name, and reorganise. Election of officers.—J. Williams.

Annfield Plain F. and F. C.B.S.—April 26, Queen's Hotel, 7.30. Special business; opinions of all members desired.—J. W. Chiston.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—April 26, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Young bird show business. Subs. due. New members welcome.—R. Peart.

Ayr C.B.C.—April 29, Academy Hall, Fort Street, 7.30. Fixing of judges, classification for open show. Lecture by C. C. Irvine. Fanciers invited.—Robert Aitken.

Barnsley C.B.S.—May 3, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for ramble through Stainbes Park, May 11. A hearty invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join.—F. C. Sims.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—April 30, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. Table show, British; judge, Mr. H. Blythe.—Robert Elliott.

Blaydon C.B.S.—May 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business. All fanciers and friends given a hearty invitation to join us.—G. Havver.

Bramley C.S.—April 26, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Classification, prize money for members' shows, etc.—W. H. Steel.

Bradford National Show Committee.—April 30, Market Tavern, 7.30. Staging Committee, 8 p.m. General Committee; business important.—H. Hill.

Bristol C.B.S.—May 7, City Hotel, Wine Street. To discuss holding a show in June of Canaries and British, also next annual open show.—Beatrice L. Pool.

Chester C.B.S.—April 29, Boot Inn, Northgate Row, 8.30. Schedule for N.F. show.—R. L. G. Simpson

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—April 26, Dun Cow Inn, below C.W. Stores, 7. Annual show business, etc.—R. Ward

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 28, Church Institute, 66, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8. Judging competition in British birds, and lecture on same by Mr. C. Prior. Three medals and two special prizes. Visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—May 3, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Replies from judges; booking of hens; complete details regarding ramble; members' subscriptions due. Last meeting for new members joining.—James Napier.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—May 5, headquarters, 8.30. Rules to be framed concerning cup competition, also classes re young stock show.—H. Saunders.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—May 3, Dog and Doublet, at Pye Bridge, 7. Table show: Linnet, Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch. Important business.—A. Smith.

Darlington Canary and B.B.F.A.—April 30, George Hotel, 8. Important business.—A. Walker.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—April 26, Church Hall, Hamsterley Colliery, 7.—E. Jameson.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—May 1, 142, High Street, 8. General business.—Jas. Storment.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—May 1, Riego Street Hall, 8. Judges' replies, and other business. Fanciers intending to join this old-established club should do so at this meeting.—C. Grant.

Erith F.S.—May 1, West Street Schools, Erith, 8.15.—G. A. Rickett.

Falkirk C.B.S.—May 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Table show: Siskin, Redpoll or Twite. F.F. show business, etc.—Robert Rennie.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—April 30, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. First Feather show business.—Robt. Heggie.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—May 3, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Nomination of judges for annual show. Table show of Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Bunting. Proposed ramble.—W. Connelly.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.C.—April 26, 119, Cleethorpes Road, 7.—H. Mason.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—April 29, Lello's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 8. First Feather show; cup business, and other important matters.—A. Roberts.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—April 28, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N., 8.30. Table show of British birds; judge, Mr. G. E. Weston. Will members kindly bring along a good entry. A special invitation and welcome given to visitors.—J. Hyde.

Hirst Universal Club C.B.S.—May 3, 7. Subscriptions, and to enrol new members.—James Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 28, White Hart Hotel, 8. Classification for the first feather show.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—April 28, St. George's School, 8. Questions and debate, etc.—S. Allsop.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 3, Y.M. Halls, 7. Fix judges for annual show, etc.—Allan Thomson.

Leicester F. and F.A.—April 29, The Three Cranes, 8.30. Show of British birds, small, and British, large; judge, Mr. Richards. Messrs. Carr and Copeland give 2s. 6d. each as prize money, open to any fancier in Leicester (members or not). Entrance fee, 2d.—Granger Bros.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—May 3, Sawley Road, Council School, 7 and 7.30. Members please note that the half-year's sub. is due at this meeting, otherwise a 3d. fine will be levied.—G. T. Wall.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 30, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on Breeding Norwich, by Mr. W. Ordish. Discussion to follow. Fanciers invited.—R. Charleron.

Lochgelly C.B.A.—May 2, Drill Hall, 7. Classification for open show in October; show rules.—R. Muir.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—May 1, Daybrook Street School, 7.45. Arrangements for F.F. show.—F. Broadhurst.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—May 1, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. Serious business. All members must attend this very important meeting; otherwise they must expect a lawyer's letter.—A. H. C. Legg.

Middlesex O.S.—May 1, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. To arrange patronage; meet important for all to attend.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Musselburgh O.S.—April 25, Cossar's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Business important.—A. Hoyle.

Northern Brit. Mule and F.B.C.—April 30, Lockhart's, 8. Balance-sheet and other important matter.—W. Curry.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—May 3, Market Tavern, Bradford, 3. Members and intending members are requested to attend.—E. Clegg.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—May 1, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Next feather classification. Subscriptions.—J. W. Reed.

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Provincial Roller C.C.—April 26, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Ordinary business.—Andrew Percival.

Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.—April 30, headquarters, 8. To fix date and judge for F.F. show. Elect new members. Questions and answers by members.—King and Joiner.

Queensbury C.B.S.—May 1, Granby Hotel, 7.45. Important business.—H. Myers.

Richmond and Twickenham C.B.S.—April 30, Imperial, Richmond. Lecture.—W. Nichols.

Rochdale O.S.—April 28, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting. Also May 1st. Lecture by sec., "The Best Way for a Society to Study Birds with a View to Making New Discoveries." Commence at 8.30.—R. Blincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 30, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting; show business.—Wm. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 26, College Inn, 8. Entries for cups and fixing place of annual show.—B. Bailey.

Runcorn B.B.A.—May 2, headquarters, 7.30. Important business.—E. Rose.

Sheffield C.B.S.—May 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. The Yorkshire, by experts; another original treat.—A. Hobson.

Southern Border Fancy Club.—April 30, at headquarters, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., 8. Drawing up rules to submit to general meeting on May 22nd.—F. Moore.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—May 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedule for members' First Feather show, and a collection will be taken on behalf of the Gateshead Society.—J. W. Lowes.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 26, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. First Feather show business.—T. Davison.

Swindon F. and F.A.—April 30, The Baths, Milton Road, 8. General business; paper on "Pigeons," by A. Ireland. All tickets and money to be returned by the monthly meeting.—W. J. Moran.

Uddingston C.B.S.—April 30, Reading Rooms. Selecting judges for open show.—James Cosgrove.

West Fife C.B.L.—May 3, headquarters, 7. First Feather show business.—Jas. Cordery.

Windhill C.B.S.—May 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Allotting specials for members' shows. Patronages for open show; and other business.—Taylor and Ellis.

Windsor C.B.A.—May 1, headquarters, 8.15. General business.—E. A. Strickland.

Wombwell B.F.S.—May 3, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7 p.m. Judges for Next Feather show.—J. W. Dean.

Yorks. County B.B. and M.C.—April 26, Market Tavern, 7.30.—J. Lane.

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Recommendation of the Bird o' Circle.

I differed with these men inasmuch as I said I would show my birds, and not being content with a fair-looking specimen, I bought a fairly good team in Scotland, and made my first appearance at Belfast (Ulster O.A. winning a first and a second and special and a fourth. Delighted with my success, ever since that I have kept and bred and exhibited the Scotch Fancy. I have had my ups and downs, but fought on, and have bred many a good one since I started. Many a year I bred very few, but I never was daunted, and I am a keener fancier to-day than on the day I started. Further, I can recommend the Scotch Fancy, as it is as prolific and as hardy as any other high-class variety of the Canary family, while you have no colour-feeding to do. It is a very intelligent bird, and knows its owner well. When you lift the cage it springs into action and shows for all it is worth, and a good Scotch Fancy when "showing off" is a treat to look at.

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Some people say the Scotch Fancy is on the decline, and that you can hear the sighing and the sobbing of the winds as they rustle through the autumn leaves of the Scotch Fancy's existence—that is to say, it has seen its spring and its summer. But don't believe it, for it will come to the front again just as sure as the sun shines. It has dropped behind a little, and those a great deal to blame for this are the men who breed a great number and who know every point about it. If they would give us their experiences, I believe it would do the Scotch Fancy Canary a great amount of good.

A Hint Young Men Should Take.

I would say to the young man starting life, as it were, that Canary breeding is the best hobby he could take up; one that will pay its way, too, and one that has no vice connected with it. It wiles away many an hour that might be spent in a wrong way, and it suits the man bearing the burden in the heat of the day when he comes home from his work and gets his tea and he and his children go into the bird-room. As he attends to the birds' wants, and his wife and children help him, he forgets the toils of the day, and he is rejoiced to hear the merry chatter of the children as each claim a bird to be "theirs." I have a little lad of five years old who helps me to feed mine each day. It also suits the man whose sun is fast setting in the western skies; as he sits and looks at his birds, it awakens memories of days gone by, when he dreamed of the time he would be a leading light on the show bench. He listens to the birds' singing, and feels young again! I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. The Fancy cannot be too thankful for a paper like CAGE BIRDS, wherein we can exchange our views, no matter how far we may be apart, and I do hope that some of our Scotch friends, or some of our Belfast brethren, will give us their experiences

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held April 19th, when 30 birds sung for three good prizes: 1, Wallis, 64; 2, Bath, 43; 3, Collison, 42. Members' sing, April 26th. First pair in window 3 prompt.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

LEADGATE.

Linnet singing contest held at Sportsman's Arms. 10s. added to all entrance money, 6d. per bird; 3d. refreshment. First bird hung at 1 o'clock.—W. Atkinson, Sec. (Date not stated.—Ed.)

LEIGH.

The Globe Inn Linnet Club held the second club contest for members only, April 19; 25 birds sang for six good prizes. Quality: 1, 3, Topping; 2, Barnes. Time: 1, Morgan, 227; 2, Poole, 186; 3, Statham, 85. There will be an open to all England contest for time and quality April 26. Hoping we shall have a record entry.—R. Holcroft.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union St., April 19, for time; 26 birds were entered, and some very good singing was done. 1, Syddall; 2, Bate; 3, Edwards; 4, Hickman. Timekeepers, E. Wynn and A. Biddulph; tappers, Talbot and Edwards; minutes, G. Bate; birdman, F. Ellaby. Next contest for time, May 3; first pair up at 2.45.—E. Hickman, Sec.

WITTON GILBERT.

Linnet sing held at Travellers' Rest, Witton Gilbert; 66 birds entered, and we had the best sing heard for some time. 1, Elliott; 2, Brady; 3, Thompson. Next contest, Times Inn, Murton Colliery, David Hugh, April 26; 10s. added to all entries, 6d. bird. Judge, Andrew Robinson.—Binks, Sec. (Kindly forward address for reference purposes.—Ed.)

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held at the Travellers' Rest, Witton Gilbert, April 19. 32 birds competed. 1, Brady; 2, Thompson; 3, Murton; 4, Bentick. Judge, Geo. Reed, Brandon Colliery. Next contest April 25, at Colliery Inn, Branden, 10s. added. to 6d. entrance. First bird up at 2 prompt. Should it be a fine day the camera will be there. Hoping all will attend.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held April 19; 52 birds entered in a four-minutes time sing for five good prizes. 1, Sweeting, 100; 2, Parnell, 74; 3, Brindley, 65 and 48; A. Sweeting, 44. Also April 20; 36 birds entered in a three-minute sing for three good prizes given by Mrs. Parker, and some good singing was heard. 1, Piper, 81; 2, Morley, 70; 3, E. Smith, 68.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn Linnet Club weekly contest held April 19; 26 birds competed for three good prizes, and there was some very good singing. 1, Piper, 96; 2, Nelson, 68; 3, Pugh, 60. Also an open contest, April 20, for three good prizes. The singing not so good as Saturday. 1, Hough, 64; 2, Pugh, 62; 3, Longfield, 34. We are still holding our weekly open contests as usual. Look out for members' contest on Whit Monday, when some good prizes will be given. Will all members please rally round.—W. Beard, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, April 19th. 18 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, Butler. Judges, Smith and Naylor. Also April 20, 36 of the best birds in Leeds sang for 4 good prizes before a crowded house. 1, Wigfield; 2, Stead; 3, 4, shared by Biss and Wood. Judges, Smith, Lacy and Naylor. Members please note that all contributions must be paid up by April 27th for the annual contest on Whit Monday.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, April 19th, 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by the landlord, Mr. A. Fishwick, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Hayes; 2, Towers; 3, Sellers. Judges, Clayton and P. Madden. Also April 20th, 38 birds faced the judges in heats. Some extraordinary good singing was heard before a packed house of spectators. 1, Green; 2, Ward; 3, 4, Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, April 20; 34 birds sang for four good prizes, the winning birds sang in splendid form. 1, 4, Lorriman; 2, Chippendale; 3, Hayes. Judges, A. Binns and A. Turner; timekeeper, C. Lorriman.—A. Lorriman, Sec.

Club Reports.

STIRLING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 5, Mr. J. Smith presiding. Rules were revised. Judges were also tabled and Sec. instructed to communicate with same. Classification will be gone over at next meeting held May 3rd, in McDonald's Hotel, at 8.—W. Clubb, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

The meeting called to discuss the formation of a Border Fancy Canary Club for the South of England and Wales was held at the Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., April 17th. Mr. H. Norman presided over a good number of fanciers. After discussing the question very fully, and carefully examining the pros and cons, it was decided to form a club to look after the interests of birds and fanciers alike. The name adopted was "The Southern Fancy Border Club," the membership to be open to fanciers residing in that part of England south of a line drawn from Chester to Lincoln, and the whole of Wales; the subscription to be 2s. 6d. per annum, with 1s. entrance fee, the headquarters to be at the Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W.; meetings to be held on the fourth Thursday in each month. It was decided that no entrance fee be charged for joining the society during 1913. A useful committee, composed of well-known lovers of the Border, was formed:—Mr. H. Norman as chairman; Mr. McGuffie, vice-chair; Mr. Newley, treas.; Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec.; and Messrs. Burton, Bathbury, Saunders, Onslow, Harrison, Freeman, Gallop, and Plank, committee. A committee meeting will be held April 30 to discuss and frame the rules, which will be submitted to a general meeting of members May 22. The society is starting with 50 members, and the committee is desirous of making the club the strongest specialist club in the South. The initial outlay is, of course, rather heavy, and it is hoped all lovers of the "wee gems" will join So come along, ye Border breeders from Wales and the South, and assist the committee. I shall be pleased to answer all enquiries.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec., 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, London, S.W

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

The following points were gained by members in the competitions held in connection with the March table show, the class awards of which were published in last week's issue. Judging competition: H. Bignell 55, W. Wall 53, E. Holley 50, C. Pearson 41, A. Goble 33, F. Dandridge 24. Points competition show: H. James 18, H. T. Gibb 16, F. Dandridge 12, D. Dean 6, G. Absolon 5, Rev. Miller 3, H. Bignell 1.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at Flying Dutchman Hotel, April 19th, before a moderate attendance. Deputy Chairman, Mr. G. Hunter, in the chair. Allotting of members' specials occupied the greater part of the evening's business. We are still continuing to add New members to our society, two more being duly enrolled. Letters were read from judges who had kindly consented to judge our members' shows for the season, and also from those declining. A few members are in arrears with their subscriptions. Decided to write these before returning their names to the Union. However, we sincerely hope to receive their subscriptions and so be able to see them amongst us during this season. We are anticipating, and have every prospect of, a splendid season.—P. N. Jenkinson (Assist. Sec.)

NORWICH CREST AND YORKSHIRE C.C. OF ULSTER.

Meeting held at headquarters, Clarence Place Hall, May Street, April 5th, Mr. Adams presiding over a well attended meeting. The Sec. (Mr. Barkley) we are sorry to say, has been laid up for some time, and I am sure I am only expressing the wishes of the whole Fancy of Ireland that he may have a speedy recovery and be with us again. His duties were taken up by that ever-obliging member, Mr. James Stewart. Three new members proposed: Messrs. McCoy, Sands, and Patterson. Several items were mentioned including specials for our last show which have not yet come to hand, and other matters of great importance to the Fancy. As Mr. Stewart had got little or no notice of the above, it was decided that they should come up for consideration at our next meeting. Would all members take note of this and attend to give a helping hand, as Mr. Stewart must find it rather hard to do what he would like.—Walter Connell, Assist. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Lecture on British birds, by Mr. P. Hart, was given at the meeting on April 16. Mr. H. Taylor took the chair, and said he was very glad to see so many members present, but there might have been more, as he thought that every member ought to make a special effort to attend these lectures, as nothing pleased the lecturers more than good attendances. He hoped that the members present would take notice of what Mr. Hart had to say, so that they could fire at him with questions. Mr. Hart said, that having been asked to give his experience in the feeding and steadying of British birds, he thought he would just drop a few notes down, although so much had been put in the Fancy papers on the subject that it had almost got threadbare. The first consideration, he said, was to take great care of their birds, keep them clean, give them plenty of clean gritty sand, and good seed; give them the bath liberally, and don't forget any small tit-bit they may like; any extra trouble spent on one's birds would not be in vain, as they always seemed more attractive when well cared for. For freshly-caught birds a good sized cage would be 18 x 12, and of a fairish depth. Always keep the bottom strewed with clean gritty sand, give them crushed seed to start; it was a very difficult task for them, coming straight from the fields, to crack hard seed, as most of the seed they had had previously was in succulent form and very soft. It would always pay one to have plenty of freshly gathered wild seeds to give them, to coax them on for a few days; put their seed and water within easy reach, so that they can easily see it. Fanciers sometimes lost freshly-caught birds, perhaps young ones, through expecting them to bob their heads through a hole to get at their food and water. Leave them alone, and keep them quiet until you see they are giving their minds to eating, then hang the seed hopper on, with mixed seed in, and try and find out what kind of seed they like, as by studying their food one could easily give them plenty of that which they liked best. When you see they are on hard seed all right, and going into the bath, then you may consider that your hardest task is over. Now comes the time for steadying. Every time you go up to them, get a sunflower seed, or anything else they like, put it on the end of the perch, and after a few times you will soon see that they will look forward to your coming. Most Goldfinches can be got steady by having plenty of thistle heads by you, and offering them one every time you are near. Bullfinches and Greenfinches he had always found to be easily steadied, the former liked plenty of berries, whilst the latter were very fond of sunflower seeds. Chaffinches and Buntings were very partial to mealworms, and although a little difficult to steady down, they soon get accustomed to having a worm offered to them. Of course you must not expect them to jump straight down when you offering these tit-bits, and take them out of your fingers, they will be shy at first, but keep holding them until your arm gets tired, and you will find out that your patience will be rewarded, and once you have gained their confidence you will find out that it will not be forgotten soon. He concluded by thanking the members for their kind attention given. Several question were asked, which Mr. Hart readily answered to the satisfaction of the members present. We concluded a very pleasant evening by Mr. Ordish moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Hart for the instructive way in which he had given his lecture; this was seconded by Mr. Seddon, supported by Messrs. Dawson and Hamer, and readily accorded by all the members, and Mr. Hart suitably responded.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

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LIVERPOOL FANCIERS' CYCLE CLUB.

The Liverpool boys were greatly disappointed last Sunday at not being able to visit the Widnes fanciers. All our members are in deep sympathy with Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Hayes in their recent troubles, and I am sure all fanciers will sympathise with these two esteemed birdy men. We carried the run through, and we had a splendid day. We could not wish for a better pilot than Mr. Jack Abbot, while Mr. Steinhart was very much in evidence again with his pillow-case full of chickweed hanging on the back of his bike. Passing through Frodsham we observed a large number of birds flying south. We all returned home "in the pink." Headquarters, Sunday next, at 2 p.m. sharp.—R. Malone, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

A lecture on pairing and breeding was given by Messrs. Stenhouse and Dickson, Kelty, in the Arcade Rooms, April 2, Mr. J. C. Murrey in the chair. Mr. Stenhouse commenced by saying he had bred Scotch Fancies for the past eighteen years, and he would give his ideas on that variety. He always went round his stock and selected the most likely pairs to produce what he wanted, and, instead of running them beside one another right away, he put them in separate cages, and stood them in a position so as to see one another. This, he said, prevents the birds getting damaged by fighting. He then got on to the points to breed for, and the best way to obtain them, the Belgian Canary, being introduced to get the shoulder. He advised those who intended going in for breeding Canaries to pay a fair price for them, so as to get good blood, and try to get an experienced fancier to help them to select when buying. He then invited questions, and he would try and answer them as clear as possible. Many different questions were answered in a very satisfactory way. Mr. Dickson was asked to give some hints on his Fancy, it being the Norwich Plainhead. This he did, and also invited questions, giving his method of colour feeding, fixing the colour, and pairing to get the best results. A very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturers and the chairman brought an interesting meeting to a close.—J. W. Holms, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

First meeting of the new Council, held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, April 19, Mr. H. W. Walsh (President) in the chair. The President, in his opening remarks thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him in being elected to that honourable position, and trusted that by diligent attention to the business of the Council to acquit himself as capably as many of his predecessors. Mr. Walsh took the opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to the delegates of two new societies, Keighley C.B.S. and Bankfoot C.B.S. The first business related to the disbanding of the Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S., and their resignation from the Union was accepted with regret. Thanks were expressed to Mr. W. Errington, Bradford, for the gift of four valuable special prizes, two for champions and two for the novices, to be competed for at Union shows during the present season, by exhibitors using his colour-feed. Decided that the printing of handbooks, show rules, etc., should be let by tender, and several firms were named for the Secretary to write to. A grant was made by the Union towards defraying the expenses of the last annual prize distribution. Arrangements were made by the Council for the novice colour feed competitions, prizes given by Mr. J. W. Ramsden and Mr. W. Errington. The new arrangement passed by the annual ballot whereby the novice competition should be divided into two periods, necessitated the Council passing a resolution that the prizes should be awarded to the winner of the highest percentage of points in either period of the competition, thus points gained in either period will be divided by the total number of shows to obtain the average. Points gained in the first period of the competition will not be counted over to the second period, but should a competitor (not winning his novice medal in the first period) continue to show for the colour feed prizes in the second period, he shall be credited with the highest percentage of points which he may have won in either period. Also decided that as there will be 13 Union shows, that the first six should form the first period of the competition, and the remaining seven the second period. Proposed to give twelve gold novice medals for competition, nine for Yorks., and three for Norwich; four Yorkshire medals and one Norwich will be given for the first period, and five Yorks. and two Norwich for the second period. It is to be hoped that this arrangement will tend to swell the entries at the latter end shows held by the Union. Mr. F. Hammond was elected as treasurer for the ensuing year; the following sub-committee was also appointed, Messrs. J. W. Kaberry, G. R. Rushworth, F. Allen, J. Horsfield, F. Hodgson, W. B. Atkinson, and J. E. Hudson. Owing to the finances of the Union having somewhat diminished during the past few years, it was decided to increase the levy per member from 8d. to 9d., this amount will just about cover the deficit which is taking place yearly under the old levy of 8d. per member. Several delegates pointed to this mode of procedure being absolutely necessary to carry the affairs of the Union to a successful issue, and Mr. F. Hammond, as treasurer, and Mr. H. H. Towers, trustee, made a strong appeal to the Council. Upon a proposition that the hat should be sent round the Council on behalf of the Gateshead Society, Mr. F. Hammond made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Society. A sum of £1 1s. 6d. was collected, and this will be duly sent on. Every society but one in the Union was represented at this Council meeting, which speaks volumes for the interest and enthusiasm displayed in the affairs of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. Will all secretaries kindly send in their members' names and addresses, along with the members' fees, on or before May, 1, according to Rule 9. Novice members should have "N" marked opposite their names.—H. Hill, Secretary.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at the "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, Bradford, April 13th, Mr. W. Crabtree in the chair. Resolved that the competitions be as last year, and that we have four members' shows as usual. First feather show, June 28th. Three old shows, viz., October 29th, November 12th, December 27th. Resolved that the members' cups be competed for in the professional classes; also the Payne cup, kindly presented by Mr. J. Payne, of the "Shoulder of Mutton" last year, to be won twice in succession, or three times in all in the amateur and novice section, and the Sunderland cup for the runners-up. Resolved that we accept the three tea services kindly given by the President, Mr. W. Crabtree, value 21s., and the Secretary, Mr. A. Cooper, value 15s. and 10s. respectively, to be won outright by three starred birds throughout the four members' shows. Also that the society gives 8s., 6s., 4s. in each section. Mr. E. Butterfield will give 5s. in first feather show for most points in novice section. Mr. E. Clegg 5s. for best bird in each old show, and Messrs. Cowgill, Mountain and Whitely 5s. for best bird in each old show, opposite colour. Mr. W. H. Kilburn 5s. in each section for most entries throughout the season. Mr. F. Western's resignation from all offices on account of business matters, was received with regret, Mr. A. Cooper was elected to act as sec. and delegate in his place. Mr. W. H. Kilburn was elected assist. sec. Monthly meetings held every 2nd Saturday at the "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, Bradford, at 8 p.m., when we shall be pleased to see any intending members who can obtain full particulars from the secretary. Subscriptions are now due, and we shall be pleased to receive same.—A. Cooper, Sec.; W. H. Kilburn, Assist. Sec.

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WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 19th, Mr. Butler in chair; only a very poor attendance. It would be more satisfactory if members would turn up as we had some very important business on hand, which ought to have been settled, but had to be left over owing to the poor turn-up. After the usual business we decided to give a donation of 5s. to the Cage Birds fund for Gateshead. We expect at our next meeting, and up till our annual show, to have a lecturer here, so members please put in an appearance.—W. Elliott.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Special meeting held April 19 in Black Bull Hotel, Mr. C. Presley presiding over the best attendance since the society was founded. It was decided to hold annual open show on Jan. 10. In conjunction with the meeting a table show was held of British birds, and some very fine birds were on view. Our old friend Mr. Barker, Bentley, judged once more, and placed the awards to everybody's satisfaction. A judging competition was also held, for which a silver medal was given to the one getting nearest the judge's awards. The scrutineers, Messrs. Presley and Smedley, declared Mr. Tonkinson the winner, with Messrs. Smith and Lumby runners-up. The following were the awards in show: BRITISH CAGE-MOULTED: 1, 2, Wade; 3, Simpson; vhc, Pogmore; hc, c, Presley. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, 3, Bescoby; 2, Poppleton; vhc, hc, Truman; c, Presley.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORD O.S.

Table show of Britishers and surplus stock held at Ham's Restaurant, April 17, Mr. A. Keech made the awards. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Wilmot, good coloured Bullie, in prime condition; 2, res, vhc, Wright and Mayo, all Goldies, winner a very smart Finch, good blaze, very steady; 3, Notley, good coloured Goldie, prime condition, good blaze; hc, Simms. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Wilmot, excellent Hawfinch, good bib, very steady; 2, vhc, Brewer, very nice Greenfinch, good size and col., steady; 3, c, Notley, very smart Reed Bunting, good markings; res, Wilmot, bonny little Siskin; hc, Simons. During the evening Mr. C. H. Goodman gave an interesting demonstration of preparing egg food, and introduced his well-known "Filup" feeder, showing the advantages it had over the old system of feeding with a match. He also stated that the feeder was having a big sale this season.—J. C. Wilmot.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held at Swan Hotel, April 8, Mr. McMurtrie in the chair. Proposed by Mr. Peake and carried that Mr. J. H. Roe judge our nest feather show, June 14. Decided that entry fee be 7d. per cage for members and 1s. per cage for the two open classes. We have a very nice lot of specials promised, and should like to enrol more fanciers, so please see what you can do and make this society one of the largest in the land. The sub. is only 3s., and we have a silver cup, a grand medallion, and other grand specials. Fanciers desirous of joining, please attend our next meeting or write to me for full particulars. We should like Roller Canary fanciers in the district to join us. We are enrolling new members every week; two more new members at our last meeting. We have changed our headquarters to the Roebuck Hotel, Caroline Street, one minute's walk from the car.—P. E. Barker, Hon. Sec., 6, Prospect Place.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 10, St. Philip's Mission Room, Mr. T. Ridal in the chair supported by Messrs. J. G. Cowley and J. Woolhouse. The feature of the meeting was a lecture on British Birds and their Seeds, by Mr. T. Bishop, who for over an hour took his hearers through the various British Softbills, describing each bird minutely, and also its food. Then on to the Hardbill section, also mentioning every kind he had kept, the various ways of procuring wild seed, his methods as to whether they should be colour-fed or not. The members were delighted, and many questions were fired at him by our British bird-keepers. It was voted the best lecture on British heard at a Walkley meeting. Mr. Browning, Rotherham, was elected judge for nest feather show. The Sec. made statement re tea, which showed that after all expenses paid a slight profit was left. Some members have not straightened up for their tickets, so the profit up to now is nil. May meeting is for arrangements for nest feather show. Committee bear in mind meeting May 5 at 95, Winter Street, 8 o'clock, for classification, etc.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 12, President (Mr. A. W. Watson) in the chair. A large turn-out of members present. A letter from Mr. Steel, Dalkeith, was read in connection with ramble which is to take place in the near future. The most suitable time, he suggested, would be the end of June or early in July. Four new members were admitted: Messrs. W. B. Adam, P. Hoy, A. Moffat, and Skinner. Classification for annual show then came up for discussion. Ultimately it was decided that it remain as formerly. Decided that we have three judges this year instead of four, the following gentlemen being nominated: Norwich, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh), Mr. C. Millar (Leith) as reserve. Borders and Scotch Fancy, Mr. Wm. McAdam (Lasswade), Mr. Arnot (Kirkcaldy) coming in as reserve. British and Foreign, Mr. J. Sykes (Musselburgh), reserve, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh.) A very enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. Sykes, who so kindly gave his services as judge at table show. The following were the prize winners: GOLDF.: 1, Brown; 2, Watson. LINNET. 1, Watson; 2, Craft; 3, Dick. BUNTINGS: 1, 2, Watson; 3, 4, Russell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Russell; 2, 3, Sayers; 4, Dick. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Craft; 4, 7, Allan; 5, Craig; 6, Russell. MULES: 1, 3, Craig; 2, Watson; 4, Staines. Mr. Sykes' judging was all that could be desired, and he left no room for comment.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

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A LECTURE ON THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Mr. Atkinson Entertains the Members of the Ardwick and Manchester Dist. C.B.S.

Meeting and lecture, held at St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick, April 1st, Mr. Robinson in the chair, and a record number of members present. Usual business was gone through previous to lecture. Mr. Atkinson, on being called to give his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, met with a grand reception. In opening his lecture, he stated he was pleased to be amongst us, and hear of the progress we were making as a society. He also hoped we would continue to do so in our new premises. He had not had the pleasure of meeting us in the old meeting place, but he must congratulate us on the new move we had made, the room being nice and cosy, and well lit. Mr. Atkinson stated that his remarks would be directed to the novices. It was usual for speakers to excuse themselves, because the ground had been gone over so much before, and then we also had the Fancy Press, but as his arguments were based on facts, he could not do any harm, and he hoped what he said would assist us in producing Yorkshires quite up to the Specialist Club standard, especially those who were serving their apprenticeship, as the future of the Yorkshire depended on them.

Why do the Judges Differ?

In looking at the Yorkshire, the lecturer stated we must have the ideal in our minds eye; we must work on that, and try to improve, as many fanciers to-day would have been at the top of the tree had they not overlooked some of the principal things they should have borne in mind, notably, the ultimate position of the Yorkshire Canary. All our efforts should be concentrated towards getting the ideal specimen. How was it, the lecturer asked, that judges differed towards this ideal? If we would look into the various awards, we would find there was very little difference, as judges were influenced by their own experiences in their efforts to obtain a perfect specimen. A fancier may possess in his stock some birds with good heads and shoulders, others with bad wings and tails, so he proceeds to rectify and counterbalance what is lacking in each, working gradually and carefully. He especially asked us to work on these lines, and work up our stock on the good points; this would be a matter of experience to ourselves. Probably, he stated, some of us were present at the last Belle Vue show, and noticed the winning ticked yellow Yorkshire; could anyone imagine anything being put in front of that bird; this was only to show that judges differed only on the minor points.

Sticking to the Standard.

As for the standard Yorkshire, we must try and get as near as possible to that laid down by the Specialist Club, and he hoped judges also would be made to stick to that standard. The Yorkshire, as laid down by the club, must be a bird of position, for which we get 20 points, erect, and with fearless carriage, perpendicular in carriage, head, neck, and back in one straight line. He hoped he had made this quite clear, as it was one of the most important points. Feathers must be close and tight, compact body feather, silky, and no fluff, and tight to the body, for this also we got 20 points. Head must be small and round, skull narrow, with a graceful curve continuing to the neck. Eye to be well set in centre of head, but he had noticed the eye of the hens seem to be lower down, which made it appear to be more round. All the same, we must tolerate no sign of flatness. Neck must be moderately long and straight, but he had also observed in this point birds in box cage seemed to be shorter and thicker. He strongly advised us to make sure of birds showing these points by getting them well used to the show cage before parting with them, as not being up to the ideal. Shoulders must be round and narrow, tapering to a neat waist. Breast must be round and smooth, and here we must have the thickest part of the bird. There must be no frill whatever. Legs must be long, without being stilty. Thighs well clothed; nothing adds more to the beauty of the Yorkshire than being well balanced on a good pair of legs. Here the lecturer gave us a good hint, stating that if we had a bird with scaly legs and feet, a good cure was to bathe them in a solution of warm water and glycerine.

Returning to the Yorkshire, the tail must be long, and nicely closed, also the wings, length overall, 6¼ inches, with everything in proportion. Here again the lecturer stated the club standard did not tell them how broad the bird should be, but he thought they had struck the happy medium. The breast, he said, should be the broadest part, tapering to a neat waist, and also to a neat tail. In trying to get this ideal bird he advised us to see the birds are of good colour, even in body colour, not patchy. Beak, legs, and feet clear, as he thought the judges looked more to these qualities than they used to. Next, he again emphasised that we must have birds of position; in fact, he could not lay too much stress on this.

The Belgian Not Favoured.

He did not advocate the beginner starting from Belgian blood, but to get the birds ready made; let the birds have as much of the blood in them as you could get, especially in the cock, but you must not continue to breed from them, as they were bound to deteriorate; still he fully believed you could breed size in your stock for two or three seasons. He was not a believer in continually bringing in new blood, as you would be also continually breeding in defects. We cannot avoid inbreeding to a certain extent, but we must not go too far in this, or we would lose stamina. He strongly advised us to breed with the best birds we had been fortunate in getting, never mind size exactly, as we could allow a little in size, but we must have the quality. As regarding quality of feather, he stated we could improve this by introducing cinnamon blood, nothing would bring it more quickly, and there was nothing better. He also considered it improved the colour more in buffs than in yellow, as you did not see that lovely salmon colour in the latter. His advice to us was if down in feather or colour, do not be afraid to introduce cinnamon blood. As regards breeding for neck, he advised us to use our own discretion, as no one was more able than ourselves, because we were always amongst our own stock. Regarding size, this was a matter which we may improve by double buffing, but we must be very careful, or we were apt to get that loose feather around the waist, which was not needed, also we must not do it too closely, as we would bring out the Lancashire properties, which we also did not want. He strongly advised us to keep those youngsters bred by double buffing, which carried long wings and sides, as they would be worth taking care of.

Made or Marred in the Nest.

Birds were made in the nest, but some fall away afterwards, through not being carefully reared; let them have the show cage as soon as they leave the nest, and a very important point was, don't let them exercise their wings straight away. Put them in flights when ready to moult, then you would have no difficulty in getting them to show themselves to perfection, and in grand position at the proper time. The lecturer here finishing, met with a grand ovation. Having a few minutes to spare the chairman stated that the lecturer would be pleased to answer any questions. The first asked was: Why is it we get more Yorkshires with frills than in Norwich? Answer: The fact of the Norwich being a much stouter bird does away with the frills. Regarding inbreeding, does the lecturer believe in breeding with brother and sister? Answer: Did not believe in it if we have got the stock to do without it, but in any case, would only do it if commencing to fix certain points; all the same, he thought we would lose stamina with it. Does the lecturer advocate double yellowing? Answer: He had never found it satisfactory, as it had a tendency to show openness of feather, and on that account would not advise us to do it. Here time was called, and Mr. Long proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for giving us so able a lecture. Mr. Fulcher ably seconded, and Mr. Atkinson responded, and so ended one of the most instructive and interesting lectures it has been our lot to listen to. P.S.—Will members and friends please note that in coming to meeting-room they must come to St. Thomas's Old School, Chapel Street entrance.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

FELLING F. AND F.S.

Annual meeting and supper held at headquarters, April 19, when 22 sat down to supper, which was kindly provided by our host, Mr. John Earl, who had everything in good order. After supper a very enjoyable evening was spent in harmony. Chair was taken by Mr. W. R. Clark. All fanciers within five miles radius are invited to attend our next meeting.—G. Garbutt, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Co-op. Hall, April 18, Mr. Wm. Maver, in the absence of the president, occupied the chair. A letter was read from J. Cordery, sec., West Fife C.B.L., intimating first feather show to be held on July 5, and members accordingly approved of same, and Mr. George (Raith) was appointed as judge for British and Mule Section. The secretary was instructed to write the various Specialist Clubs and apply for their patronage at open show in October. Mr. Bruce was nominated as judge for Yorkshire Section. Mr. R. Guthrie was elected a member.—R. Muir, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Meeting held April 19th, at the Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon. Present: Chairman, Mr. James Jones; Hon. Treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards; Messrs. R. Green, J. W. Jones, and R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec. Letters were read re Vice-Presidents. Sir W. Preece, Mr. W. S. McDowell, and Mr. E. R. Roberts enclosed cheques for £1 1s. Mr. G. H. Stoner accepted. Mr. R. Gwyddenon Davies accepted. The Sec. handed cheques over, etc., to the Hon. Treas., also 10s. 6d. cash. The committee have fixed the date of the first feather members' show for July 5th. Entries close June 28th, and hope that other Secretaries will take note of above date, so that they will not clash. Classification and rules will be on the move at the next meeting at above rooms at 7 p.m. sharp on Thursday. Commitee meetings will be held every Thursday, and not Saturday, till further notice. Will members of the committee kindly bear in mind that they were elected to attend meetings and do a bit of work. I want to see a good roll call at each committee meeting. The show will be on now at once and will be one of the best that has been held. Am doing my best, and have received up to time of writing £4 12s. 6d., and have only been elected six weeks. I have also received a promise of a challenge cup, given by a brother fancier, to be competed for at members' shows only, and to be won twice in succession, or three times in all, by two nominated first feather Canaries only; points to count: first, 7, and downwards. There will be a grand classification, and good money prizes and other specials, so non-members should join at once. Members' card rules are ready. The only thing for a non-member to do is to send his name and address and P.O. for 1s. to me, and he will be open to compete for all specials. Schedule will be ready in about two weeks, and if any of the late members or commitee wish to give a special prize, will they kindly let me know at once and state for what variety; or if anyone would like to support the society with an advertisement, etc., I would feel greatly obliged by hearing from them.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held April 12, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Owen, Silksworth, was elected a member. The election of judges for open show, January 16-17, was then gone into, when it was agreed to have Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, to judge Canaries, and Mr. G. Wilson, Frizington, the remainder. Will be pleased to see a good turn-out of members, or any intending member, at our next meeting, when a discussion on a first feather show will be held.—T. Davison, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Meeting held at Grapes Inn, April 19th. Presentation to our late President, Mr. T. H. V. Hayter. A good number of members turned up. Mr. R. Holmes took the chair. We made one new member. F.F. show was fixed for June 21st. Mr. Holmes said nothing could give him more pleasure than to present our late President (Mr. Hayter) with the grand present that the society was giving on the occasion of his marriage, as a recognition of his valuable services to the society. He said he did not think any fancier deserved it more than Mr. Hayter did for his goodness to the society. He hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Hayter would live long to enjoy their valuable present—a silver-plated teapot. Mr. Hayter responded and said he did not know what he had done to deserve such a present, and he did not know how to thank the members enough for it. He should always do his best for the society as long as he could. He had never known a better set of fanciers than the members of our society. There was always a good spirit between them, and they were always agreeable together. He must thank them again for the grand present, and was sure Mrs. Hayter would be more than pleased with it. He hoped to remain for a long time a member of the society.—J. Bunn, Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY F. AND F.S.

Meeting held in the Colliery Institute, April 19, Mr. J. Stephenson in the chair. A good muster of members present, which speaks well for our society. It was moved that we alter our date of the first feather show to July 19. Mr A. Hirons was elected assist. sec. Our society now numbers 39 members.—A Widdowfield, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Table show held April 16th, Greenfinches and Hybrids. They proved two very interesting classes, and some of the birds should do well at future shows. Mr. Stevens was a very painstaking judge. A judging competition was held, and proved that there was considerable diversity of opinion. During the business meeting which preceded the show it was decided that we apply for the patronage of the C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., and E. and W.B. F.C. at our next annual show. Other varieties were left over for future discussion.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Monthly meeting; a good turnout of members. Agreed to elect Messrs. J. Patterson (Chirnside) and C. Sykes (Musselburgh) judges. The club sec. resigned and was thanked for past services. A presentation afterwards took place in the shape of a writing cabinet to Mr. John Wilson, past treasurer for three years, who is resigning owing to ill-health. Mr. Matthew, the president, made the presentation, recounting Mr. Wilson's services to the club, and Mr. Wilson suitably replied. A programme of music followed the presentation. Jas. Laird was elected sec. in the place of the retiring sec.—James Laird, 1, Ramsey Place, Portobello.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held at Higgins Hall, April 17. Mr. Chas. Campbell gave a splendid washing exhibition. After showing the members how to hold a bird so as to get at every part without much trouble, he put one bird through the washing. Then he invited any of the members to try their hand, and Messrs. Ferguson and McNicol responded. Mr. Campbell showing them when they were going wrong. After the birds had been washed and placed in a drying cage, the other business was gone into. The committee for revision of rules submitted the proposed new rules, which, with the exception of Rule 12 (remitted back to them) were passed. Mr. Robb moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Campbell for his washing exhibition, which was heartily accorded, after which the meeting closed.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Monthly general meeting held at Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, Plymouth, April 15. In the absence of the chairmen, Mr. W. G. French presided over a good meeting. Decided to replace challenge cups won outright at last year's nest feather shows, and also to provide a cup for Cinnamons, to be competed for at shows held June 4, June 25, and July 15. A table show of Linnets was held, birds being judged according to standard set out in Cage Birds Annual, 1913. Mr. J. E. Rowe gave a paper on and extracts from an old edition of Hervieux's "Canary Book," which was greatly appreciated by those present. Mr. Rowe mentioned that the book in question was once the property of the late Mr. James Dole, of Plymouth, who was well known to Mule breeders some fifty years ago. Two new members were proposed.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Masonic Arms, April 19. Vice-Pres. A. Simpson in the chair. Mr. Stenhouse (Kelty) was appointed Scotch Fancy judge for next open show. Mr. J. Reid gave a report of the West of Fife League meeting, showing that our society had to appoint a judge for the Border Fancy and A.O.V. classes at their first young bird show on July 5. Mr. J. W. Holmes was selected to judge same. Agreed that the sec. and treas. try to book Drill Hall for open show, Nov. 15. Sec. was instructed to write Old Calabar and Spratts' for terms for show stationery, and also to get estimates from local printers for show printing. He was also instructed to write the Factor of Raith Estate to make arrangements for the ramble, starting from Cardenden at eleven o'clock. All intending going to the ramble, please hand in their names as soon as possible. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. Judges for open show, Nov. 15, are as follows:—Scotch Fancies, J. Stenhouse (Kelty); Borders, W. Mossie (Annbank); Norwich, A. Sloan (Glasgow); Yorks, J. Bailey (Bradford); Crests, Mr. Paul (Uphall); Brit., etc., R. Bald (Bathgate).—J. W. Holms, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held April 19th, at headquarters. Mr. Martin presided over a good turn-out of members. The auditors gave their report, which showed a cash balance of £2 5s. standing to the account of the society, which was considered very satisfactory after the bad year the club had gone through. Officers elected for the year: Mr. Plank, chairman; Mr. Bouring, treasurer; Mr. F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, hon. sec.; Messrs. King, Burgess, Gollop, Cross, Harrison, Walker, Clements, committee. Decided to change the headquarters to Walham Green, and Secretary was instructed to find a suitable room and show hall. All meetings, etc., will be held strictly to advertised time, and all prize money, specials, etc., promptly paid out to members. Three solid silver cups are offered to be won outright during 1913—champion, Novice, and British—with silver medal for runner-up in each section. There are also two 10s. 6d. specials, one champion, one novice, for most points throughout year for rung birds. Subscription is 2s. 6d. per ann., 1s. entrance. The Sec. will be pleased to hear from intending members and will forward full particulars. Membership is open to the United Kingdom. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their services during past year closed the meeting.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The R.S.P.C.A. and its Methods.

We have been engaged during the past two or three weeks in matters referring to the R.S.P.C.A., and its methods. The enquiries made by myself and by the writers of many letters to CAGE BIRDS have produced no answer from Mr. Fairholme, the chief secretary of the society mentioned. We cannot compel him to answer. What we may do, however, is to conclude that there is no answer.

In the correspondence the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has been more than once mentioned, and this society may not be so well known to readers of CAGE BIRDS as the R.S.P.C.A. While the scope of the R.S.P.C.A. covers cruelty or alleged cruelty, to animals of all kinds, the field of the R.S.P.B. is restricted to matters dealing with birds only, as indicated in its title. It has an official organ, "Bird Notes and News," which is published quarterly, and this magazine confines itself entirely to notes on bird protection in its various forms.

In many respects the magazine is very interesting, and with many of its views all bird lovers will agree cordially. No issue appears, however, without some fulminations against bird-keeping, and in its attacks upon our hobby it generally slips up badly. So far as I have been able to discover, it admits nothing which may be said in favour of keeping birds rationally in captivity, but no statement against bird-keeping is too wild to find admission into its columns.

An Allegation Against a Dealer.

The Spring Number is now to hand, and in this issue appears the following, headed, "A Somersetshire correspondent writes":

> "May I urge the case of the beautiful little foreign Finches and Waxbills as claimants on our humanity as well as British birds? The common (though equally beautiful) sorts are so cheap that their sufferings and death by the thousand from disease, misery, and cold, are of comparatively little consequence to the dealers. The importation of these wee creatures packed closely, almost as sardines, entails so great an amount of suffering that of those which survive the voyage the greater number perish in a few weeks as the results of the ordeal they have gone through. . . I acknowledge to my shame that I possess an aviary of these lovely and intelligent little birds, but although with me they live under the best conditions and return with delight to their aviary after frequent outings, I should never have started such a thing had I known as much as I do now of the cruelty of the trade. I have had birds sent me from a well-known dealer in the North, packed in a small box without food or water. They arrived dead, of course, and on my indignant remonstrance I was informed that the money should be entered to my credit, as if the trifling pecuniary loss and not the cruelty were the important thing. Although this is an extreme case, birds are almost always sent without water, or at most a tiny piece of sponge which soon goes dry."

Then comes an editorial note as follows:—

> Every bird-lover will echo this pathetic plea for the foreign bird. But England can hardly press for prohibition of export from other countries before she obtains it for her own birds. In the United States, for instance, where no native birds may be caged, and in Canada, it is the English bird which is the foreigner, and the European Larks and Linnets and Goldfinches and Thrushes which are "the unhappy captives in our midst." Miss Marshall Saunders (Halifax, Nova Scotia) says on this subject:—"Of all the foreign birds held in captivity, it has seemed to me that the European Skylark suffers most. I have watched them stage by stage through a long agony till the subject is so painful to me that I cannot bear to think of it. . . It seems to me that if I were a humanitarian in Europe I should strain every nerve to have a law passed, prohibiting the capture of this exquisite, trembling bird for cage purposes."

The letter of "A Somersetshire correspondent" is just a fair sample of the exaggerations used by the people who find the sinews of war for these "humanitarian" societies. Foreign Finches and Waxbills die "by the thousand," according to the letter quoted, "from disease, misery and cold," while they are in the hands of the dealers, and they are so cheap that their deaths entail "comparatively little loss to the dealers."

How Can It Be?

If a thing costs little to a dealer, its selling price is small, and the profit on the sale is small in proportion. If a dealer bought a hundred birds at, say, sixpence each, to sell at, say, ninepence, his total profit, if he lost none at all, would be a hundred threepences. If he lost a third of his stock before he could clear out, he would gain nothing at all, and any further deaths would mean an actual monetary loss on the transaction, without counting his rent, taxes, and shop expenses, and the value of his own labour. How may it possibly be, therefore, that birds may die "by the thousand" with "comparatively little consequence to the dealers?" The editors of these "humanitarian" journals will insert any amount of nonsense of this kind. It is their livelihood so to do. They will not admit into their columns any controverting statements. It is their business not to do so.

"A Somersetshire Correspondent" admits that his, or her, own birds "return with delight to their aviary after frequent outings." Of course they do, and thereby they show their sense. They know that they have food and shelter provided for them and are perfectly happy as they are. They do not "beat out their hearts against the bars of their prison." Thousands upon thousands of birds in this country of ours, in palace and in cottage, are in the same case. They are kept by owners of high degree and of low degree, who love them and tend them, and the birds know it.

Where Punishment was Deserved.

The "well-known dealer in the North" who sent birds to Somersetshire without food and water and packed in such a way that "they arrived dead of course," should be made to suffer for an act of cruelty. From the North to Somersetshire is a long way, and some proper provision should be made for birds sent on such a journey. Isolated cases such as these are quoted with an implied suggestion that such practices are general. The writer of the letter in question admits that the case was an extreme one, which is more than many would have done, but goes on to say that "birds are almost always sent without water, or at most a tiny piece of sponge, which soon goes dry." Of course they are. A bird would take no harm from being kept for a few hours without water; it would take more harm if water were put into its travelling box, only to be upset all over the box by the first porter who handled it. When birds are sent on very long journeys, however, it is usual not to put in the box "a tiny piece of sponge which soon goes dry," but to provide it with a tin drinker, full of water, and to jam into the hole at the top of the drinker a piece of sponge which not only confines the water to the tin, but keeps moist for many hours.

The editorial comment upon this letter once again points out that in the United States and Canada no native birds may be caged. It is the avowed object of the opponents of bird-keeping to get passed an Act of Parliament which would render illegal the keeping of wild birds in England, and what we have to do is to see that such an Act is not passed.

The letter from Halifax quoted by the editor, and reprinted above, is couched in the language with which we have long been familiar. The writer either ignores or is ignorant of the fact that in this wicked country the "exquisite trembling bird," the Skylark is kept in health and contentment by many thousands of bird-keepers, and cases of its living for twenty years in a cage are known. If Skylarks lived in freedom for a tenth part of twenty years they would increase in such number that a systematic war upon the species would be necessary. That they do not so increase is evidence that nine out of every ten that are hatched die within a year in a state of freedom.

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Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8. **West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.
Nov. 13. **Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.
Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, 46, Olympia Cottages.)
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).
Nov. 14-15.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.)
Nov. 14-15.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton St.). H.W.B., G.H.
Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, 8, Scotsfield Terr.) J.P., T.D.
Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage, Cramlington). A.H., A.Hn., R.T.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston). J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.Mr., J.M., W.M., J.R.
Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(W. E. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.
Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(J. G. Greason, 28, Hadyn St.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.
Jan. 12-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth West), J.R.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—Great National (Crystal Palace).—(J. R. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.**—(J. Peattie, 49, Kirkgate.)
Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.
Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.S.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.).
Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.
Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.
Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Helms, South Hill St.)
Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.).
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.
Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.
Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.)
Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 11, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

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A Holder for Shepherd's Purse, etc.

Get a tie-clip, as used for fastening a tie, cost 1d., and tie a loop of twine round the end of the spring. For a wood-topped cage get a picture ring and screw into top of cage, and tie the twine to this. For wire cages, tie the twine to the wire crossing the top. This holder is useful for shepherd's purse, charlock, etc.—J. H. Fraser (Lisburn).

Red Mite in Cracks.

In most of our cages and breeding cages we can find cracks and holes in the wood, and sometimes rough wood, which provide good homes for red mite. To keep this pest down, get ½ pint of methylated spirit, and shake in a bottle with 4ozs. of shellac, until the latter is dissolved. Give the cracks and rough wood a coating of this solution. It will keep red mite away, and it acts as a splendid varnish for cages and dries exceedingly hard.—Wm. Herald (Wolverhampton).

Keeping Mice Away.

The best way to keep mice out of a bird room is to place pieces of camphor in their holes and runs. If this is done the mice will seek a fresh home, as they detest the odour given off by camphor. A pennyworth will last six months, and will not harm the birds.—Burnett (Godalming).

No More Crevices in Cages.

[Winner of Half-Crown Prize.]

Buy a small quantity of gold size from the oil shop and mix whiting with it until it becomes a stiff paste, and then put this in the cracks of your cages before distempering them. You will find this does not crack like putty will, and you can distemper over it immediately, as it soon dries.—R. Spencer, 2, Oakbank Grove, Herne Hill, S.E.

The Usefulness of Sawdust.

If one has a dark bird room, let him put sawdust on the floor; it helps to light up the room. In the breeding season, too, when quietness is invaluable, it deadens the sound when one walks about seeing to the birds' needs. Besides looking clean and tidy, it is healthy, the more so if some Jeyes' Fluid be sprinkled about. It is also better in cages, as it absorbs the bird's droppings, and is much softer to their feet than sand. Of course, a grit tin must be placed inside. In short, if you use sawdust in your bird room, it will smell sweeter, and your birds will be healthier.—A. Ward (Deeping St. James).

Keeping the Claws Short.

To keep the claws of caged birds short and thus save the time and risk of cutting them, fasten a thin strip of coarse sand paper on the underside of the perches. This is best fixed with a thin glue (or the "white" of a raw egg, in fact, will answer the purpose well). This I find of great service.—E. McPherson (Kingston-on-Thames).

To Stop Cats Worrying Birds.

I think a lot of harm is done by cats sitting watching through aviary windows. A good idea is to get some white paint, and thin it down with turps, making a white liquid. Stipple same on outside or inside of window, then birds will not see cats, and cats cannot see birds. It will not be washed off by rain, but can be got off by rubbing with rag dipped in turps.—W. Southgate, 1, Hardy Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

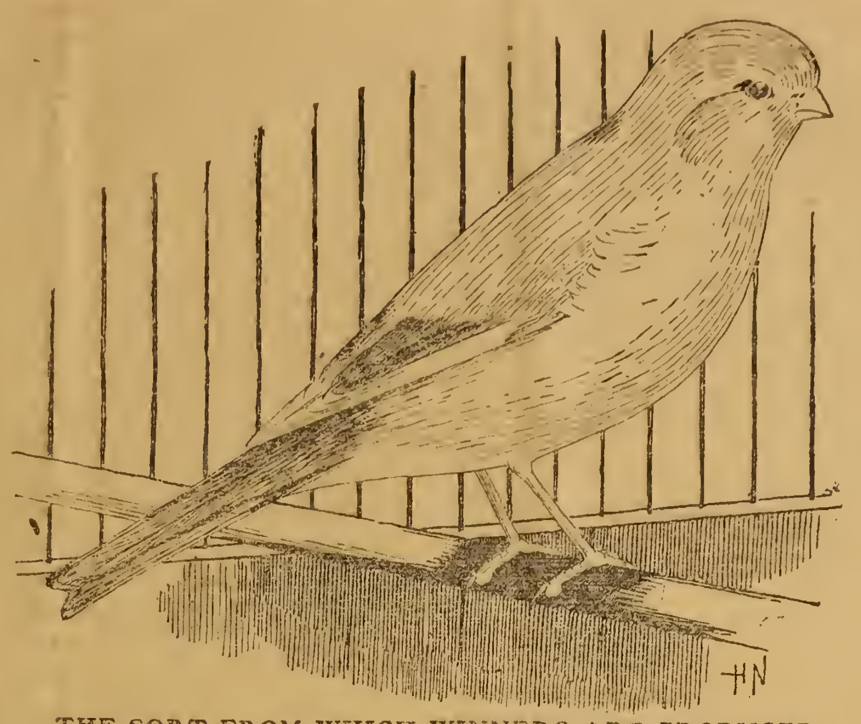
The Ideal Slide or Drawboard.

[Winner of Half-Crown Prize.]

Having made your sand tray of white wood, stain it with brown umber (or any coloured stain you fancy). Then give it two coats of ordinary stone varnish, or light oak. A marble like surface will be the result. When cleaning out the cage, the dirt should be got off first, then put the tray under the water tap.—Alex. Hewitt, 56, Hamilton Street, Govan, Glasgow.

Read the Query Columns.

From now onwards the novice should studiously follow the "Questions and Answers" columns of Cage Birds. I have found it a good plan to take cuttings from this column and paste them in a notebook for easy reference. Cage cracks should be closed up—putty is useful for this—and the insides of cages either enamelled or painted. I find that paraffin thoroughly applied with a brush to obstinate cracks generally minimises the red mite pest. All perches should be thoroughly scraped, and soaked in paraffin.—Q.-M.-S. J. H. Beale (Royal Engineers).



THE SORT FROM WHICH WINNERS ARE PRODUCED.

Our artist has depicted a Norwich Plainhead which would be an ideal stock bird and no mean performer on the show-bench. It has a grand head, the best of wings, a neat tail, and a good chest, while its markings denote that it has plenty of the valuable "green blood," and are found just in the right place.

SUCCESS OF THE GATESHEAD APPEAL.

Society Now Out of Trouble.

It is with great pleasure that we receive and publish the appended letter from Mr. Curry, secretary of the Gateshead C.B.S., notifying us that the financial help so readily afforded by their fellow-fanciers has placed the members in the happy position of being able to pay off the crop of debts resulting from the Society's unfortunate experience at the last annual show and the more unfortunate experience in the police court. We are sure that all bird-lovers will join us in expressing a wish that its future career may be plain sailing in untroubled waters. We should like to add on our own behalf an expression of thanks to those who have so generously supported the appeal made in our columns.

The Secretary's Letter.

60, Grosvenor Gardens,
Newcastle.
April 22, 1913.

Sir,—A committee meeting of the Gateshead Society was held on the 21st inst, when the financial position of the club was gone into. I am very pleased indeed to tell you that with the money in hand, and the subscriptions sent through your appeal in Cage Birds, we shall be able to clear off all our liabilities, and still have a little balance over. The committee instructed me to write and ask you to be kind enough to close the subscription list, and to accept their best thanks for the noble way Cage Birds and our brother-fanciers have helped us to clear our debts.

You might please include in your list £1 1s. 6d. collected by Mr. F. Hammond at the Council meeting of the Yorkshire Union, by the kind permission of the chairman and delegates, who allowed him to pass the hat round amongst them. Mr. Ramsden has sent me 12 1lb. tins of his famous tasteless pepper, to be sold at 2s. per tin, the money to go to the fund. Also please make Mr. Goodman's amount up to £1 10s. (i.e., 11s. 3d. more), the result of sale of his "Filup" Feeders. Mr. Butler, of Stanley, has sent 5s.

I would like to heartily thank all who have helped us in our time of need. There is no doubt that had it not been for their kindly help, things would have gone very badly with us. We extend to one and all our sincerest thanks. It is such actions as these that unite fanciers in the bonds of friendship.

W. Curry,
Secretary Gateshead C.B.S.

Cage Birds' fund now stands as follows: Amount previously acknowledged, £6 15s. 4d.; Mr. T. E. Wheatley (Belfast), 2s. 6d.; Deal Walmer and Dis. F.A., 5s.; West Stanley C.B.S., 5s.; W. Connell (Belfast), 2s. 6d.; total, £7 10s. 4d. In addition, there are the sums mentioned last week (per Messrs. Curry and Greason), £3 4s. 7d., and the additional sums mentioned by Mr. Curry this week, viz., £1 17s. 9d., bringing the grand total to £12 12s. 8d.

The secretary of Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S. had notified us that the hat would be sent round at their meeting to be held on May 1st.

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*The False Alarm.

Every morning I put a heap of table scraps on the garden for the birds. The Starlings are generally first, and will drive away any other bird that comes to feed. A Blackbird that is rather afraid of the Starlings, after being driven away so often, has found it can frighten them away by giving a shrill cry of alarm. This it does often, and when the Starlings have flown away, it hops about the food picking out the choice morsels, and uttering a satisfied "chuck-chuck-chuck" all the time.—Sent by J. H. Shirley (age 10), 14, High Street, Sutton, Keighley, Yorks.

**The Sparrow's Toilet.

A splash into a silver brook,
  A dainty little dipping;
A dart into a quiet nook,
  With all his feathers dripping.

A little shake, a little tweak,
  To stir up every feather;
A pretty preening with his beak,
  To lay them altogether.

A stretch of wings, some fluffy shakes,
  A flash—he's flown away;
That is how the Sparrow makes
  His toilet for the day.

Copied and sent by Victor Sansford (age 11), 29, Argyle Road, Weymouth.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Legget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

JEFFERY JEFFERIS, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middlesex. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms very moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules, Life experience; terms moderate.

*Knowing Chaffinches.

Some people think it cruel to keep wild birds. But I do not think so, because my father had two hen Chaffinches which we had kept for some time. One day father let them fly, but they did not go far from us. Every day the two birds came to the cage to feed, and have their water. When they have had their feed, they sit in the cage, and sometimes try to get in the house window.—Sent by Edna Jordan (age 13), 1, Providence Cottages, Oakdene Road, Brockham, near Betchworth.

THE FOREIGN BIRD CLUB.

Reception, Dinner, and Conference.

The above was held at The Inns of Court Hotel on April 17th. The following members and friends were present:—The Countess of Winchelsea, Major Perreau, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Dr Amsler, Mr. W. A. Bainbridge, Miss Clare, Mr. C. Harris, Miss Harris, Mr. J. S. Marriner, Mr. R. Montague, Mr. Otto Puck, Mr. Wesley T. Page, Mr. W. T. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Schluter, Mr. A. Silver, Mrs. Stella Storey, Miss Storey, Mr. S. M. Townsend, Mr. H. Willford, Mr. R. J. Watt, and Miss Sargeant, Mr. Sydney Williams, Mr. and Miss Williams. A reception was held from 6.30 to 7 o'clock, followed by dinner, which was well served.

Major Perreau presided, supported by The Countess of Winchelsea, and Rev. G. H. Raynor. The Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loyally honoured. Dr. Amsler proposed "Success to the F.B.C." Mr. Wesley Page responded.

After the dinner a conference was held, presided over by Rev. G. H. Raynor who spoke briefly of the subject of "Parrots and their Sagacity." Major Perreau gave an account of his recent importation of rare Indian birds; Mr. H. Willford exhibited some of his photographs of bird life; Mr. S. Williams gave a short address on "Foreign birds kept in cages;" and Mr. W. T. Rogers spoke on "My Garden Aviary." Mr. S. M. Townsend representing the exhibitors' section of the club, handed round the silver cup, won this year by Mr. F. Howe. Mr. R. J. Watts spoke on "Common foreign birds for Exhibition," and Mr. Wesley T. Page closed the conference by general remarks upon the subjects that had been discussed during the evening. Mr. and Miss Williams ably rendered some music during the evening.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. T. Rogers for the arrangements which had resulted in a very happy and profitable evening being spent, and all hoped that it might be repeated upon some subsequent occasion.

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Twitterings.

At the show of the Maidstone F. and F.S., November 7th, the cage bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Secretary G. Havver writes that the Blaydon and Dis. C.B.S. has again secured the patronage of the Northern Lizard Club for its annual show.

At the next meeting April 30, of the Uddingston and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Cosgrove, hon. sec., judges will be selected for the forthcoming open show.

Would the person who borrowed electros from us some time ago please return them at once, write Messrs. James Dean and Son (Liverpool). We have mislaid name and address of borrower, and cannot find it at the moment.

I was very pleased to see the lifelike sketch of my natural-colour winning Plainhead at Norwich Show in Cage Birds Annual, writes Mr. G. Brown. The latest hints in the Annual on the treatment of ailing birds are alone worth the 6d. charged, even to an old stager.

We have received a good number of applications from Southern fanciers to join us, and there is time to hear from others before our next meeting, April 30th; we shall welcome their names to submit for election.—King and Joiner, Hon. Secs., Portsmouth and Southern Counties' C.B.S.

Would you kindly announce in Cage Birds, writes Mr. F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, S.W., that I have been elected hon. sec. of the Metropolitan C.B.A., and all correspondence concerning same should be addressed to me. We have £2 5s. cash balance in hand, notwithstanding the disastrous year the Society has had.

Secretary J. R. Chestney writes that Cramlington C.B.S. has secured Messrs. R. Tindale, Newcastle; A. Hay, Tweedmouth; and A. Holden, Gateshead, as judges for its annual show, Nov. 22. These gentlemen are well-known judges, and it is anticipated that entries will exceed previous years. Exhibitors kindly note date of show, and send large entries.

At a meeting of the Inverness O.A., recently held, writes Mr. R. Duncan, reporter, Mr. John Connachie, Craiglea, Percival Road, was appointed sec. in room of Mr. T. Sutherland, who resigned. Mr. McLeay, Kirkintilloch, Mr. Ross, Forres, and Mr. Anderson, Forres, kindly agreed to judge at our annual show, Nov. 19, in the Music Hall. Would exhibitors and friends kindly note new secretary's address?

Will you kindly bring to the notice of fanciers through the medium of Cage Birds, writes Mr. S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec., Avon Rath, Birtley, Co. Durham, that a meeting of the Birtley and Dis. C.B.S. will be held at the Station Hotel, Birtley, on April 26th, at 7 prompt. Any fancier desirous of becoming a member will he kindly communicate with me, or we will be pleased to welcome him at the above meeting.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury; Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St., Burnley (closing date, May 10); National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Rd., S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Secretary G. Ford, Radcliffe and Dist. C.B.S., writes that Mr. Schofield, of Heywood, will judge at the first feather show held in the Conservative Club, first Saturday in July.

Kindly publish in Cage Birds, writes Mr. W. Broadbridge, sec. pro. tem., Sittingbourne and Dist. C.B.S., we have fixed our annual show for Nov 12 and 13th. We are anxious not to clash with any other society.

We have received a sample of Messrs. Goodman and Co.'s "Filup" feeder for young birds. The 1913 pattern is particularly good, and will be hard to beat as a handy and excellent implement for hand-feeding young birds of almost any kind, but Canaries and Hybrids in particular. Don't overlook the advertisement in this week's issue.

Will you kindly announce, writes Mr. M. Cook, hon. sec. Boscombe and Dis. C.B.A., that we have fixed Jan. 13 and 14th for our first annual show? Judge, Mr. J. Robson. We are still increasing our membership, having over forty members and a few pounds in the bank, after holding a members' show, at which eighteen members staged 112 birds. We have already two cups promised, which is not bad for the first year's working. Meetings second Tuesday in each month; subscription 2s. 6d.

OBITUARY.

I sincerely regret to inform you, writes Mr. E. J. Davies, treasurer, Cardiff C.B.S., that Mr. E. Thomas, our secretary, has just been bereaved of his father, who peacefully passed away at the age of 78. Though age has kept him somewhat in the background of late, he was earlier in life a breeder, and a keen judge of the "Bird O' Circle," frequently scoring at some of the biggest fixtures, including the Palace; he remained a fancier to the last, and to his relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Also one of our oldest members, Mr. Alf. Harrington, another Scotch Fancy expert, has had the sad misfortune to lose his youngest daughter after a trying illness at the early age of twenty-six. He also has the entire sympathy of all our members in his hour of trouble.

I was very pleased to see in your last issue the commencement of another series of articles on the Roller Canary by Mr. Tomlinson. Last season I followed the method of training given in one of his former articles with much success, so am naturally pleased to see another contribution from this gentleman.—W. H. Shepley (Clapham Common).

I have taken Cage Birds regularly for the last three years, and with this and "Cage Birds Annual," "Canary Breeding for Beginners," "Foreign Birds" (by Wesley T. Page) and the "British Bird Manual" have not needed to get much other information, as these, combined with average common sense, appear to be all that is necessary to enable us to keep birds healthy and in good condition. I do not expect to make a profit out of my hobby, but I get as much pleasure out of my birds for a few shillings a week as I do out of some other amusements costing considerably more.—A. R. Luckly (Brighton).

The Attractive Greenfinch.

Some people do not care for the song either of the Greenfinch or the Hedge Sparrow, but both of them have a certain charm to true lovers of wild bird life. The Greenbird's song is best just before the breeding season, before he has commenced to add the long drawn out zee to his song. Some notes at that time are quite mellow and rich, and compares favourably with many a less common species. In his natural haunts he is always an attractive bird, in spite of his being so numerous.

The Cat and Scottish Law.

In an action brought in Hamilton, Scotland, by an owner of pigeons to recover damages against the owner of a cat on account of pigeons killed, the decision of the Sheriff seems strangely at variance with the views of our own magistrates. We have always been under the impression that an action for damages would succeed if the aggrieved person could prove that the cat had been previously guilty, to the knowledge of its owner, of destroying birds in private ownership, and that if a person shot a trespassing cat instead of taking legal action the owner of the cat could sue him for damages. In Scotland the opposite would appear to be the case, for Sheriff Shennan who tried the action decided that "it was preposterous to hold that the cat owner was under the obligation to so control it as to prevent it from killing birds. The true view seemed to be that those who kept birds which were liable to be the prey of hunting animals, must protect them against the dangers to which they were thus exposed. The pigeon owner must guard against hawks, rats, weasels, or such animals, as well as against cats, and if he caught a cat 'in flagrante delicto' he had the right to treat it as he would a rat or weasel."

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"Will you thank through the medium of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, all those that answered my advt. in your issue of the 12th inst? They are too numerous to reply to individually; I have answered all those that sent stamps."—F. C. DICKENS (Northampton).

A regrettable printer's error occurred in last week's advertisement of Mr. R. Kremner's well-known Canary Rings, namely "1—200, 2s." The price should have read, "1—100, 2s."

The Crystal Palace 1914 Show.

We hear from Mr. Ramsden that the next National show will be held on Feb. 6 to 10, 1914, and will be run as an absolutely independent show, free from the official patronage of any specialist club. The difficulties in the way of holding the show from Thursday to Monday were considered by the Crystal Palace authorities to be insurmountable.

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Chiffchaff Sings Amid the Snow.

Mr. George Potts writes from Broseley to the "Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser," on April 1st:—"There was snow on the ground early yesterday morning; yet a Chiff-chaff was holding forth for a long time close to my bedroom window between 7 and 8 a.m.!" A Chiff-chaff was also heard singing gaily in a garden at Bayston Hill early on the mornings of the 26th, 27th, and 28th March."

Rook Builds on Telephone Pole.

There is a stimulating spice of novelty in the conduct of a pair of Rooks at Pocklington (Yorks) who have just raised a difficult question of State rights. These birds have constructed their nest in a most ingenious fashion on the upper arm of a high telephone pole. The pole carries a number of wires, and stands in the yard of the Buck Hotel, Market Place, one of the busiest and most frequented parts of the town. There are several strong rookeries in the outskirts, but the occupants have not disturbed the founders of the new settlement, where the female is sitting close on her eggs. The construction of the nest has in no way interrupted the working of the telephones, and up to the present no application has been made to Mr. and Mrs. Rook for "coming on to the system."

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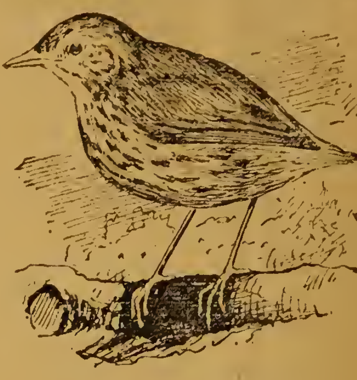
Wild-Bird Life.

The First Broods.

Although the weather has been none too genial, and we have only had occasional stray gleams of sunshine, the days are lengthening, and the early songsters commence to "salute the morn" soon after 4 a.m. Wild bird life is steadily but slowly advancing, the migrants are gradually drifting over, and the resident birds are mostly nesting, although a pair here and there are still seeking the right spot. The Blue Tit is just now a great frequenter of the gardens, and may be seen at almost any time among the branches of the fruit trees. We gave him credit for doing good, hoping that in his gambols among the blossom he is seeking some form of insect life that would later on do damage to the crop. Sometimes in his quick fleeting from branch to branch, he sends down quite a shower of broken blossom, a veritable fall of snow. Tennyson says "See how they tumble the blossoms, the mad little Tits"; and to see them sometimes dash about, one could almost imagine them having taken leave of their senses, especially when a pair are together.



A YOUNG SONG THRUSH.

As usual some precocious pairs have managed to bring off their young ones in safety, although these early ventures run far greater risks than the later ones. The writer has seen young Sparrows, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Starlings out of the nest. These birds must be particularly hardy, but how they must feel the change from the warm nest to the open air when they first venture forth! We found quite a baby Thrush roosting in a plum tree in the garden; it was quite in the open without the slightest shelter. It was a cold moonlight night, which was followed by a sharp frosty morning. The little chap was only on a level with one's head, he was sound asleep; evidently quite tired out with his first day in the big world. Our walking about, talking, and thoroughly examining him, did not wake him. We were somewhat undecided about moving him to safer quarters until the morning, but any way we left him where he was, hoping that the big Wood Owl in the elms would be far too busy among the colony of rats along the old park fence to notice him. These young birds run enormous risks and undoubtedly the mortality among them is far greater than most of us imagine, but Name Nature is so liberal in her productions, that there is always a big supply, and enough of each species survive to continue the race.

Close Pals.

Just now Starlings are always in pairs, and particularly attached to each other. They take wing together, and are, in fact, inseparable companions. They are bustling birds when feeding, and if one lags behind (delayed by a specially choice morsel), it will race hard to catch up with its mate.

The Thrush's "Cockney" Song.

"Observant Ornithologist," when sending to "Punch" a rendering in words of the music of the Song Thrush, says that his garden is situated within the Metropolitan ten-mile radius, where the birds sing with a slightly Cockney accent.

"Swank! Swank! Swank! Swank! Swank!
Get yer beak clipped! Get yer beak clipped!
Get yer beak clipped!
Tut! Tut! Tut! Tut! Tut! Tut!
Silly fool! Silly fool! Silly fool! Silly fool!
Cheese it, do! Cheese it, do! Cheese it, do!
Naughty! Naughty! Naughty! Naughty!
Pip, pip! Pip, pip! Pip, pip!
Swelled head and empty too! Swelled head and empty too! Swelled head and empty too!
She's a peach, peach, peach, peach, peach, peach, peach!
For you to eat? For you to eat? For you to eat?
I don't think! I don't think! I don't think!
Cool cheek! Cool cheek! Cool cheek!
I fill the bill—I'm It! I fill the bill—I'm It!
I fill the bill—I'm it!
(Pause to take breath and a passing fly.)

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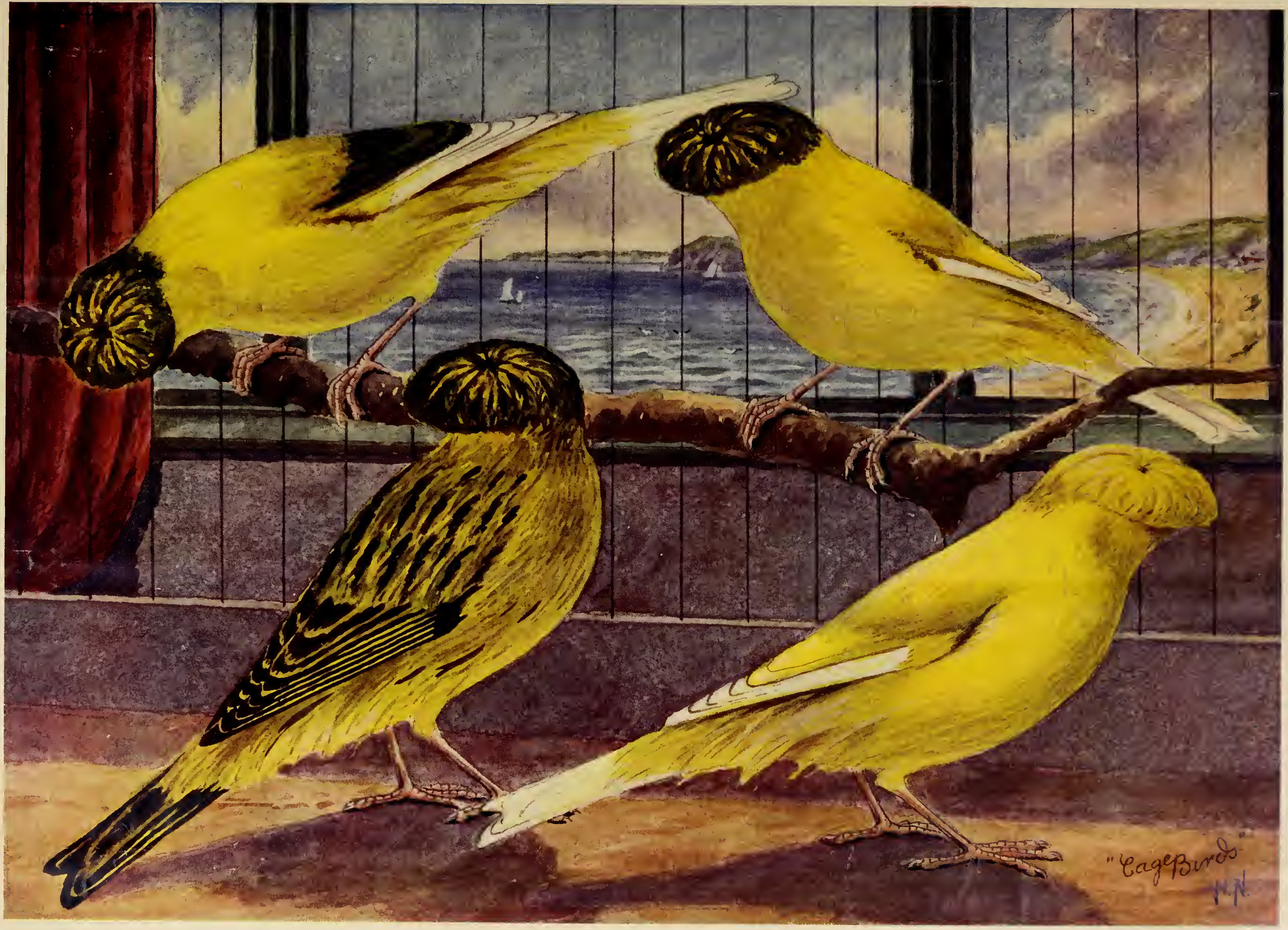

VARIETIES OF THE CRESTED CANARY.

Wing-marked, dark crest.
Self-green crest.
Clear body, dark crest.
Clear crest.

SOMETHING ABOUT MY NIGHTINGALES.

BY
W. E. TESCHEMAKER
B.A. (Teignmouth).

England's "Philomel" and the Continental Sprosser are both dealt with by our author, who also chats interestingly of some Nightingale lovers of long ago.

A YEAR or two since I had the pleasure of writing for Cage Birds a little sketch of the home-life of the Nightingale during the breeding season, with some particulars of Seventeenth Century methods of keeping this species in captivity, as compared with those of the present day. This brought me some interesting suggestions, and some friendly criticism to which I shall refer a little later on. For the most part, however, I propose to deal to-day with the Nightingale as a singing bird, and also, as before, to try to give you a little peep into the past; for (to me) there is nothing more interesting than to look back through the long vista of the years and learn how the very early aviculturists, whose names have long since been forgotten, and whose bodies have for centuries been lying in nameless graves, treated some particular species, what they thought about it, and what value they assigned to it.

Our excellent Editor has several times tried to induce me to write what he calls an instructive article, but for three good reasons, I have never accepted his kind invitation. In the first place I am just a learner, and therefore not competent to instruct others; secondly, in my humble opinion (which I simply give for what it is worth), aviculture cannot be taught—each must climb for himself the long and slippery ladder which leads to success, resting assured that, with a stout heart and courage to persevere to the end, he will reach the top-rung at last; thirdly, I notice that sometimes an aviculturist is so pleased with his success in climbing that he is tempted to turn round, long before he has reached the top, and ask the world to notice what a lofty position he has reached, whereupon someone else is frequently tempted to give the ladder a little shake and down comes the aviculturist with a flop! Now that could not happen to a learner, for, if anyone pulls him down, he has only a few rungs to fall, and, being so accustomed to falling, he will come down lightly. A learner, therefore, I shall remain until the end of the chapter. If, however, any reader can extract for himself from the following narrative any suggestions which may be of use to him, I shall be very pleased indeed.

"A Nightingale Guaranteed to Sing!"

My early efforts to bring a Nightingale into full song were far from successful. My Nightingales flourished exceedingly, but they sang not at all. This was partly, I think, because I then kept hand-reared birds, and partly because I had not grasped the fact that the song of this species, both in captivity and in freedom, is essentially competitive. But one day my hopes were raised to the highest pitch of expectation, for I was promised "A Nightingale guaranteed to sing!"

Let me tell you how that came about. A friend of mine married a German lady who was born in Hamburg, and whose father was a very keen aviculturist, and particularly interested in Nightingales. This lady used often to chaff me about my want of success, and tell me that the Germans could always make a Nightingale sing, and moreover she could well remember how beautifully they used to sing in her father's house, and, further, that the German dealers were so honest that if they guaranteed a bird to be a singer you might be absolutely certain that it would sing. Of course, I said that Hamburg must be very near to Paradise, that I should like to live there for ever and ever, and all the other nice things that I could think of; the result was that I was promised a real German songster as a present. Nor did my friend's wife forget her promise. The next time she went to see her relatives in Hamburg she walked into a bird-shop, and explained that she wished to buy a singing bird for a friend in England who would not believe that the Germans could make Nightingales sing whenever they wished. "Well, Madam," said the polite dealer, "I have here two Nightingales; one will very likely sing, but the other I guarantee to sing. I recommend you to buy them both."

In due course I received two little cages. One contained a dead Nightingale, and the other—a Pekin Robin. But, I must say that the Pekin was a beauty—one of the larger race and a good singer. As a rule the song of this species is just a single bar, consisting of eight notes repeated over and over again, but it is very powerful and mellow. I find that one can get as much Pekinese music as one can possibly want by placing one male in an outdoor aviary and another in a room with an open window. They will then sing one against the other from morn to dewy eve. But the caged bird requires careful watching. As long as he keeps moving I know that he is in good trim, but, should he look pensive, I snatch him up and turn him out for a fortnight in the coldest outdoor aviary, and keep him on short commons. He can then be brought in again, repeating the outdoor treatment when necessary. In this way he will live for years. In an outdoor aviary he seems generally very ready to nest, and, if you have made friends with him, he will let you take as many photos as you like of his nesting operations; in fact, there is no more delightful aviary bird than the charming little Babbler which the dealers are so fond of calling the "Pekin Nightingale."

A Talented Sprosser.

My first singing Nightingale worthy of mention was a Sprosser—a remark which sounds rather Irish, but which is strictly correct. He commenced to sing immediately after the moult, and continued without any intermission whatever until his next autumnal moult, which must be almost, if not quite, a record. I succeeded in getting him to sing to command, and he would do this even in an outdoor aviary, into which he was sometimes turned for the benefit of his health. He commenced to sing again after his second moult, but there came an unlucky day in the following spring when I had to make room in the bird-room for a number of Softbills which I had just received from abroad, and, in order to do so, I turned the Sprosser into a division of the garden aviary which had no shelter. As bad luck would have it, a cold frosty night followed a warm day, and from that day the glorious song of my Sprosser was hushed for ever.

He went into a soft moult from which he recovered, but he could never recover his song. It was a most pathetic thing to hear the poor bird attempt to sing when he was asked to do so. He would utter a few notes and then stop and look at me in a reproachful kind of way, as though asking why I had by my folly thus ruined his splendid voice of which he used to be so proud, and at last he got on my nerves to such an extent that I was glad to exchange him to the value of about half-a-sovereign. This experience seems to suggest that if one has such a priceless thing as a singing Nightingale one should regard it as being worthy of the highest treasure, and on no account expose it to such a risk as moving it from a warm room to a cold aviary.

A Present from Italy.

My next Nightingale worthy of mention was a gift, and a valuable gift too. It is just possible that some of my readers may remember the previous article which I wrote on this subject, in which I quoted a very interesting account written by Lieut.-Col. Momber, of a Nightingale which engaged in a singing contest with a wild rival in the garden of a Swiss Hotel. Shortly after this was written Col. Momber's favourite died, and was replaced by another, but alas, before the latter came into song, its master had passed away to that land from which no traveller returns. Mrs. Momber very kindly gave me several of her late husband's birds, including this one. It was arranged that they were to be brought from Italy as far as London by her son, and in this way "Anthony" (as Mrs. Momber called him) safely reached me.

Anthony's history has been closely linked with tragedy. First, his master died after only a few hours illness, and, barely a month later, Mrs. Momber's only son, who had brought Anthony over from Italy for me, died suddenly at Cambridge University. He has been unfortunate himself too, for at various times he has broken both a wing and a leg, and yet he is sound and well to-day, though he has lived with me for three years, and must be quite five years old. I have changed his name to "Antony" because, for an Italian Nightingale, the name of "the noble Roman" (as Shakespeare called him) seems more appropriate. Antony is somewhat deficient in the beautiful long-drawn bass tours of our English Nightingales, but he has a wonderful variety of high tours, and he is the only representative of his species which, with me, has ever sung in a cage at night.

An Experiment in "Meating Off."

Shortly after Antony came into my possession, I came across a small consignment of Sprossers at a London dealer's, one of which I purchased. I was also shown a remarkably fine Nightingale which had just been brought in by a catcher, and had not as yet made acquaintance with any of those dreadful compounds sometimes most quaintly termed "insectivorous mixtures." Now shortly before this Mr. Jackson, of Bawtry, the well-known exhibitor, had most kindly given me some Softbills, and in return I had given him a Nightingale which, however, was not an exhibition specimen. When I saw this grand bird I thought of Mr. Jackson, purchased it and popped it in with the Sprosser in one of those small travelling cages, usually retailed at ninepence. Normally, the Sprosser is both a longer and a much bulkier bird, but this exceptional Nightingale was actually larger than the Sprosser.

"PHILOMEL—THE POET OF THE SPRING."

Loud thrills sweet Philomel his tender strain,
Charms his fond bride, and wakes his infant train;
Perch'd on the circling moss, the listening throng
Wave their young wings and whisper to the song.

Darwin: ("*Reproduction of Life.*")

That Deadly Complaint—Nothing to do!

We have all heard the "experts" discourse on the traditional difficulties of "meating off" this species—the darkened cage, hand-feeding, and all the rest of it, so perhaps it may interest you to hear how these two birds were treated. Please remember that the Sprosser had as yet seen nothing but fresh ants' eggs, and his companion in captivity had only just left the trapper's hands. They were kept for two days in one small cage in a bedroom of a London Hotel, fed on a mixture of gentles and mealworms, and allowed to fight as much as they liked. Then they were brought down to Devonshire—a distance of 200 miles—and, little more than a week later, the Nightingale was sent by rail all the way to Yorkshire, where Mr. Jackson told me he arrived in good condition, and sang a little the same summer. But I can go one better than this. A couple of years since a hen Sprosser was caught early in May, either in Hungary or Russia, forwarded to Berlin, and then sent to me—a distance of more than one thousand miles by rail and steamer. By the last day of May it had built in my aviary a nest, and laid four eggs, which it subsequently hatched, rearing four fine young birds. Two suggestions present themselves; one, that probably many of the losses in "meating off" freshly caught birds are due to the fact that they are taken away from a life of immense activity, and vivid interest, and shut up in a darkened prison, where they die from that most deadly of all complaints—nothing to do; two, that a difficulty is often made greater by fussing about it. There is an old saying that "if you do not trouble trouble, trouble will not trouble you."

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ARE THEY DIFFERENT VARIETIES? (M. M. J.).—The St. Andreasburg and Hartz Rollers are not different varieties, but one and the same variety, which vary only in quality of song. The Hartz is a less accomplished singer, having failed to absorb a large measure of vocal talent during tuition, or it may be a bird which has had no musical training.

NOT SUNG YET (G.T.J.W.).—My opinion is that two young Canaries hatched last May, and apparently in good health, which have not yet commenced to sing, are in all probability two hens. I note you say they are two males, but perhaps it is the wish that is father to the thought. Keep them in separate cages in bright and healthful surroundings. In addition to the usual seed diet, give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with about half its bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days add twenty drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water. Give each two crisp young dandelion leaves daily. If they show no signs of coming in song in, say, a fortnight, I think you had better change your opinion about their gender.

DOMESTIC BROILS (J. C. Newell).—Has it not been written that the course of true love never runs smoothly? Anyway, it is a common thing for the hymeneal joys of Canaries to be profusely punctuated by free fights. But, seriously, it is quite a common ocurrence for a pair of birds in good breeding condition to behave as yours are doing when first put together ,and these "scraps" continue with more or less frequency until the hen is getting forward with the nest, when the cock cools down, and by the time the hen begins to sit becomes a quiet, staid, and sober benedict. It is very rarely indeed that any serious damage is done by this belligerent courtship, and it is frequently the prelude to successful results. Therefore you need have no anxiety whatever about the birds' behaviour. By the time this appears they will probably be better employed.

STAGNATING (P. H. F.).—Yes, I think it is largely a case of waiting patiently for a little while. The recent snap of bitter cold, combined with the removal of the birds to a colder room, would tend to put them back a bit, but as soon as mild weather returns they will probably go ahead again. Give them a nest pan, if they have not one already, and just a small tuft of cow hair or moss to play with until the hen is ready to start building in earnest. As regards the hen paying attention to one of the other cocks, if, as I assume, you have moved only the pair that are mated to the other room, and left the favoured cock in the kitchen, this matter will come all right when the hen gets keen on nesting. You are quite right in not mating brother and sister, with no special object for doing so. Continue feeding the pair as advised for backward birds until the hen goes to nest.

TWO CRESTED HENS (K. S.).—(1) I do not think this bird has enteritis, but that its chief trouble is of digestive origin, and most likely largely due to your feeding, which is far from being correct. Give it a staple diet of plain dry canary seed—i.e., do not soak this seed—and until the bird eats this freely give separately each day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with maw seed. When bird eats the seed freely, give this bread and milk only every second day for the remainder of a month. In addition to the bread and milk, give half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana, varied now and again with a leaf of crisp young dandelion. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Offer the bath only during bright mild weather. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. (2) This may possibly be a congenital affection to which Crests, especially when bred double-crest to a large extent, are rather subject. In addition to the seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar every third day for a month, and add to the water six drops of dandelion juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece twice a week for a month. Dust the bare skin liberally twice a week with boracic acid. Use a tiny wad of wool for the purpose, and dab it on gently to get some powder to adhere to the skin.

COCK NOT SINGING (L. J. L.).—There is no cause whatever for anxiety. It is quite natural for the cock to cease singing more or less from the time the hen starts nesting in earnest, and he usually becomes quite staid and sober when the hen begins to sit. Judging from what you say I think your prospects are rather rosy. Commence giving egg food when young are due to hatch, according to instructions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and here's luck to you.

A POOR START (Desmond).—The exploits of this hen certainly come under the definition often termed a "broken eggery." Fortunately such cases are not bound to be repeated with future clutches, and it is quite likely your hen may do better next time. Leave the pair together. Add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water for three days, and feed the same as advised to "H. Tite" in this issue until the hen goes to nest again, which may be very soon.

BARE IN BACK (W. J. A.).—See that bird is not troubled with insect pests. Keep in a fairly equable temperature, in a well-ventilated, bright, and healthful place. Allow it to bathe freely whenever weather is mild. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every third day for a month. On the intervening days, twice each week, add to the water six drops of dandelion juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece, and on two other days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, black rape, linseed, and teazle. Give a little green food daily, varying this from time to time. Slightly moisten the bare skin twice a week with sulphur ointment. If you do not find the new quills coming through nicely after a month of this treatment, I am afraid you will have to endure its unsightly appearance until next moulting season.

EGG-BINDING AND EGG-EATING (Crest).—Overfed fat hens are not infrequently troubled with egg binding with soft eggs. See if this is the case with your hen, and if so separate her for a fortnight, give a quite plain staple diet, and supplement it with a liberal supply of green food daily, but strictly avoid dandelion, and add aperients to the water every second day for a week. If she is not in an overfed condition, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and a pinch of mixed seeds on the alternate days. Give a little green food daily—dandelion excepted—as before. In the drinking water add 20 drops of Chemical Food daily for a week, and in the following week six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day. When hen begins nesting again, in addition to keeping a supply of cuttlefish accessible, smash up a little old mortar and strew it on top of the sand on the cage floor regularly until she has laid her eggs. As regards egg eating, an occasional lapse may not be serious or repeated. For dealing with this vice, see reply to "Georgius" in last issue.

CLEANING CAGE DURING INCUBATION (A Novice, Bristol).—If your cages are fitted with sand trays you may clean them just as usual whilst the hen is sitting, unless the usual cleaning day should happen to coincide very closely with the time young are due to hatch, when it is advisable, especially in the case of very highly strung nervous hens, to defer the operation for a few days. But with this type of cage, if the work is done carefully, and without unnecessary noise and bluster, there is little risk of it seriously disturbing the hen. If the cages have no sand trays, so that you either have to remove dirt through the doorway or scrape it out through a turnrail opening, it would be best to well clean cages and put in a good layer of clean dry sand when putting the hen to sit, and not disturb them again until the young are a few days old. If the bulk of the droppings occur in one or two places in small heaps, they may be removed without any disturbance at all, and a little fresh sand strewn over the spot. You may offer a bath, if weather is mild, when hen has been sitting six or eight days, and then daily from the twelfth day onwards. In hot sultry weather offer a bath daily all through, and in piercing cold weather such as we have just gone through, withhold it altogether. In short, use discretion.

NOT A BLONDIN (Norwich Cock).—One would think that a bird apparently in good health which falls from its perch on to its back and lays there chirping until picked up, was either pulling one's leg, or showing Blondinites "how not to do it." You say it is not a fit, and it is not his claws, so, candidly, I do not know what to suggest without a more complete knowledge of its treatment and environment. How do you feed it; what kind of cage is it kept in; and how long has this curious habit lasted? If kept in a cage with wire top it may be due to vertigo, brought on by a habit similar to the twirling of a Goldfinch under similar conditions, but even then a bird in good health should be able to recover its equilibrium quite easily if it performed the unlikely feat of turning a somersault and landing itself flat on its back. At any rate, I have found tame birds invariably able to do so when placed on their backs. If your bird is in a wire-top cage, throw some cover over the top for a time; give it a liberal supply of green food daily, and add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece to its drinking water every second day for a week. If this does not remove its antics, write again and give full particulars indicated above.

PLUCKS ITS TAIL (W. H. Bunney).—You ought to have said whether the hen seems in good health or not, and how you feed and treat her generally. It may be merely a bad habit, the irritation of insect pests, or even the hen's method of working off the superabundant energy which is apt to affect healthy unmated birds at this season. As the tail has been absent a month, it is practically certain that the feathers are broken off and the stumps left in the sockets, unless the hen pulls out the young quills as they appear. Catch the bird and examine it, and also the cage, for insect pests, and if any are found take the necessary steps to exterminate them. Also see if stumps of feathers are left in tail. If they are, gently extract four—two from each side—and repeat this operation twice, with an interval of five or six days between each time. This will remove the stumps of a complete tail, and give the new feathers a chance to grow. Stick a bit of sugar or cuttlefish in the wires for bird to peck at, and give a large fat mealworm each day for a time if any are available. Give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add five drops of dilute sulphuric acid and six of tincture of gentian to the drinking water. Allow bird to bathe freely.

IN DOUBT (D. J. W. H.).—I see no reason to doubt the fertility of the clutch of eggs just because you have seen no copulation taking place. In such cases as these, if the hen is allowed to sit her full time, many pleasant surprises are experienced. If you do not care to let her sit the full time, by all means let her sit a week, and then test the eggs before coming to a decision about them. If the cock shows any signs of interfering with nest after hen has commenced sitting, remove him, and cage him alone, but I see no necessity for high feeding. His reduced singing after mating is not unnatural. See reply to "L. J. L." in this issue. You may add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to his water for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel for three or four days, and give two dandelion leaves daily. Nothing else should be necessary. Glad the other bird you wrote about is now well.

ARE THEY RUINED? (H. Tite).—No, decidedly; the birds are not necessarily spoilt altogether by going into a soft moult last season. I think they only want a little more time, and they will certainly do with a little extra feeding. Do not separate the birds. In addition to the staple seed diet give a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day, and mix in it a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape and teazle, with a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give three dandelion leaves daily. With this treatment, and the advent of mild, settled weather, I think you will find things go ahead more favourably.

MOULTING AND PANTING (Disheartened, Birmingham).—I'm afraid you have a very "bad bargain." Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature certainly, but do not overheat it. The great point is to keep it free from cold, cutting draughts, rapid extreme fluctuations, and heated impure air. Beyond this, see that it is in a bright, airy, and well-ventilated place. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Feed as advised to "John Cooper" for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece every second day for a week. After this give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you. Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Continue giving the last-named mixture every second day for a month, if necessary.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); *Ramsden's "Colour-feeding"* (5½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

NOT SITTING (Gahagan, Fulham).—Your only way out of the difficulty when the hen refused to sit would have been to transfer the eggs to another hen just about beginning to sit, or distribute them amongst any other small clutches you happened to put to set during the next week or so. There was no necessity to separate the pair on account of hen not sitting, but it would do no harm, and might be helpful to remove both birds to the other room where they will be more quiet. You might next time try the effect of separating the cock, and removing him out of earshot on the evening when the third egg is laid. At the same time you will, of course, return the three eggs, and leave hen to hatch and rear them alone if she will. Whilst separated now you have, I expect, been treating the same as frequently advised here for backward birds or preparing birds for mating. In that case, if they are in good condition, mate them again and continue this treatment until hen goes to nest.

ROLLER GOING OFF SONG (John Cooper).—The fact of the feathers dropping shows that moulting is the cause of the bird beginning to go off song. You do not say whether the bird moulted at the proper season last autumn. If it did not, you should keep it fairly warm, and encourage this moult to get through completely, when the bird will come in most usefully as a tutor next autumn, as it will doubtless remain in full song all through the most critical period of tuition, when there is always more or less risk of tutors going off song when most inconvenient. If a proper moult occurred last autumn, then keep the bird in a comfortable place free from draughts, and in addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day. Continue this treatment until feathers cease dropping. Bird will not resume full song until moult is stopped.

CAUSE OF UNFERTILITY (J.E.W.).—I presume you tested the eggs by looking through them against a strong light after the hens had sat on them for a week or thereabouts, otherwise I do not see how you conclude the last clutches are unfertile, as they are not due to hatch at time of writing this. Eggs not infrequently dry up in the shell, and though they remain, or the solid portion that is left behind remains quite "clear," I do not think such eggs are necessarily unfertile. In your case I certainly think the cock is not quite up to the scratch. The hens, assuming there is no trouble from their eggs drying up, appear to have too much virility to think of discarding them without further trial, even if you had to get a fresh cock. Let the hens sit their full time, then if they seem to be coming forward again, limit the diet to a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and add a small crystal of sulphate of soda to the water for a day or two in order to keep them back until cock has had a full fortnight of the following treatment: Give him the same staple as above, and for the rest feed him the same as advised to "H. Tite," in this issue, but give only two dandelion leaves daily. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel two days in every three for a week. When the hens start nesting again get a little old mortar, crush finely, and strew it on the sand, in addition to giving cuttlefish. If the next clutches prove unfertile, I would advise you to get a vigorous 1912 cock, in song, and let them try once more this season.

SILENT "COCKS" (?) (Distracted).—It is certainly curious that your two-year-old cock should be in song, and not one of the four bred last year yet singing. I read your letter to mean that they have not commenced singing at all, in which case notwithstanding your referring to them with evident conviction as cocks, I am strongly inclined to suspect they are of the other sex. If they really sang before being mated their silence now is not very important, as you will gather if you refer to reply to "L.J.L." in this issue. Your feeding is not quite so good as it might be, but it is not sufficient to account for the birds never singing. If a cock is in good health and active, it is not absolutely essential for it to be singing in order to fertilise eggs, so I would advise you to let the two hens which have clutches of eggs to these supposed cocks sit out their full time, and if their mates are really cocks the result may be quite satisfactory. Feed as follows: Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give to each pair a small teaspoonful of egg food, and mix with it about half the quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame each time. On the alternate days give a teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, black rape and teazle, with just a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give three dandelion leaves daily. Stop giving linseed, and also apple, and limit diet to above items. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days—excepting those hens that have gone to nest—and follow up this by giving three drops of tincture of steel and six of tincture of gentian for three or four days.

A CATASTROPHE (J.W.F.).—There are two very probable causes of the loss of the young brood, viz., either the hen ceased feeding, which may have been partly due to the sudden alteration in the egg food, or the biscuit being added to the egg suddenly in large quantity, upset the young by congesting the alimentary tract and putting them off their feed. You make no mention of green food, and if this was not given, or not increased when so large a proportion of biscuit was added to the egg all at once, it would greatly aggravate its effect, and tend to bring about a calamity. It is never wise to make such drastic changes in the food suddenly when a very young brood is in the nest. With the next brood proceed as follows, and you should succeed: For the first day or two give yolk of egg as before. On the third day add just a pinch of biscuit powder, or crumb of stale household bread, not more than a quarter of the bulk, and give a little fresh crisp green food. Next day increase the proportion of biscuit to a third part of the bulk, and give a little more green food. Give fresh egg food and fresh green food at least twice daily. When the young are about eight days old you may again increase the proportion of biscuit, or bread, as the case may be, by easy stages, until you have it at two parts biscuit to one part egg. At this time you may also begin to give a teaspoonful of soaked rape daily, and a little later a little freshly cracked hemp each day and a fairly liberal supply of green food, but be careful not to allow any stale portions of any of the foods to remain in the cage. To obviate this as far as possible, do not give unreasonably large quantities of food. Give little and often, rather than a large quantity at longer intervals. Aim at giving just as much each time as the birds are likely to clear up by next meal-time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

SKYLARK MOULTING (Kral).—Turn to the reply given "H. J. W." and follow the advice given in the latter portion of it (except, of course, in regard to the food). Your bird would be benefited by having its daily supply of soft food moistened with half a teaspoonful of extract of malt (obtainable from any chemist); just mix this amongst the food.

DIET OF ADULT GOLDFINCH MULES (Lecturer).—Stock seed mixture now: teazle four parts, canary three parts, summer rape one part, linseed half-part, by measure. Have also two other mixtures: (1) sunflower two parts, hemp one part: (2) niger, maw, and a high-class wild-seed mixture, equal parts of each. Give rather more than a teaspoonful of No. 1 to each bird twice a week, and a teaspoonful of No. 2 once a week. The Mules should thrive splendidly on this diet. Give a sprig or two of greenfood (seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel are the best, and are readily obtainable), or a bit of ripe fruit (apple, banana, orange, split grape, etc.), or thistle heads, hardheads, dandelion heads, etc., according to season.

ROUND THE EYE (F. B. S. M.).—The treatment you mention probably caused the Goldie to rub the region of the eye on the perch a good deal, and so brought about the "baldness" by rubbing away the feathers. If the eye and the flesh in the immediate region of the eye look healthy (I presume you would have said so had the case been otherwise), I advise you to leave things as they are, for the plumage will be renewed at the next moult. It is always risky to be meddlesome where the eye is concerned, for after treatment the bird invariably proceeds to rub it on a perch (of course, it is possible to take steps to render this less likely to cause harm), which may result in worse damage.

SOME STIFF QUESTIONS (J. E. W.).—(1) The unfertility would be due to the fact that no male sperm reached and fused with the female ovum. But this does not necessarily mean that the cock bird is sterile. The act of mating may not be properly consummated for some reason or other (excessive feather round the vents, or too great a discrepancy in the size of the two birds might be causes, or a difference in the manner of performing the act). It is not by any means uncommon for a certain pair of Canaries to produce nothing but unfertile eggs, yet when the hen is given a fresh husband, and her late spouse another wife, fertile eggs come from both couples. I have had this puzzling experience in my own bird room. By the way, judging by the figures you give, I think you allow your cock-birds to waste their strength; if mating occurs five or six times just prior to the laying of the first egg and up to the laying of the second, this is quite sufficient to ensure the fertility of a clutch of eggs. (2) You got on to different ground when substituting the hen Bullie for the hen Canary. For instance, I have known hen Bullies to "call" repeatedly to the cock Goldie, Linnet, or Canary, as the case may be, over a considerable period of time, and he has nobly done his duty, yet she has never so much as laid an egg! There can be no doubt that there is a certain incompatibility (or insultability, I can't think of a better term to express my meaning) to overcome in the case of hybrid couples. (3) Personally, I have always found healthy, well domesticated (steady and used to cage life) English hen Bullfinches very ready to lay eggs in captivity—it is several years now since I had one that declined to do so, and my records show that they have been very few in the whole of my experience. The foreign (Siberian or Russian) hen Bullfinch is quite a different proposition, however. Don't apologise for your questions: it is a treat to receive a few off the stereotyped track.

***GOLDFINCH MULE MOULTING** (W. D. G.).—Your bird will go right through with the moult now; indeed, you say that the feathers are "tumbling off him." The more quickly he gets it over the better it will be for him. If you did not start the colour-food until after he had been shedding feathers for some time, then he will be bound to come out patchy in colour. He will moult again next autumn. I can only guess at the likely cause of this cross moult. Note the reply given "H. J. W." this week; even a sudden change in the atmospheric conditions will sometimes suffice to start birds moulting out of season.

A LINNET'S TROUBLE (G.H.M.).—In my opinion you are not feeding the bird at all well, and this is most likely the cause of the digestive upset. Read the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet (post free 2½d.). He should have plenty of teazle-seed in the stock mixture. The green-food should not be watercress now, but seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, groundsel tops, and ripe dandelion heads, with the young, tender leaves also. Get from a chemist half an ounce each of tincture of gentian and tincture of rhubarb, mixed, and stir half a teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for 4 or 5 days, then on alternate days (plain water in between) over a period of 8 to 10 days, being guided by the bird's appetite and the state of its excreta. The medicine and the improved diet should soon alter the bird's condition.

LINNET IN MOULT (H. J. W.).—How did it happen? Have you moved the bird from a heated living-room into a cold room? Sometimes this is inadvertently done; i.e., a fancier buys a bird which has been kept in a heated room, but doesn't enquire as to this (maybe doesn't think of it) and puts the bird at once into, say, his own unheated outdoor bird-room. If the weather is cold, or chilly and damp, the result is "soft moult," or, worse still, pneumonia. Should your Linnet be casting feathers freely you can do little beyond waiting until the new plumage is completed, in the meantime feeding the bird generously, to keep up its strength, and keeping it in a sunny room, out of draughts. For use as a tonic and help, get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will cover a threepenny-piece in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for a week; then on alternate days (plain water in between) for about a fortnight. Let the bird have some seeding dandelion heads, and chickweed and shepherd's purse—all are obtainable freely now.

LINNET, ALSO GOLDFINCH AND CANARY COUPLES (First Shot).—Within the last week or two I have dealt with the feeding after mating of both Linnet-Canary and Goldfinch-Canary couples. Please look up these replies; it is impossible to repeat the same information practically weekly. The more liberal diet given the Finch does no harm whatever to the hen Canary after they are paired. As regards rearing the young birds, note the article now appearing in our paper. The broad outlines of my own methods are: I give all my hens, from the first day of hatching, canary seed in one vessel and summer rape in another vessel, with about a teaspoonful (according to number of young) of cracked hemp. I increase the latter as the youngsters grow, and add cracked sunflower and Plasmon oats or coarse oatmeal. Some hens like one thing, some another, and they should be "humoured" in this respect, if it is necessary. I don't think it essential to give plain yolk of egg; in fact, I find hens eat it better if a little crushed sweet biscuit is added. With regard to the giving of green food, this depends upon the kind available; if I am using stalks of ripe seeding shepherd's purse I give a little practically from the first, quickly increasing the quantity. I am very fond of this, and very successful with it, while the hens consume it greedily. Chickweed comes next in my estimation. If a hen "goes off" egg-food, I mix equal parts sweet biscuit and Plasmon oats and thoroughly moisten it with milk that has been boiled—this will rear as fine, lusty birds as ever were reared by egg. Note also the reply given "A. E. Clark" this week.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A HYBRID PAIR (A. E. Clark).—The advisability of removing the Goldfinch lies in the fact that the majority persist in either interfering with (pulling about) the nest, or smashing the eggs; even if they are not guilty of these crimes they seldom tolerate the presence of the young Mules, but are apt to bully and attack them. Thus it will be obvious to you that the best and safest plan is to leave the hen to incubate the eggs and rear the young all on her lonesome, as the poet says. With regard to feeding the young, note the reply given "First Shot" this week. A great point is not to encourage the hen Canary to get on with her next nest until the Mules are fairly on the way to supplying their own wants. Don't give her nesting material, on any account, until the youngsters are beginning to pick over the food. The latter should be placed on a "feeding board," one of the most useful appliances out (an illustration appears in this week's Cage Birds). By using this they get on food very quickly; they see the hen feeding from it, and soon begin to follow her example. When observed to do the latter, they can be shut off with a wired slide, through which the hen will continue to give them frequent "meals" (while building her next nest) until they cease to "cry" to her for food. Put a mixture of food on the board—egg-bread, well sprinkled with Plasmon oats (obtained from the grocer) and also some crushed canary, hemp and sunflower seeds, and maw seed, together with sprays of ripe seeding shepherd's purse. Shepherd's purse is very valuable; young birds delight in it.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING AMAZON (H. S.).—Please send full details as to how you have fed and treated this bird generally. Only such information can guide me as to cause and trouble. In the meantime, put a little honey and borax in the bird's mouth from the end of a small stick, twice a day, and if it appears to need a stimulant give a few sips of very weak brandy and water at intervals during the day. If it cannot eat seed, prepare a little sop as follows: Break up a plain biscuit, soak into it half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates, sprinkle with moist sugar, and pour over it sufficient boiling water to make the biscuit quite soft. As soon as it is eating freely of the seed mixture again gradually discontinue the sop. Give the above remedies at once, and send me the information asked for, and I will try and help you further. You must give details as to what the bird has had to eat during the past twelve months; also give particulars as to where you keep it. You ought not to have let the trouble run on for six months without getting some advice.

CAPE CANARIES (K., Knightsbridge).—From your description, your birds are Green Singing Finches, and not Cape Canaries; both belong to the genus Serinus, and the same treatment applies to each. They are both hardy species, and can be kept out of doors all the year round in a properly constructed garden aviary. Indoors, the temperature of any living or sitting room will suffice, but, like all birds, they must not be subjected to draught. It will be to their benefit to be put out of doors on genial, sunny days. Add a little rape to your seed mixture, and give an occasional millet spray. Greenfood should be given regularly, groundsel, lettuce, chickweed, shepherd's purse, and flowering grass are all readily eaten. A slice of sweet apple is a good substitute for greenfood during the winter months if the birds will take it.

FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (Bird Lover).—Some of them will breed with you, and you should begin with pairs each of Zebra Finches (7s. 6d.), Silverbills (3s. 6d.), Gold-breasted Waxbills (3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.), Green Singing Finches (5s.), Avadavats (2s. 6d.), Bengalese (3s. 6d.), Spice Finches (2s. 6d.): prices given are approximate, and per pair. You could also put in odd cocks of Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite and Siskin, but the two first are often great bullies in a mixed series, and you would have to be prepared to keep them caged if they proved to be such. You should supply the food in seed boxes or tins. The above would all do well on a seed mixture of canary, white millet, and Indian millet, also millet sprays, and some wild seed mixture for the British species. Of course, you must supply the other essentials regularly, viz.: Greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water. "Foreign Bird for Beginners" would help you greatly, 1s. 1½d. post free from our manager.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

AILING GREEN PARROT (M. E. B. F.).—So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, when the voidings become too loose, only give the magnesia once a week. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water. It would also be well to get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and to put a little on its tongue, or just inside its beak (use a small piece of stick for the purpose) once or twice daily; this will help to keep the throat clear. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, stale crusts, shelled nuts, and a piece of biscuit will give you an ample range of diet. Do not give any table scraps or sops; grit and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. Treat as above, and report progress two or three weeks hence.

BIRDS FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (A. R. L.).—You must not put in more than two dozen birds, and some of these must be small; also, I do not consider the Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, and Pekin safe company for the small foreigners in such space. The following would be a nice series:—Foreign: Zebra Finch, Silverbill, Bengalese, Orange-cheek and Gold-breasted Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, and Bib Finches (one pair of each). British: Siskin, Twite, Linnet, and Redpoll. You could put in odd cocks of Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers. The English Goldfinch is frequently an awful bully in restricted quarters. You could either put in a pair of Canaries or only hens, and have cocks only of the British species. I should turf the portion of flight which comes under the wire netting portion of roof.

AILING AMAZON (H.S.).—It is digestive troubles with your bird, and you must cease giving a "bit of everything," or it will mean prolonged suffering and ultimate death. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. If the latter occurs, then only give the magnesia once a week; on the intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water; supply clear water once a week only. There is an ample range of diet without giving that which is unwholesome—such as seed mixture, any kind of ripe fruit it will eat, nuts, dry plain biscuit, grit and cuttlebone should all form part of the daily menu. The following can also be given to vary the menu: Potato (dry), stale crusts, crust of toast, plainish cake (sultana, madeira, or sponge), but do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, other table scraps or animal food of any kind whatever. Continue the magnesia and phosphates for at least two months so as to properly correct matters; if you bring your treatment into line with the above, the bird should gradually recover tone, but any recurrence of the "bit of anything" diet will only bring about a similar or worse state of things.

ABOUT DOVES (A. McG.).—This query was partially replied to in our last issue. Doves that are closely allied are often very quarrelsome with each other, but I am of the opinion that you could keep three pairs in your outhouse. You already have the Barbary Turtle-Dove, and you could have Senegal Turtle-Doves, and either Australian Crested Pigeons or Picui Doves; very probably the above quartet would all agree together; they all breed freely. As regards sexing, the plumage in most species is similar, and sexing is difficult; the best way is, as pairs come into your hands, to study the shapes of the heads of male and female. You may easily pick out the former by his display to his mate.

GOULDIANS (Gould).—Gouldian Finches breed at almost all periods of the year in this country, and I certainly advise your persevering with this pair of birds, as I cannot but think that ultimate success will come your way. Keep the male bird under observation, and note if he is the culprit in throwing out the eggs; if so, you might change the cocks of your pairs (I think you have more than one pair); if not, let them have another try; brighter and warmer weather and unlimited green food may bring success. You might try another type of nest box, one closed all round and pretty deep, with an elliptical hole cut out of one side near the top for entrance. The probability is, the hen will lay another clutch straight away. Give them as much flowering grass as they will eat.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Oiseaux).—(1) The Budgerigars and Grey Java Sparrows should agree well together. I have known them so kept by many fanciers without mishap. The Pekin also would be all right, though he is somewhat of a nest robber and, moreover, must have soft food, ripe fruit, and live insects. (2) The Budgerigars would certainly breed in the aviary sooner or later, and very probably the Java Sparrows also. (3) Canary and white millet in equal parts, as one mixture for one hopper; and another of sunflower seed, hemp, paddy rice, and oats in equal parts. Also give one or two millet sprays per week. The essentials, viz., green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water, must also be regularly supplied. As regards green food, flowering grass and lettuce are favoured by all the above.

DOUBLE-FRONTED AMAZON (F. H.).—Give a dose (one teaspoonful in drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia once a week for a couple of months. Also get the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, Oxymel of Squills, and Glycerine in equal parts; half-teaspoonful of the mixture in the drinking water till the breathing is easier, on such days as you are not giving the magnesia. When the breathing is relieved, stop the mixture and put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day, which will tone the bird up. Your present diet is satisfactory, and the bird has the opportunity of taking exercise ad lib. I should not stint the food, but at same time let the bird eat up its seed pretty close before replenishing the tin. Soak and cleanse the legs and feet in hot watr (not hot enough for discomfort), then dry with a soft cloth and paint with neat whisky. Providing the voidings do not become watery-loose, the magnesia might be given every fourth day with advantage. After treating as above for a fortnight, please report progress.

YOUNG BLUE-FRONT (J. Reid).—Bathe the nostrils regularly with dilute glyco-thymoline, say daily for a fortnight. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat the dose once a week for a month. Get the following mixture from your chemist: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, put half a teaspoonful of this mixture in the drinking water (usual quantity), till the breathing is easier, on such days as you are not giving the magnesia; as soon as the breathing trouble is relieved, then give half-teaspoonful of Bynophosphates in the drinking water every other day for a month to tone it up. Keep two seed tins in its cage, one containing canary and wheat and the other sunflower, hemp, oats, and paddy rice. It will ultimately take some of the latter. It can have a little of any vegetables (unseasoned) it will take, also plain biscuits and some nuts. Of course, you must keep it fairly warm for a bit and guard against draught.

LEGAL QUERIES.

Answered by A. Barrister.

A Slander (Kilgerran).—There is no jurisdiction in the county courts to hear slander actions. The action must be started in the High Court and tried at the Assizes, and it cannot succeed unless you prove the publication of the words complained of. The onus of proving publication is upon you. The slander, if uttered, is a serious one. When you are in a position to call people who will swear that the words were spoken to them, you had better instruct your solicitor again.

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Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. H. (Wolverhampton).—Norwich hen died of broncho-pneumonia, arising in the first place from a cold, with extension of the inflammation to the bronchial tubes and lung tissue.

Puzzled (West Hartlepool).—Acute enteritis, or inflammation of the bowels, as the result of ptomaine poisoning.

Thomas Jones (Wimbledon).—Bird received was a hen, hence absence of song. It was in a very emaciated and impoverished condition, and appeared to have had rather a bad time. There was a subacute inflammation of the bowels, the exciting cause of death.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Peter Pan.—Good boy; better luck next time.

A. Downes.—Your letter has duly been forwarded.

P. Jarrott.—We thank you for your kindly compliments and hope always to continue to deserve them.

Ambitious.—We will think your suggestion carefully over, though at first glance it strikes us as hardly applicable to a journal such as our own.

Club Notices will be found on page 359 this week.

THE TRIALS OF A NOVICE

(Concluded from page 358.)

claws like reaper's hooks, which looked in every direction except downwards. Besides, she could not sit properly on the spar, for the want of back toes. Moreover, she seems to need new feathers every month or so. I found out afterwards he had bought it for 1s. 6d., and then charged me half-a-crown for it. Alas! human nature is weak where the almighty dollar is concerned. That hen has made somebody happy, however, for I have presented it to a little nephew of mine, who thinks as much of it as any fancier does of his first prize birds. My next purchase was the Goldie mentioned at the beginning of this letter. Let me say here that despite the way this bird has disappointed me in the matter of Mule breeding, I am deeply in love with him. His knowing and familiar ways fairly catch me. Try as I may, however, I cannot induce him to enter the wedded state.

Existing only to Eat!

All he seems to live for is his appetite, despite the leap year advances of his fair companion, viz., the buff hen. The first nest of eggs his intended mate laid, he devoured all but one. On the next clutch of eggs I cut a hole in the bottom of the nest, and placed a box underneath it. This box was lined with a stocking foot, and filled with cotton wool. The hen began straightway to fill up the hole with feathers, etc., but I took care she did not manage it. I got four eggs, and put these into a new nest, removed the Goldie, and waited with patience. I allowed her to sit the time, but no young birds appeared. I tried one of the eggs to see if there was any sign of life. No matter how I put it down, it persisted in standing on one end. I remembered the tricks of a toy I had seen; a fat Chinaman who, no matter how he was tossed about, always alighted on his feet. I remembered his mechanism, one end "full of emptiness," the other with lead. That egg was dry, with the yolk at one end. I broke the others, but they were all clear. My next trial was with a green hen, which I purchased from a chap who was giving up the Fancy, and gave her to wife to the Border cock. This hen laid five eggs, but would not sit on them. Better luck next time thought I; but she died in the attempt.

The Hardest of Hard Luck.

A few days after I invested 1s. in another Linnet. I liked his song, but he has not the taking ways of the Goldie. Shortly after I procured a hen for him. This hen caused me some anxiety, too. She was egg-bound the first egg she laid, but after my experience with the green hen I saved her. That egg constituted her first clutch. The next time the eggs were laid on the floor of the cage, and were all broken but one. She sat the third time though, after laying four eggs, two of which were fertile. Now, thought I, for Linnet Mules. But again disappointment. I allowed her to sit a day over the time, and then broke the eggs. I found one had "gone back," and the other contained a live Mule. I could have eaten my bonnet. To crown all, I am afraid I have lost a nest of Canaries. There were five or six fertile eggs, due to hatch to-day, but this morning I saw the hen was not covering the eggs properly, and I am afraid she may have been doing this too often. If any of your readers have had harder luck than this I shall be pleased to hear from them. We learn more from our failures than from our successes, but I think I would prefer the successes, and leave the learning to someone else! If there is any other novice who has caught the fever badly let me warn him not to try muling the first year, but to buy a pair of big Canaries, half Norwich and half Yorkshire. Should he succeed with these he will have a stock of hens for muling with the following year, while, if he wishes, he can easily dispose of the cocks at a profit.

Are Clear Mules got this way?

To my mind clear muling is the only thing worth aiming at; therefore buff birds should be bought, as it is from these that clear mules come. I have inquired into two cases where clear Mules have been got, and in both instances buff hens have been used, with cock British birds known to be advanced in years. My next point is, deposit your money with Cage Birds, and get your birds on approval. This is not a pat on the back for the Editor, but a genuine business hint. Never trust a Goldfinch with eggs, but adopt the plan stated above. Voracious eaters should be fed on plain canary, giving the rich seeds in small quantities twice daily. I am convinced that 90 per cent. of the Goldies which die, are killed by overfeeding. Always give your eggs at least two days over the stated hatching time, if the hen will sit.

A Fifeshire Novice.

Correspondence.

The Catching and Taming of Hawfinches.

SIR,—Will any reader of your valuable paper be kind enough to let me know how to catch Hawfinches, also how to tame them after they have been caught?

DAVID WILLIAMS.

Two Eggs in One Day.

Sir,—May I ask if any reader has had a similar experience to this: On the 13th April a Lizard-Norwich cross-bred hen (bred May, 1912) laid the first of a clutch of eggs, then missed laying the next day. On the 15th, however, she laid two eggs, both in the same night, one of which was perfect, but the other had no shell on one part of it, about one-sixteenth of an inch across, which was covered with skin.

N. POLLITT.

New Society for Cumberland and Westmorland.

Sir,—A society has been formed at Maryport called the Cumberland and Westmorland, Yorkshire C.C. The aim of this society is to popularise the Yorkshire Canary, both in the breeding rooms and shows, by giving extra point specials at approved shows held in the two counties. We have already a good membership, and a committee of enthusiastic fanciers. Our next meeting is on May 14th, 8 o'clock, at R. Pearson's, Senhouse Street, when we hope to enroll still more members. For membership apply—

J. HUNTINGTON, Hon. Sec.

19, Nelson Street, Maryport.

The Captive Life of a Skylark.

Sir,—I have a Skylark that has been in captivity for eleven years, and been out of doors all the year round, night and day, wind, rain, or snow, ever since he was hand-reared. He is one of the finest songsters that anyone has ever heard; he is the one to get you up early in the morning, just as it breaks daylight. The diet he has had is hemp seed, not crushed, and the waste seed, etc., from Canaries, and a new turf now and again. He can be heard singing 200 yards off. He is kept in an open Blackbird's cage with the perches out. He is as tame as a Canary, and will pick anything out of your fingers. I should be very pleased if you think it worth while to put this in your valuable paper

Highworth. H. C. A.

Though we cannot commend our correspondent on his method of feeding the bird, his letter is interesting, as showing how some birds will thrive on a diet that seems both unsuitable and inadequate.—Editor.

Black Mealworms.

They Return After Many Days.

Sir,—I was interested in seeing Mr. Arthur's letter on this subject in your last issue. I do not think his memory serves him quite correctly when saying I denied the existence of black mealworms, as a species. Like himself, I am writing from memory, and as the correspondence referred to took place five or six years ago, perhaps more, it is easy for either of us to be mistaken. I certainly did suggest that the black mealworms might be unhealthy specimens, which frequently occur in some stocks, and which are of a very dark colour, bordering upon black, but although I had not at that time, nor since, seen a normally healthy mealworm which I could honestly term a black one, I do not think I went so far as to deny the existence of such. I have seen mealworms said to be black ones, captured in a country bakery, and "wild grown," if such a term can be properly applied. They were certainly dusky, but it required a far more lively imagination than mine to believe they were black. Healthy specimens, quite as dark as they could, in my opinion, be picked out of any fair sized stock. I have not seen Mr. Arthur's specimens, so cannot express an opinion about them. The length of time they have been turning up might suggest the possibility of the existence of an uncommon variety due to environment, or, may be, a nearly allied species of beetle. If not troubling Mr. Arthur too much, I would be most obliged for a dozen or so of the most typical of his full grown, or nearly so, black specimens in order to investigate the latter point. As regards the growth of mealworms, I was amused to read the statement referred to by Mr. Arthur to the effect that the cycle from mealworm to mealworm was accomplished in three months. This assertion was so misleading that it was a pity the "blue pencil" did not exercise its prerogative and stop its career. Even Mr. Arthur's supposi- that the complete cycle requires twelve is, I am convinced, too short. Any logist knows that many species of require several years to complete their metamorphoses. A cycle of three years is a fairly common one, and in my opinion the mealworm beetle belongs to this class. I gave up the study of this subject prematurely many years ago, and have not resumed it, as I intended, to complete my investigations into the life history of this beetle. But so far as I went my results led me decisively to the above opinion. In one experiment I isolated six mealworms, ranging in size from a quarter of an inch long downwards. Twelve months later the largest worm was one inch long, and the smallest five-eights of an inch long—still quite immature. The pupal stage —i.e., between worm and beetle only—in every case isolated lasted from four to five weeks according to the prevalent weather. The results of these actual experiments with isolated specimens shows how ridiculous is the assertion of a three months cycle from mealworm to mealworm.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

[We do not remember the "three months" theory which is referred to by Mr. Arthur and Mr. St. John. Certainly, we have repeatedly published the fact that the cycle from mealworm to mealworm is not less than one year. We are forwarding to Mr. St. John the examples of black mealworms kindly sent by Mr. Arthur.—Editor.]

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Sir,—I thought you would be pleased to hear that there is one C.B.A. very much alive, and up-to-date in its methods of providing for the coming season. It proves what can be done by a body of workers, united, and sportsmen in a true sense. We have just had a lecture on "Animal Heroes," by the renowned E. Thomson Seton, Esq., the famous American hunter and naturalist. The result far exceeded our anticipation, leaving a big nest egg in the bank, so that all exhibitors sending birds to the B. and D. C.B.A. show may know that the prize money is guaranteed already; we have engaged the large Rifle Drill Hall (near station). It has plenty of room, and is well lighted. We are having a paper by Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, and have arranged an outing to the Museum (over 400 species of British birds) at Christchurch, with a lecture on them by the collector, Mr. Hart. Friends are invited to all our gatherings.

J. A. CRAWSHAW, Sec.

28, Gerald Road, Bournemouth.

Death to Red Mite.

Sir,—The following will be found an effective method of destroying red-mite. Take the infected cage out of doors and remove the front, but leave the perches, etc., alone. Take a good teaspoonful of Keating's powder, and place it in a small vessel, a tin can for instance. Put two or three red-hot cinders on this powder and turn the cage front downwards over it, leave it there for about twelve hours. Afterwards wash the cage thoroughly with soap and warm water, when thoroughly dry it is ready for use, and all traces of red mite gone.

W. HOPKIN GRIFFITHS.

A Voice from Canada.

An English Fancier Writes from British Columbia.

Sir,—I have just received your splendid issue of CAGE BIRDS of February 15th, containing the report of the great Crystal Palace Bird Show, and beg to congratulate you on the magnificent report you put out for the pleasure and benefit of the Fancy. I can assure you the reports of all the leading shows form very interesting reading to me every week when I get my CAGE BIRDS. I was sorry to hear of the cold wet weather you had in the old country in the early part of last breeding season, as I noticed a great many fanciers complained of it being a very poor breeding season. I was pleased to note the high quality right through the various sections, both in the open and novices classes. I am inclined to think that it is the high (excessive) prices asked for really good stock birds of some varieties that keep them from becoming popular on the show bench. As a rule the bulk of the fanciers are among the ranks of the working class, and seeing that their pockets are not deep, they can't go in for costly varieties such as Belgians, Crests, Lancashires, and Scots Fancies. I expected to have seen some more new Hybrids out this year, in view of the "new road" opened last year by the appearance of the Greenie Chaffinch. I noticed in CAGE BIRDS that during the breeding season last year some breeder in Scotland claimed to have bred and reared two Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrids. What has become of these new Hybrids? They were not among those at the great show. I also noticed in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 8th this year the report of a well-known exhibitor and judge, Mr. A. Hay, Berwick, that he had unfortunately lost his muling cock Chaffinch, which he claims bred mules with a Canary hen last year. The British birds must have been a wonderful sight seeing that all the champions were on view. I trust that the coming breeding season will be a good one for the Fancy, and wish your excellent paper every success.

JNO. NICHOLSON.

Nanaimo, B.C.

Protecting the Roofs of Outdoor Birdrooms and Aviaries.

Sir,—As a constant reader of your valuable paper, and being in the trade as a builder, I should like to say a word or two on how to fix roofing felt. I find that the more nails you put into felt, the sooner it is gone. Now, I might be charged by some persons in giving away a trade secret, but I will give you the best way to fix felt, exactly as it is done on the most modern principle, when, if done properly, you will have to take hammer and chisel to get it off. First get some pitch and boil up in creosote oil, which can be bought for sixpence per gallon, and while it is hot, start at the highest point of your building, with the length of felt rolled up. Cover the width of the boards, where the felt goes, with the hot mixture of pitch and oil, and roll the felt down on to it, until you have got the whole length out, and, at the same time as you are unrolling, press it down on to the mixture, which when set will fasten the felt to the boards all over. A very cheap way to cover a roof is to get some very old sacks, taking care that they are very dry. Open them and spread them out on the roof to be covered and tack them down at top and bottom with small tacks, and give them three coats of the above mixture on three consecutive days. You will then find that a roof will last for twenty years.

W. BERRY.

Some Observations on Birds.

Sir,—I thought perhaps the following notes I have taken might be of interest:—On March 23rd I heard what I took to be the Corn Bunting, and I think the Yellow Bunting also; April 2, heard Chiff-Chaff; April 7, heard Willow Warbler; April 18, heard Cuckoo in evening, and also every day since, at least once during day; April 19, saw two or three Swallow birds (not sure which), possibly Swallows or House Martins; they speedily disappeared, and I have not seen any since. A stuffer told me that he had killed a nice male Wheatear some little time back. Like the Parrot, I thought the more! I heard of Sand Martins being seen some good time back, and the Cuckoo, and I saw the Wryneck before I heard the Cuckoo. I may say with regard to the House Sparrow I have four hand-reared last year's birds, which I reared myself Personally, I like them very much. They are quaint, perky, hearty birds, and are in fine condition. They are shyer than some other of my hand-reared birds, but quite at home. They are a male and three females, all from one nest, and all that were in it. They do not show much sign of breeding, but I believe a Blackbird which I have does. All my birds are in cages. I found the Sparrows difficult to hand-rear, they seemed so nervous. I tried to imitate their surroundings by keeping them in a small barrel upright, and copying a domed nest, as they were taken from ivy on a house. I hand-reared a Hedge Sparrow, which I regret to say died through being too well fed. It was a most taking bird, very fearless. I have a hand-reared Linnet, and cock Chaffinch also, both extremely tame. I am afraid there is a lot of bird nesting, and there has been catapult work and promiscuous shooting about here. Success to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

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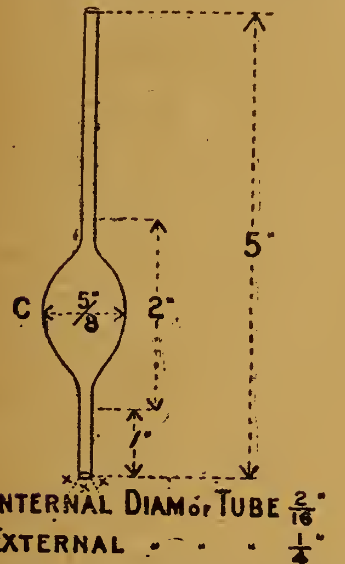
Is there a Recognised Yorkshire Show Cage in Ireland?

Sir,—I am a breeder of Yorkshire Canaries, and as yet a non-exhibitor, but as I intend exhibiting this coming season I would like to know if there is a recognised Yorkshire show cage in Ireland. At the few shows I have visited they were all sorts and sizes, some made with punch-bar frames, and others lapped wire, while not a few had detachable tops. There is also a great difference in the drinkers on these cages, some of them being white inside, some blue, others black, and even green. Perhaps some of your readers could give me a description of the genuine standard Yorkshire Union show cage and drinker. If any of the Irish societies have it in their rules that exhibitors must use Yorkshire Union show cages, I would be glad to become a member. In my opinion novices should fight shy of societies that allow other than the Union show cages, as they have absolutely no chance against the so-called novices who mark their cages, and this also would apply to many of the champion exhibitors. In the interests of fair competition all birds should be exhibited in similar cages.

J. H.

Egg-bound Hens and Their Cure.

Sir,—The accompanying sketch is of an article which I have found of great use in dealing with hens that are egg-bound. By the usual method of applying oil to the vent, I found that as much oil went on the feathers as into the vent, thereby creating a loss of oil, and discomfort to the bird. The article in the sketch is made of fairly strong glass, and is based on the principle of a chemist's pipette. The oil to be used is sucked up into the reservoir C. The oil will remain in the reservoir so long as the tip of the finger is pressed tight over the end A. The end B is then placed in the vent of the bird, and the finger tip withdrawn from the end A. The emptying of the reservoir can be accelerated by blowing very gently down the end A. This tube will cost about twopence. If any of your readers have a blow lamp and a piece of glass tubing, they should try and blow the reservoir themselves; it is very easy, but they must be careful to cool it very gradually. The ends of the tube must be rounded off in the flame, or else they will cut the bird. I hope this apparatus may prove of some use to your readers.



R. B. Lambert.

Where Are the Foreign Birds in the Yorkshire District?

Sir,—I am perhaps asking an impertinent question, but as it directly concerns me perhaps you will overlook this. It is: Why do we see so few Foreign Bird dealers advertise, especially those in the North? I am a great lover of all birds, especially foreigners, and have kept them all my life, or close on 40 years. Whenever business takes me to a town, I look for a bird shop. I am living near Middlesboro in Yorkshire, and don't know of a foreign bird dealer within many miles of here. I have heard there is one at Leeds, and one at Bradford. I would often take a trip as far as 50 miles to have a look round a bird shop and pick up a bird or two, but I can't say I know of any nearer than Hull, which is a very awkward place to get at from here. There are many trips from here, and my wife being a great lover of birds and a true help-mate to me, we could often take a trip together in quest of a bird or two, did we only know where to find them. I know the East of London is the bird lover's paradise, but that is rather too far. I have regularly taken Cage Birds, and have seen many changes in it. It is always improving and always to the front. I generally read it through, meaning advertisements as well, and have picked up some splendid birds through its pages, and have also sold many. Why a large bird dealer neglects to advertise I can't for the life of me understand. I am not alone in this, either. A foreign bird lover loves to look through a bird shop, and then if he sees what he wants, or what he thinks he wants, out comes the money. Perhaps a Leeds or Bradford dealer will put an advt. in just for my sake. I guarantee he will get a few pounds of my money. There are several dealers in the South that I can quite rely on to send me what I want, but what can equal the pleasure of a bird lover of admiring and picking out the bird he wants from among many more. I hope, sir, these remarks are not too personal.

Foreign Bird Lover.

Late Entries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—I have been rather busy of late, and consequently my reply to Mr. Ramsden's letter of March 8th has been delayed. Mr. Ramsden, in his latest contribution, even with your editorial note, fails altogether to explain away the grounds of complaint I have maintained throughout, namely, that my entries sent on the same date as in previous years were rejected, along with those of Mr. Smalley, while those of other exhibitors forwarded at the same time were accepted. My information as to the date when the entries referred to were sent in is absolutely reliable, and I, therefore, fail to see how any reference to Mr. Ramsden's books can alter the position at all. The point I mentioned as to the effect on the prize money, which the acceptance or otherwise of the entries would have, Mr. Ramsden ignores. With regard to the statement that my entries were received by the last post on Jan. 28th, as your representative was leaving, I have looked up my correspondence and find that the envelope in which my entries were *returned* from London, bears the time stamp, 5.15 p.m. This as your readers will readily grasp, shows that the entries were actually being dispatched from the post office in London by 5.15, and must, therefore, have been received by Mr. Ramsden in the early part of the afternoon, at the latest, and there is certainly no suggestion of "last post" about this. In order to dispel any possible doubt as to the correctness of my statement with regard to the time of the return of the entries from London, I have had the original envelope photographed. I enclose a copy, and shall be obliged if you will reproduce it along with this letter. Mr. Ramsden will recognise the reproduction as genuine, and I think it will show your readers that I have every justification for the position I have taken up.

E. Godley.

Mr. Ramsden's Reply.

Sir,—I am in receipt of your favour enclosing letter and photograph from Mr. Godley, and your request for an explanation. I unreservedly accept the accuracy of Mr. Godley's evidence as to the time of the return of his entries. I shall be glad if you, sir, will kindly reprint my letter and the footnote of your own to which Mr. Godley refers.

Mr. Ramsden's Letter, Published March 8th.

Sir,—Mr. Godley is in error in stating that I interfered with entries. I did my utmost for exhibitors, but after the catalogue was numbered I could not accept entries from anyone. I cannot admit the accuracy of Mr. Godley's statements re other exhibitors, as they do not agree with my books. I adhere to my previous statement, and I call upon your representative to state in a footnote whether he found the catalogue numbered throughout in numerical order when he called on the Tuesday (28th), and, after comparing his notes with the catalogue, whether I accepted further entries?

J. W. Ramsden.

[It is only fair to Mr. Ramsden to comply with his request, and we therefore endorse his statement—that the copy for the catalogue was complete and ready for the printers, with all entries numbered (by machine) in strict order, when our representative called on Mr. Ramsden on January 28th for particulars of the entry. It is quite clear that no entries were accepted after particulars were given us. Mr. Godley's entries were received by the last post on the Tuesday night as our representative was leaving after all our notes had been taken, and after the numbered copy for the catalogues was complete for the printers, and Mr. Ramsden expressed to our representative his regret that no course was open to him except to return them.—Editor.]

I was certainly under the impression when I wrote my previous letter (i.e. the one published on Feb. 22nd) that Mr. Godley's were the entries that arrived last post Jan. 28th. This letter was written from memory (my business, as Mr. Godley well knows, often takes me from home) On reconsidering the matter, in the light of Mr. Godley's last letter, I now distinctly remember that it was Mr. Nason's entries of Cinnamons which arrived by that post, and when expressing my regret to your representative, Mr. Fulljames, that they would have to be returned, I remarked what a pity it was, as I had just had to return more Cinnamon entries from Mr. Godley. I have no doubt now that it was the fact of my mentioning Mr. Godley's name in connection with these entries which caused your Mr. Fulljames, when asked by me (in the above letter) to corroborate my statement, to conclude that they were Mr. Godley's own entries. I adhere to my previous statement that no entries were accepted after the catalogue had been numbered, with one exception only, where I allowed a name to be altered, owing to a bird having died. Even if the acceptance of Mr. Godley's late entries with Messrs. Smalley's and Nason's in the Cinnamon section had involved the show in a slight loss, this would have been more than balanced by the profit which was represented by the other entries returned belonging to other sections in the show. Two instances are Mr. Whittaker's Norwich Plainheads and Mr. Dormer's extra stock entries, as is probably known to Mr. Godley, seeing that both these gentlemen also reside in Blackburn. As evidence that I am not at all desirous of being "disobliging" to exhibitors (as Mr. Godley seems to infer) I may say that I accepted the few entries that reached me first post on the Tuesday, but beyond this I could not go, and at the same time keep to contract with my printers. To avoid controversies of this nature in the future I shall evidently have to stick absolutely to the advertised date of closing, and refuse to oblige any exhibitors, no matter how reasonable their excuse for sending late entries may be.

J. W. Ramsden.

So far as the above matter concerns ourselves, we may say that our footnote was based upon what our representative, Mr. H. J. Fulljames (who called upon Mr. Ramsden on the evening of Jan. 28th, to obtain particulars of the Palace Show entry) recollected of the matter on March 5th, when Mr. Ramsden's letter reached us.—Editor.

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IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE POINT OF VIEW!

A New Society is formed at Weymouth.

Sir,—A cage-bird, etc., fanciers' association has been formed for Weymouth and district, and I have been appointed secretary. Will all those desirous of joining kindly communicate with me, and I shall be pleased to give them full particulars as to membership. We want to make this a lively association, so shall be glad of all the support possible. There is a great need for a society here, and I feel sure it would stimulate interest considerably.

A. R. Coggie.

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To Secure Swansdown Linings in Nest Pans.

Sir,—To fix the lining in the nest pan, sew same in with strong white thread passed by means of a needle through the air holes in the nest pan. Pass the thread through one hole from the outside of the pan and return it through the same hole, so as not to leave a large stitch inside for the birds to pull. Proceed to pass the thread through the other air holes and then tie the ends firmly. This obviates the use of paste, and when done with the thread may be cut and the lining pulled out.

H. W. Beecher Bryant.

For Preserving "Cage Birds" Coloured Plates.

Sir,—Having more plates than I could find frames for, I hit upon the following plan, and find it works excellently. First of all cut the white border off the picture, then paste it on a piece of three ply wood, half inch larger all round, then paint the wood border black, or stain it brown with permanganate of potash. When dry, give the plate put a coat of size, followed with a coat of picture copal varnish, or, if you leave out the size, two coats of the varnish. Two small picture eyes complete the picture, and I can assure you they look first class, and can be washed with soap and water.

F. Wilhelm Hudd.

Breeding with Bullfinches in South Africa.

Sir,—During the last breeding season I had a pair of Bullfinches, and brought out three nests of young Bullies, and in each case lost them when youngsters had been hatched out four or five days. The youngsters in each case were quite healthy when hatched, and had a mixture of 16 kinds of seeds, and plenty of egg food. The first round, as the eggs were laid I removed them, and put them under a Roller hen, as I did not like to trust the Bullie hen. The second round I left them with the Bullie hen, and she hatched four young, and kept them alive about five days. The third round I left them again with the Bullie, who hatched all out. Two died about 3 days old; the other two I transferred to a Roller hen with two of her own chicks about the same age. One died the third day after, and the other the fourth day, but she reared her own youngsters. The young Bullies were to all appearance quite strong and healthy when hatched out. This has quite baffled me, and I shall esteem it a great favour if any brother fancier will let me know if there is any particular method of feeding young Bullies. I am trying again this next season. I wish your valuable journal, Cage Birds, every success.

C. Chamberlain.

Port Elizabeth, S. Africa.

Some Observations on Early Birds.

Sir,—The past winter has been very mild and open, and in consequence the wild birds have started breeding very early. I have kept records now for years of the earliest nests of eggs and young, and in referring to my list I find that this season is the earliest yet recorded. I am not referring to a single nest, but nests. At the beginning of February I was informed of three Thrushes' nests with eggs, and the birds sitting; these were in gardens; also of two Blackbirds' nests, with the birds sitting. After a good many years' observation of these early birds, I have found that the Thrush is nearly always the first one to build and lay. I was told on good authority that a young Thrush fully fledged was found about the middle of January on St. Neot's Common. There will now be plenty of young Thrushes and Blackbirds about, and anyone wishing to raise these grand songsters will be able to get more cocks than hens from these early nests. Last year a friend of mine raised an early nest of Blackbirds, and out of the five young, four proved to be cocks. I have myself proved this to be the case with early Blackbirds many a time when I used to hand-rear these birds. If any of your readers go in for this hand-rearing of either Thrushes or Blackbirds, I should most certainly advise them to give them plenty of egg in their diet. An egg should be hard boiled, and then plunged into cold water for some five minutes. For one feeding a quarter would be sufficient. It should be finely chopped and mixed with double its quantity of very finely crumbled bread and then made quite sloppy with boiled new milk. On this diet I have been very successful with both these birds; the egg gives them plenty of stamina. Of course ants' eggs mixed with it would also be an advantage. We who live in the country cannot get the ants' eggs so readily as those living in towns where they are nearly always on sale at the seed shops, or bird dealers' establishments.

Nimrod.

The Terror of the Village.

Some Reminiscences of an Old Bird Lover.

Sir,—How very ignorant and indifferent most people, particularly town people, are in regard to our pets—the most lovely, fascinating, and interesting living things our Creator has given us to admire. How many City men or women know a Tit from a Nightingale, or a Bunting from a Shrike? They know a Sparrow and a Canary; the rest of winged creatures are "birds," that's all. I recently showed a lady my large aviary in the garden—there were about 120 birds—all the best Britishers, hardbills and softbills, in the most glorious condition, just after the moult, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Cirl Buntings, etc., etc., all like wax (as the experts term it). I explained to the lady how rare some of the birds were. She kept saying: "Oh!—Oh!—Oh!" At last I paused, expecting at least a well-deserved, "How beautiful! What lovely creatures!" Instead, came a cold matter of fact query, "But what are they for? What do you do with them? What is the good of them?" I felt a cold shiver, and was inclined to—(well, never mind, the Editor would not print it). I murmured something about "hobby—beautiful pets," but she cut me short: "Hobby? Birds? What a funny man you are! Fancy taking all that trouble about birds." She put her nose in the air, rustled her silks and marched off. Only a bird lover will understand my feelings. The same lady would go miles to see a blouse, or a novel hat with feathers. Yes, birdlovers are born, and are a separate class. I don't wish to praise them, as I am one of them, but I may say that indifference to such lovely creatures as birds surely indicates a callous disposition, and entire lack of sentiment. I was barely eleven years of age when I took a Golden-Crested Wren, two days old, and reared it into the most perfect specimen I ever saw in captivity. It flitted about the tea-table, and was the pet of the family. I then tried, as I always did as a boy, to teach it flying in and out of the window. It did fly into the garden of an old monastery, and that was the last I saw of it. Thrushes, Magpies, Jays, Shrikes, and an endless variety of other birds I reared as a boy (not forgetting four Jenny Wrens taken when only a few days old, with more or less success in taming them to keep flying about the house and garden. Mostly they were killed, being too tame. Four young Kestrels reared from the nest were rather an interesting lot. They became a terror of the little country town in which I resided as a boy. They darted into kitchen windows, snatching meat from the plates, and made so much mischief generally that I and my pets were voted absolute pests to the place, and I was sternly informed that I must cage them up. I meekly replied that I could not, because they did not come home at night; invariably I was delighted with each new success my pets achieved. But the end came when one of the glorious birds swooped into the kitchen of the forester's wife, snatched a piece of meat out of the frying-pan, and darted out again; the forester shot the four of them the same day. My next pet was a magnificent Kite, reared from the nest, a grand bird, exceptionally large, perfect in every feather, and as tame as a kitten. I used to carry him about with me, letting him fly at times, and one day he succeeded in getting hold of an old hen, and the schoolmaster saw it. He reported it to the City Fathers at the club that evening, and I was told that my pet would have to be destroyed the very next day. At dawn of day I left home with my pet, climbed a high mountain giving a glorious view of miles of beautiful forest lands, and then threw him high up into the air. He circled around me several times, and then settled in an old high beech tree. There I left him and went home, looking around at him as long as I could. Long after, I heard his majestic note—"ceah, ceah, ceah"—through the silence of the lonely forest. That parting was the first sincere grief my young heart had experienced. In after years, when roaming all over the globe, my interest in birds never ceased. In the North Atlantic, hundreds of miles from the land, I caught a beautiful Snow Owl. Off Cape Horn, also miles out at sea, in stormy weather, I caught Siskins (or a bird very similar) which alighted absolutely exhausted on board. In the China seas, after a dreadful typhoon, I was thrilled with delight one morning when I beheld the yards of the sailing ship I was in simply covered with many hundreds of the most gorgeously magnificent tropical birds imaginable. I might continue for hours to relate further bird stories; how we caught Sea Gulls, Cape Pigeons, Sea Swallows, and Albatrosses at Cape Horn and Cape of Good Hope, how we shot, or tried to shoot, the great Condor in Chili and Peru, about the Kiwi (Apteryx) of New Zealand, etc., etc.; however, no doubt the Editor thinks enough is as good as a feast; hence I conclude with best wishes to Cage Birds, and all bird lovers.

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A Roller Society for the Potteries.

Sir,—It is with pleasure that I am writing to inform you, and our local Roller fanciers, that we, the Burslem and Dis. C.B.S., have started to form, in conjunction with our own, a Roller Society. We are anticipating putting some kind of a trophy up for competition amongst them. Therefore all who would like to compete must of necessity join by the time of our next meeting, date and time of which can be had from Cage Birds. We also have the rings to enable them to compete in the young bird contests. Particulars as to prices of same can either be had from me, or Mr. Watson, 6, Paradise Street, Tunstall, who is secretary for the Roller fanciers. Come to the front, Roller men, and make your hobby popular in this district.

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Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique Judges" to Blame?

Sir,—Let me assure Mr. Lambie that I am not in the least upset because his name appears under his epistles. But let me draw his attention to his letter of March 1st, wherein he advertised himself as having judged a few club shows, and said he was certain he gave the best of satisfaction without marking birds "soft" to cover faults. Now, neither the Fifer nor anyone else had asked whether he was a judge or not? He is, however, afraid it would be rather a hard task for him to satisfy all now. Why, Mr. Lambie, after your 15 years' experience in Fancy? Let me ask Mr. Lambie if "Clique Judges" were the cause of the short entries where he won his 1st prizes. He seldom, if ever, had full prize-money. And if "Clique Judges" were not the cause, will he endeavour to tell us the cause through your columns? Let me also ask him what he means by inviting the members of the B.F.C.C. to review the list of prize-winners (club specials). Does he infer that the B.F.C.C. specials are given to birds that are not the best in the various judges' opinions, or does he want them awarded on the "family system" in future? To Mr. Logan let me say that I am not defending any clique, but denying that "Clique Judges" are the cause of short entries at our Scottish shows. At first I attempted to give various causes, but for a considerable time have been too busy avoiding the mud slinging from what might be termed a clique of unsuccessfuls in various ways. Your last letter contains nothing worthy of notice, except your invitation to meet you in Edinburgh, which I am certain would serve no good purpose, save to satisfy your curiosity. But I can afford to smile while your informants fool you as to who "Plainhead" is, and what he is. I am going to tell you that he is a fancier who has won first prizes every year since he started. He has never exhibited with pigeon grit, or extra thick spare, as distinctive marks. He has never purchased his winners at 2s. each. He will again show, and win, and lose when the proper time comes. He has never had an offer of 10s. for one of his show cages; he can give four cages for that amount (excuse the advertisement). He has shown under most of our judges, but certainly showed most under the judges he did best under, and this will still be his future practice, all being well. He believes other fanciers can breed good birds as well as himself, and if he gets the opportunity of purchasing such birds, he tries to do so. He knows many causes for short entries in Scotland, which he will give later, with the Editor's permission. He knows many shows in England with good inducements for fanciers to give their best entries yet short entries and cancelled classes have prevailed. He knows it is easy to get plenty to criticise judges; he also knows that the most ready to criticise are the most likely to blunder. I may assure you, Mr. Logan, that I was very pleased with my success last breeding season, and hope for as good success this. No doubt five firsts (or less) in 15 years would naturally make a man believe that it was time for a change of judges! I do hope those who have set out to make themselves better known, in the Fancy will succeed in their efforts (if it's better than improving their stock). I may also say to Mr. Logan that I don't require to await the assistance of others before I reply to letters and hope he is not judging me by his own experience. Plainhead.

With the replies of Messrs. Lambie and Logan (if they care to send such), this correspondence must now close. We shall, however, be pleased to publish "Plainhead's" reasons for short entries whenever he chooses to forward them.Editor.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Birdkeepers.

Sir,—As a reader of Cage Birds, and a bird-keeper, I would crave a word with Mr. Fairholme. No doubt ere this he has read the reply by the Secretary of Cage Birds League. I am with the latter in saying that Mr. Fairholme is certainly wrong in being against the keeping of wild birds in captivity. Wild birds, properly attended to, and kept in large cages or garden aviaries, are far better off than those exposed to nature. In my little garden there are dozens of poor little things who contribute to the neighbours' cats' dinners; by-the-bye, why not prosecute the owners of cats for letting their animals out of control? There is another point that I fear the humanitarian societies lose sight of—Bird-keeping is principally a poor man's hobby; now do they not think that it should be encouraged rather than otherwise? If they were to get amongst bird-keepers they would find this hobby has a softening influence, and, what is more, it keeps many a man from the public house. Another point, Mr. Fairholme, if you are against the keeping of wild bred birds (and I should say the argument applies also to animals) in captivity—what about that powerful example we have in Regent's Park? Surely before you condemn the poor man you should remedy the larger so-called evil?

H. C. Peerless.

Sir,—It was, I think, two years ago, almost to a day, that you promised to "blue pencil" all political matter which appeared in the letters of your correspondents, and I am therefore surprised to see that in your current issue a Mr. J. W. Cutmore has treated your readers to a miniature Radical address, and has out-Georged Lloyd in his vituperation of the "lazy rich." Now, sir, I have asked before in your journal, what connection exists between the Fancy and the "lazy rich" or any other sort of rich—or poor for that matter?—but could get no satisfaction from the many who replied. I will therefore content myself, at this juncture, by saying that a more ill-advised letter from the Fancy point of view, than that of Mr. Cutmore's could not well have been written. To begin with, his whine to the R.S.P.C.A. to attack someone else, is a distinct exhibition of "blue funk" and must serve as an encouragement to the Royal Society to pursue further its campaign against bird-keepers. His further statement that the Fancy is an "easy prey," must be good reading for its enemies, but I am sure it will not be appreciated by those who have followed the history of Cage Birds League, and have read the admirable articles of its secretary, or by any fancier who has backbone enough to prefer fighting to snivelling.

A. R. Coe.

[We are afraid our correspondent has "politics" on the brain. We fail to see any political significance whatever in Mr. Cutmore's letter; it deals with what are purely and simply questions of facts. And that "Facks is not polerticks" we have the assurance of a very celebrated philosopher.—Editor.]

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The London Fancy Canary.

Why Not Resuscitate It?

Sir,—Has the London Fancy quite died out? For years now it has only been in the hands of a few fanciers, and those mostly old fanciers; no young ones seem to take this old variety up and give it life again. I don't believe there was a single bird shown last year; there certainly are no classes for the variety at any of our large shows, which I think is a great pity; for I don't like to see any variety go out of existence. Perhaps if it were "boomed" a bit it might come to life again. Cannot some of our wealthy men put up a good prize at our National show to give it a start once again and try and revive this once beautiful Canary? I believe it originally started in London. Why not London restart it? It is now over thirty years ago since I bred these birds, and many a time have I had them called mongrels by old fanciers, who said they were as rotten as a reed, and were not worth wasting time on, as they were only cross-breds. Well, I do believe they were cross-breds, but you can breed from cross-breds until you establish a pure breed, as it is done now so frequently in many varieties. What about new breeds of dogs, White Canaries, Blue Budgerigars, and poultry? In the days that I bred them, I had to continually inbreed to get the marking, and even then most of the young were mottled, which marks disappeared in the first or second moult. I have crossed them with the Lizard and back again for several years, and I did think that I made an improvement in them, although I certainly did not improve the Lizard. I have used strong robust Norwich with them to give them extra stamina, and then inbred them, which process, I think, much improved them, and was the means of getting several good even-marked Norwich without the eye marks; in fact, two pointed, so to speak. These markings were not fixed, only persisting for one or even two moults, but they were most beautiful birds to look at, and were much admired. Through illness I was not able to carry out the many experiments I had intended with these birds, and since those days in the eighties, I have not been able to get any more London fancies to experiment with and try to improve their stamina, and so get this once pretty variety on its feet again. The show plumage of the London Fancy does not last for many years, and that's where the young beginner would have a chance in taking up the variety. Its beauty is at its best the first year like that of the Lizard. Perhaps some old fancier could tell me which sprang into existence first, the Lizard or the London Fancy; my theory is that the Lizard did, and that the London Fancy is an off-shoot or sport from this now popular breed. I hope, Mr. Editor, that these few lines may be the means of this old variety coming to life again, and be catered for at one or more of our big London shows. Old Breeder.

THE HAND REARING OF BRITISH BIRDS.

By
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The confiding ways and delightful tameness of hand-fed birds appeal to many bird-lovers, and to those who do not mind the trouble incidental to the process of rearing them, this contribution will prove very helpful.

AT this time of the year a few practical hints on the hand-rearing of some of the more common of our British birds may be useful to those of the readers of CAGE BIRDS who may by any fortuitous happening become possessed of a nest of youngsters which require rearing by artificial means. I well remember when as a boy I lived in what was then a pretty little country village in Kent, where such species as Blackbirds, Thrushes, Starlings, Larks, Jackdaws and most of the Finches abounded, and their nests could be found in abundance, my great delight before and after school hours used to be to tend to the wants of a hungry family of one of the first three named species, and I must confess it would still afford me infinite pleasure to be able to do the same.

The Days of Long Ago.

In those days, some thirty or more years ago, there was no useful information in the subject to be had by reading CAGE BIRDS, or putting a query on the point to an ever willing expert and getting to know all one desired. It was usually a case of a roughly made cage and a diet that only the fittest would survive upon. In fact, all we knew then was to give crushed hemp seed and soaked bread crumbs, with a little scraped meat and earth worms, so that it is small wonder that the percentage of deaths was high.

One may ask why should we go to the trouble of hand-rearing birds when we can get the same kind wild caught and tame them in a short time. True it is there is really little or no advantage in hand-rearing the smaller species of insectivorous birds, because they readily adapt themselves to cage life, and suitable treatment is usually all that is necessary, but, on the other hand, the larger species, such as Jays, Magpies, Missel Thrushes, and a few others are very difficult to tame if adult caught. I have seen some Thrushes that have been cage-moulted several times, and have still retained some of their natural wildness, and such are liable to ruin completely their plumage, perhaps just before a show at which their owner has reckoned them a "dead cert" for a prize. So that there is a very material advantage in hand rearing these species, and in having a delightfully tame bird that will eagerly look for some choice tit-bit which he knows you will give him, rather than keeping one that may remain what is commonly called a "cage duster."

A Job for Early Risers.

It is, however, of no use attempting to hand-rear birds unless one is prepared to do the thing properly, and that means that one must be "up with the Lark," for young birds require feeding from daylight to dusk; "little and often" should be the motto. It is no good giving youngsters a heavy feed and thinking they will last for several hours without food, for their digestive organs are very delicate, and unless properly and rationally fed they will soon succumb to troubles arising from indigestion. They should be fed every two hours or so at most, and not crammed until they can eat no more. One has only to think for a moment of the number of times a pair of birds feed their young in the course of a day, sometimes having to fly a considerable distance to obtain the supply, to see that one feeding by hand would be equal to many such mouthfuls as are given by the parent birds. Then, again, the artificial diet would be less easily digested than the natural one which the old birds would supply.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the cage in which the young are placed must be kept scrupulously clean, and particularly all excreta must be removed when the birds are fed while they remain in the nest, and after they have grown sufficiently to take to the perches the cage bottom must be thoroughly cleaned as often as necessary. It is a very good plan to have a fresh tray to insert when the soiled one has been removed for cleaning. Young birds, especially young Magpies, Jays and Jackdaws, soon get very dirty, and anything but a pleasure to look upon, if they are not well looked after in this respect. The principal ailment from which young birds, especially young Larks, suffer is cramp, and this is largely, I believe, brought about by improper feeding, although in the case of Larks it is desirable to cover the cage bottom with damp turf as soon as the young birds begin to run about.

During the First Stages.

Suppose one has found a nest of eggs and intends to take the young when the proper time arrives. A note should be made when the eggs are hatched, and the young ones should be taken with the nest on the tenth day after they are hatched, or, in any case, not later than the twelfth day. The reason for this is that up to the tenth day they "gape" for food readily, and are just showing the feather at the end of the quill, but if left after the twelfth day they frequently refuse to "gape," in which case they have to be forcibly fed by opening the bill with the thumb and forefinger and gently inserting the food. The nest should be taken and placed in a convenient sized cage with a good sized door in the centre, so that the young birds may be easily fed, and the cage front covered with some light linen material. The cage should be put in a quiet corner, free from draught, until feeding time.

Whilst on the question of the right time to take the young birds for hand-rearing, it might be worth recording the experiences of a friend of mine who, some few years back, successfully reared a good many youngsters that were either fledged and about to leave the nest, or had actually left the nest. Of course, at this age they most assuredly will not "gape" for food, no matter how hungry they may be. His method was to place the nest in a small cardboard box, well perforated at the top to allow of air, and, after "cramming" the youngsters, to put them away quietly for a while. Very frequently on opening the box again the birds would "gape," and then the trouble was over, for having once succeeded in getting them to take food there was usually very little further difficulty in rearing them, and many days' work was saved.

Where Great Care is Needed.

The greatest care must be taken that the food is perfectly fresh, and the vessels clean; and when the birds have so far advanced as to be able to pick up for themselves, they should at first still be fed several times a day. When they are entirely able to feed themselves they should still be given the food at frequent intervals in small quantities, so that they cannot gorge too much.

Mr. W. H. Phipps and his son, of Isleworth, near London. Mr. Phipps is an enthusiastic lover of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, which he successfully breeds and exhibits, and his boy bids fair to "follow in his father's footsteps."

Having dealt generally with the subject, I will treat of the various species that are most likely to be hand-reared, commencing with the Magpie, which, judging by the number of young ones that find their way to the London market, must be taken in considerable numbers. There should really be very little trouble in rearing these. Taken at ten days they will readily take food, which should consist of a mixture of soaked chicken meal (or puppy biscuit) crushed or ground to the size of hemp seed, two parts to, say, half part of fine crissel or meat meal, a little scraped raw meat, also a few earthworms and as many cockroaches or house beetles as can be obtained.

How to Avoid Diarrhœa in the Young.

As soon as the tails begin to grow to any length the birds should be placed in a large cage, say, 3ft. long by 18in. deep and a couple of feet high, with perches an inch in diameter at least. They should be fed about every two or three hours—a convenient means of giving the food is to take a piece of wood, say, half an inch wide, and shape it like a shallow spoon. The food should not be given "sloppy," or it is likely to set up diarrhœa, and should the birds show any signs of this a good thing is to put into the water a grain or two of permanganate of potash crystals, or even a little powdered chalk.

When the young are able to feed themselves, the stock food may be supplemented by mixing a little boiled potato, and chopped lettuce, or cress, dandelion, or chickweed, scraps from the table, and a dead mouse (or live one, for that matter, for it will very soon be dead when left to Mag's tender mercies).

The Jay is another bird that should undoubtedly be hand-reared, and a very nice pet it makes. It may be treated as regards feeding in precisely the same manner as the Magpie, with the addition of a little hard-boiled egg; the more beetles you can give it the better. When fully grown, the Jay, like the Magpie and Jackdaw, will eat almost anything, but it is very partial to newly-hatched birds, young mice, various berries, nuts and fruit.

The Jackdaw may also be reared in the above manner, but it will not be really necessary to give so much live food, for Jackdaws from their very early days may be said to be "as hard as nails." If anything, "Jack" will make more mess of his cage than either of the other two. Both Jays and 'Daws require roomy cages when they are fully fledged, with deep sand drawers and plenty of sand.

Each of the three last-named species may be trained to run loose about the garden, provided, of course, the flights of one wing are cut, and I really think this is the best way to keep them, as they will then be able to bathe freely. I have found all three are fond of their bath, and should be encouraged to take it as soon as they are old enough to do so.

Some Popular Species.

We now come to the Blackbird, Missel Thrush, and Song Thrush, all of which are better hand-reared, except that the song will not be as good as the wild caught bird, but what they lack in perfection of song they will amply make up for in tameness. The food for these birds must be of a somewhat better grade than recommended for the birds we have already discussed, and may be composed of very finely ground game meal 2 parts, fine meat meal 1 part, ants' eggs 1 part, and, say, one small hard-boiled egg per day to a nest of four birds, the whole well saturated with scalded milk. The food should be given in small quantities every hour when the birds are first taken, and a drop of water should be given afterwards. Every two or three hours will do quite well as they get older, and the food may be given less moist; well-scoured gentles, green caterpillars, blow flies, small beetles and mealworms, and finely chopped green food should also form part of the diet. A little scraped beef may also be given. Don't forget that roomy cages are required, and plenty of water for bathing. The Blackbird is also fond of fruit, such as strawberries, raspberries, etc.

It is little use attempting to rear these birds if found after they have left the nest, and not yet able to feed themselves. When they are fully grown and feeding themselves the hard-boiled egg will be unnecessary, but a little scraped raw meat may be occasionally given.

The Starling is the next species to claim our notice, and, although wild caught Starlings usually take very well to cage life, the most tame and amusing are no doubt those that are hand-reared. These birds should be taken not later than the tenth day, for I can say from experience that once they are past that date they get sulky and will not readily take food; in fact, those that I have tried were utter failures. They may be reared in the same way as Blackbirds and Thrushes, but after they are fully grown a diet similar to the Magpie will do very well, with gentles and earthworms added. If pains are taken to teach them from the early stages, Starlings make very good talkers, but do not resort to the cruel step of cutting the bird's tongue; this is as unnecessary as it is cruel, and certainly does not improve the talking powers of any bird. Starlings are very fond of a bath, and should be allowed access to a bath as often as possible.

The Sweet-Voiced Skylark.

The Skylark is another bird that, in my opinion, may easily be hand-reared, but I have found the young very subject to cramp, as mentioned above. I recommend the nest being taken with the young in it and placed in a cage on damp turf, and when the young ones begin to run about, turn some of the turf the reverse side up. In their natural state, as soon as they leave the nest they run on the damp earth, and in a cage I think the method I have suggested will be found to answer better than the dry sand. Of course they require no perches in the cage. A mixture of two parts crushed sweet biscuit, one part soaked ant eggs, half a part each of fine meat meal and hard-boiled egg passed through a perforated zinc sieve, the whole well moistened with scalded milk, will be found a suitable food to rear the young from the commencement—say 10 days' old—until they are fully grown, when the hard-boiled egg and milk can be dispensed with, and a food composed of two parts fine chicken meal, one part meat meal, and a half part of crushed hempseed, well mixed and moistened to a crumbly mass with grated carrot may be substituted. At first the youngsters should be given mealworms cut in halves, and small spiders, flies, and any small insects available. I should like here to say that a pair of small "tweezers" with the points filed blunt will be found a capital means of giving this food, as also the food for all the smaller species mentioned later.

The Ring Ousel and Dipper can both be reared, the former on the food recommended for the Thrushes, and the latter on the treatment described for the Lark. I do not however, think it is much use the novice fancier wasting time with the last-named bird.

A Use for Fresh Haddock.

The beautiful Kingfisher I saw successfully reared by that well-known fancier, Mr. Dewhurst, of Kensington, some years ago, and he succeeded by feeding on small strips of fresh haddock well washed in water, to remove, as far as possible, the traces of sea water. The birds were given the fish cut into strips as thick as a lead pencil, and an inch or so long, and when they could pick for themselves the strips were put into a shallow vessel of water.

The Woodpeckers should also all be hand-reared and taken at 10 days. They should be placed in a deep wooden box with the nest at the bottom and pieces of Virginia cork nailed round the inside of the box, and a covering of perforated zinc for the top of the box, until they are large enough to be put into a cage. This should be a large box-shaped one, lined with cork, and a good-sized door in the front. The food recommended for young Larks will suffice, but there must be a liberal supply of mealworms (cut up at first), well-scoured gentles, and wasp grubs; also as many spiders, flies and small smooth caterpillars as can be found. They are a hungry lot, and must be fed "little and often." All make very interesting pets. When they are pretty well grown, if they do not show signs of feeding themselves, a good way is, when feeding, to put a small piece of food or an insect on the cage wire, or on the cork lining, and try with the "tweezers" to tempt the birds to peck at it.

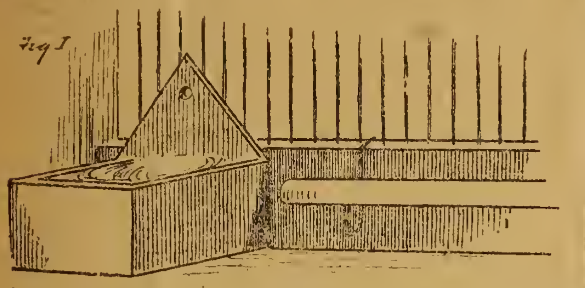
(To be Continued.)

Some Topical Time and Labour Saving Tips.

Written and Illustrated by H. Norman (Carshalton).

Up to the present time the weather has not been particularly congenial for Canary breeders, and possibly the late starters will in the end be quite as successful as those who have already managed to get a nest or two of young ones well advanced. That being so, anything I may have to say in the following "Hints" upon nesting may not be too late for many, and we have still the second round to consider.

In pairing birds up the old-time way of putting the cock and hen in separate compartments, so that they may see each other, and get properly introduced, appears of late years to have fallen into disuse. To my mind it was a sound and safe method of procedure, and the benefit of it was more apparent when the second and third nests came along than when starting. If a hen is quite ready, almost any cock bird will put her to nest, but following that, frequent fights will often occur, or the nest may be pulled to pieces time after time by an ardent bird who has no particular regard for the hen he is forced to mate with. If he should be taken away and run with another hen one cannot rely upon him to assist in the feeding of the young birds.

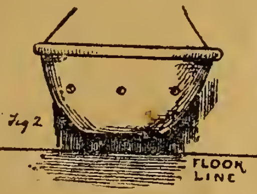


I am still inclined to think that the old way of mating is the better where the pair are to be left together during the season, but where the cock is to be run with more than one hen the new method possibly has its merits. One sometimes has a difficulty in getting birds to take to their mates, and this will frequently occur where a last year's pair of birds have been parted for some reason, possibly because they were not a success as rearers, or because the offspring did not come up to expectations.

Who is the Chief Offender?

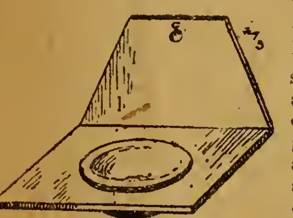
I have found in my experience that the cock is the chief offender in such cases, refusing to mate with the new partner selected for him, and treating her in anything but a gentle manner; he will bustle her from end to end of his cage, frequently calling to his old mate, unsettling himself and her. The best and really the only remedy is to remove him entirely from the room until the hen has gone to nest. When he is returned and sees that she has settled down to incubating duties, he is quickly reconciled to his new partner, and is seldom of any more trouble.

The lady birds have queer fancies, and will frequently persist in nesting in any corner but the one selected. It is a mistake to force them to take to the nest pan in just a certain position; it is much the better plan to humour them as far as possible and in some way fix a box or pan in the place selected by them. This is frequently a difficult matter, but can sometimes be managed by the exercise of a little ingenuity.



As an instance, I once had a hen that would persist in nesting in a corner under the front perch, and, although I tried every method I could think of, she would nest there or nowhere. I took out the front perch, cut a piece off, returned it, fixing it in place by bent wire, and put a box in the corner (sketch No. 1). I tried her with a nest pan first, but she would have none of it, but readily took to the box and did well.

One of the difficulties fanciers have to contend with, and which frequently ends in a serious loss, is that the parents accidentally pull the young out of the nest. The little mites get nestled up in the feathers, and are not heavy enough to stay in the nest when the old one comes off, and so they are dropped to the floor of the cage, and if not found quickly perish. A good thickness of sawdust should be placed immediately below the nest. Then, if such an accident should happen, the little one will not injure itself by falling, and will retain a degree of bodily warmth much longer than he would on the bare board.

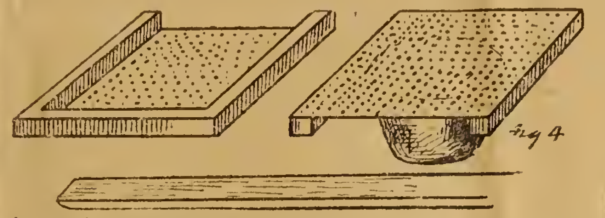


A Good Method of Fixing the Nest.

A good method is to fix the nest at the beginning as low down as possible, just clearing the drawboard (Fig. 2). After the first week it may be raised, if thought desirable, but, personally, I can see no benefit by having the nest pan high up. The old style of having a board across one end of the cage, with a hole cut in it to drop the nest pan into, appears to have gone out of favour, although it had many advantages. There were also some disadvantages, the principal of which was the trouble with red mite, for undoubtedly the plainer a cage and its fittings, the less harbour for these little blood-suckers.

In a fancier's room last summer I saw a modification of the board and nest that was particularly satisfactory. It consisted of two pieces of thin board fastened at right angles to each other, and having a hole cut in it to receive the nest pan (Fig. 3); it was then hung up at the back or side of the cage, in the usual manner. Twice during the season this breeder found young ones on the board just outside the nest, and these he had no difficulty in saving: the old birds fed the young from the board.

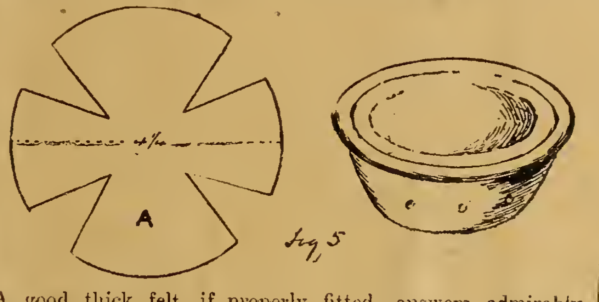
The only objection to this method is that as the birds grow the accumulation of excreta at the edge of the nest is more than is desirable; of course, this could be cleared, or the nest removed to an ordinary bracket when there is no danger of the young falling out. For the benefit of the novice I may mention that one should never despair of saving the life of a young one thrown out of the nest, although to all appearance it may be dead and quite cold. Place the bird between the hands (which should be quite warm), breathe on it for fully five minutes, and, when it shows signs of life, place it back in the nest; the hen will warm the unfortunate one, and you will see no difference between it and the others.



The Mixing of the Egg Food.

There are several methods of mixing egg food for the parents to feed the young, and after many trials I have found nothing to equal the pressing of the egg through perforated zinc. Make a frame by nailing together three pieces of wood one inch thick, and about nine inches long; upon this nail the perforated zinc. A length of hard wood, one inch and a quarter wide, makes a good spatula, with which to press it through the holes in the zinc. A handful of biscuit worked through the zinc will clean it. It will be seen by Fig. 4 that this utensil will also be found useful for cleaning seeds, and getting rid of the husks, which can be blown off at the open end.

Just two suggestions for lining the nest pan. In the early part of the season the lining cannot be too warm.

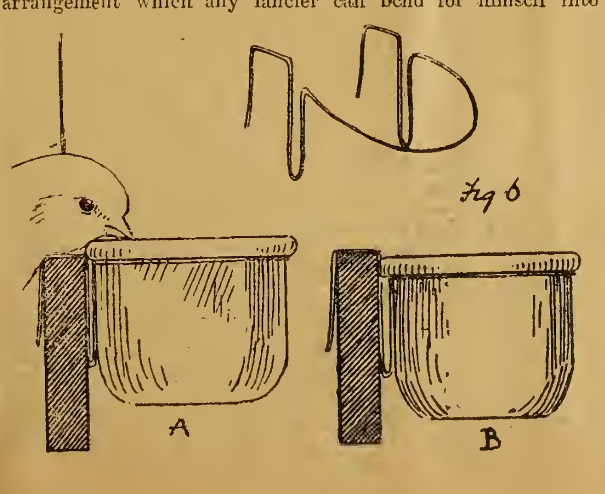


A good thick felt, if properly fitted, answers admirably. Make a template out of thick card or zinc, as per Fig. 5A. Place this on the felt, and cut out the desired portions. When fitted the exact size of the pan sew the edges together with strong thread. This makes a particularly warm lining, and should the hen refuse to have any moss and hair in the nest (as some of them do), is quite cosy enough as it is.

Another method is to cut the lining out of ordinary flannelette and paste into the pan with good starch paste; this is not so warm as the felt, and more suitable for second and third nests. The hens will often try to pull it out, but if the paste is properly made they are unable to do so, and, if given plenty of material, will soon turn their attention to the proper article.

Put the Drinkers on properly.

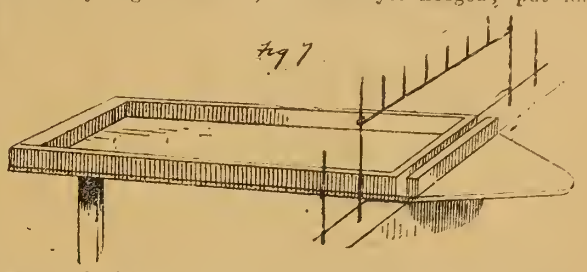
The water supply during the summer months should be ample, and great care should be exercised in fitting the drinkers so that the birds can easily get at it. Although bird fanciers as a rule are careful men, they frequently overlook some of the lesser items which, if not actually hurtful to their charges, cause them a great deal of unnecessary inconvenience. In visiting a fancier's room last season I noticed one of the drinkers in such a position that the bird could scarcely get at the water. The lip of the drinker was placed above the front rail, thus lessening the size of the pot hole, and making it quite an effort for the bird to squeeze its head through and secure water. Fig. 6A will give an idea of how this drinker was fixed. The bird could certainly get water, but not easily. Fig 6B shows one properly fitted, and it also shows the wire arrangement which any fancier can bend for himself into a holder suitable for the glass drinkers now pretty universally used; these drinkers are easily cleaned and the water quickly changed.



Something every Breeder should use.

The feeding board for young birds somehow does not seem to "take on" among southern fanciers, and yet it has advantages claimed for it by those who use it regularly. I have endeavoured in Fig. 7 to give a sketch of it. As will be seen, it consists of a flat board with thin strips all round it, with a groove for the cage door to shut down into, and one leg to stand on at the other end. The drawing shows it in use, and it is claimed that young birds learn to feed themselves from it far more quickly than from an egg pan placed on the floor. One cannot keep the young birds too long in the nest, so long as the old birds look after them well, but as soon as they are out and about the earlier they fend for themselves the better.

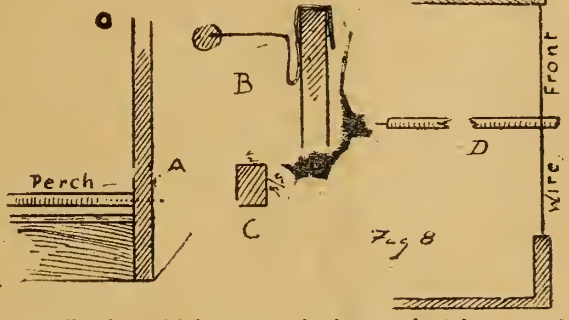
I cannot bring myself to believe that perches should be all one uniform thickness; the toes of a bird's foot are almost as plastic as our fingers. They can grip both large and small sticks, and that with a force hardly conceivable to the uninitiated. If anyone has doubts, let him take a young Great Tit, one not yet fledged; put him against the bark of a tree or a small twig, let him get firm hold, and then pull him away. So tightly can he hold that one is almost afraid of dislocating the leg. That being the case, it appears to me that birds' claws are made to grip perches of various sizes, and, although one might use the same size ones on all cages without ill-effects, the bird would experience more comfort from some of different thicknesses.



The fixing of the perches is a matter of considerable importance, firstly, to ensure that the birds take sufficient exercise, and secondly, that they are not placed one below the others, so as to get fouled by droppings. They also should be easily removable. It is almost impossible to keep them always scrupulously clean, but still, if we have them so that they can be easily got at, or taken out, we should be able to maintain a degree of cleanliness.

Perches and their Fixing.

Many fanciers do without a front perch entirely, the birds having to descend to the floor of the cage when seeking food and water. It seems to me that birds keep cleaner with a front perch, and there is really no difficulty in fixing it. Cut the wood to fit fairly tightly against the sides, put in position, and nail each end, but do not drive the nail home, leave it projecting about an eighth of an inch, as in Fig. 8A, then with a pair of small pliers this can easily be withdrawn, and the perch taken out for cleaning purposes when required. The other method is with bent wire, as depicted at B.



There are many ways of fixing the perches from front to back, and one of the simplest is to cut the perch a shade thicker one side than the other, say, half an inch by five-eighths, as at C. Let them be an inch longer than the distance from back to front, insert a piece of wire at one end, make a hole in the cage back, push the wired end into it, give a half turn, and the perch is firmly fixed (see D). The only objection to this method is that the arrangement hardly looks so neat as when firmly fixed to the wired part, but the advantage in taking them in and out for cleaning purposes is so great that we must sacrifice appearance to utility.

(To be Continued.)

The True Charm of a Bird's Song

It has been said of the Ring Ouzel, or, as he is locally called, the Mountain Blackbird, that his song is somewhat monotonous and derives its principal charm from the surroundings in which it is heard. The same may be said with equal truth of the songs and call-notes of the majority of birds. There is nothing intrinsically attractive about the barking croak of a Raven, but, says a writer in the "Manchester City News," among the steep rocks towering above a lonely tarn in the Welsh mountains one cannot hear it without a thrill of pure pleasure. The cry of a Curlew on the moors, the ceaseless chatter of a Sedge Warbler by a chalk-stream, and, again, the crooning of a Turtle Dove in a peaceful, secluded thicket, delight one less because they have any special musical qualities than because they fit, or through long association seem to fit so admirably with the surroundings in which they are heard.

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES
How to Keep and Exhibit Them.

By
JOHN HENDERSON
(Edinburgh).

A Scotsman who possesses the present-day champion Finch gives less-favoured mortals an insight into his methods of management.

"Nancy's tae the greenwood gane
Tae hear the Gowdspink chatterin."

So runs the old ballad. How I wish we could accompany her now; but, alas, the days of "chatterin'" Goldfinches are over so far as Scotland is concerned. Scotsmen nowadays cannot so easily procure the type of "Britisher" that used to fill their eye, and have turned to a bird which is superior for muling and exhibition purposes. The "Siberian Goldfinch"—it really does not matter to us whether they come to this country from Siberia or not; they are so named, and we accept them as such. I remember well my first experience in buying Goldies. A friend of mine, an old hand, used to keep birds of all sorts. I frequently visited his place, and so became fired with ambition—nothing would content me until I had a bird of my own.

My First Love—and My Last.

My first love was a Goldfinch, and I have preferred the Goldfinch ever since. Away I went and bought two lovely birds. I took them home, caged and cared for them as if I had nothing else to think about; but alas! my young love proved false. Now I know, however, and regret, that it was I who was untrue, in the sense that I did not care for them in the proper way. How often I wish that I could now have those birds, and some of the others that succeeded them, for as I look back it seems to me that then we could get better and finer Goldies than we do now. Old things, like old loves, may seem best, but in this case I venture to think that I am correct.

Disappointments did not prevent me from trying again until at last I succeeded in moulting one out, and it was to me a triumph, although the bird was not an exhibition specimen. However, I had climbed the first step—the rest seemed easy. As time went on I got into touch with other fanciers, getting the benefit of their experience, and I read Cage Birds with avidity every week, so collecting and storing up the knowledge that enables me to keep and show foreign Goldfinches to-day. It does seem strange that this Finch should be such a favourite in Scotland, especially around Edinburgh) that it has been so for years, the entries in its class at the shows will testify) for it is no more difficult to keep than, nor does it differ in habits from its smaller relation of England and Wales.

Obtaining the "Rough Diamond."

To obtain a real good bird, I cannot suggest a better thing than to go to a respectable dealer who has a reputation to lose (it is still possible to find one) and tell him what you want and your price. Foreign Goldfinches arrive in Britain generally from November until February. The wholesale firms may get them cleared away at once, or may not, according to the demand. Of course, if they are "specials," they don't have long to wait. We will suppose, however, that your local dealer has received a few "sticks" of Goldies, and you have received the news. You will be eager to have a look at them for a possible "champion." Allow me to give you a little humble advice before buying.

In the first place, look for a young one. This is not a simple matter, but as a rule one can be guided, to a certain extent, by the appearance of legs and claws. Do not mind if they seem wild, in fact, I like them so, as it usually is an indication of health and vitality. Carefully examine the excreta on the bottom of their wicker cages, and have nothing to do with the occupants of any that are "whitewashed." Very pretty the birds look in the little white cages, and unless you possess the comparative eye it is difficult to pick the best out of the "stick" of seven. When you have gone over this lot carefully, ask your dealer to run those you prefer out into show cages, separately. Then you ought to be able to judge which you think is best. Do not expect to find a champion ready-made. You are buying them "in the rough," and the polishing rests with you.

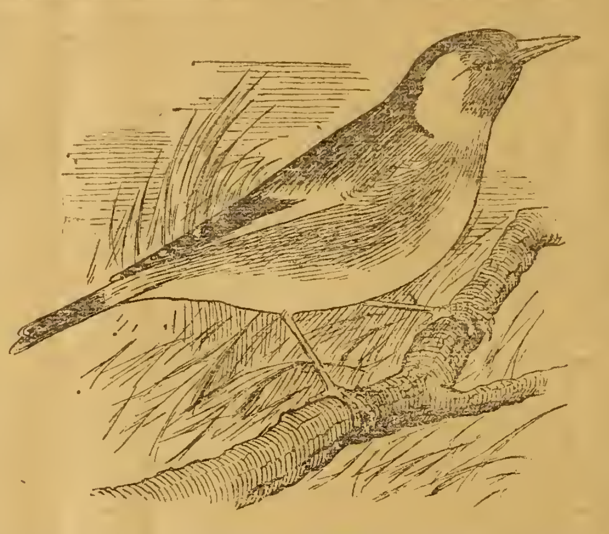
Management that has Succeeded.

Now you have got your bird, naturally you would like to keep and treat it to the best advantage. To begin with, put it into a good sized box-cage, with water both inside and out for the first few days or until you observe him drinking from the outside. Cover the cage-bottom with clean, sharp gravel. I do not like sawdust or chaff, as it always gets blown about, fouling the water, etc., especially so with a wild bird. I will tell you how I feed mine, but before doing so let me say that I do not think it possible to prescribe a given diet for Goldfinches in general. They are just like ourselves, and have their likes and dislikes; what one eats, another despises, and one must study them individually to obtain the best results.

During my novice days, kind and well-meaning friends told me not to give much hemp seed, and I still notice that from time to time the same thing crops up. One hears of wonderful birds which are fed and moulted principally on canary seed. It may be possible, but on the other hand if hemp had been given they might have moulted out champions. I have never lost a bird by giving it, and they get as much as they care to eat. As a regular mixture I use hemp, teazle, inga, and sunflower throughout the year. I give wild seeds of all suitable kinds, such as thistle, hardhead and cornflower. I am of opinion that these wild seeds, with the previously mentioned fatty seeds, make the best possible combination. During the early months of the year, I procure young and tender dandelion leaves; later on the buds and flowers and groundsel tops. Later on goatsbeard will be found in abundance; this is very useful and Finches delight to work at the tough exteriors—in fact they seem to appreciate most that which is hardest to get.

Give An Eye to the Future.

As the year goes on you will always find something new to offer and derive pleasure from your rambles in search of it. Generally about August the hardhead is in bloom, and this is my favourite. I give it as soon as I can, even in its flowering stage. When it is ripe I collect and tie it up into little bunches, and store it away in quantities, sufficient to last until I collect again the following year. Fruits of all kinds are enjoyed, especially rasps and strawberries—they love to pick off the seeds, but don't seem to care much for the pulp. Rowan berries and blackberries are also extremely useful, and as they are ready during the moulting time, I always have them about. Perhaps you may find some difficulty in procuring all the various things I have mentioned, especially if you happen to live in a city; but do your best—you won't regret it when the moult is over. Give as large a variety of food as possible. They will take what suits them; more you cannot do.



Mr. Henderson's noted Siberian Goldfinch, a winner of many prizes, including Firsts at Bathgate, the Scottish National (Edinburgh), and the 1912 and 1913 Crystal Palace Shows.

I now come to the most important period in the existence of a Goldfinch, that is, the moult. Your bird has been storing up all his energy and concentrated colour derived from the various foods given during the last few months to help Nature to accomplish this successfully. You must also lend assistance. To obtain the best results, the bird must be moulted outside. True, one comes across birds which have been moulted in cages indoors, and have come through fairly well, but there is always an indescribable something awanting which is noticed when comparing them with the birds moulted outdoors. I do not possess a garden wherein I could erect an aviary, so have to be content with another arrangement, on a smaller scale. I made a large cage to fit into the outside of a room window about 4ft. by 4ft. 3½in., with a sloping wood roof, and covered with half-inch wire-netting. I find that it answers the purpose well. It also has the great advantage of a Southern exposure, and being some 30ft. above ground, is out of the way of cats.

Living the Outdoor Life.

I put the Finches in about May, and allow them to remain until the end of October, as the weather permits. On the floor of the cage I place a large shallow bath, as it is most important to success. Goldfinches, when kept indoors in a small cage do not care much for a bath, but when outside will revel in it, especially when first put in. During warm weather, the water should be frequently renewed. I arrange the perches so as not to be over the water or food, and always have plenty of clean gravel strewn on the bottom. During the warm weather, care should be taken to keep everything clean, especially the drinking-water.

Towards the end of October the birds ought to be fit to be taken back to their winter quarters. It is not likely that they will be finished, but now that you have them caged separately you have more opportunity to further help them. They will probably be a little wild at first, but after a time that will pass away. The head is the last to moult, and in some cases it is slow. The blaze will no doubt be dull and bronzy-looking, but day by day you will observe it coming up in colour gradually. The same with the tan, which at first will appear dingy.

I keep the Goldies in a cold room during the winter, and have often been amused to see them trying to bathe on the ice covering their bath. Be sure to give them plenty of good sound seed at this time, as they will want a lot of building up after their ordeal of the moult, and no doubt will be on the thin side. If so, I give them a little boiled rape seed every-day, with a little maw seed. To guard against constipation a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinker occasionally, keeps them right. Do not give other medicine unless they really require it, and then be sure that you understand the trouble, and what to give for it.

Your bird moulted, your attention is now directed to the show bench. The majority of show committees in Scotland provide a class for foreign Goldfinches, but with the exception of the Scottish National they do not receive the entries they deserve. I fancy the reason is that most shows are held before the birds are ready, or it may be perhaps that fanciers have not the same class of birds in their keeping as formerly, and so are loath to exhibit. Never mind, let us show the best we have. Having decided on the show, it will now be necessary to prepare your bird for it. Enter it in good time, be sure of the conditions, etc., in prize list, and be clear about your means of conveyance to and from the place of exhibition. As to show cages, I think that nothing is better than those enamelled black outside and sap green on wires and inside. They are made here of a uniform size, and are not expensive.

Putting on the Finishing Touches.

The next thing to do is a very ticklish one, i.e., to wash the bird. I generally do so about four days previous to a show, using Lux for the purpose. Pay particular attention to the whites; they must be clean to improve the colour contrast. I use a fine soft-haired toothbrush for the blaze, taking care of the eyes. When the birds are almost dry, spray lightly with cold water, and do so every day until their dispatch. Endeavour to get them to dress and preen themselves as much as possible; some birds are very lazy in this respect, but keep working with them until they do, for herein lies the secret of polish and neatness of feather. Above all, be sure that you put them into extra clean cages after the wash, for if not you will undo all. They have a habit of rubbing their damp cheeks on the perches, consequently, if the latter are dirty, the dirt adheres and is most difficult to remove.

Nothing now remains to be done except dispatch your bird and await the result of your labour with patience. You have done all you can. Do not be disappointed if you do not at first succeed. Try again, and in the end you are bound to do so. I have given you my humble experience—no doubt very imperfectly, but if it should prove of use to Cage Birds readers, and in any way help to promote increased interest in this lovely bird, the Foreign Goldfinch, the pleasure will be mine.

Wayside Seeds and Berries for British Birds.

By that well-known authority, JAS. B. CLARKE
(Rothesay).

(Continued from page 330.)

Beech (Fagus sylvatica).—A handsome tree, on which grows the beech-mast, an excellent food for Hawfinches, Bramblefinches, and also all the Tit family. I find this a most nourishing food, and for moulting Hawfinches and Bramblefinches fanciers can get nothing better. Gather in large quantities and store in a dry place for future use. It will keep a twelvemonth.

Mistletoe (Viscum album).—The only British species, and well known. A most useful berry for all Thrushes.

Hawthorn (Cratægus oxyacantha).—Of the berries the Blackbirds and Thrushes are exceedingly fond. The Hawfinch is also very fond of the stones of this fruit. Large quantities should be gathered, as I find them most useful in helping to bring out the desired colour of the Hawfinch.

Strawberry Tree (Arbutus unedo).—A handsome tree, with white flowers and scarlet fruit, something like our garden strawberry, and a grand fruit for all Thrushes, assisting greatly in bringing out the colour of these birds. Store in sawdust for winter use.

Rose Box (Cotoneaster Simonsii).—A handsome garden climber, with scarlet berries, readily eaten by all Thrushes, Hawfinches, and Greenfinches. Store in sawdust for winter use.

Ivy (Hedera helix).—Known to all. Fruit jet-black, and greatly relished by all Thrushes and Hawfinches. Store in sawdust for winter use.

Flowering Currant (Ribes albidum).—Pretty plants with scarlet flowers and pale blue fruit, a very useful fruit for Thrushes, Hawfinches, and Blackcaps.

Elderberry (Sambucus nigra).—A pretty tree with cream-coloured flowers and purple fruits; a most excellent food for all Thrushes, Waxwings, and Blackcaps. I find this a valuable fruit for moulting and winter use.

Honeysuckle (Lonicera periclymenum).—A handsome climber, with bright scarlet fruit, and one of the best colouring berries for Bullfinches, Thrushes, and Waxwings. These and rowan berries are the best natural colouring agents for Bullfinches that I know of.

Bay Laurel (Prunus laurocerasus).—A well-known hedge plant with large red fruit; a favourite of all Thrushes.

Portugal Laurel (Prunus lusitanica).—Handsome shrubs, with scarlet berries; most useful for Thrushes, Hawfinches, and Bullfinches, as they have great colouring properties. Hawfinches are also exceedingly fond of laurel stones.

Mountain Ash or Rowans (Pyrus aucuparia).—Well-known trees, and bearing one of our most useful berries for colouring Bullfinches. Given along with honeysuckle berries they will bring out your Bullfinches a champion colour. They can be kept in sawdust for over a twelvemonth.

I intend advertising all these seeds and berries in Cage Birds during the next season, so as to give every reader a knowledge of them.

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Through a Bird-room Window:

MY SOLOMON ISLAND COCKATOOS.

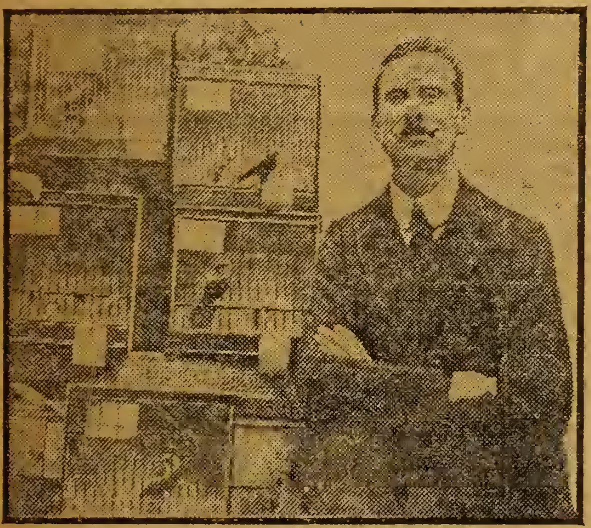
By
the Rev. C. D.
FARRAR.

This article on a rare species indigenous to a far-off island in the South Pacific is No. 36 of the new series of personal birdy experiences being related under the above title.

I ONCE had a personage among my many feathered dependents that could not be ignored. This was a small white Cockatoo with a yellow crest, the property of an old gentleman living right down in the South of England. How I came to own him I am going to tell you. I saw one evening, in one of the bird papers, the following enticing notice: "A Solomon Island Cockatoo, what offers?" Here, I thought, is a chance of getting a bird on the cheap. I sometimes see such strange offers made for birds that I quite thought I should get this one for a mere song. Not long ago an enterprising advertiser offered an electric bell in exchange for any sort of bird. I thought after that I might be able to effect an exchange, at least, for the gentleman from the Solomon Group. At any rate, there would be no harm in trying.

The Tale of a Hasty Bargain.

Later, I wished I had kept my offer to myself, but this is a long story, as you will see, if you have the patience to read to the end. I wrote off that very night. I never can wait, as my readers know by this; and I inquired what the owner specially needed. By return of post there came back a long and most amusing letter, telling me that if only I would take the bird I could have him for nothing. Who had ever heard of such generosity? I might have known, had I had more sense, that there must be some reason for such generosity to a stranger. I learnt the reason later. Off went my wire. "Please send the bird on at once." By the rapid response I now believe that the owner parted with that bird without sorrow. He came in about twelve hours in a big soap box, or what was left of it. I verily believe that had the journey been a few hours longer, I should merely have received a bundle of match-wood, and probably a polite note from the North Eastern Railway that the contents (live stock) had apparently escaped en route.



A KEEN SOUTH COUNTRY FANCIER.

Mr. E. G. Kew, of Margate, who is a great lover of the Norwich Plainhead, and has had excellent success when exhibiting his favourites.

A Bird with a "Business End."

As it was, Master Solomon had only managed to get his fore part loose, and a very ugly-looking fore part it was. A great blueish beak that looked capable of cracking the most obstinate Brazil nut that ever grew, and a wicked little red eye that looked the very incarnation of devilry. As I gazed on that ruined box, I felt myself asking, "If he can do this in a few hours, what will he manage in a week?" I wrote and asked his late owner what would hold him. There came back the laconic reply, "Only a wrought-iron cage." Then there followed, what had been carefully conceded while the transfer was still incomplete, the awful intelligence that he was capable of destroying a room in a few hours, at least the wooden portion thereof. "We put him," I was told, "in a disused bedroom; and when we went to look the next morning we found everything in ruins. He had practically destroyed the four poster bed, and was busily at work on the window sashes; the room looked like a carpenter's shop." I thought; this is a nice prospect for the Vicarage. I did not mention this fact to my family!

Down the Drain.

Of course, he had to be put somewhere; we shut him out in the garden, and put him into a very shabby and mean lean-to. But before I encaged him, I took the precaution to cover the wood-work with aviary netting on the inside. I prided myself that even Solomon could not cut through this sort of stuff; and I covered the roof with zinc sheets. On the morning he arrived, I got a second cheering letter, telling me that quite recently he had managed to escape into the street, where they were taking up the drains. Being unable to fly very well, he had scrambled along the heaps of cast up soil, and had managed to overbalance, and had toppled down to the bottom of the cutting, some 14 feet deep. One of the men, for a few pence, offered to catch him. Down he jumped and grabbed Solomon, as he thought. He was mistaken. Hardly had his eager shout reached the surface: "Please, sir, I've got 'im," when there came an agonised scream: "By gum, sir, but he's got me;" and so he had, if a hand streaming with blood means anything. However, the captor held tight, and wrapping a cloth round the prisoner, managed to secure him.

As I looked at the shattered box in which my friend was secured, I pictured the whole scene, and thought how best to avoid a like fate. I swore that nothing should induce me to put my fingers into the power of that murderous beak, so I took him out, box and all, prized off the lid with the kitchen poker, flung the box on the floor, and allowed Solomon to scrambled out as best he could. He seemed considerably ruffled by his fall, and taking a firm hold on the broken lid, hauled himself slowly out, and I never saw such a wicked expression on a bird's face. It reminded me of the look one sometimes sees on the faces of elderly relations who get bills young hopefuls cannot pay. I read in that little red eye an expression which seemed to say: "If only I had hold of your hand, I would teach you what I think of throwing a respectable bird about like that!" I was thankful he couldn't put his amicable thoughts into deeds.

A Linguist with a Speciality.

To my horror, I found the bird could talk, a horrible sort of pidgin English with dreadful swear words thrown in to suit the occasion. The things that bird said, as he waddled about made my hair stand on end. Once out of his late prison house, he began slowly and sedately moving about the floor, helping himself over any obstacle with his powerful beak, chattering and chuckling to himself, saying thunderous things about me, and looking exactly like one of those stout, important, white-waistcoated old men who are "something in the city."

The peculiarity of this bird is that he never goes round anything, he always makes sraight for the goal he has in view; he climbs labouriously over everything in the way, up one side, over it, and down the other. In after days when we became familiar, he would climb up me, and insist on my scratching his poll, and under his wings, for hours on end. Any attempt to leave off, or a hasty movement of your hand, and he would turn instantly and rend yon. He had a short cruel beak, and we were all terrified of it; for it hurt considerably. I don't think he ever really liked me; in fact, I believe he despised me; but he was perfectly well aware that I was frightened to death of him, and so should have to go on scratching for hours at his pleasure. I was often reminded of the line of the well-known hymn:—

"When shall these labours have an end?"

A Wife en Deshabille.

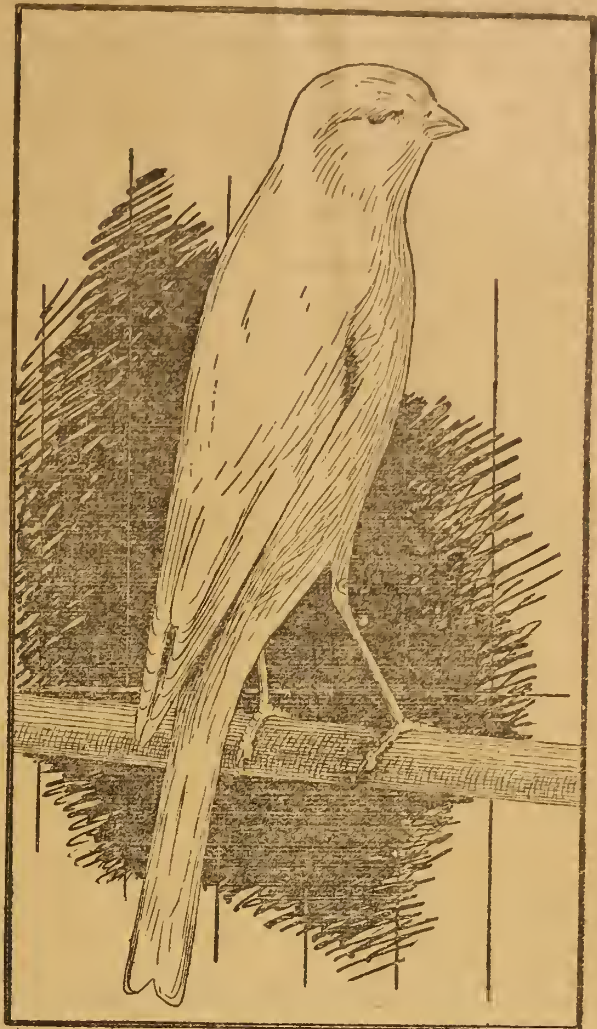
I had been the unhappy proprietor of Solomon only for a few days, when his late owner wrote saying he had a lady of the same race, would I accept her, as now that Solomon was gone he had no use for her; in fact, he was afraid she was pining away for the loss of her late partner? I thought, "In for a penny in for a pound," and if my life was henceforth to be a burden, I might as well go and meet trouble half way. Accordingly, I wired: "Send her on." When I opened the box, I nearly laughed myself into a fit; you never saw such a strange object as crept out. It was a female Cockatoo, with hardly a feather on her. She was practically indecent in her bareness. Her head was perfectly bald, except for two or three crest feathers, very rakishly set on. What the delicate minded young lady once described as "the front of her back" was red and angry looking, and quite devoid of feathers; her shoulders were as exposed as those of some scraggy old dowager going to court, and she had only about half-a-dozen tail feathers left. Of all the disreputable objects I ever set eyes on; she was certainly *facile princeps*.

I took her out and introduced her to Solomon, who, in spite of his past dealings with her, seemed over-joyed to see her again. The unearthly row these two birds made, saluting each other, was enough to wake the dead. They yelled and shouted like two stone-deaf people trying to make each other hear. Each time they spoke, up went their crests, out went their wings, and then they fairly let themselves go. You could hear them a mile away at our station quite plainly.

An Effective Alarum.

They usually began to talk about 4 a.m., and continued with brief intervals for sleep and food until dusk. There was no such thing as sleep from the moment these two birds awoke in the morning. I have said things to these birds as I lay in bed that I trust the Recording Angel has mercifully forgotten. The neighbours complained. Several said they would have to go if these birds didn't; and yet people say that the English are lovers of Nature! I felt that if I wanted these Cockatoos to reproduce their kind, there was no time to be lost. I was sure that one summer would try the very stoutest nerves. Accordingly I got a real hard log with a nice hole in the side, which I felt sure they would quickly enlarge. I did not libel them. In a few days that log was a wreck, a charge of dynamite might have been exploded inside it. It reminded me of "Casabianca," which I once had though painfully to commit to memory in childhood.

The boy, oh where was he?
Ask of the waves, which far around
With fragments strewed the sea!



THE MASSIVE LANCASHIRE PLAINHEAD

This fine specimen of the breed was exhibited at the Horticultural Hall Show by Mr. W. Kay, of Macclesfield, and won first prize.

I might have asked a like question about the "log." Mrs. Solomon, or, as I christened her, with what I thought beautiful appropriateness: "the Queen of Sheba," spent most of her time in the fragment of what had once been a log; but whether intent on nest-making, or whether she regarded it as a harbour of refuge, I could never quite determine. I rather inclined to the latter theory. She began to grow a few feathers, but as fast as they assumed decent proportion, Solomon religiously removed them; evidently he did not believe in female adornment. Perhaps he belonged to the Anti-feather League. After a few months my patience broke down. If it had not, I should have probably gone mad.

Just to Oblige a Friend.

One day a neighbour came to see my birds, and he seemed quite taken with the Cockatoos. I think he was pleased with their noisy vulgar ways. For a few moments perhaps they were rather amusing, but anything palls after a time. They say that boys apprenticed to a pastry cook loathe tarts after a week of repletion. You may be sure I said all the pleasant things I could about these birds. I enlarged upon their rarity, their amusing ways, their comic attitudes, and the longer I talked the more eager I could see the desire for possession grew on the face of my visitor. At last he could contain himself no longer. Would I sell them? "Sell them," I said, "I could not think of it. We are old friends. Accept them as a free gift." I never saw anyone so overwhelmed with joy. Words could not express what he felt. I was too good. He hardly liked to take such a valuable present. I gently but firmly insisted that it must be as I said; and at last he yielded. After a lot of trouble, and bad language on the part of Solomon, I managed to secure them, put them into the carriage, and for just a mile I sat and listened to their yells with a holy and subdued joy. As the distance increased, the sounds grew fainter and fainter, and at last I once more knew the meaning of "Peace."

"Come Into the Garden, Maud."

Some weeks later, I went to see my friends, and asked how they were behaving. "Come and see," said the attendant sadly. He led me to a big out-door aviary. I gazed in awestruck wonder. I saw a roof with yawning gaps in it; strong boards reduced to match wood, and fir poles almost cut in halves. I said: "What have you been doing here?" "Why," he said, "it's those blessed Cockatoos you sent us," (he didn't say "blessed" though). I asked where was Solomon. "Oh," came the answer, "he has been out for a month flying about the garden, and t'other will soon be too. It's only a question of days." All of a sudden I heard an unearthly yell, like the killing of pigs, in the distant elm, and there was Solomon, sure enough thoroughly enjoying himself, and giving his views on men and things. And for ought I know he is there still, for I am certain that nothing will kill him but absolute violence, and should that be offered, I believe the verdict would be justifiable homicide.

A Fireside Reverie.

By W. N. MIDGLEY (Winslow).

The thoughts and aspirations of a lover of the Norwich Plainhead, with a clever imitation of a classic poem.

PULL down the blinds and light the gas! Outside the evening is setting in stormily. The wind howls round the house and the storm-wrack beats on the window. The fire burns cheerfully, and it is just a fireside evening! What more natural to the fancier than that, on such an evening as this, on one of the closing days of the 1912 season, he should, as he sits lazily by the fireside, lose himself in reverie, and that his reverie should run on the birds? Perhaps his thoughts go forward from present success to greater achievements, or (as may be often the case) they leap from present failure to future triumph. Hope! that needs to be the watchword of the fancier. In loss, in failure, in keen disappointment, he still looks forward and pictures himself the proud possessor of those cups and medals, and firsts and specials, that so far have been so temptingly beyond him!

What of the Type?

So in his mind's eye, perhaps, he is going over his stock. What type am I to breed to? When are we going to have something like uniformity with our judges? Am I to breed my Norwich short and thick and with nice tight feather and short flights and tails, or am I to breed them as long and coarse as I please, seeing only that I get the size and colour? What is to be done for 1913? Plenty has been accomplished in the way of considering standards and choosing models, but are the judges going to judge to them, and what am I to produce to be right? Well, I'll try and breed to the former idea anyway, and I must bethink me how it's going to be done. And so the mind busies itself mating up the various pairs to produce the "star" for 1913!

Colour? Oh, yes, I must have colour. But, stay; am I, as a fancier of the Norwich, getting along in the right order? Oughtn't I to have said quality first? Surely! Well, then, quality. What about that coarseness of feather in my stock that begins to be visible? I must get that right certainly, then ho! for a nice, tight, silky-feathered bird or two! Quality I *must* have!

Colour now? Well, I must get just as much of that as I can, too! I like it, and the judges swear by it. Again the mind runs on to see how much of the "ticked" and "variegated" blood one can make use of without overdoing it, and to see that one has enough "clears bred from clears" to keep the balance right. How am I to get Dame Nature to smile kindly on me? She's always up to her tricks! There's that pair which two season's back threw them all clear or lightly ticked, and this year threw them nearly all heavily variegated! That other pair, too, which in 1911 threw such nice typical birds, fit to win (that, indeed, did win) in good company, and last time produced nothing but "ten bob sellers" and scarcely that.

The Silver Lining to the Cloud.

Against this, to set off these disappointments, however, there's that little yellow hen you would willingly have sold for a shilling or two, that has brought you those nice typical youngsters! What are we to say of it all? How are we to coax Dame Nature—how learn her lessons as applied to our birds? So we sit trying to fathom the things she would teach us, so that by following on her lines we may be able to make sure of her aid in traversing the pathway to success. Can we try any experiment to help us probe her secrets still deeper? It's a thorny path that the experimentalist treads, but it is only by this rough way that knowledge can be deepened.

Then, perhaps naturally, the mind wanders off to the shows, and dwells on the points that have struck one during the season—that irritating neglect on the part of secretaries (in spite of the promise, or implied promise, in the schedule) to send off the catalogue to time. Surely a little more method would obviate this? Of course, I know it is very nice to run round and chat with this fancier and that, and to compare notes and birds; but, then, for every exhibitor present there are dozens absent, most of them anxious to know what their birds have done. When the morning's post is due on the second day of the show, out they run, only to find that that bothering secretary has disappointed them again!

Then there were those frantic appeals for help, when, in your good nature, you sent off an entry or two, or one or two beyond what you intended, just to assist a lame dog over a stile, only to find a day or two afterwards a note in the Fancy Press to the effect that "we have closed with a record entry of so-and-so." The result possibly has been that you have made up your mind to ignore such appeals for the future, be they ever so pathetic. Secretaries and committees would do well to bear in mind the story of the boy who cried "Wolf!"

Might they be condensed?

It seems to me, too, that shows are getting over numerous and that committees venture beyond their means and accommodation, with the result that the Fancy Press find fiascos to record. The fanciers in many of the larger towns, too, instead of combining for one really good venture, must split themselves into opposition camps, and each run their separate show—with the result probably that all are mediocre, with consequent loss and disappointment, or one is a success and the other a failure. By this kind of thing much jealousy and ill-feeling are engendered, which often run their unedifying course in the "papers" until the readers thereof begin to wonder whether there is really any good feeling and fraternity left among fanciers!

Against this we conjure up those shows that were patterns of promptitude and good management, also those "good offices" by unknown brother fanciers. It must have been the satisfaction engendered by the contemplation of these that caused me to cross over the thin borderland and "nap," for I found myself dreaming that I had produced the sensation of 1913—a perfect model—and I awoke with a start to the wife's: "Well, my dear man, whatever are you dozing there for? You may just as well go to bed."

An "Outrage" we can condone.

The recollection of my dream lingered, however, and caused me to "outrage" Longfellow in the following manner:—

Onaway! my best beloved!
I've been far away in dreamland!
Dozing by the winter fireside,
While without the storm has mutter'd!
I've been happy, very happy
'Midst the birds—tho' but in dreamland!
Spare thy wrath then, I entreat thee,
While my dream I do but utter!
For my heart has leapt within me,
As a man's when first and special,
Cheer his waiting hope in show time,
Come to crown his thought and planning,
Onaway! my heart as quickly
Beat when there I saw before me,
All my own, a perfect beauty
Of a Norwich, red as sunshine!
All my own, my birds' own breeding!
Not a fault—a perfect picture!
Clear and full, and just a model
Of the breeder's art and feeding!
All the breeders and the judges
Saw the bird and fell before it;
Saw its symmetry and beauty,
Voiced its praise from night till morning!
But, alas! my own beloved!
Rudely has my dream been shatter'd,
Just as when the birds come cardless
From the show one's hopes are batter'd!
For I wake, to find before me
All the cares and fears awaiting
Of the unknown coming season,
And my heart within me flutters!
Frowns the storm or smiles the sunshine
In the days when birds are breeding,
Sink our hopes or rise on pinions
In the pleasant Moon of Springtime!
May the hopes that, rising, calling,
Bear one up through changing seasons,
Bring to each a full fruition
In the Moon when leaves are falling!

My Early Days.

Told by an Exhibition Yorkshire Canary.

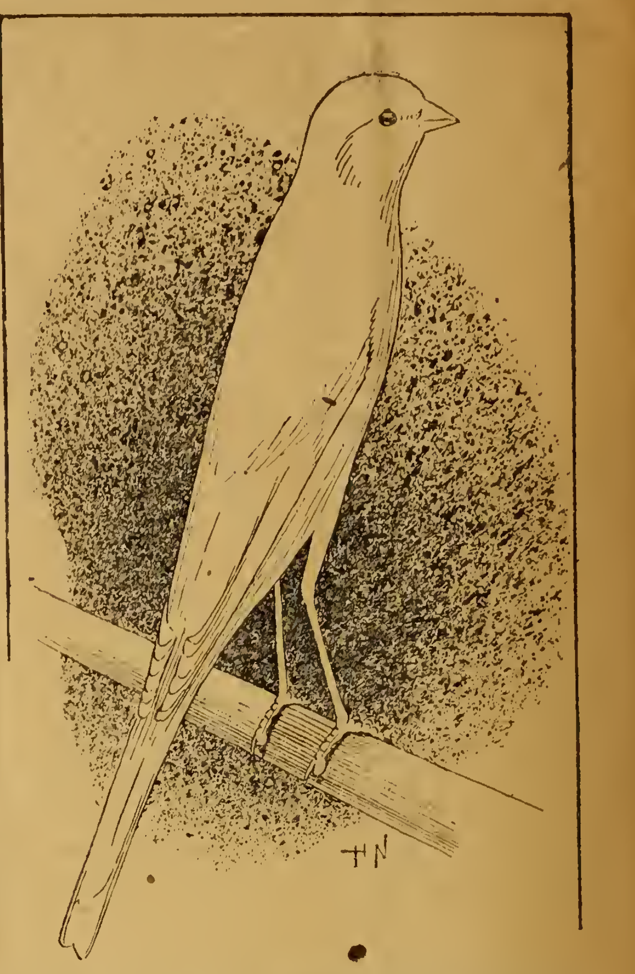
A contribution from the pen of Mr. R. Fielden Richards that may interest the younger generation and those who are not strictly "fanciers."

I HAVE often wondered how many of my owner's friends whilst gazing at me and echoing their thoughts in words, full of admiration, have realised the time and attention that have been bestowed upon me to bring about my present perfection. For I am long and slim, and stand like a soldier (on duty, mark you! not in the canteen) with nicely braced wings, and a sweet head. I'm a bit thin on neck, so I've heard critics say, but having seen quite a number of "first and special" cards hanging on my cage at shows all over the country, I put this down to jealousy.

I was born on the first of May in the year nineteen hundred and ten, and with two sisters and a brother, I emerged from my shell early one morning. The first few days of my existence are rather hazy, as you may suppose, and not until eight days must have passed did I begin to take stock of things. Mother was kept constantly dancing attendance, and luscious morsels of which I took my share make my mouth water even now. Meals! Meals!! Meals!!! No sooner had one been demolished than an aching void demanded another, and until mother nestled down on us as night drew near, sleep was only a secondary consideration.

A Fall out of Bed!

Our growth was very rapid, more especially that of my brother and myself, and at the end of a fortnight we were trying our wings and looking with longing eyes upon the perches that seemed to beckon us. One morning in a venturesome mood I struggled to the side of our bed and looked with curious eyes on the world around. What a vast place it seemed; made me feel quite giddy, and I was glad enough to scramble back again. That was a start, however, and after a few more "preliminary canters" I made a gallant effort, and succeeded in fluttering to the nearest perch and gripping it tightly with my claws. There I sat until a little of the strangeness had worn off, then ventured farther, tried my wings, let go of the perch and landed with a bump on the floor of our abode. Bed seemed miles away. If it had not been for a kindly hand (belonging to my master, I afterwards learned) I don't know what would have happened.



A STYLISH CLEAR YELLOW YORKSHIRE

The property of Mr. W. J. Heath, of Clapham Common, and winner of first prizes at Wimbledon and Wandsworth Shows.

This, my first adventure, taught me to be more careful, and soon I was able to go in and out without any attention, and my brother and sisters following the example set them were soon "on the sticks." And very happy we were, too, flying from perch to perch, or hopping about the floor in search of tit-bits. By following my mother's example we soon learned the use of the food trough. This helped mother considerably, and she soon lost the grave expression which it had been her wont to wear. It must have been a relief to her, after being constantly chased, to see her children helping themselves.

When Mother Disappeared.

One day an appalling thing happened. Even now, to think of it makes me shudder! The same hand that had so tenderly rescued me appeared and mother vanished. We kicked up a terrible fuss, but all to no purpose; she did not return, though we could hear her calling to us every now and then. Personally, I think it was hunger made me forget, and I was soon down helping myself to a liberal supply of food.

At this stage in my narrative I feel compelled to give my first impressions of the peculiar creature to whom we owed our daily bread. He was known to us at "IT." At first our conversations upon the subject ended in perplexity. "It" was something after the Yorkshire type, but with great long arms instead of wings, cloth covering his body instead of feathers, and a white face surmounted by a peculiar feather-like mop. Although at first startled when "it" approached, we soon began to look forward to "its" coming. Later we learnt from some older neighbours that this weird creature was known as "Man."

We continued to grow, and day by day our food seemed less rich, but having learned to crush little seeds, it was not long ere we were cracking the seeds known as canary and rape. We would be about six weeks old when our sisters were taken from us and placed in a much larger house, my brother and I finding ourselves with others of our sex in a similar structure. Soon the soft food, upon which we had been reared, was withdrawn altogether, and we found ourselves on hard seed, and with a liberal supply of water, which up to now had only been offered twice a day.

A Change of Colour.

Later, when we had grown much older, this soft food was returned, but prepared in a different way, and in appearance red. This I soon came to enjoy, and as the feathers began to come away with the first moult, they were replaced by far more brilliant ones, due, I have since learned, to the action of "pepper" on the blood. When the moult was completed I was caged by myself, and being a particularly good specimen of my type, soon made my bow to the public at a show. Of my first victory space prevents my speaking, but the full story of a later win of mine appeared in CAGE BIRDS some months ago under the title: "How I won the battle." To you who are not fanciers, I hope this little life story will appeal and make you fanciers. To you who are fanciers I need say little. Believe me, it gives us birds more pleasure than you imagine to be able to repay our master's kind and continual attention in some little measure, by winning for you on the show bench not only the praise of brother fanciers, but of the keen eyed judges, and perchance bringing into this sphere children more beautiful than ourselves to please your eyes. All that we ask is not to be looked upon as machines for the production of our like, but as "pals."

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By
J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 339).

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

It is claimed that the Hollow Roll is the foundation of a bird's song. To any who is sceptical of this I would say, let him place before a fancier who is conversant with the Roller's song, a good Hollow Roll singer, and watch the expression expectant of other good tours to follow a good Hollow Roll! I do not wish to be misunderstood into saying that after a good Hollow Roll tours will follow of an equal value. Far from it; but my contention is that a bird that can sing a good hollow roll is capable of producing, and very, very often will produce other good tours.

More Good Tours Than One.

While admitting the beauty of the hollow roll, there are other tours and rolls, however, that are more pleasing to my ear—song passages, in fact, that will at once catch the beginner's ear—the deep bubbling water tour, the bell glucke, the water glucke, the water roll, and the last but not the least, the hollow bell. There is a laughing, joyful style in the sound of these tours and rolls that makes them very acceptable. That cry "monotony" was the means of the glucke and water tours being introduced again into the Rollers song, and in a way we have suffered for it. We have been on the likely track to lose the deep sounding tours and rolls which were once so greatly admired. Further, we have again introduced the faults which Seifert studied and laboured so hard to breed out. It is pleasing to note that many of our old Roller fanciers are true lovers of the old deep-toned bird, and are working hard to establish strains of the deep hollow roll and glucke type of singer.

Some few years ago complaints were raised about the size and poor colour of the Roller, and some discussion took place on the subject, but the Fancy would not entertain it, for to increase size and depth of colour means sacrificing the song tours. To improve the appearance, other varieties of the Canary would have to be used. At the first cross the offspring would be a larger, and a better coloured bird—but what of the song? Cross the offspring back again into the Roller—result, smaller in size, and a little poorer in colour. It may be asked, why not then pair youngsters from the second cross with those bred from the first cross? You would be using a preponderance of Roller blood, granted, but you would also be using foreign blood, and every time the latter is used the singing powers of your stock is bound to decrease in value from a Roller fancier's point of view.

When the Roller Fancier is Puzzled.

A matter which is a source of great trouble is the naming of the different tours, and every new entrant into the hobby is anxious to learn their names and everything worth knowing about them. An adequate description cannot be placed on paper; even the most eloquent language would leave some tour or roll of whose name the fancier would be doubtful. If the names of a few of the tours should be known, probably my poor attempt at describing them will lead to the names of one or more of the others becoming easier to recognise. I will commence with the hollow roll. It is sung with a closed beak, and a slight vibrating movement of the throat. A good tour is given in a deep mellow toned, rolling (or vibrating) voice; the consonant r, or er if a light toned bird, is heard more or less in the rolling delivery.

The hollow roll is sung in several different ways—the straight, the rising and falling, and the falling. The way that is most admired is the rising and falling, as it is usually known, yet I opine the correct term, for it would be falling and rising. The bird continues for a short time in one key; then gradually falling, barely a semitone, will sing again for a little while in that key; then slowly rises to the key on which it commenced, to continue its song for a short period. From the commencement to the finish of the roll there will not be a perceptible break in the song passage.

Another way I have heard it sung, and which seemed to have a very pretty effect, was for the bird to descend nearly a semitone, still continuing the tour, then descend again, and finish the roll on its second descent. There is no perceivable break in this style of delivery. It seems to be a passage that is full of possibilities. The straight hollow roll is delivered in one key from start to finish.

A Difficult Roll to Produce.

A similar roll to the hollow is the bass roll, but I would unhesitatingly say that it is a more difficult roll to produce. It is delivered with a closed beak. The movement of the throat is slightly more discernible than in the hollow. In tone it is deeper and fuller—more rounded as it were—and the deep rolling "urr" is plainly heard. It is sometimes sung in a light toned voice, but it is then of no value.

Another roll which may be termed a sister to the hollow roll, is the bell roll. It is an exact reproduction of the hollow, with this exception, it is pitched in a higher key. The difficulty of producing this roll lies in keeping it within bounds—I mean in not producing it in too high a key.

Previously I have been giving a description of the song passages that are known by the names of rolls, now I turn to one that is a tour, i.e., The Schockel. We do not see it classified as either belonging to the rolls or tours, but given its proper title it should be The Schockel tour. The difference between a roll and a tour is, that in the roll we find a mingling or rolling together of the vowels, or consonants, whichever the case may be, while in the tour we distinguish a distinct beat on the vowels, etc., each one separate from the one following. They may follow each other very quickly, still they do not intermingle, as in the case of the roll. Amongst other rolls and tours that have deteriorated these last few years, is the Schockel. It has suffered both in depth of tone and in the style of delivery. At present we hardly hear it in any other style than the straight delivery, or in other words, in the same key or tone. Formerly it was common to hear the hollow bent Schockel, as the rising and falling style of singing was called.

The nearest and best description of the Schockel, using the silent H, is: Hoo-Hoo-Hoo-Hoo-Hoo-Hoo-Hoo-Hoo, delivered in about 4-4 time, 8 quavers in a bar. It will be noticed that some birds will slightly open and close the beak as each note (or Hoo) is delivered. This is more discernible when a front view can be obtained of a light toned singer, but this movement of the beak is not an infallible guide to distinguish the Schockel, as in a deep toned bird it would not be noticeable. The movements of the throat in both the light and deep-toned singers is the same; it rises and falls, as each note, or Hoo, is delivered. As the knowledge of the song passages increases, it will be noticed that many birds when singing the Schockel will, on nearing the end of the tour, sing it a little slower, and then without a break in their song will go directly on to the flute notes.

Singing Classical Flute Notes.

To be classical, these should be produced in a deep mellow tone, sounding similar to a drawn out Du-Du-Du-Du-, in about 4-4 time, 4 quavers to a bar. Thus it will be seen that flute notes are sung much slower than the Schockel. The beak will also open (not wide, for the wider a bird opens the beak the poorer the quality of the flute notes), and gently close, as each note, or Du, is sung. The throat will be seen to slowly rise and fall with each note. It is an easy song passage for a bird to sing, and is regarded as a breathing, or resting point, in the song, before going on with the rest of the tours. It appears to be so easy to some birds that they cannot take time over it, but rush it through. Others will use a deal of voice power in producing it, and will raise the tone until the notes become, sharp, or nasal; others will bring the notes out so, De-De-De-De-Cho-Cho-Cho-Cho. The latter style of singing is often found in the light toned birds when they are in breeding condition, or after being allowed too liberal a diet.

Not to the Correct Pitch.

Another tour on which some strains of birds are apt to raise their voices is the bell tour. In a good tour the rising and falling movement of the throat is perceivable as in the delivery of the Schockel; in fact, a good bell tour may be classed as being like the Schockel, only it is delivered in a higher key. The difficulty in this tour is for the bird to keep it in the normal or proper tone. It is the least valued tour our Roller sings.

The hollow bell is a very pretty tour, and a distinct ulululululul is plainly heard throughout its delivery. There is a very distinct and rapid—full—rising and falling movement of the throat. The beak opens and closes quickly (in unison with the falling movement of the throat) as the ulululululul is sounded. The throat and beak movements are not quite the same in any other song passage, and seem to add a very pleasing appearance to the bird. To my mind they are so striking that when once the name of the tour has been learned, you will be able to point it out when a bird is singing it, even though the voice cannot be heard. I have often stood outside a bird dealer's shop window in a busy thoroughfare, and by watching the movements of a Roller's beak and throat I could "see" and name some of the tours the bird was singing. As the recruit gets more proficient, this will also come naturally (as it were) to him, as will also the naming of the song passages from their sound, without his being in a position to see the bird.

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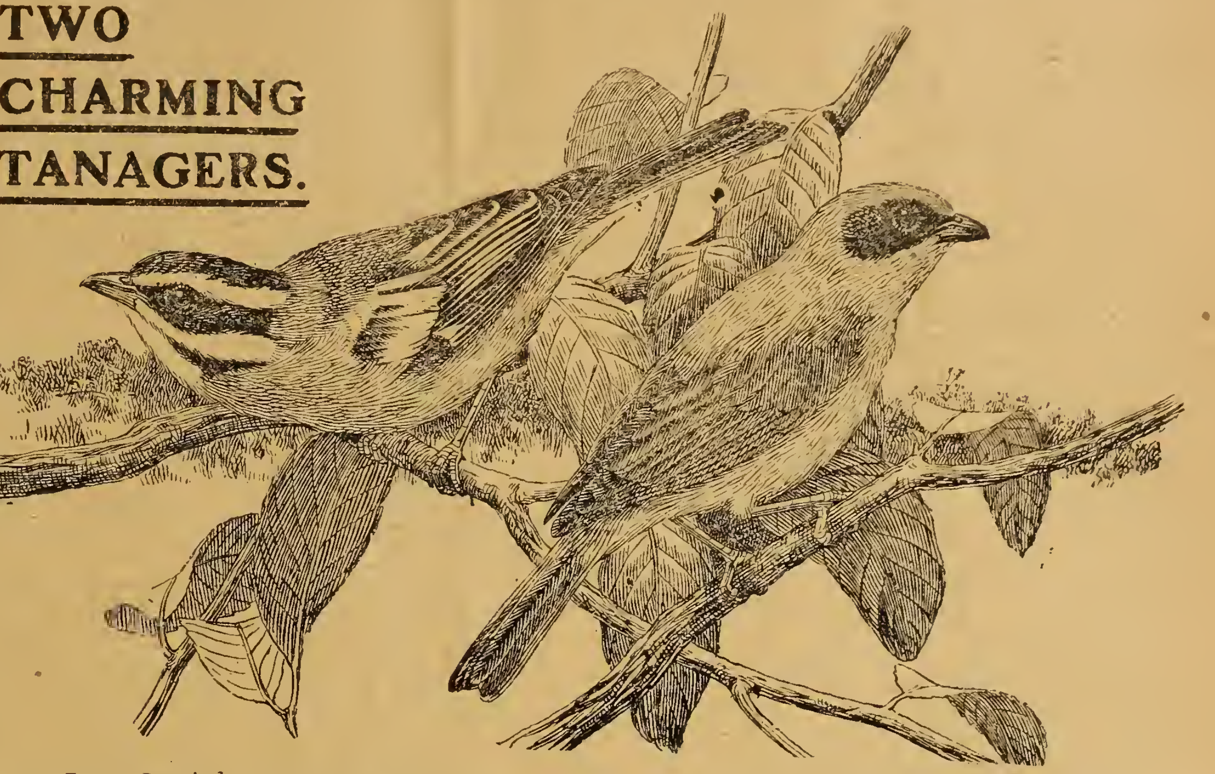
TWO CHARMING TANAGERS.



From a Drawing] [*By H. Goodchild.*

The bird on the left is Pretre's Tanager, a rarity exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell; the other is a Black-checked Tanager, a very uncommon species, which was owned by Mr. Wesley T. Page.

Sunflower Growing for the Moulting of British Birds.

By A. H. C. LEGG (Porth).

The Sunflower is grown in various parts of the world, as a field crop more so than in any other way, and notably in Southern Russia and France. It seems to me a pity that the English farmer does not take this up, seeing the good market there is for sunflower seeds. After extracting the oil the residue can be made into cake for fattening cattle, and is equal to linseed cake. The oil extracted from sunflower seed is very sweet and agreeable to the taste, and is almost equal to olive oil; is, indeed, I am told, substituted for olive oil very often.

The flowers of the plant are very rich in nectar, and numbers of bees may be seen upon them. The leaves are excellent feeding stuff for cows, and the stems may be used for various purposes; when dry they make excellent fuel, and if you save the ash and throw this about your flower-beds, you will get beautiful blooms, as the ashes contain a very high percentage of potash.

Details of Culture.

Although the sunflower is really a native of tropical America, it is rather hardy, but the seed should not be sown before the last week in April, or the first week in May if the weather is not favourable. There are several varieties, but I advise growing only the very largest seed of the white variety, as the heads are larger and contain more seed than those of the striped and the black varieties.

The Best Kind for Us.

There are two kinds which stand out from all others, the giant and the dwarf, but the giant is the best for the bird fancier. It is a great "feeder," so if you want the best results, you must dig the ground rather deep, and give the ground a good dressing of well-rotted manure. Sow the seed one inch deep, and allow two feet between the rows, and thin the plants out to 18 inches in the rows. If you wish to sow only one row, then sow this on the sunny side of your garden.

If you have a hedge as a back-ground, the sunflowers will look simply grand.. They will often reach the height of from 5 to 8 feet, with flowers 8 to 12 inches in diameter. The "heads" are one mass of seed, and often as large as a dinner-plate. Always remember that sunflowers need a lot of water in very dry weather.

As Colour and Bloom Producers.

In the writer's opinion freshly gathered sunflower seed is a great colour-producer, especially so with the Hawfinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch and Siskin. Too many should not be given to the two last-mentioned birds, as it has a tendency to make them too fat, and then you need to be prepared to give Epsom's salts rather often. For the Hawfinch and Greenfinch I cut a sunflower head into four and give to each one piece every day (or as they eat it up) with Spanish canary seed in the hoppers For the Goldfinch and Siskins I cut a head into eight pieces, and give one portion each day. Once a week give as much Epsom's salts as will lie on a sixpenny-piece in two tablespoonfuls of water. You will find your birds moult out a good colour and with a beautiful bloom.

How Modern Exhibition Crests and Crest-breds are Produced.

To accompany Mr. Norman's coloured plate given with this issue, those noted breeders and exhibitors, Messrs. Greenwood and Burson, of Swindon, have kindly supplied the appended account of how they mate their stock birds, rear the young, etc.

THE best possible way, in our experience, to breed winning Crest or Crest-breds is by pairing Crest and Plainhead together, as the pairing of two Crested birds together does not (from our experience) give very satisfactory results. The young from the, latter turn out very rough in feather, and the crest void of centre. But this mating is sometimes followed, and by it it may be possible to produce a good bird. By pairing two Plainheads together, however, you get very different results. Pairing back the young from two such birds with a bird of good crest formation will greatly improve your stock.

Methods of Pairing.

We find that nearly always the best birds are bred from a Crested cock and a Crest-bred hen. These hens, in nearly every case, will breed and feed much better than Crested hens. You do not want hens too large. We think a medium sized hen is much better than a large one. You must have type and quality from the hen, and size from the cock. Never despise a hen with a small head; very often it will carry more feather than it appears to do, of course, that is if she is well bred. Perhaps some of our large breeders would help the Fancy by giving their idea of how they breed their best birds, i.e., whether from Crested hens or Crest-bred hens. It would be very interesting to know. It very often happens that the best birds of the season are bred from a young pair of birds, but we prefer an over year hen, as we think that she produces much stronger birds.

There is plenty of material to-day for the young beginner in this fancy. They should get, say, two or three pairs to start with; and if they would buy at the end of the breeding season they would get birds much cheaper. Some don't like Crests as they say they have not much colour, but the buffs of to-day are a much better colour than those of a few years ago.

There is no need for young beginners to purchase the Lancashire for colour, as there are many fanciers of to-day who breed yellow Crests and Crest-breds. A lady fancier sold a yellow Crest at the last Palace show for £10, and as the Crested Canary Club are offering splendid prizes for yellows, there should be some good yellows seen out this year. If one intends to include the Lancashire, then Plainhead hens are the best to use. But it will take you two or three years to breed back again to the proper type.

There appears to be a great call to-day for the bird with long head feather, but a bird with good body feather will very often produce better young. Fanciers who have birds of this sort will do well to pair up to a hen with a good fronted crest, and we think they will be pleased with the result. Most breeders to-day are trying to breed birds finer in body feather. There is nothing better, or looks nicer, than a clear body dark Crest.

The Crest a "made" Bird.

It must be clearly understood that the Crest is a made bird, so if your stock does not turn out to your expectations the first year or two, don't be down-hearted. Keep the best and look well to the good and bad points, and well tend your birds. After the moult sell your surplus stock to pay for the seed bill. Many young fanciers give up after a year or two, just when their stock would begin to do them good, just because they have not bred a champion, or perhaps could not purchase just the bird they wanted. There is more honour, remember, in winning a third or fourth prize with a bird one breeds than to own a first prize winning bird you have bought.

As we said, the Crest is a made bird and all sorts of colours will turn up—dark crests, clear bodies, greys and evenly marked all in one nest sometimes. When you get an evenly balanced strain, one can almost tell what the parents will throw. After you have once paired up, don't change the bird about only in cases when you want to run a cock with two hens. Never, too, rush into your bird-room during breeding season, as you want to keep the birds as quiet as possible.

Management of the Breeding Pairs.

Many fanciers have started by this time, and if any words of ours help them, we shall feel pleased. Birds you are breeding with should have been under your notice, and should have been well fed up for the last month. No doubt some have had trouble with egg-binding, but if the hens had been given equal parts of linseed and niger seed, there would have been very little trouble in this respect. If a hen is seen a little thick at night, give two drops of glycerine on a half teaspoonful of egg food, and if a very bad case anoint the vent with a little sweet oil, to be applied with a feather, but don't handle a bird unless it is a very bad case.

Don't draw your cage slides until your birds are well attached to each other. We use the platform nest, and we believe hundreds of young would be saved every year if the platform was more widely used. Two feet six inches long, 18 inches high, and 11 inches wide makes a good cage, the nesting platform being 12 inches by 11 inches, while a wire slide goes under the platform, making a good nursery cage for the young birds. It is very awkward when the hen wants to go to nest again before the first young are out. They are very often pushed out on to the platform. In this case take the nest pan and the young, and put them in the nursery, under the platform. They will stay in the nest for days and do well.

Should She Pluck the Young.

Don't forget to put the hen in another nest pan and plenty of nesting material. If she attempts to pluck the young draw a piece of brown paper across the slide, allowing about three-quarters of an inch at the bottom for feeding purposes. Three or four handfuls of good rough pine sawdust will keep the young clean and warm. You must try to see all your young birds at least once a day, and if you find them not fed up at night you should watch the hen go off and then feed them by hand with damp egg-food. Feed with a tiny flat stick. This will only be necessary when the birds are young; they will do after four or five days. The birds should have two or even three clean nests. It should be changed for the last time when they are about nine days old; don't touch them after this, or you will not keep them in the nest.

How They Are Fed.

We feed our birds on egg and bread crumbs, and believe this will rear finer and stronger young than anything else. Boil the egg for twelve minutes, then put it into cold water at once. When the egg is cold press through a sieve with a knife, adding a good slice of two days' old bread, mix well together with a fork. Don't touch the egg-food with your hands. This quantity of bread with one egg will make enough for six pairs for one day. Watercress or young lettuce is the very best green food to use, but be careful during frost, as there is a large number of birds killed every year with inflammation.

As the staple food, give best canary, and a good supply of hemp and rape seeds. Give it to them whole. Let them crack it themselves, as if ground up will soon go bad. We should have said before, don't in any case push the hens off of the nest. A little green food will entice them off, if you drive your hens off the nest you will ruin them. If you find "sweating" hens give a pinch of Epsom salts in their drinking water. If possible change drinking water twice a day during hot weather.; It is always wise to boil the water in hot weather, as we think much disease comes from bad water.

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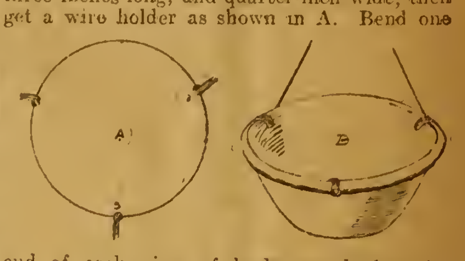
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

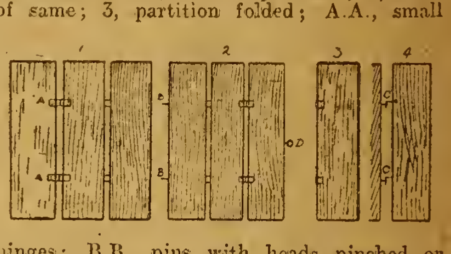
No. 620.
A Novelty for Securing Nest Pans.
Sent by T. Southam, Honeybourne.

The sketches show a device to prevent nest pans toppling on one side, and also to prevent jarring when the hen goes on and off the nest. Get three strips of flat thin lead, three inches long, and quarter-inch wide, then get a wire holder as shown in A. Bend one end of each piece of lead around the wire as 1, 2, 3,; then place the nest pan into the holder, and bend the strips of lead over the top of nest pan and inside, as in B. This makes it very firm, and it may be taken off the nail for inspection without the least danger.



No. 621.
A Folding Movable Partition.
Sent by J. H. Barrett, 8, Borneo Street, Walsall.

Being short of breeding cages I have converted some of my flight cages into double breeders by the following simple method. The method of construction is easily seen from the sketches:—1, back of partition; 2, front of same; 3, partition folded; A.A., small hinges; B.B., pins with heads pinched or filed off to fix in back of cage; D., screw ring to fasten to cage front. If preferred partition may be attached to back by means of small hooks and staples as in Fig. 4. C.C., hooks and staples. The great advantage of this partition is that it can be fixed or removed without taking out the cage front. The width of the sections depends on the size of the door from corner to corner. If the width is 5ins. the folds must be slightly under.



Our Resident and Migratory British Birds.

A lecture given by Mr. J. Jeffrey, of Harborne, before the members and friends of the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

The subject of my lecture to-night is "British Birds: Residential and Migratory." The term British Birds not only implies birds that breed here regularly, but birds that have at some time or other bred in this country, and would breed here again if permitted to do so. Many of our British birds have almost become extinct, such as the Golden Eagle, Cornish Chough, Waxwing, Bearded Tit, Crested Tit, Dartford Warbler, and Golden Oriole. Still amongst migratory species of these there are isolated pairs that make their way to this country from time to time, and no doubt would establish themselves as regular visiting birds if it were not for the mischievous gun, and those who use it. Of the residential species there are some that remain very near to their breeding quarters, except when forced to leave them in search of food.

There are others that are partially migratory—that is to say, they only migrate from north to south within the limits of our own country. I am not speaking of individual specimens, but of flocks as a whole. The different families of birds flock together at certain times of the year and scour the country in search of a particular kind of food upon which they are feeding at that time of the year. In many cases they return to their breeding quarters daily, and in other cases at the spring of the year. These are termed residential birds. There are other birds that breed in this country and remain here during a portion of the year only, migrating to foreign lands for the remaining portion; these are termed migratory birds.

A Controversial Subject.

There has always been much controversy on the subject of migration, and all sorts of reasons have been put forward as to why birds migrate. Some assert that those that leave us in the autumn cannot stand our winter climate; they say that the severe cold would kill them. I am not going to dogmatise in any sense of the word, but I have proved, to my own satisfaction, that the most delicate of these can stand a far greater amount of cold than they are credited with.

Nightingales and the Frost.

For instance, I have kept a Nightingale in an open garden aviary when the hoar frost has whitened the wires over until you could scarcely see the bird, and the thermometer has registered 10 degrees of frost. I have also started out on a ramble at 10 o'clock at night when it has been freezing hard, and Nightingales have been singing at their best.

I remember once trying to see how close I could get to one singing in a low bushy hedge, and as I went to mount the stile the top bar was a mass of ice. Then I tried to creep down the side of the hedge silently, but the grass was frozen hard and made quite a crumpling noise at every step I took, and stopped the bird from singing. I stood, however, for a short time very quiet, and it commenced singing again within half a yard from where I stood. This experience convinced me that a Nightingale could stand a large amount of cold; hence my experiment in the garden aviary. It is a noted fact also that the smallest and most delicate of British Softbills remain with us all the year round, namely, the Gold Crest, Fire Crest, and Long-tailed Tit, so that the theory of birds migrating to escape the cold weather falls to pieces.

After very careful study and consideration, I have come to the conclusion that where birds are gifted with special instincts and faculties for obtaining their food in winter they will remain with us in preference to facing the dangers and hardships they have to endure during their migration. Take, for instance, the Martins and the Swift. They live on winged insects, namely, gnats and flies. Nature has decreed that these birds shall obtain their food while on the wing; consequently they are provided with very powerful wings and very peculiar legs and feet, which would make it very difficult to obtain their food in any other way. The only time you can see a Martin or Swallow running about is when it is in search of mud to build its nest. On the other hand, the Gold Crest, Fire Crest, and Long-tailed Tit, can obtain their winter diet by using the feet and hopping from branch to branch.

The Early Chiff-chaff.

There are other Softbills that feed exactly the same, and have the same faculties as these latter species, namely, the Chiff Chaff, Willow Wren, and Wood Wren. All these birds feed on the smaller winged insects, but migrate as winter approaches. The Chiff Chaff, one of the first to make its appearance in the spring, often arrives here early in April, and you can see them up and down the branches of tall trees picking off various grubs and insects from the boughs while they are still bare, and anyone watching their movements would wonder what it was they keep on picking up as they hop from bough to bough. Now, it often happens that we have some very severe frosts after these birds arrive, which must put them to a severe test.

All have their Likes and Dislikes.

I consider that these birds have equally as good a chance of getting their living in the winter as the Gold Crest, Fire Crest, or Long-tailed Tit, but the migratory instinct is very pronounced in them, and away they go in preference to staying here.

British birds may be roughly divided into the insectivorous, the granivorous, and the carnivorous. Among the insectivorous birds are included all those birds that live on the various kinds of insects and their larvæ. Now, don't run away with the idea that they all eat the same kinds of insects. True, they will eat most kinds when forced to do so by hunger, but each variety or family of Softbills has a palate for different specialities.

The same theory follows in the granivorous birds. There is a very wide difference in the feeding of birds that live on various kinds of grain and wild seeds, and what is food for one kind would abolutely be refused by another; in fact, they would starve in preference to eating it. Take, for instance, the Goldfinch and Bullfinch. In the spring of the year the Bullfinch lives on the buds of damson trees, currant, apple and gooseberry—in fact, almost every kind of buds, as well as on the seeds of the ash and wild rose. No sooner are these exhausted than they take to the different kinds of bloom; in fact, the first nests of Bullfinches are almost entirely reared on the bloom of the privet hedge. As soon as that is too far advanced, and is turning to berries, they go on to the plantain, dock, and nettle seeds, then from these to the seeds of the blackberry. This gets them well through the autumn and winter. If you want to colour feed a Bullfinch there is no finer food to be obtained than blackberry and privet berries.

How three Favourites Feed.

The Goldfinch feeds on very different kinds of seeds altogether. Commencing in the spring on the seeds of dandelion, one of the earliest flowering plants, that carries him well into the sumer. He leaves that for the summer thistle, then on to the large boar thistle; from that to the seeds of the hard-heads, and thence to the willow.

Now you will easily perceive that while the Goldfinch is one of our most useful and harmless seed-eating birds, the Bullfinch, on the other hand, is most destructive, especially amongst fruit trees. Not only that, although both are granivorous birds, the food differs so widely that the natural food of the Gold finch would be useless to the Bullfinch, and *vice-versa*.

Again, the Linnet and Chaffinch are great consumers of a wild seed called charlock—a food that is refused by both Bullfinch and Goldfinch, so you will readily see that what is food for one kind of seed-eating bird is of no use to another kind.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HOW YOUNG BIRDS SHOULD BE REARED

By T. JOHNSON

(Continued from page 319.)

A Fine Contribution, on a Matter of Vital Importance, that will Help You to Succeed in the Hobby.

HAVING disposed of the cages, I will say a few words on the different methods of pairing, and which in my opinion give the best results. I believe from what I can gather, that nearly all Roller breeders adopt the method of running one cock with two or more hens. Of course, the end all and be all of a Roller breeder is to get quantity; size and other fancy points being only secondary in importance. No doubt many arguments can be adduced in favour of that system of pairing as regards quantity, but it will take a lot to convince me that it is a better method than the one of running one cock with one hen.

One Wife or Two?

The Canary is naturally a monogamous animal, and although you frequently come across a cock bird that emulates Don Juan in so far that he can be transferred to each and every hen, while his condition holds out, you as frequently meet with one that will have nothing at all to do with a second hen. Another point worth considering is the help a cock gives to a hen when the single pairing method is adopted. I find that if a cock bird is allowed to help in the feeding, he alone—in 90 per cent. of cases—brings up the brood after the young have attained the age of 14 days. By that time the hen is already busy preparing her nest for a second clutch, and will be sitting before the young are doing for themselves, and I find by this method that one pair will bring up four nests of young in the same time that it takes a hen which brings up her young alone to rear three.

"But," you ask, "Doesn't it take too much out of a hen to lay four clutches of eggs?" In answer to that, I say that it doesn't do more harm to a hen to lay four clutches than it does to lay three with the addition of the heavy work entailed in bringing them up without help. As I mentioned previously, the cock does the lion's share of feeding when the young have reached the age of 14 days. For those, however, who prefer the method of one cock to two hens the three compartment cage is the best to adopt, with a hen in each end and the cock in the middle. Run him with the hen which you think the most forward, and when she has gone to nest, he may, after a couple of days rest, be run with the other. But, as I warned you, some cocks have so much affection, shall we call it, for the first hen that they will have nothing to do with another, except to beat her; and, as I have "had some," I shall always prefer the single pair system.

A. PROMISING MATING!

Enthusiast (showing his birds to a non-fancier friend): "This is a Cow Bird perched up here."
Friend: "Ah! I see; the Bullfinch's mate, of course."

When the Birds Are Ready.

When you think the birds are ready for pairing, which is when you see the hen continually flapping her wings, and when on hearing the cock sing she will call to pair, draw the slide which separates them. Usually the cock will jump to the bottom of the cage, and start to pick up pieces of stick, and carry them about in his beak. You may be sure by that he means business. Give them a nest box, or pan, whichever you prefer, and some nesting material. I use dried grass, sphagnum moss, and pieces of hempen rope pulled fine, for lining. Give egg food three times a week until the hen is sitting.

A forward hen will usually lay about the seventh day; but don't be too impatient. It frequently happens that a fortnight elapses before an egg is laid. Take the eggs away as laid in the morning, and substitute dummies. On the evening of the third day, replace them, but see that she has a nice nest; if not, make one for her as neat as possible. Dust with Keating's powder, and separate the cock on the fourth or fifth night after the laying of the first egg, so that she is sitting nicely before he is separated.

Treatment of the Sitting Hen.

While the hen is sitting, feed her on plain Canary, with the egg drawer always full of winter rape seed. I regard that as important, my reason being it prevents them getting too fat, or, otherwise, keeps them in condition. You may give a small—very small—piece of green meat about twice a week while she is sitting. The cock will do with treatment somewhat similar. He needs no egg food.

On the eighth day you may test the eggs to see if they are fertile, by holding them to a light between the finger and thumb. If they are fertile they will be black; if unfertile or addled, they will be light. If they happen to be unfertile, take them away, and give the hen a few days rest before returning the cock to her. Some fanciers advise letting the hen sit her time out; but if you do, when her young are due to hatch, she will have formed a pap in her crop in readiness for her young, and—although it doesn't always follow—she might go ill if she isn't allowed to perform her maternal duties.

If all goes well, and the eggs are fertile, you may expect young on the thirteenth day, but in the early season when the days are cold, it frequently happens that they don't hatch until the fourteenth or even the fifteenth day, so it is as well to wait a day or two before giving up hope. I forgot to mention though, that in dry weather, the eggs may be sprinkled with lukewarm water on the twelfth day, to soften the shell, while at the same time, a dusting of Keating's may again be given.

When the Young Are Hatched.

On the day before you think they will hatch, give a very little egg food prepared from an egg which has been boiled not less than 15 minutes, and a little crumbled stale home-made bread, in about equal parts. Use the yolk of egg only for the first three days. I haven't yet found anything that will beat the old fashioned egg and bread, but I have seen, and had an opportunity of trying a little, the yolk of egg recently put on the market by Liverine, Ltd., and I am intending this season to give it a trial. When the young are three days old, you may give a little green food, watercress is my choice, and both the yolk and white of the egg may be mixed in with the bread, in equal quantities, with a little sugar, and a teaspoonful of Angier's emulsion to one egg. Give also a little hemp seed, and a few groats, which must be increased in quantity as the youngsters grow.

I prepare my egg food by pushing the egg through a sieve of perforated zinc with a table knife, and rubbing the stale bread through my hands until I get the quantity required, afterwards mixing all together in a basin with a dessert spoon. Those with only a small stud of Canaries, and who may not be able to use the whole of the egg in a day, may use half the egg by cutting it across the middle with a knife, keeping the remaining half till next day in a saucer of oatmeal, the shell side uppermost, and of course, in a cool place.

Possess Yourself With Patience.

Don't interfere with the young more than is absolutely necessary; but if you do wish to see how they are getting on, wait until you see the hen off, then drive her into the other compartment and shut her off, so that she won't see you interfering. A good way of inducing her to come off is to give a small piece of green food and leave the room, then come in again in about a minute. You will probably find her off then.

At a week old, draw the slide, and let the cock help to feed, which he will do, especially if he has been allowed just a peep at them once or twice beforehand, or has been where he could watch the hen doing her duties. A young cock may be frightened of the youngsters for a few minutes, but he will, if left alone, invariably start feeding after he has seen the hen a time or two; then all is plain sailing.

As the youngsters grow, more food will be required, which should, if possible, be given three times a day, and when they reach the age of a fortnight the hemp seed may be given crushed, so that the birds eat it quicker and easier, but crush it every day, as it has the reputation of turning rancid in a very short time, although I haven't ever seen any real evidence to justify the conclusion; still, it is as well to be on the safe side. Give also hemp and summer rape soaked. The hemp begins to germinate very quickly and I find the birds like it; but change the water every day, as it soon smells. You may now ring the changes on green food, giving watercress, dandelion from the open, chickweed and lettuce; and also a mixture of the following seeds:—Teazle, inga, maw, rape (both kinds), and linseed and millet, in about equal proportions, say a teaspoonful a day. Don't be frightened of the groats.

How to Manage the Second Nest.

The hen will now be showing signs of going to nest again, when a fresh nesting receptacle may be given at the other end of cage. It sometimes happens that she will persist in building in the same nest as the youngsters. If so, remove them to the floor of the cage, and hang the new nest in the place of the old one. This usually has the desired effect. A sharp look out must be kept for the hen plucking the young. If she attempts this, remove them to the other side of the wire slide; but be sure that the parents can reach them to feed.

When the hen has laid her complement of eggs, the youngsters may be left to the care of the cock until they can do for themselves, which is generally at from 18 to 21 days; but be sure they are eating before they are separated. If you see one eating at the egg food, remove it to a clean cage, because they come on and thrive much faster when really doing for themselves. They are a bit gluttonous at this age, and if there is food they will see to it that they don't go hungry, while if they were left to the cock they would probably spend their time chasing him about for food. Cage off in a separate double breeder, and feed on egg food, crushed hemp, with milk-sop for the mid-day feed, and fresh water, if possible twice a day, to which has been added either two drops of tincture of gentian or tincture of quinine in two ounces of water. Milk-sop can be prepared by pouring boiling milk over a piece of stale bread each day, with a little sugar to taste, or as is mentioned in my article on "Inflammation," which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of January 18th, last, which please see.

The youngsters at this stage must be cleaned out every day, if at all possible, and fresh sawdust given. At five weeks, forward youngsters will be eating hard seed which has been previously provided for them in the hoppers, when the egg food may be gradually reduced, until at six weeks it reaches its minimum of a teaspoonful per bird per day until moulting time. At this age they may be removed to a flight cage, so as to allow them to use their wings and grow apace; but I should have mentioned that every day any promising youngsters should have been taught the use of the show cage by having one hung on the cage front and handled occasionally.

This beautiful example of the Siskin-Canary Hybrid has been exhibited with great success by Master Jim Johnson (Wallsend-on-Tyne). It won a first prize at the Crystal Palace 1913 Show.

Should Green Food be Given?

Many breeders advise that green food should not be given after the young have left their parents, but, provided you don't overdo it, and the right kind is given, I am confident it doesn't do them harm, but good. A small spray of watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, or seedy groundsel, given fresh every day, is beneficial, but remove any stale pieces from the floor of the cage.

So far we have spoken of the treatment of the rearing of young birds, all going well, but unfortunately sometimes things go wrong. At about ten days or a fortnight old, a close observer may notice that the food is not going as fast as it might be, and in many cases may come to the conclusion that the hen has given up feeding. Sometimes I admit, the hen can be blamed, but not in every case. I have seen hens in these circumstances stand on the edge of the nest box, and continually chirp for the youngsters to be fed, and they have not accepted the invitation. On examination of the young, I have in such cases invariably found them to be suffering from some illness, as they have generally lost that nice peach colour so evident in a nest of healthy youngsters. I have tried all ways and means to effect a cure, but with indifferent results. In these cases the hen generally looks distressed, but whether she is really ill, or it is only her concern for the young, I can't say. As I mentioned previously, we have a lot to learn yet, and I have only mentioned this because I am sure, from my own observations, the hen is not always to blame when the youngsters are not reared successfully.

Useful Hints in Brief.

The foregoing directions will be sufficient to show the novice his way about through the breeding season, but I will mention a few after-thoughts that have occurred to me. If a hen has only one youngster, transfer it to another nest of about the same age; or, suppose one has five, you might transfer two of them to the nest that has only one.

Always try to get the hens down in groups of four or five, and if one lays a day before the others, keep her back a day before putting her to sit, so as to get them all hatching about the same time. The obvious reason is to be able to transfer any solitary youngster, or any that you find a hen is not doing well for. If you happen to have a newly hatched nest at the same time that you have a lot of older ones, and you want to give them yolk of egg only for three days, take a small slice of yolk when preparing your egg-food and mix separately. It is a saving. Use farm-yard eggs where possible. They contain more nutriment than those from poultry which are confined.

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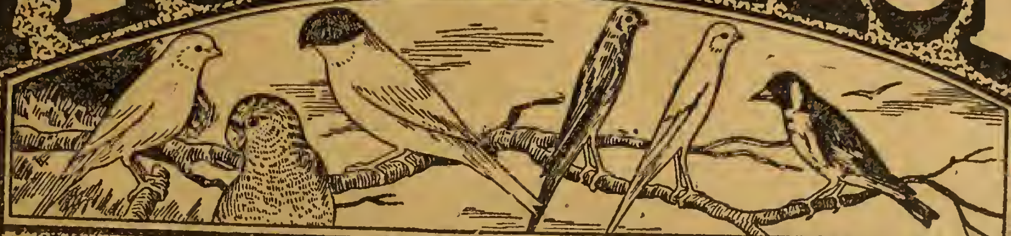

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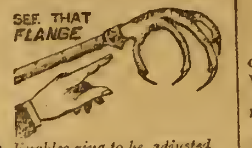

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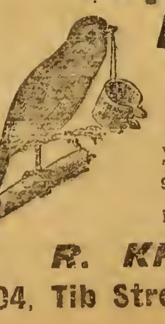

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WANTED, anything alive: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WANTED, joiner's plough, good condition, cheap: Allen, 32, Latimer Avenue, East Ham. (679)

WANTED, good watch, on approval; exchange 2 pairs club Rollers, sell 30/-: Peters, Little-Hulton. (673)

WANTED Goldfinch, give twice H.M. cock Linnet, good muler, safe with eggs; approval: Alfred, King-st., Treforest. (677)

WANTED, good modern B.S.A. air rifle for cash; state particulars and lowest price: H. Clayton, Postman, Southport. (675)

YORKSHIRES wanted.—Will give 5/6 each cocks, full song, 2/6 hens; cash deposited: Oliver, 2, Bridport-pl., Hoxton. (667)

WANTED cock Canary, good songster, give cash, or good exchange, new boots: Howland, Bootmaker, Ockendon, Essex. (677)

WANTED, large 1912 Norwich cock; exchange Norwich hen and twice C.M. cock Linnet: Hallows, 33, Willow-st., Romford. (671)

WANTED, good outdoor bird aviary and birds; exchange new 18ct. diamond ring, value £8; offers: Cypher, Bedwas, Mon. (677)

WANTED, Canaries, large young birds, also speaking Parrots and British birds: Mrs Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (665)

WANTED, pair Norwich Canaries, cash or exchange tumbler and tippler (cost 5/6), and cash: Hewitt, 47, Grey Friars Lane, Coventry. (672)

WANTED Canaries, good British, or Foreigners, talking Parrots, cash or exchange: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (Q)

WANTED, hen Canaries, cock and Mules, singing; exchange racing pigeons, or will sell; approval: Nunn, 232, Grange-rd., Plaistow. (678)

WANTED, Canaries, Pigeons, Rabbits, Bantams, Small Dogs, any variety, litters; cash or exchange: Sorley, 188, Saltmarket, Glasgow. (659)

WANTED, rare and curious coloured birds, specimens preserved by me, moth proof, specimens for sale: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham. (670)

WANTED, exhibition Norwich cock in exchange for exhibition Hawfinch, show cage, etc., value 30/-: Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds. (674)

WANTED hen Canaries for 20 prize-bred White Polish Bantams' eggs; unfertiles replaced; no rubbish wanted: Munday, 103, Orp-rd., Reading. (681)

WANTED, yellow and buff Yorkshire hens, slim; exchange glazier's diamond, sell 12/6; 60 Edison records, 3/- dozen: Lloyd, 84, Sydney-rd., Crewe. (676)

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshire, Border Fancy, and German Rollers, cocks, in full song; also Mules; state prices: Manager, Bird Stores, Wakefield. (678)

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WILL buy for cash any quantity of Goldfinch Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-; hen Canaries, 1/3; large Yorkshire, 1/6: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (601)

WANTED, cavies, rats, mice, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Bantams, Canaries, Hedgehogs, birds' eggs: Benda, Gunnersbury Aviary, 534, High-rd., Chiswick. (676)

WANTED, surplus stocks all varieties Canaries for cash; also Mules, Foreign, and British birds; cash sent with order: McKeand, Scabright, Castle-Douglas. (673)

WANTED, good Crests or Norwich; will exchange two black and white English bucks, 12 months, or sell 10/- each: G. F. Oldfield, Folly, Wymondham, Norfolk. (674)

WANTED, Canaries, Budgies; exchange standard lesson books, 10/-; large dog collar, 8/-; photo metre, 5/-; clothes, other things: 8, Guithavon-st., Witham. (676)

WANTED, singing cock Canary, give in exchange heavy plated gold lever watch and albert, or accept 5/-; deposit: W. Cottam, 13, Thirkill-st., Bradford. (674)

WANTED, Canaries and other birds, Parrots, pigeons, poultry, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, monkeys, rats; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (679)

WANTED, exhibition Linnet, also Lark; must be tip-top birds; field-moulted preferred; prices and particulars to: Scott and Little, 5, White Cottages, Whitley Bay. (677)

WANTED, Canaries; cash, or exchange pullets, Bantams, Foreign birds, puppies, rabbits; state offers, wants: Simmonds, Aviaries, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London. (675)

WANTED any quantity good-sized Norwich Canaries, will give 6/6 pair; odd cocks or hens purchased: B. Soanes, Clothier and Bird Merchant, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (680)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, and common hen Canaries, 1/4; Norwich, 1/8; Yorkshires, 2/- each. I buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens. Linnets, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Bullfinches wanted: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (633)

WANTED Canaries, in exchange for mandoline, 25/-, cost 45/-; also five Linnets, caged September, 3/6 each; also pair clap nets, 10/-: Pridmore, 46, Bury Park-rd., Luton. (677)

WANTED, Canaries, cocks and hens, healthy birds, for cash; fair price given; business straight; same address 21 years: G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (660)

WANTED, customers for Norwich Cinnamons, Plainhead Norwich and Goldfinch Mules, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens; approval, deposit: Wm. Cook, 63, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich. (673)

WANTED, pair of unsighted Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding; exchange two new British Finch show cages, and case to hold same, yours first: [illegible], Castle-st., Stranraer (678)

WANTED, two singing Canaries or Mules in exchange lady's rolled gold expanding bracelet, watch attached, or gent's gold-plated keyless watch, new: Edgeley, 330, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (681)

WANTED, birds, any description, in exchange for double or single breeding cages, fitted with loose fronts, sliding divisions, complete, also loose fronts, any size made: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (676)

WANTED, two yellow Norwich hens and one Scotch Fancy yellow hen, young 1912 birds preferred; good type and quality; state price; also singing cocks: Robert Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Scotland (679)

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WANTED FOR EXPORT

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SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

TWO large cock Goldfinches, in full song, 3/6 each; what offers in exchange?: R. Hearn, Bottisham, Cambs. (676)

WHAT offers in British for gent.'s watch or lady's watch bracelet, overcoat, etc; see miscellaneous column: Edgeley. (681)

KESTREL Hawk, aviary reared, good condition; exchange rabbits, or offers: Whibley, 56, Beulah-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (697)

EXCHANGE genuine muling Goldfinch, bred Mules last season, for yellow Yorks. cock; yours first: Chubb, Acre-rd., Alton. (675)

TWO Larks, full song, day and gaslight, with metal overtop outdoor double cage, 10/-; offers: Shirley, Sutton, Keighley. (675)

HYBRID pairs; Linnet-Goldfinch, 4/6; Linnet-Bullie, 4/6; Goldfinch-Greenfinch, 5/6; exchange offers: Arnold, High-st., Raunds. (674)

GOLDFINCH, Linnet, cocks, twice house-moulted, proved mulers; exchange Norwich, sell 10/-: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend. (677)

EXCHANGE a pair of aviary-moulted Green birds for young hen Canary: A. Edwards, 4, Cotman-st., York-rd., Wandsworth, S.W. (680)

HANDSOME cock Redstart, moulted; what offers; exchange; no pigeons, rabbits; no postcards: W. Atkins, Brigstock, Thrapston. (681)

EXCHANGE, two hen Goldfinches, one hen Bullie, steady; Rook rifle, good as new; offer in Canaries: G. Wood, Morten-rd., Colchester. (673)

EXHIBITION Goldfinch and Linnet, twice moulted, 7/6 each; hen Canary, 3/-; exchange disc records: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster. (681)

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, cock Linnet, for good light muling hen Canary: Pearce, Crinnis, Par, Cornwall. (678)

SELL, or exchange cock Goldfinch, hand-reared, also cock and hen Bullfinch, house-moulted: Batterbee, Mill Cottage, Dersingham, Norfolk. (674)

COCK Bullfinch, 3rd Lincoln open show, 17 in class, card sent; exchange good cock Goldfinch, or sell 7s. 6d.: Hawkins, 50, Peel Street, Lincoln. (674)

GIVING up, h.m. pairs, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, cock Bullie, lot 7/6; 4 hen Canaries, 7/6; exchange: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (680)

EXCHANGE, 2 hand-reared hen Greenfinches, eager to nest; 3 hen Linnets, 1 hen Goldfinch, for cock Goldfinch mule, or offer: Haddrell, South Godstone. (677)

TWO fine coloured piping cock Bullfinches, few muling Greenfinches, 2 muling hen Canaries; pathephone records wanted: J. Turfrey, Vicarage, Llandovery. (676)

EXCHANGE, or sell, my last four h.m. performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed and thimble for water, with new cages and detachable fittings, 15/- the four: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (679)

WHAT offers for cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, two Brown Linnets, one house-moulted and cock Goldfinch Mule; all singing; single breech-loader preferred: Walters, 37, Nostell View, Featherstone. (674)

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Mainly Canaries.

A MIRACLE worked with Phosto; read it under Foods; it's staggering proof. (677)

WILL exchange three buff Yorkshire hens Cinnamon bred, for good trout rod, or sell 10/-: Denham, Malton. (677)

EXCHANGE few pairs high-class Yorkshires for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: H. Dean, 573, Leeds-rd., Thackley, Yorks. (681)

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WHAT offers in Canaries for lady's watch bracelets, gent's keyless watch, overcoat, etc.; see miscellaneous column: Edgeley (681)

MUST sell; three Roller cocks, 10/6 each; 14 Roller hens, 2/6 each; eight single breeders, complete, 8/-: Fish, The Yews, Snaith, Yorks. (674)

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YORKSHIRE unflighted buff cock, 15/-; marked yellow ditto, 12/6; exchange either for clear yellow: Houseman, 4, Albert-rd., Harrogate. (675)

SEIFERT Rollers, winning strain, in full song, 12/6 each; or exchange one for suit, for small boy; deposit: Cole, 53, Station-rd., Llanelly. (676)

NORWICH hens, 2 clear yellows, untried; exchange for buffs, must be good; week's approval each way; yours first: McGregor, 118, Beckford-st., Hamilton, Scotland. (672)

TWO pairs of Canaries, with breeding cages, 10/6 each; 3 hens at 2/- each; ready for breeding; after 7 any evening; all young birds: 8, Colman-rd., Camberwell, S.E. (681)

GRAND yellow Yorkshire hen, Ogden's, 7 inches, £1; exchange clear or marked yellow Norwich hen, unflighted; approval: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (680)

UNTRIED Norwich cock and hen, two double-breeding cages and appliances, also bell cage, good reason for selling, £1 2/- lot: W. Teare, 16, Southwell-rd., Mansfield. (672)

HEALTHY, stylish buff Yorkshire hen, 8/6; grand pair Norwich, 10/6; give lot for good yellow Cinnamon or green Yorkshire cock: Harrison, St. Mark's-rd., Leeds. (676)

THREE Yorkshire hens, one large Norwich hen, 4/- each, 1912 bred, untried, bargains, to clear; exchange entertained: J. Palfreeman, 36½, William-st., Stockton-on-Tees. (678)

BUFF cinnamon Norwich hens wanted, unflighted, good head, chest; give buff Norwich hen, unflighted prize bred cock Redpoll; no rubbish; yours first: 34, Wenlock-rd., Tyne Dock, Durham. (675)

NOTICE! What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, 12/6; any colour or pattern can be had: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (673)

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Mainly Foreign.

PAIR Ringneck Parrakeets, acclimatised, tame, 10/6; what offer; exchange: Bosworth, 46, Munsell rd., Kensington, Liverpool. (678)

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EXCHANGE pair adult yellow Budgerigars, outdoors, good breeders, for large Parrot cage or good disc records: Kirkham, 14, Cowbit-rd., Spalding. (675)

TWICE house-moulted cock Greenfinch and green Roller hen, bred Mules last season; exchange pair adult green Budgerigars: Birch, Kingston-place, Shelfield, near Walsall. (676)

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FISHING rod, wheel, 8in., for sale, 12/6; exchange anything useful: P. Lucy, King-st., Deal. (672)

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GENT'S solid silver hall-marked double curb albert, exchange good Yorkshire cock: Barton, 70, Pope-st., Birmingham. (677)

EXCHANGE, birdcatcher's hedge nets for a Mule, wild note, or anything: Sadler, 85, Dagmar-rd., Wood Green. (677)

LADY'S grey Court wig, full curls, worn once, cost £3 3/-, what offers: Miss Rutherford, 14, Gt. Stuart-st., Edinburgh. (672)

PART bred spaniel bitch, black and white, splendid pet, and pal, 9 months, 10s., offers: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (Q)

GRAMOPHONE, nice tone, 25/-, or will exchange for foreign birds, to value: H. Caton, 98, Northgate, Blackburn. (673)

EXCHANGE, 100 clean CAGE BIRDS and plates, for seeds, birds, anything useful: Thomas, 19, C. Block, Deepcut, Surrey. (672)

SALE, 15/-, black Pom. dog, 18 months, 10lbs. weight, Rollers wanted. White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (674)

EXCHANGE two Aberdeen Terrier bitches for Toy Yorkshire, Pomeranian, or Canaries, or sell £1: 26, East-st., Barking. (674)

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CLEAN mixed wild seed, 6d. quart; charlock, 1/9 stone; samples two stamps; exchange, offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (681)

EXCHANGE, young Indian Parrot and cage, 3 Roller hen Canaries, for cycle; offers: Dimblely, Broad-st., Stamford. (678)

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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Oct. 4. **Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 6, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 10-11. **Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16-17. **Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).

Oct. 18. **Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18. **Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18. —**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 23. **Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.).

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road).

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham).

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov& 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

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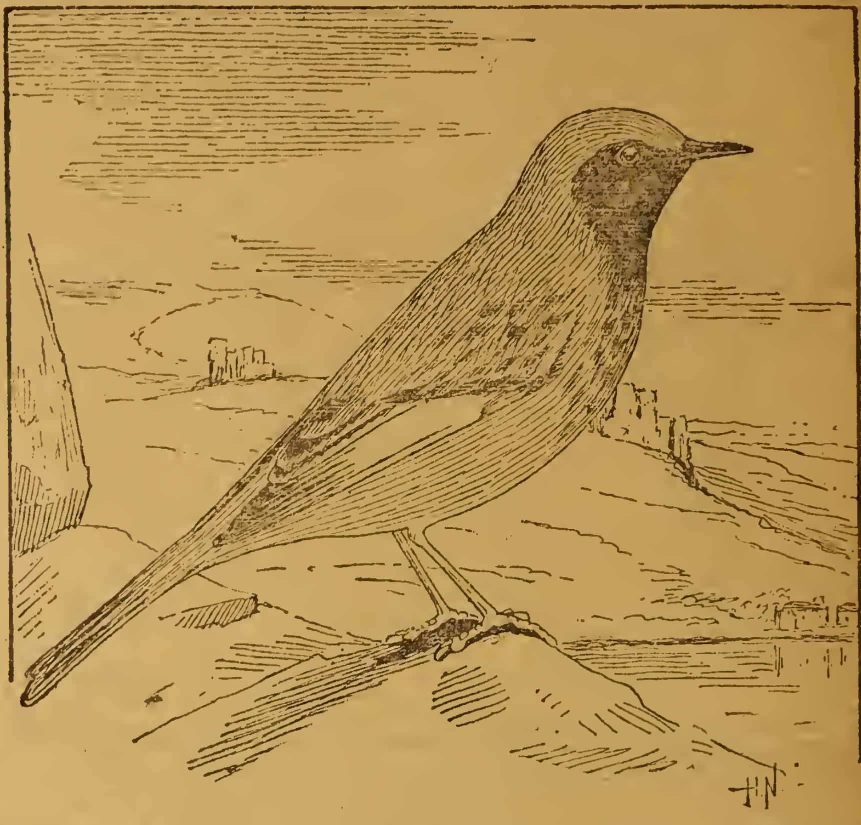

The Black Redstart: A Charming Winter Migrant

This drawing was made from the very nice specimen exhibited at the L & P.O.S. autumn show by Mr. G. B. Thwaites of Brighton.

Release of 400 Songbirds.

In the Luxembourg Gardens, on April 23, two men opened several cages and liberated 400 Thrushes, Nightingales, Robins, Bullfinches, etc., which perched in the surrounding trees. The men were detectives, and the birds had been illegally netted near Paris.

How Blackbirds Increase.

Blackbirds are particularly prolific breeders. In ordinary seasons they commence to nest in the month of March, and will continue breeding all through the summer months. The writer has found a clutch of fresh eggs in August, in an old ash stump in a hedge, bordering a field of corn which was being harvested.

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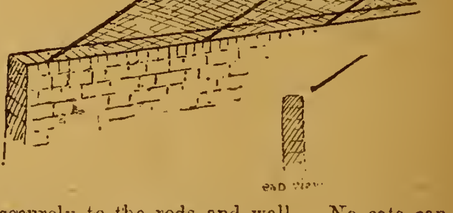
No. 622.

To Circumvent the Cats.

Sent by A. A. Vickers, 5, Coolfin Road, Custom House, E.

The sketch shows a good method of keeping cats out of a garden, when the garden is small.

Get a number of iron rods, a little thicker than ordinary stair-rods, and fix them at distances of 10ft. or so along the top of the walls with an inclination into the garden of 45deg. When they have been placed in position, stretch along them a roll of wire netting about 2ft. 6in. or 3ft. wide, bind it securely to the rods and wall. No cats can enter a garden so protected, for these animals never make a direct jump down from a height (as an honest dog would do); and owing to the inward slope of the wire, they can find no foothold.

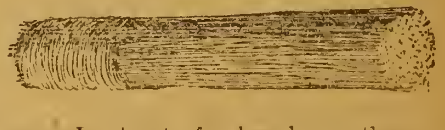


No. 623.

A Brush for Awkward Corners.

Sent by J. J. Taylor, 19, Aden Road, Ilford.

Herewith is a sketch of a "brush" or "besom," which I make myself, and find it very useful for cleaning out the corners of my cages or anything else used in the bird room. I cut out of a bass broom three or four of the separate lots of fibre, place them together so that the ends are level, then tie up tightly at the one end with strong string or twine, and the thing is ready for use. (Twine about one-third along).



The Hedge-Sparrow's Home.

In the south the Hedge-sparrow is an early breeder. She is a splendid architect, and not at all particular as to the materials employed. Usually the nest is composed of slender twigs, fine roots, dead grass, moss, and hair, and, occasionally, a few feathers, but nests have been found of all moss with a lining of hair, also one of moss and sheep's wool, a particularly snug abode.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

More Hysterics.

The "Agricultural Economist" for April prints the following effusion over the signature, William F. Spalding:—

BIRD TORTURE.

It is a curious thing that no society in England seems able or willing to take up the cudgels on behalf of our British song-birds. The amount of torture inflicted upon Linnets, Chaffinches, Goldfinches, and the like by so-called sportsmen of the building and kindred trades is almost incredible. These men net the wild birds in large numbers by means of a bird lime and a miserable decoy—termed a "brace-bird," which is attached by the leg to the end of a line, and is jerked up and down to attract its kind until the poor thing is wellnigh dead with exhaustion. . . . . . The hen birds are usually disposed of for a few pence, or kept for use as brace-birds; but a higher value is placed upon the male bird, and various cruelties are inflicted upon it in order to induce song. The owner will sometimes go so far as to rob the bird of its sight, under the vain delusion that a blind bird sings the greater number of changes. When its breaking-in is completed the poor creature is taken to a crowded tap-room, where the curious diversion, termed a "bird match," draws great numbers of these worthy sportsmen to witness the contest. . . . . . The vile brutes who own the birds usually win or lose bets of so many pots of beer over the matches, although in some cases I have known the publican to offer a silver cup for competition. The proud owner of a good match bird is a past master in the art of helping a bird through the moulting process. On the first signs of shedding its feathers, the bird is given strong saffron water; its cage is tied up in a black handkerchief, and more often than not the bird is placed in a dark cupboard until the end of its moult. The wonder of it is that these birds survive such cruelty. Here, then, is work for our law makers, who should strengthen the Wild Birds Protection Acts, and prohibit the catching and caging of our song-birds.—William F. Spalding.

A Field for Investigation.

What singing matches have to do with agricultural economy is difficult to understand. One would think that the wide question of whether wild birds are or are not an unmixed blessing to agriculturists and fruit growers would afford sufficient scope for the investigations of such a paper as the "Agricultural Economist." This question has exercised the minds of enquirers for generations, and many are the arguments which have been put forward on the one side or the other. It is as far away from a satisfactory solution as it ever was. The general conclusion seems to me to be that very many birds are a nuisance to agriculturists at one time or the other during the year, and that some of them are at other seasons beneficial in that they destroy noxious insects or subsist partially on the seeds of weeds. Moreover, there can be no manner of doubt whatever that if it were not the fact that the annual mortality among the smaller birds reaches a rate of 80 or 90 per cent. from "natural" causes, an organised war of extermination would become necessary in a very few years.

Misstatements and Fallacies.

It is, however, not with the economics of agriculture with which I have here to deal, but the preposterous misstatements made by Mr. W. F. Spalding, and published by the editor of the "Agricultural Economist."

The very first sentence is a misstatement, "No society in England," etc. Has Mr. Spalding never heard of the R.S.P.C.A., whose officers are ever on the look-out for cruelty in any form, these officers, as we have been again and again able to show, very frequently allowing their zeal to get the better of their discretion, with the result that their society has to pay the costs of the defence as well as their own? Does he not know that there is a society called the "Royal Society for the Protection of Birds" whose officers sometimes err in the same direction, and with the same results?

Bird-lime for Bird-netting!

"The amount of torture inflicted . . . . . is almost incredible. It is the amount of balderdash printed on the subject which is almost incredible, and one of the most incredible things connected with the matter is that in practically every case the writers of the absurd fulminations expose a crass ignorance which they seem to delight in exploiting. Mr. Spalding says that wild birds are netted in large numbers by means of bird lime and a brace bird tied by the leg. Fancy! Bird lime for netting birds, and brace birds tied by the leg!

"Various cruelties are inflicted in order to induce song." "Birds are sometimes robbed of their sight," and so on. If Mr. Spalding can name a single case of cruelty inflicted on a bird to induce song, or can adduce a single instance of a bird being blinded with such intention, I can promise him that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will see that no stone is left unturned to bring about the prosecution and punishment of the offender. I am glad to say, however, that he will have to go a very long way in his effort to find a blinded bird, and will have his journey for nothing. To say that birds are in these days blinded to improve their song is only to expose a gross ignorance, and to say that "various cruelties are inflicted," etc., is to publish a gross libel against a body of hard-working men, who take a delight in their singing birds, and tend them with the utmost care.

A Working Man's Hobby.

To call the owners of singing birds "vile brutes" is only to indulge in vulgar vituperation, and such epithets may be allowed to pass with the contempt they deserve. Mr. Spalding, like a great many of us, would probably see no pleasure in sitting in a taproom over a pint of beer and listening to a singing contest. But tastes differ, and the men who own contest birds take as much pride in the performances of their pets as a yacht owner in the speed of his white-winged vessel. And if they take this pleasure, are they not entitled to enjoy their leisure as seems best to them, so long as cruelty is not involved?

The great majority of the bird fanciers against whom Mr. Spalding is especially inveighing are men to whom pence are as pounds. They cannot afford yachts, racehorses, hunters, greyhounds, and other such things, but are they to be denied such sport as is within their means? Certainly so, if cruelty be incidental to their hobby, and the same should be said of horseracing, foxhunting, coursing, staghunting, etc.; no more and no less.

The working men who own singing birds are, most of them at least, possessed of a vote, and it is for them to see, when the time comes, that they do not vote for the cranks who would "prohibit the catching and caging of wild birds," as piously hoped by Mr. William F. Spalding.

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**A Kind Robin.

A very interesting instance of bird kindness comes from Lancashire. A rector's son and the gardener saw more than once a Robin feed another Robin whose beak had been injured, and was only a small stump; it could not pick up food, so its kind companion and friend helped it every day. We do not often hear of such kindness to an old bird, especially among Robins.—Copied and sent by Wm. Sharpe (age 10), Cora Linn, Union Street, Motherwell.

*Food Fetches Polly.

In our kitchen we have a young Parrot in a cage. One day we were cleaning out its cage, and accidentally the door was left open, and the bird escaped. The kitchen door was also open, and the bird flew out. We thought we should not see our Parrot again. Some time after we heard a flutter of wings in the sitting-room. To our surprise it was the Parrot, which had probably come back through the front door. Polly must have been hungry, and not being able to find food out of doors, came back to its home. This shows that birds can remember.—Fred Heath (age 14), Northfield, near Birmingham.

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BRANDON COLLIERY.

Linnet sing held at the Colliery Inn, April 26. Forty birds competed, and some very good singing was heard; most of the cracks of the county were present: 1, 2, Briggs and Bails; 3, Lynch; 4, Gibb Judge, Geo. Reed, Brandon; timekeeper, J. Walton; doorkeeper, H. Ball. After the contest Mrs. Burrell, the landlady, put all competitors and visitors down to a grand lunch, to which we all did ample justice. Afterwards the following ladies and gentlemen entertained with songs: Mr. Tom Robson, the Rag-time Comedian; A. Bailes, T. Cameron, R. Mills, F. Robinson, H. Ball, G. Reed, Wm. Fairliss, J. Christon, Miss M. Burrell, Miss B. Burrell; the latter also entertained at the piano, and a pleasant evening was spent by all.—Cameron and Fairless, Secs.

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"I should like you to thank the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS who have kindly written me since seeing announcement of my father's death, as I cannot find time to reply to all at present."—EDWIN THOMAS (Cardiff).

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Twitterings.

Secretary C. Holley, Leinster O.S. (Dublin) writes that Mr. H. W. Battye has been engaged to judge their show in Dublin, Oct. 28 and 29.

Mr. J. W. Cheetham, sec. Smallbridge and Dis. C.B.S., writes that Mr. Schofield, Heywood will judge the first nest feather show of the society, June 14th.

The "Spring Number" seems like another "Birthday Number" in size and attractive items. CAGE BIRDS keeps ahead.—Dan McArthur (Edinburgh).

Please mention in "Twitterings," writes Mr. A. J. Notley, Sec. Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S., that we have fixed Nov. 22 for our annual show; secretaries please note to avoid clashing. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

We hear that Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, has been elected to judge the following shows: July 12, Houghton-le-Spring; July 19, Boldon Colliery; Oct. 25, Derwent Valley; Dec. 6, Stanley Victoria; Dec. 20, Annfield Plain.

An advertisement in our "Household" columns will no doubt interest fanciers' wives who are now busy spring cleaning. Mr. Tulloch, of Sunderland, has a speciality in Venetian blinds with a patent check action. He also renovates old blinds at moderate prices.

Many thanks for putting my yellow Lancashire Plainhead in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Kay, Macclesfield. I was quite astonished when I saw him in your valuable paper. I never dreamed of seeing a bird of mine having such an honour. I wish your paper everlasting success.

Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. sec. Poplar C.B.S., writes that the country ramble will take place on Sunday next, May 4, to Laindon Hills, the same as last year. Tea will be taken at the Duke's Head Hotel, Laindon. Train 9.45 a.m. from Fenchurch Street. Fanciers and friends are welcome.

I am selling a very large number of rings through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. C. Hughes, and I think our new numbered celluloid rings will be the most popular of all Canary rings. I am receiving letters from delighted customers by every post.

Secretary J. C. Charlton, Edinburgh and Dis. C.B.S., writes that the following judges have been engaged for the annual show, Nov. 29: Norwich and Crests, Mr. Jas. Winter (Edinburgh); Border Fancy and Scotch Fancy, Mr. Wm. McAdam (Lasswade); and British, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. John Sykes (Musselburgh).

Will you please announce in CAGE BIRDS (writes Mr. J. Griffiths, Bridge Street, Clay Cross, that I have been elected secretary of the Clay Cross C.B.S. All correspondence concerning same should be addressed to me. I would be pleased to communicate with anyone desirous of becoming a member, or they will be welcomed by all our members at our next meeting, May 7, at the Angel Hotel, High Street, Clay Cross.

We have just fixed up our judges for 1913 show, writes Mr. T. Arnott, Sec. Kirkcaldy C.B.S. For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Stenhouse, Kelty; Borders and British, Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Norwich and Crests, Mr. Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Yorkshires, Mr. Robert Heggie, Glasgow. As we are making a speciality of the Yorks. section this year we appeal in and around Fifeshire to make this a record for Yorkshires in the North. We are on the main railway line between London and Aberdeen, all fast trains stop at Kirkcaldy, so that it is possible for many of our English brethren to exhibit with us. Mr. Heggie is a well-known specialist in this variety, both in Scotland and over the Border; we trust the Fancy will accord him a record entry.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

The wholesale agent of "Phosto" for the London district is Mr. F. Easterling (Battersea Park Road).

Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, has been engaged for the fourth time to judge Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A. show, held Nov. 8.

Congratulations on the splendid Spring Number. It is one of your best, and that is saying something.—W. H. Hamlyn, Harrogate.

I am more than pleased with your spring number, which I am of opinion excels all others. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. Dunlop, sen., Ballymoney.

An advertisement appeared for Mr. Lawton, of Bucknall, Staffs, last week under "Norwich," which should have been under "Yorkshires." Will those who replied to it please note.

The North Wales C.B.S., writes Mr. R. E. Griffith, hon. sec., has elected Mr. John Kershaw, late Llanrwst, to judge the twenty classes at the members' show, July 5. Hoping to hear from all who wish to join. Fee 1s.

My committee desire me to thank you for the splendid report you gave of our annual dinner, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, sec., Scottish National C.B.S. I am glad to let you know that as well as being a notable gathering, it was a financial success.

OBITUARY.

I deeply regret, writes Mr. E. Gill, Skipton, to inform you of the death of Mrs. W. H. Beck, at the age of 37. Wife of one of our most esteemed members, she was a kind wife, and loving mother, and our sympathy and that of the Fancy generally will be extended to our brother in his great trouble, he being left with a family of eight, the youngest but five weeks old, and the oldest just started to work.

Mr. Hector Lindsay.

The first break through death since this club was formed two years ago, writes Mr. A. H. McLean, Sec., Vale of Leven C.B.S., occurred on April 24, when Mr. Hector Lindsay, 29 years of age, a keen and enthusiastic fancier, passed away after a short illness. He had been married only fourteen weeks, and much sympathy is felt for his young widow. He was buried on April 26. The Jamestown and Vale of Leven Prize Band, members of the local Masonic Lodge, brother tradesmen, and the Cage Bird Club were well represented.

I was very pleased to see the sketch of my yellow Yorkshire in CAGE BIRDS this week. Your artist has given a life-like picture of my bird. Please accept my best thanks for the honour you have done me, and I wish you and CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. J. Heath, (Clapham Common).

I have always valued CAGE BIRDS, as it has always been a great help in making me a fancier, also putting me on the road to success. I have also found it very valuable for advertising my birds. I have sold nearly 100 birds this season, and could have sold more if I had had them.—W. H. Phipps (Isleworth).

Kindly announce in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Cope, sec. Oldham C.B.A., that we are holding our annual ramble on Sunday next, May 4, to Broadbottoms and the surrounding districts. Train leaves Clegg St. Station at 9.30. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see a platform full of bird fanciers and their friends; all are welcome.

We have been successful, writes Mr. J. Napier, Sec. Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S., in securing the services of the following well-known judges to judge at our annual show, Nov. 1, in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green: Scotch Fancy, Mr. G. C. T. Hope (Edinburgh); Borders, Mr. W. Lambie (Whitburn); Norwich and Varieties, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh).

Kindly inform the Fancy, writes Mr. J. Lane, that Mr. T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford, has now taken over the duties of hon. sec. to the Yorks. and Lancs. British Bird and Mule Club (see report). Hoping that all intending members will send their names in at once; also that all Lancashire clubs wanting patronage will apply for same at once.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury; Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St., Burnley (closing date, May 10) National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Rd., S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley; Open Norwich Plainhead Club, Mr. F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow St., Bradford (closing date May 10); Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; Yorks Counties Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford.

I have at last settled at 7, Cliftonville Parade, Margate, writes Mr. O. Millsum. Although crossing from Everberg, Belgium, at the end of January, I have only recently been able to definitely fix my future abode here. Needless to say, such a residential district as Cliftonville has many admirable attractions. I shall be glad if you will notify my many friends in the foreign bird hobby.

This week's Spring special issue of CAGE BIRDS, that ever popular weekly, is a gigantic magazine containing a wealth of interesting educational matter. Most practical and up-to-date articles are contributed by our leading experts and foremost fanciers of the day. In addition to the literary portion, there are many illustrations, and, last but not least, a superb coloured plate fit for any fanciers' gallery.—L. Shaw, in the "Dewsbury Reporter."

A Flying Start.

Among the most fortunate of South Country fanciers we have heard of to date must be reckoned Messrs. Easterling and Carson; these well-known Metropolitan lovers, of the Yorkshire Canary have already over forty youngsters.

Yorkshire C.C. Annual Meeting.

Mr. John Greaves, Sec., writes that the annual general meeting will be held on May 3, 6.30 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, when a full attendance is desired, as several suggested alterations will come up for discussion. A hearty invitation is extended to those desirous of joining the Club.

Ring-Ouzel in London.

Writing on April 16 to the "Times," the Rev. Edward Hounslow says:—Yesterday I saw a Ring-Ouzel near the boundary ditch of Wormwood Scrubs. The foreneck white band was very clearly marked. I watched the bird at close quarters for about ten minutes, and it then flew away in the direction of Ealing.

Our Early Migrants.

One Sunday, writes Master Eric Shorney, aged 8½, Dringhouses, York, we were sitting in the porch near the front door and a little bird came into a tree and started calling. My father said it was the Chiff-chaff, and that it was a week earlier than he had ever heard it before. It was the 30th of March. Another little bird called the Willow Warbler has come since, and we shall be finding their nest on the ground in the garden, as we have done before.

Six Nests in Six Baskets.

A curiosity of nest-building has been discovered at one of Messrs. Chivers and Sons' farms near Cambridge. Within a short distance of the jam factory six fruit baskets were tied together and hung in a cart shed where a number of men are often at work. In every one of these baskets a bird has built its nest, and in two cases the nests have eggs. The builders include Blackbirds, Song Thrushes and Missel Thrushes, and as the baskets are being left alone it is hoped that each mother will hatch out her brood.

Spend Sixpence—Save Pounds.

I thank you very much for CAGE BIRDS 1913 ANNUAL. It is champion. Anyone in the Fancy, or who intends joining, must not be without one. The best thing anyone can do is to spend his first sixpence on this valuable book, and follow its advice. He will have pounds in his pocket instead of being pounds out. I may say it is the first ANNUAL I have bought (I only started the hobby last season) and I was very much surprised at its contents. I have had many a book through my hands dealing with birds, but never a better.—W. H. Cave (Horden Colliery).

Finding the Local Dealers.

Many of our readers who like to look about them before buying their stock, but who are in doubt as to where to go, should look up our list of "Nutshell" Agents, which has appeared almost weekly for some considerable time. (Note page 396 of this issue.) These agents are in most of the large towns, and a visit to their establishments will generally reveal a good selection of appliances, seeds, birds and the hundred-and-one things that make bird-keeping easy. Perhaps you are within easy reach of one of these dealers. Just pay him a visit when you have any money to spend.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Liverpool Fanciers' Cycle Club, May 4, Wirrall Circular Tour, meet headquarters 2.0; Manchester and N. Counties O.S., May 4, round Pickmere, etc., conducted by Mr. W. J. Metcalfe, train leaves Central station 9.0 for Ashley and Moberley; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., May 11, to Hildenboro, from Woolwich Station; National Brit. B. and M.C., May 24, to Epping Forest; from Liverpool St.; morning party 9.36 train to Chingford, afternoon 1.33 train to Loughton; City and Suburban A.C.B. to Epping Forest with N.B.B. and M.C.; Oldham and Dis. C.B.A., May 4, to Broadbottoms, etc.; train from Clegg St., 9.30.

Wild-Bird Life.

Cuckoo's Ways.

While wandering over the hills, the soft far reaching note of the Cuckoo was heard for the first time this season by the writer of these notes. Summer is not with us until the Cuckoo "Has told his name to all the Hills." He is a mysterious bird, and his note has the merit of conjuring up sweet memories of the past, and bright hopeful thoughts of the future. The song came to us, borne upon the soft breeze of a perfect day, with glorious sunshine flooding hill and valley, and the wild birds "gone mad with joy," singing everywhere. After an interval, the song came nearer, and presently we had a complete view of the wandering minstrel as he flew across a wide stretch of common land, a small bird following him closely for more than half the distance. He settled in some tall trees quite close to us, and once again repeated his name. This time it was almost startling, so loud and clear did it sound; undoubtedly distance lends enchantment to the song. If close to the listener, it is not by any means the soft and mellow note it seems when faintly caught upon the summer breezes. One would not give the Cuckoo credit for much regularity in his movements, yet last season a bird came regularly to a position in a clump of trees on the edge of the downs, every afternoon, at about four o'clock. The writer was making a study from under the trees, and the bird was a constant visitor, but so loud and discordant was his note, heard so closely, that he had to be driven away, but in spite of this, he returned again the next day.

The Cuckoo: The "Voice of Spring."

The male Cuckoo is the first to arrive in this country in the spring. As regards numbers, the males are greatly in excess of the females, and one can frequently see two or three in attendance on one lady, in fact the writer has seen seven in a group, and by their actions he concluded that six of them were males. They appeared not to take the slightest notice of each other; they settled in a clump of trees, each in a separate one, and from time to time one would take wing and circle round the tree containing the bird that was thought to be a female. Up to the present time we have no authentic record of the number of eggs each female lays; every naturalist has his own theory.

A Four-legged Norwich.

On Sunday morning last (April 27) I was looking over the young birds I have, when I saw one on the bottom of the cage, writes Mr. E. Baker, the well-known Norwich Plainhead enthusiast, of Cowes. I thought it looked peculiar, and on taking it out of the cage. I found it had four legs! two normal legs and two further back (similar to a frog). It was almost dead, but I got it round and it is now nearly a week old and progressing all right. I will let you know later if it lives.

War on Rats and Mice.

The natural hatred of rats by mankind has existed from the earliest of times, and of late years eminent scientists have been called upon to find means for destroying these pests. This has now been successfully achieved by Dr. Danysz, of the Pasteur Institute, Paris. It was brought to the notice of this scientist that rats died in numbers in a certain department in France, and some of the rats were sent to the Pasteur Institute for examination, where it was found that they were all suffering from the same disease. Dr. Danysz took serum from the affected rats and gave it to others, who also died, and further research following on this result led to the discovery of "Danysz Virus" and its subsequent preparation in liquid form. Animals other than rats and mice were then fed on Danysz Virus, but as the latter proved perfectly harmless to them, it could be claimed that a genuine rat and mice exterminator that could be used with perfect safety had at last been found. Full particulars can be obtained by writing to the Sales Department of Danysz Virus, Ltd., 52, Leadenhall Street, E.C., who in addition to supplying the Virus for destroying rats and mice, also undertake the clearance of all kinds of beetles, etc., from infested areas, at an inclusive charge.

Some Topical Time and Labour Saving Tips.

Written and Illustrated by H. Norman (Carshalton).

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MICE are dangerous animals in bird rooms, and they generally manage to find their way in, and particularly when an outside building is used. The chief attraction to them is undoubtedly the canary seed; they are so fond of it that no other seed has the same attraction, and as a bait there is nothing to compare with it. Although most fanciers know this, they do not use it as a bait for traps in the bird room; they think it is useless doing so, the seed being plentiful everywhere, but this is a mistake, for if a trap is properly baited and placed near the hole where the mice enter, the chances are the first animal out will go no further for a feed, but start at once on the first he comes to.

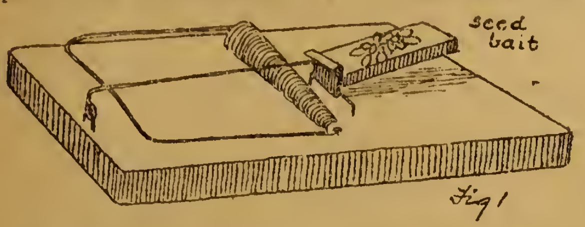


Fig 1

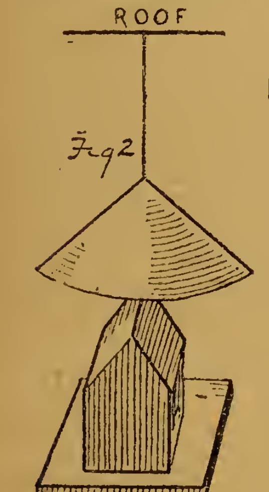
If one cannot find the exact place a mouse enters the room, one can generally give a shrewd guess as to his hiding place, and near this is the spot to put the trap, which should be always set, as one never knows when the little enemy will put in an appearance. In my own room I generally keep a couple of traps set, and what I use are the common break-back type with a flap for bait; Fig. 1. Upon this flap I smear a little butter or dripping, and drop some canary seed on to it, making sure that it sticks. I set it near the wall of the room and place an empty cage in front of it.

Small, but a great nuisance.

If a bird escapes from his cage during my absence, he is not likely to get injured, but before I proceed to catch him I push the cage against the trap, this springs it and makes all secure; then if the bird is difficult to catch and gets behind the cage, there is no harm done. There are forms of "ever-set" traps, but as I have had more success with the "break-backs" than any others, I still continue to use them. They should be set round aviaries with a piece of board leaning over them, for, if not protected, wild birds frequently come to grief in them, or the fittings of the trap may get damp and refuse to act.

As a rule, mice are a terrible nuisance in out-door aviaries, it is impossible to keep them out, and the only thing is to prevent them getting at the seed. I once saw an outside aviary that was built mice-proof by means of a sound brick wall and large sheets of glass in front of the wire upon the lower half, but such structures are not in everyone's power to erect.

Food, to be safe from mice, should be in the centre of the aviary, and even if suspended from the roof should have some form of guard upon the suspending cord to stop the nimble adventurers (Fig. 2). I have seen a mouse make his way up the walls, along the rough rafters, down the cord to the seed, and then when disturbed jump to the ground, but a guard, preferably made of tin, will prevent his getting beyond it.



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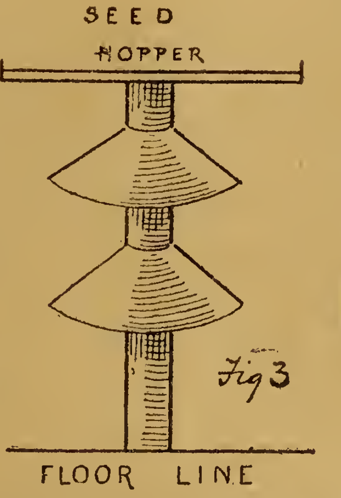

Fig 3

If we prefer to have our seed upon a pedestal in the centre of the aviary, two inverted cones of tin fixed upon the upright would be effectual; Fig. 3. These would be painted, and would not look unsightly. Now that canary seed is higher in price than for many years, it is not out of place to give a form of seed-saving hopper (although it has been illustrated once before), that I use in my own room (Fig. 4). Fanciers who are handy with tools could make them themselves, or a dozen made by the regular appliance makers would only cost a few shillings, and soon save their cost in the lessened seed bill. When cock birds are in high condition they are constantly throwing the seed about, putting their heads in the middle of it and giving it a swish each way; the upright strips of tin marked A prevent it being thrown out.

Before setting a hen see that all egg drawers fit easily, and may be drawn in and out without any undue force being used; a sudden push or shaking of the cage may unsettle the hen, and it is necessary to keep her as quiet as possible.

The necessary extra one.

An extra egg-food receptacle is often required, especially when the young are a good size and there is a long interval between feeding them. If the doorway is not already occupied this is the best place to fix an extra one. Get one with a groove in it, as depicted at Fig. 5. Such a tray is easily removable when not required. The door shuts down on the groove and prevents it moving; they are certainly handy things to have about the room.

On a pinch, when going away for the day, I have used an empty sardine tin with a notch cut in it (Fig 5a). This was not one of my regular vessels, but simply used for the day, and then thrown away.

I have never found it necessary to paper down the cages to the same extent as some fanciers do for nervous sitting hens. If done in the corner where the nest is situated it gives them just sufficient seclusion to prevent them coming off every time one enters the room. Fig. 6 will explain my meaning. A weight on the top of the cage will keep it in place, with a piece of stamp paper at the edge where it laps over the end of the edge. If not secured in some way it is constantly flapping about every time one passes the cage in attending to the feeding, etc.

If hens are not humoured in this way, they are liable to be extra sensitive when the young ones arrive, and then possibly comes the trouble of parents refusing to feed, and we all know how heart-breaking this is, especially when we think we have something choice in the nest.

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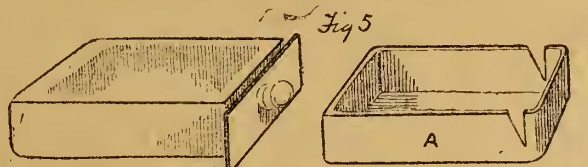

Fig 5

HOW YOUNG BIRDS SHOULD BE REARED.

A Contribution that will help you to succeed in the Hobby.

By T. JOHNSON.

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ERRATA.—In my article published April 26th, I stated that young Canaries are generally able to do for themselves at the age of from 18 to 21 days; this should read at from 24 to 28 days. To the older hands the mistake will be obvious, but novices might be misled. How I accidentally came to give these figures I can't imagine.

In Case of Egg Binding.

After-pairing up, if in an outdoor bird-house, use artificial heat of some kind during the night, as it helps to obviate egg-binding. The days in April are usually warm and the nights bitterly cold, with sharp snaps of frost at morning time.

I have not been troubled much with egg-bound hens, but if you should see a hen all of a lump in the corner of the cage on the day on which you expected her to lay, you may reasonably suppose it to be a case of egg-binding. I should imagine the cause of egg-binding to be weakness on the part of the hen; therefore the obvious remedy is to give her something to give her strength, a stimulant of some kind. The best remedy is two drops of warm brandy or whiskey and water in the beak, and anoint her vent with olive oil, afterwards holding her over a jar of hot water that has a handkerchief tied over it to catch the egg if it is laid during the operation. After steaming the hen, replace her on the nest, when the egg will probably be laid in a short time. It sometimes happens that we hear of a remedy that has been obtained quite by accident. A fancier friend of the writer had a hen egg-bound, and the only thing he had in the house was some Indian brandy and some ipecacuanha wine. He gave her a drop of each in the beak, and it proved efficacious. Another fancier had a case this season; used the same remedy with like results; so, although a novel remedy, I give it for what it is worth.

Red Mite and How to Deal with Them.

Red mite are like the poor, always with us. I have read of a fancier (presumably a lady) who hadn't seen one for twenty years. At any rate, she hasn't missed much if she hasn't seen them. But this is what she does to avoid them. She washes her cages every day with disinfectant hot water, scrubs her perches every day, soaks nests in camphor, and wipes the wires with a wet cloth. All these in addition to having a specially made cage. Those are a nice lot of duties to be waiting for a fancier after a hard day's work. I don't know what the generality of fanciers would think about it, but I would give a lot to know what the birds think. I shouldn't imagine the breeding results to be enormous. I haven't used the camphor remedy, but it is one that is recommended by Mr. St. John, so is sure to be all right. I use paraffin and find it kills them all right, and it has one other quality, it is cheap. Paint all crevices with paraffin once a week, and you won't be troubled much with red mite.

Another thing that requires attention is to sift the seed and clean the hoppers at least once a week. I don't remember having seen it mentioned before, but if you will notice a hen that is sitting, she will always leave the seed husks in the hopper, and if they are not blown off once a day, she will probably waste much time hunting among the husks for seed when she comes off to feed. It is only a little thing, but it is worth paying attention to.

Always allow a free current of air through the room during hot weather. It is a factor towards success if you happen to have a room which gets a lot of sunshine.

Don't breed from more pairs of birds than you have room for and time to look after. Before pairing up, examine the toenails of all your birds, and if they are long cut them. In the heavy feathered varieties, your chances of fertile eggs are enhanced if you cut some of the feather from round the vent. When a hen is feeding young, if you notice her eating too much of one variety of food, to the exclusion of the other foods, limit that one so that she will be forced to partake of a mixture of them.

When the Bath is very helpful.

In my first instalment I advised the use of the bath at all times, and at no time is it more desirable than after the young have left their parents. Then is the time to train them to the use of it; and at no age are they so fond of it as at from four to twelve weeks old, rarely a day passing when they don't have a splash. Give it to them right through the moult. Nothing helps them to moult better, and to keep in perfect condition than plenty of bathing.

There is another matter worth attention, that is the keeping of all food troughs scrupulously clean when the hen is feeding young. A good plan is to have two sets of pots, one for each day; and use a cloth that has been soaked in a solution of Jeyes' Fluid to wipe out the pots at each successive feed. If there is any food left in a pot from the preceding feed, throw it away and give a fresh supply.

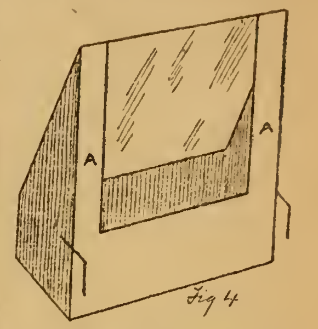

Fig 4

In breeding Hybrids from the hen Canary and the British Finch, the fancier must have an unlimited supply of that useful commodity, patience. He must be prepared to view the frequent occurrence, even a succession, of unfertile eggs, not to mention other disappointments, with the equanimity of Job. I have often thought that even Job's patience would have been tried had he ever attempted to breed Hybrids.

Why are so many eggs unfertile?

Why are so many eggs unfertile? There have been many opinions advanced, but the most popular theory seems to be the one that the union doesn't take owing to the structural differences between the two birds. Those who adhere to that theory are not lacking in evidence in support of their case, because they aver that they have seen copulation take place time after time with always the same result, clear eggs. My own opinion is, although I don't wish to dogmatize, that the copulation in these cases is more apparent than real. It is quite possible for a fancier who has more than a casual acquaintance with Hybridizing to be deceived when he witnesses copulation, and I am convinced from my own observations that the actions of the Finch are not always what they might be, but whether it is from want of condition or from shyness I would not like to say, probably the latter.

To those who doubt my theory, I would like to put to them a case in point. Suppose we have two Finches of one species, paired up to two Canary hens. One Finch is a reliable muler, by which I mean he has filled eggs before; the other is a house-moulted Finch that gives every promise of making a muler. Both birds are in good condition, and in each case copulation has been witnessed, yet when the eggs are tested, those from the reliable bird are fertile, while those from the new one are clear.

How are we to account for it? It can't be structural difference, because the conditions are the same in each case. It is a very interesting problem, but I pin my faith to the theory that in the case of the clear eggs copulation was more apparent than real, and that if the Finch is persevered with, and his timidity overcome, he will in time fill eggs with the best of them. Cases are forthcoming where Finches caught in breeding plumage have filled eggs at the first time of asking, but for the most part these are isolated cases. But as you cannot make bricks without straw, you cannot breed mules without Finches; and as it costs as much to keep an inferior specimen as a good one, my advice is to get the best in each species.

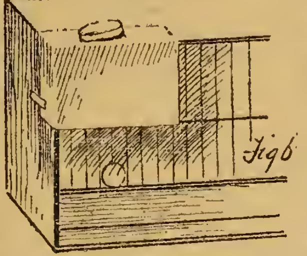

Fig 6

In making a start, it is cheaper to buy proved mulers, as they are advertised almost the year about; but when selecting fresh ones, get the biggest and the best coloured ones you possibly can. What is nicer than to have a good muler that is able to win prizes in the British classes when the shows come round. It makes up for a few disappointments you may have had in the breeding room. In Goldfinches, I prefer the Siberian because of the extra size in the progeny.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLE (Rex).—The sample sent is cole and not summer rape. The latter is a seed of about half the size, and the grains of a reddish-brown colour. The kind you sent makes a tolerably good substitute for rape when the latter cannot be obtained of good quality, and is useful to add to seed mixtures.

DESERTION (A. Snow).—The hen coming forward for nesting again would be the chief cause of the hen deserting the young, and they were too young for the cock to take charge of, and finish the task of bringing them up as he might have done had they been older. You have done quite right to remove the cock this time. Keep him out of sight of the hen, and it is not unlikely she may do better this time. Whilst sitting, give a diet of plain canary seed only, with just a scrap of egg food or crushed biscuit once a week. In the afternoon of the thirteenth day give a little egg food, and from this point feed the same as advised to "J. W. F." in last issue. Avoid interference with nest or young as much as possible.

NOT NESTING (J. T.).—The cause of the hen not settling down to nesting is sufficiently obvious from the dropping of feathers from time to time. She is clearly in nothing like breeding condition, and will not be fit to mate for some little time—probably not before the end of May at earliest. Consequently, if you could replace her with another healthy, robust hen in breeding condition, that would be the surest way of avoiding a blank season altogether, which is not unlikely if you rely upon this hen. The cock seems to be quite fit for mating at once. The treatment advised to "Novice E. T." in this issue is the best you can adopt for this hen. A fortnight's course may suffice, but continue it for a month if necessary.

CLAW TORN OUT (Seven Out).—In addition to the claw being torn out, I am much inclined to the opinion that the joint at the "ball of the foot" is dislocated. In this case unskilful interference will only cause the bird intense pain, and probably make matters far worse. Therefore, if the bird is valuable I would advise you to ask a veterinary to look at the foot, and manipulate the joint into its proper position if necessary. Otherwise you might try bathing it for a few minutes daily in a lukewarm solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing a few minutes, dry carefully, but do not attempt manipulation, and finally paint the whole foot with a small feather or camel-hair pencil dipped in tincture of arnica.

A LONG MOULT (Novice, E.T.).—I suspect it is your room and feeding; the latter is by no means good, which varies considerably from what the bird had been accustomed to, and this is more likely the cause of the protracted moult than the very temporary inconvenience of transit. Keep the bird in a bright and well-ventilated part of the room, out of direct cold draughts. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape only as staple diet. In addition to this, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and finely sprinkled with maw seed, every second day. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, with just a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. Dissolve half a drachm of ammonio-citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give twenty drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until feathers cease dropping. Continue this treatment, if necessary, for a month. It is possible the bird may be in good breeding condition in time to get at least one brood from him. As regards the fading colour, the bird would be colour-fed by its late owner at the previous moult. It is too late for you to attempt to restore the colour. Write again just before next moulting season about this.

SURPRISING (Extra Bad).—I agree with you, it does seem like "heaping on the agony" to have only two fertile eggs out of fourteen full clutches in the first round, after being, as you say, successful with first rounds for years. But this year—in my district at least—has been somewhat exceptional in the severity of dry east winds, which coincided almost exactly with the nesting of birds mated at the proper season, and as similar conditions seem to have prevailed with you, this is doubtless the sole cause of your loss. The experience is not likely to happen with the second round now there seems every prospect of the weather becoming mild and more settled. In any case, the precautions you are taking are the best possible, and about all you can do to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. Do not have more than one slow-burning fire each evening, and none when the weather is tolerable. Also once in two days would suffice to give egg food, with a little mixed seed on the alternating days, and a little fresh crisp young dandelion daily.

AN INTERRUPTED CYCLE (Deserter).—I should say the incubatory fever was cut short, and the cycle of reproduction ended with it. Such abortive efforts occur now and again, whether the cock is left with a hen or not, and I do not suppose it would have made the least difference had the cock been left with the hen in your case. Still, if the cock does not interfere with the nest you may try leaving him with her next time, as the hen will doubtless soon begin nesting again. Should the cock prove too mischievous to be allowed to remain, then see that he is placed out of sight, and ear-shot, if possible, when he is removed. Your theory that she would be nervous at hearing the young is scarcely a sound one, as in a normal cycle of reproduction the first movements or sound of the young in the shells would merely have attached her more closely to the nest, and brought about the desire to feed the young when they at last appeared. By the bye, had you been interfering with the nest or eggs? If so, it is quite possible the desertion was her way of showing resentment of the intrusion. Your method of feeding was correct.

SUFFERS FROM IDLENESS (A. G. C.).—The bird is probably in an overfed condition. For the next three weeks give a staple diet of plain canary only, with a liberal supply of green food—dandelion, chickweed, or flowering heads of groundsel—daily. Allow only a teaspoonful of seed per day, and twice each week reduce this by one-half, and add a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, millet, niger, teazle, and linseed. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and stick a small cube of hard common salt in the wires for him to peck at. Add to the drinking water as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week. In the next week add twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day. In the third week repeat the dosage of the first week, and then, in the fourth week, add to the water every second day four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. From the end of the third week commence to feed the bird as frequently advised here for preparing birds for mating. Gentian and steel, by the way, I have not advised to be kept in stock as a mixture. They should be kept separately, and added to the water separately when required. Still, the statement about making ink is just a wee bit strained. At any rate, I fear our printers would not bless the MSS written therewith.

ROLLER ALIAS ANYTHING (J.R.C.).—(1) No; Glucke, St. Audreasburg, Seifert, and Hartz Rollers are not different species of Canaries. The terms are purely fancy names, which arose in the first place as a result of trade competition. At the best, a few of the terms indicate the type of song. You would find the question dealt with in Part 16 of "Our Canaries." (See also Mr. Tomlinson's article beginning in a recent issue.—Ed.) (2) To name them in order of merit as singers, if you mean for exhibition, as contest singers, I should place them thus: Glucke, Seifert, St. Andreasburg. The Hartz would be out of the running altogether, and the St. Audreasburg of only ordinary ability, of not very great service. If you want them classified as popular household songsters, I should place them thus: St. Andreasburg, Seifert, Glucke, and Hartz. The Hartz Roller of the trade you should know is practically an untrained German Canary, which, given proper tuition from a sufficiently early age, might have grown up into a Roller with some fancy adjective tacked on.

VOCAL POWER OF ROLLER (Amateur).—Candidly, I do not know whether the Roller Canary can be taught to sing the full song of the British Nightingale. I have never known or heard of such a phenomenon, and whilst recognising the risk of denying the possibility of anything in these times, I do most certainly consider it in the highest degree improbable. A fair price for such a Roller, assuming you had or could train one, would be just what you could get for it, and the price would, of course, depend upon the demand that existed for it, and the impression its rendition of "sweet Philomel's" performance made upon its hearers. Perhaps you are thinking of the glowing descriptions of the Roller's song which you see in some advertisements, which frequently claim "the Nightingale's song" or "Nightingale notes" as part of the bird's performance. If this is so, you must not imagine that these birds sing anything at all approaching a material portion of the Nightingale's song. As a rule it simply means that they introduce into their song a few stray notes which resemble notes in the song of the Nightingale, and nearly always it is the typical "jug-jug-jug-jug" which is such a feature of the latter bird. From the similarity of the note I should imagine a Roller strong in Glucke rolls about the nearest approach to the Nightingale's song you could hope to get.

NOT SITTING (Worried, Hereford).—Your question about a mouse getting into cage may partly explain your trouble. Certainly if these pests find their way into the cage they may upset the hen and prevent her settling down to sit, and even if she ignored them and performed her duties satisfactorily you cannot expect to meet with much success under such conditions. You must, therefore, find some means of eradicating these pests, or at least keeping them out of the cage. Mice, however, would not account for the building and laying of the hen, both of which features show abnormal prolificacy, and it is probable this cycle of reproduction will not be completed. You have done quite right to give her the eggs. Beyond attending to the rodents this is all you can do this time. If she still refuses to settle down in say three or four days, your best course is to look out for a foster hen or hens to transfer the eggs to. If this is not possible, as a sort of heroic course remove the cage to a place where it is quite safe from nightly visits by mice, and see if that will encourage her to settle down. If this plan fails, remove nest and eggs and let the birds start all over again, and in the meantime clear out the mice. Remember, this is essential. If the hen is a young one, I think it most probable, when given a better chance, free from disturbance, she will go through all right next time. Do not give more material next time than will suffice to make a reasonably good and substantial nest, and leave the hen's arrangements alone as much as possible.

CHILLED EGGS (J. Booth).—Yes, decidedly, I advise you to allow the hen to sit her full time on the eggs which were exposed for two hours and allowed to get cold after the hen had sat on them for two or three days. If the hen had been sitting closely the first day or two the germs would certainly have made some progress; but, even so, it is quite possible for development to be arrested for this brief period without very serious results. It is always best to give temporarily chilled eggs the full benefit of the doubt. By doing so, many agreeable surprises may be experienced.

VARIED (Goldie).—(1) If you attempt breeding with a cock and two hens in a single large breeding cage, there would most likely be ructions, and I cannot promise you much prospect of success. You do not say exactly what kind of cage it is, nor mention the size, so I cannot very well advise you as to best way of getting the cock in and out without disturbing the hens. I can only suggest that you allow him to remain with hens permanently, if he does not interfere with the nests; otherwise, when both hens have laid their clutches remove him in the evening. Note exactly his position, shade cage deeply, and quietly pick him off the perch. As a rule, he should remain with each hen until the third egg is laid. (2) Yes, certainly a pair of Rollers will do well in a double-breeding cage the size you name. I should, however, prefer keeping these birds in the large single cage. Then you could keep the above two hens separately, one in each end of this cage, and run the cock with each hen one-half of each day until they had laid their clutches. Then remove him and cage him singly. You would simply have to open slide and run him from one compartment to the other at mid-day each day. (3) No, Seiferts are not noisy, loud singers, if properly trained. If badly trained, or not trained, they do not differ from any other loud, vulgar Roller. See reply to another querist re Roller names this week. (4) Next to Rollers the Border Fancy has about the best type of song of a similar character.

SLOW STARTERS OUTSIDE (H.S.).—The late cold winds have doubtless had much to do with your hens in the outdoor aviary not yet starting to nest. Considering the situation and the sort of weather we have had, your dietary might have been rather considerably augmented throughout April with every advantage. Make the following increases now, and with a little more patience they will probably "get a move on" before long. As a staple diet give unlimited canary and summer rape in different receptacles, to prevent waste. In addition, give each morning for a fortnight three teaspoonfuls of egg-food with one teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it, and each afternoon give three teaspoonfuls of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and chopped sunflower seeds. Each morning give a fresh-growing "stool" of dandelion, split across the crown so that birds can nibble at the "meaty" root as well as clearing off the leaves. A dozen fair-sized leaves on a "stool" will be none too much, or give two smaller "stools." If the supply fails, give an equivalent quantity of chickweed. After the first fortnight, if the birds are getting forward towards nesting, go on giving the egg-food as above every second day, and the mixed seeds on the alternating days, instead of giving both each day. Otherwise continue the same dietary as above until the hens go to nest.

THE PUTATIVE FATHER (J. E. L.).—It is a decidedly interesting problem, but, unfortunately, one scarcely possible of absolute proof. The most that can be looked for is circumstantial proof, such, for example, as might occur had the two males been of such a character as to produce decidedly different types of young from the hen in question, when the type of the young might afford a clue to the actual parentage. Beyond this, theory and conjecture, without better proof than personal opinion, is all that can be expected. You do not say whether copulation took place freely with the first cock during the latter part of his stormy reign. If copulation took place at all, it is quite possible for him to have fertilised any, or all, of the four eggs. At the same time, it is quite possible for the second cock to have fertilised some of the subsequent eggs. My opinion, taking into consideration the evident lack of compatibility, is that the first cock fertilised the first egg of the clutch only, and the second cock the remaining three. The problem is so interesting that I am asking our Editor to give it a place in the correspondence pages, and trust some of our scientific readers will thrash out the question.

CANARY QUERISTS

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WILL THEY SUCCEED? (Outdoor Aviary).—There is no reason whatever why a trio of Yorkshires—cock and two hens—should not breed quite successfully in your garden aviary, provided, of course, you have taken the precaution to select only birds that have been bred and kept hitherto under normal conditions of temperature. The disagreement between the hens may possibly be due to the choice of nesting sites. If you have put in nest pans of different types, or hung one materially higher than the rest, you should have put in at least four nesting sites, preferably all of the same pattern, and hung to equal height. The latter point alone, if neglected, practically always leads to much disagreement. It is impossible to forecast the marking of the young, without knowing how the parents were bred. If there is no taint of cinnamon blood in the cock or the ticked yellow hen, you may expect from these two, clears, ticks, and lightly variegated, yellows and buffs, and possibly a stray marked, or heavily variegated, which, however, depends upon how the parents have been bred. The majority will be ticked with clears running-up. The young from the cinnamon hen, assuming the cock is of the above-named type, will be heavily variegated, self, and broken greens. If the cock has cinnamon blood in him, and the ticked hen is ticked with cinnamon colour—a point you omit to mention—then from both hens the combined progeny will show clears, ticks, marked, foul and self cinnamons. All the markings in latter event will be cinnamon colour.

WHAT TO DO (W. M.).—If you cannot cajole her, humour her. That's about the only line to follow with a hen that refuses to notice the nest pan and persists in laying her eggs on the floor of cage. If the pan is very shaky, fix it more firmly; if it hangs on one end of cage near the front it may be too exposed for her, and you might try putting some cover on the cage front, a square of brown paper for instance, just in front of nest pan to shield it a little from outside gazers; or try hanging it on the back of cage, slightly above level of perches. If none of these arrangements please her, then use a square, or flat-bottomed, nest-box and stand it on the cage floor where she seems to fancy her nest ought to be. In the latter position she will doubtless succumb to its charms. Then when she has built, laid, and commenced to sit, you may try moving the box an inch or two daily with the object of getting it to the back or end of cage, and suspended a little above the sand tray. Some hens will allow this to be done, or even accept the situation if the box is then hung in its usual place. On the other hand, there are hypersensitive creatures that will not even allow the box to be moved from where it was first placed. Only individual judgment and discretion can be of service in these cases. As this is the hen's first clutch, it is quite possible she may show a more tractable disposition with the next nest.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS (J. W., Junr.).—You give no details as to how you are keeping them, nesting accommodation, etc., but assuming this to be at least average, I am of the opinion that there will be better luck with the next brood. In the absence of any information as to treatment, etc., I cannot even guess at cause or suggest remedy.

DOVES, ETC. (R. McG.).—I have sent you the article, and trust that with the information already given it will meet your need. I may say that the reprint practically covers the needs of all the smaller species of Doves, and with the addition of Dove mixture would cover the needs of most of the larger species. Senegal Turtle Doves are on the market at the present time, 5s. 6d. per pair, and this species would be a good variety for you to begin with—they are certainly handsome birds. Australian Crested Pigeons also offered in CAGE BIRDS for April 26th are another hardy and handsome species.

BIRDS FOR SMALL AVIARY (G. H. Smith).—I fear you have altogether an erroneous idea as to the accommodation capacity of your small aviary. The outside limit is three pairs for breeding, and 18 to 20 as a mere collection of pets. In so small an aviary you must be careful what British species you include. Redpoll, Twite, Linnet, and Siskin are fairly safe. What I really advise is for you to put in pairs each of Zebra and Bib Finches, both of which will probably breed, also pairs of Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, and Silverbills—all are pretty, some really beautiful, and they would make a nice show. Do not include any British species at all. Most of the above birds are quite small, and your aviary will accommodate them comfortably. Your aviary would be better with a wood and glass shutter for use at night, and also during the worst of winter's days.

WILL IT DO FOR GOULDIAN FINCHES? (J. A. W.).—Yes, and they should breed as soon as they have settled down, which should not take long. I should suggest a glazed shutter to fit over the wire-netting front of shelter for night use, and also during the whole of the winter. Cover the back of the shelter with twiggy branches, so as to supply plenty of cover, and at back of the branches hang plenty of nest receptacles—rush nests, husks, Hartz travelling cages, and boxes—on the wall; the nest receptacles will have the warmest position, and also be partially screened by the branches. Zebra Finches usually rear young without difficulty on seed and greenfood alone, but I always keep a small saucer of insectile mixture (soft food) in the aviary when the Finches are feeding young. Why not try and get a good photo. of the nest, as the situation is a natural one?

A FEATHER PULLER (G. H. Barnwell).—Your friend must contrive some sort of a bandage over the wound for a time, first anointing it with a little healing ointment. Get a copy of our Nutshell No. 17, 2½d., post free from our manager, and bring your dietary into line with the directions given therein. These cases of feather-pulling are almost incurable, and, at best, any remedial measures are a work of time and patience. You must not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. So long as its voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day—the bowels must be kept moving quite freely, but there must be nothing approaching diarrhœa; if such occurs, then only give the magnesia once a week. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of hypo-phosphates in the drinking water. Spray it with a tepid quassia solution once or twice a week. Also any piece of cake or crust you give it should be first slightly moistened, and then lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur. Persevere with the above treatment for a month, and then report progress with full details.

PIGEONS, STARLINGS, ETC. (R.H.W.).—As regards the Crested Pigeons I should put them altogether in some small place, and as soon as the cock has chosen a mate put the pair back again in the aviary and get rid of the other two. Re Long-tailed Glossy Starlings, I do not remember the connection in which I advised these; some pairs are almost vicious with small birds and others, but would be all right with Parrakeets, Doves, Pigeons, etc., and if I remember rightly, it was in this connection I advised them. I do not advise Budgerigars and Parrakeets with Finches, Waxbills, etc.; there is always a risk about it, and sooner or later one has to pay the price of such experiments. At the same time, in my garden aviary, with small seed-eaters and softbills, I have Cowbirds, Cardinals, Ouzels, Malabar Starlings, etc., and they do not materially interfere with each other; but, they have plenty of space.

GREY PARROT (J. G. D.).—Continue the magnesia and hypo-phosphates for some time with this bird, but do not give the former sufficiently often for the voidings to remain watery loose; at the same time the bowels should move quite freely. The bird would do well enough on canary seed alone; do not overdo the sunflower seed. Bathe its nostrils with dilute glyco-thymoline while the irritation lasts, and also several times a week put a little honey and borax in its mouth. Most Parrots will take this readily from the end of a small stick. The diet is about right, but I should add a pinch of Parrot grit to the daily supply of seed. Your general treatment is about right; a bird ought to be able to get a little sun, at the same time not to have it shining directly upon it for any lengthy period. The plumage will come right in due course, neither do I think there is anything permanently wrong with the bird. We are getting more genial weather now. Treat as above and report progress in about two months. As soon as it loses its timidity, coming out of its cage a little daily will benefit it.

Gouldians (Gould). I am much interested to hear of a probable Yellow headed Gouldian among the recent consignment, and shall try and learn a little more about it. I am sorry you have lost the hen, but that is usually the end in such cases. Now, re the pair which lay, and do not incubate satisfactorily. I should take out the rush nest and immerse it for a minute or two in boiling water, then well swill with cold, and when dry return it to the cage. As soon as the newly-acquired hens are tolerably fit, take away the laying hen from her present mate, giving him one of the new hens, and put his hen with your old cock. This re-arrangement may give you some results this summer.

BUDGERIGAR OVERFAT (Anxious).- As Budgerigars are such small drinkers you had better catch this bird and give it three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia (neat) direct to the beak every other day for a week, and then every fourth day for a fortnight or three weeks. Also give her, and the others also, as much seeding (flowering) grass as they will eat for the next three or four months—in fact, till frost comes round again. Even if you are a town dweller it should be easy enough to arrange with some cottager just outside your town to send you in a small parcel by post two or three times a week while the season lasts, and it will mean much to your birds. You should supply, as possibly you do, a little flint grit and cuttlebone regularly.

BUDGERIGARS (P. E. Y.).—It is easy to be definite on one point; the trouble does not arise from interference by the Weavers. During the last few years there have occurred many similar cases to your own; still, the fact remains that with the main body of those who keep them, that the popular Budgerigar, if not quite so tractable as of yore, is still as prolific as ever. From facts gathered over a longish period, I deduce that the fault is mainly confined to a few individuals, is not always a permanent one, and most frequently occurs with young birds with their first, or first and second nests; there are cases which stand outside the above conditions, and which I put down as extraordinarily exceptional. There are two courses open to you—(1) To possess yourself in patience and await events; (2) to get some friend or dealer to exchange the hen for another. Perhaps the last-named will be the quicker way out of your difficulty. Of course, if the Budgies have been recently put in, the trouble may disappear as they become more settled. I presume mice have not access to the nests.

GETTING RAGGED (B. C. Twiss).—I do not think there is much wrong with the bird, but so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, I should put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and if the bowels become too loose, then only give it once a week, and in between, i.e., when not giving the magnesia put a little hypo-phosphates (say, half a teaspoonful) in the drinking water every other day. In addition to the seed mixture, it can have ripe fruit liberally, plain biscuit, and shelled nuts. The bird evidently does not bathe freely, and you should spray it regularly (say, twice a week), now the weather is more genial, with a weak, tepid solution of quassia; it will be a wise precaution to continue to spray with the solution for some little period. It is a young bird, and such are irregular in their moults at first. Treat as above and report progress in another month.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." A l thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

YELLOW-WINGED SUGAR BIRDS (Enthusiast).—The Sugar Birds can go out with your Finches as soon as the weather is a little more settled; you must be guided by the weather in your own district. In the meantime, they will do in the greenhouse, providing you can find them a fairly dry corner free from draught, and they must also be sheltered from the full power of the sun shining through glass. During the winter they can be kept anywhere where there is room for exercise, and the temperature does not fall below 45 degrees Fahr. Diet: Milk sop and ripe fruit will form the main dietary. Milk sop prepare so: Crumbled sponge cake one tablespoonful, condensed milk two teaspoonfuls, saltspoonful of Mellin's Food, teaspoonful of honey, and four tablespoonfuls (two ounces) of boiling water—well stir together, and supply to the birds when cool. My birds get mostly banana and grapes; they are fond of a small spider, and when outdoors catch a good many midges, and eat a lot of blight. They got as far as eggs in my outdoor aviary (Surrey) last year.

RIBBON FINCH AND STARLING (J. W.).—An ordinary Canary breeding cage is none too large for this species; still, young have been reared in such a cage, but a double breeder with the partitions removed would be better. However, if you can do no better, fix a Hartz travelling cage at one end, right up against the cage, after removing the fittings and perches, and cutting away a couple of the bars to enable the birds to get in and out; hay, grass, and a little moss will suffice for nesting material. Supply the ordinary seeds and green-food, and as soon as the young are due to hatch, supply liberally either live or preserved ants' cocoons. Re the Starling, supply this with as much fruit as it will eat—any kind it will take; also supply any kind of insect, their larvæ and pupæ, that your garden and near hedgerows will produce. Keep a tin of seed mixture in the cage, and also add a good portion of grated raw carrot to the daily supply of soft food mixture. Give the glauber salts or Dinneford's Magnesia once a week while the trouble lasts, and in between put it on a course of hypo-phosphates for a month, and let it have frequent exercise outside the cage; the latter will do more for it than drugs.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

GOLDFINCH AND MULE BREEDING (Richmond).—Your question is very difficult to answer. It is no use pairing the bird up until he is in full, vigorous song, also properly "sprung" (which can be told by examining the vent). I should say that this cannot be until about the middle of June, at the earliest. What caused the late moult? If it is a cross (or second) moult, then the bird may not come into proper breeding condition at all this year.

LINNET IN MOULT (H. J. W.).- It all depends upon how soon the bird throws off the effects of the cross moult (note reply given "Richmond" this week). If the Linnet comes into breeding condition, then it can certainly be paired with the hen Canary. Stick to the course of treatment I advised last week.

YOUNG MULES (E. Allison).—It is useless to give colour-food except when birds are moulting, or actually growing feathers. Thus to colour-feed birds for young-bird (first feather) shows, they must be fed in the nest. It is, however, quite unnecessary so to do, as it is the accepted practice to exhibit young birds in their natural colour. You should commence to give these youngsters a little weak colour-food about the first week in June (not later), and increase the strength gradually, or at once should you notice any feathers falling. (2) The value is really just whatever you can get for him.

GOLDFINCH MULE "AILING" (J. Wheeldon).—I do not gather from your letter that anything much ails your Mule. The "savageness" of which you speak (pecking at you through the cage wires with wings extended and beak open) is generally merely a sign of excessive familiarity on the part of a bird—that familiarity which breeds contempt, so to speak, of its owner. Mules in particular are very prone to express in this manner their delight (for, after all, this is what it really amounts to) at the presence of anyone they know well. It is, at any rate, much more likely to be symptomatic of vigour and high condition than of ill-health. Does the bird sit still and look mopy and miserable, or put its head under its "wing"? Does it sing? Has it ever sung (i.e., are you sure it is a cock?). If you will enlighten me further I will, if needful, try to help you.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Boulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual'* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding'* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," Na. 25 "Small Insectivoraus Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How ta Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How ta Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

THE CASE OF A LINNET (Linnet Lover).—Nothing to be alarmed at, but the condition of the excrement should be put to rights. Stop all linseed for the time being, and all black (or English) rape, if any is given to them. See that the stock mixture contains a large amount of teazle. Get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and for four or five days dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will lie on a threepennybit. Give this daily, and in a glass or earthenware (not tin) vessel. Watch its effect on the bird's bowels and regulate its use accordingly.

TWO STARLINGS (Bunnyip).—It may be that the food is too "heavy"—too starchy in composition—and not easy of digestion. This type of packet food, while good enough in its way, should only form a portion of a Starling's diet—this bird needs ripe fruit freely, and a liberal allowance of live food of various kinds (offer anything that strikes you as suitable). There cannot be anything wrong with the birds so long as they continue "singing." To ask whether you could give a Starling too many gentles is tantamount to asking whether you could give a Scotsman too much—well, oatmeal. The answer is in the negative.

Several replies are unavoidably held over.—Ed.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

South West.—Pulmonary apoplexy, with rupture of a blood vessel on the lungs. Primarily, congestion of the lungs occurs, until the tension in the blood vessels becomes so high as to cause rupture of a blood vessel.

G. Langdon.—Inflammation of the bowels, due to impurities partaken of in the food.

L. Saunders.—Ptomaine poisoning; death from this cause is often very rapid.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Ned Oxy.—Your yarn of the hen Canary egg-bound with an egg, which on being opened contained a fully formed chick, almost caused us to collapse, but after a double dose of the usual remedy, we feel pretty fit again, thank you.

T. E. Wheatley.—Many thanks; will have sketches made and utilise next week.

S. Coles.—The photograph you send is not one that can be reproduced without permission of the taker.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Stanhope F.S.—May 12. Judge, Mr. T. B. Mason. 8 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Brit. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close 5th May, to J. Walton, Stanhope, S.O. Co. Durham.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICSE

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abersychan C.B.S.—May 3, Queen's Hotel, 7. Lecture by Mr. G. Broom, on "Young Birds, and How to Treat"; also Mr. Cleaves will give an address.—Fred Sweeting.

Aintree Fazakerley F.S.—May 7, Headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. W. Outmore on "Pedigree Breeding and Building up a Strain." Friends and members of other societies heartily invited.—J. A. Anderson.

Ardwick Manchester C.B.A.—May 6, St. Thomas Ardwick, Old School Room (entrance Chapel Street), 8. Continuation of lecture by Messrs. Boothman and Robinson.—J. Spencer.

Arbroath C.B.A.—May 7, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate. 8. Grand smoker; classification for F.F. show, etc.—John Gray.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—May 6, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Raynes, M. and N.C.O.S., on the "Norwich Plainhead Canary." Fanciers and friends cordially invited. Admission free. —J. R. Colville.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—May 7, King's Head, Fisher Street, 8.15. Report of sub-committee; nest feather show date; rambles; open show schedule.—T. J. Robson.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—May 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangement of syllabus; fanciers desirous of joining please attend.—F. Gelder.

Barnet F. & F.S.—May 7, 35, Wood Street, Barnet, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. Jackson, Tottenham, on rabbits.—W. J. Cartwright.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 3, Bird Inn, High Road, 7. Important business re stationery.—Wm. Knowles.

Birmingham (City of) C.B.S.—May 7, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Lecture on the Roller Canary.—J. H. Jones.

Blackpool and Fylde Roller C.S.—May 6, 150, Whitegate Drive, 8. A hearty invitation extended to all Roller fanciers; important business.—S. Morrison.

Seldon Colliery F. and F.S.—May 3, Institute, 7. Election of secretary and to arrange Classes for the First Feather Show. Fanciers invited.—J. Stephenson.

Bolton C.B.S.—May 6, Star and Garter, 8.30. Judges nest feather shows.—J. Gerrard.

Bootle C.B.S.—May 6, St. Andrew Parochial Hall, Linacre Road, Litherland, 8. General business and lecture on "General Management," by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. Fanciers invited.—C. S. Hamilton.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—May 3, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Classification for old show and other business.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—May 6, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Classification for annual show; arranging annual syllabus of lectures, etc.; distribution of members' show schedules. Subs. now due.—H. Hill.

Bromley and West Kent F.A.—May 6, in the Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8. All welcome.—W. Foxen.

Burton-on-Trent.—May 6, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Summer show business, and paper by Mr. H. Hathaway, on the Norwich Plainhead.—A. Wood.

Crewe O.S.—May 6, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Monthly meeting.—E. Jaycott.

Camborne C.B.S.—May 5, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30.—A. Scoble.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 7, Lamb Hotel, 8. Debate, "Green Food"; affirmative, Mr. Pounsett; negative, Mr. Short.—A. S. Treasure.

Chorley C.B.S.—May 6, Shepherd Hall, 7.30. Show business.—H. A. M. Gregg.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 6, 8.30. Arrangements for annual outing.—T. J. Hose.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—May 5, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Smoker and presentation; will all members kindly attend; admission 6d.—J. Southworth.

Consett, Blackhill P., etc., S.—May 3, Co-op. Buildings, Consett, 7.30.—J. H. Coupland.—(Kindly send notices in duplicate if it is wished that they should appear both in Cage Birds and The Poultry World. —Ed.).

Coventry O.S.—May 7, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedule for nest feather show, etc.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 7, Half Moon Inn, 7.30. Arranging schedule for nest feather show.—H. Todd.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—May 3, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Election of treasurer and other business.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 10, Black Bull, 7.30. Classes for nest feather show, and judge. Ramble; election of judges for open show; hiring of room, etc.—G. Hunt.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 6, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Egg-food making competition; several handsome prizes; fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 3, Fountain Inn, 8. Judges' replies. Very urgent business. Fanciers intending to join this old established club will be heartily welcomed.—Sam Wilcock.

Felling F. and F.S.—May 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. In connection with show; fanciers within 5 miles radius wishing to become members should attend and be in time for June show.—G. Garbutt.

Glasgow West of Scotland O.S.—May 3, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Monthly meeting; lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. E. Barron.—W. Hutchison.

Grangemouth O.S.—May 7, Rechabite Hall, 8.—J. Woodhouse.

Gainsboro' C.B.S.—May 3, No. 1, Mess Room, 7. Nest feather show and lecture. Business very important.—J. E. Conway.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—May 6, J. H. Senior's, High Street, W., 8. General show business. Subs. overdue.—J. Hulmes.

Halifax O.S.—May 3, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting; lecture by Mr. R. E. Helliwell, on "Troubles on Breeding." Please notice time meeting commences.—Harry Clegg.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—May 7, St. George's Hotel, Windsor Street, 8. Linnet singing contest arranged by Mr. F. Guthrie.—Woodhead and Pyman.

First Universal C.B.S.—May 3, Universal Club, 7. Subscriptions, and to enrol new members.—James Smith.

Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S.—May 7, Johnson's, 353, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Open meeting, to arrange for country ramble.—P. Brooks.

Hull C.B.S.—May 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p.m. Paper on the Yorkshire Canary, and other important business.—Ernest R. Ridley.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—May 6, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for first feather show.—Wm. Cottingham.

Idle C.B.S.—May 7, White Bear Inn, 8. First feather show; classification; members, friends, and fanciers cordially invited.—O. E. Hylton.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 10, Derby Arms, 7. Electing judges for open show; all fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—May 6, Headquarters, 8. General business; also hat night.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—May 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Members' show and other important business.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—May 3, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Something extra this meeting.—J. Bostock.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—May 6, White Swan, 8.30. Schedule for nest feather show.—A. Freestone.

Leith O.S.—May 10, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Judges replies, etc. Last meeting for season.—George W. Brown.

Liverpool B.B.A.—May 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture by a well-known fancier; starting at 8.30.—F. Eccleston.

Leeds Roller C.C.—May 5, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 3, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on British birds by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. Fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Longton C.B.S. and R.C.C.—May 6, Roebuck Hotel, 8.30. To allot specials for nest feather show and other special business.—Philip Ed. Barker.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—May 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of judges for annual show, and lecture by Mr. J. Beswick on "British Birds and Mule Breeding."—H. Boothman.

Morley C.B.S.—May 5, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Nelson C. and C.B.S.—May 6, Mr. Fulton's, 68, Railway Street, 7.30. Shall this society change its name? also young show business.—J. Speak.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—May 3, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 3. Annual general meeting. Intending members are requested to attend.—E. Clegg.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—May 5, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Question night.—M. C. Potts.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—May 5, Church House, 8. Classification for young bird show, etc.—T. H. Tilfen.

Perth (City and County of) O.A.—May 5, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8.—John L. Smith.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Annual country ramble to Hildenboro', May 11, from Woolwich Station, return fare 3/3. Members who have not already let the sec. know, please do so by Saturday, May 3, so that he may make the final arrangements. Friends from other societies are given a cordial invitation to do so by writing to E. Meades, Hon. Sec., 56, Conway Road, Plumstead.—(No time stated.—Ed.).

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—May 5, Fleece Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Chambers. Leeds members and friends cordially invited.—Hugh Raistrick.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—May 7, Warcing's Dining Rooms, 8. General business.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—May 7, Palmer Hall, 8. Egg-food demonstration. Young bird show business.—W. H. Pyke.

Redhill C.B.S.—May 7, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. Table show for Greenfinches and judging competition.—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 8, Temperance Club, 8. General business meeting; important show business.—Wm. Adams.

Rossendale and Dist. C.B.S.—May 6, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Monthly meeting.—H. Wantling.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—May 6, Victoria Hotel, 8. Business most important.—P. Drake.

Selby C.B.S.—May 9, Museum Hall, 7.30. Judges replies, and other open show business.—H. Mathers.

Shipley O.S.—May 7, Victoria Hotel, 8. Business most important. Open show.—E. Grange.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—May 6, Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements for Cinderella show; guarantees for first feather show close.—James Hird.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—May 5, headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Garside Street, 7.30. Show business; club's rose-bowl will be on view.—J. T. Cheetham.

South London Col. and F.A.—May 8, headquarters, 8. General meeting. Bird-washing demonstration, competition, etc.—Geo. F. Crawford.

Sheffield O.S.—May 6, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Arrangements next feather show, also table show of foreign birds and lecture on foreigners, by Mr. G. Fletcher; judge, Mr. J. Mace; 4 classes; fixed prizes, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; no entry fee.—E. C. Job.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—May 8, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Lecture on "Local British Birds," by Mr. F. Greenwood, Hebden Bridge.—A. Sutcliffe.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—May 3, headquarters, 7.30. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. T. Bishop, Sheffield. Members should not miss this treat. Fanciers and friends invited.—G. L. Sampson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—May 5, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Elect new members; read essays.—J. Pitchford.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 6, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Date of monthly shows or first feather show.—W. Stafford.

Thatto Heath O.S.—May 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Business important. Selling class question.—H. Cuttley.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—May 6, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria. Lecture, "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. R. B. Gibb, Glasgow.—A. H. McLean. (No time stated.—Ed.)

Wakefield Roller C.C.—May 5, Elephant and Castle Inn, 7.30.—H. Roebuck.

Walsall C.B.S.—May 7, White Hart Hotel, 8.30. Important business.—F. Price.

Walkley C.B.S.—May 8, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Question night, answered by experts; and arrangements for nest feather show.—A. Lawton.

Wandsworth F.S.—May 8, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 6, headquarters, 8. Date for open show, judge, etc.—W. G. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—May 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—Ed. Ball.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—May 5, at 6, The Broadway, 8. Egg-food competition: questions and answers. Fanciers invited.—H. Smith.

Windhill C.B.S.—May 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Patronages for open winter show. Also members' shows business. Subscriptions now due.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wibsey C.B.S.—May 3, Horse and Groom, 8. Business important.—H. C. Crossley.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—May 8, Duke of York, 8.15. Fixing dates, etc., very important. Business concerning open and nest feather shows.—J. Gibbons.

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Sir,—Would you be kind enough to acknowledge through CAGE BIRDS this week the sum of 10s. 6d., which the Committee of the Bournemouth and District Cage Bird Association have kindly sent us towards our funds, and we heartily thank them for same.

W. CURRY, Hon. Sec.

Cage Life Better Than Freedom.

Sir,—Seeing by CAGE BIRDS that some people are against caging wild birds, perhaps this little experience of mine may prove of interest to them. About a year ago I purchased a fresh-caught cock Goldfinch, and about a week ago I hung him outside in a cage. Somehow he escaped, and I never expected to see him again. Next morning, however, I found him clinging to his cage, and when the door was opened he gladly entered, and seems to prefer cage life to freedom.

Kildary. D. ROBERTSON.

Who is Father?

An Interesting Mating Problem.

Sir,—One of my best Norwich hens, two years old, has, much to my surprise, hatched out four fine youngsters. I mated her with an unflighted cock. They fought for nine days, the hen being victorious the first three, and the cock the remainder. He mauled her to such an extent, and destroyed her nest so repeatedly that I took him away. The following day I gave her the cock she was mated to last year, and the next morning she laid. I might say copulation took place within ten minutes of being together. What I should like to know, is whether any of the four eggs could be fertilised by the last cock bird. Or must I reckon the first to be the father of the whole clutch?

J. E.L.

[This matter is referred to by Mr. St. John in his query columns this week.—EDITOR.]

Black Mealworms.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you for sending on the specimens of black mealworms submitted by Mr. Arthur. I was particularly interested in these, and quite expected to see something new—to me at least—but in this I am disappointed. The specimens sent are precisely the same dusky colour as those I have seen on former occasions, which were termed black, and to which I referred in my last letter. That they were considerably darker—a dusky hue—than the normal colour I readily agree, but, personally I cannot by any stretch of imagination call them "black." I have an idea that any environment in the locality of decaying woodwork or timber, particularly of oak, would cause the normally coloured mealworm to assume this dusky hue, after, perhaps, a few "moults." It would be interesting to know if these mealworms were taken in such environments.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The Troubles of a Corpulent Blackbird.

Sir,—Have any of your readers ever heard of a similar case to this, related by a correspondent of the "Scotsman"? He says:—"Quite a number of people are writing just now about the strange places in which birds build their nests. I am reminded by these accounts of a nest which, after its erection, caused the builders a considerable amount of trouble. It was inside a grating—presumably a ventilator—in the wall of one of the Oxford colleges. The site was an admirable one; but, unfortunately, the occupants forgot to reckon at the outset on the possibility, as the season advanced, of their growing so stout as to be unable to get through the narrow apertures made by the transverse iron bars. As a result, probably, of extra good living—for it was a rainy season, and worms were plentiful—the parent birds developed such admirable physical proportions that they experienced an amazing, though not insuperable difficulty in getting out of and into the nest with food for their young ones. What happened usually was as follows:—Paterfamilias arrive with the provender and put his head through one of the holes. Then he pushed and struggled and pushed again, but all to no purpose. Presently the whole family within was in an uproar, for they had seen the worm which was so near and yet so far; and, possibly, they sympathised with the bird in his awkward predicament. This violent exercise lasted for several minutes, till eventually he succeeded in winning his way through. What exactly took place towards the finish it was never an easy matter to tell, but it looked uncommonly as though one of the ravenous, impatient brood had caught hold of him with its beak and given just that final, necessary fillip which resulted in extricating the corpulent bird and causing him to drop, breathless, down into the nest, still holding tightly to the appetising worm. The subsequent happenings in the nest were hidden from the eyes of the curious spectator down below; but one could not help wondering sometimes whether the joy of the proud parent, as he watched his offspring feeding, was not somewhat damped by the thought of similar efforts that would have to be expended in order to obtain a repetition of such a scene of domestic felicity.

W. STRACHAN.

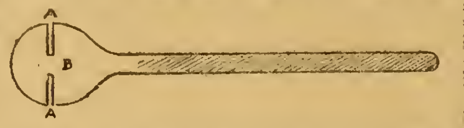
Two Perfect Eggs in One Day.

Sir,—In answer to N. Pollit's letter in last week's grand Spring Number concerning the two eggs in one day. At the beginning of March I paired up a Linnet cock to a yellow and green Roller hen (bred July, 1912). On Sunday night, March 30, I looked at the nest and found that there were no eggs, though the hen seemed as if she would have laid two or three days before. On Monday morning, whilst attending to the numerous wants of my little feathered friends, I found two eggs in their nest, which, I might say, she had completed about a week before, and had been continually sitting on. Both eggs were quite perfect, and the same size as her others which were laid on three following days, they were both clears, however. I should be very interested to hear if Mr. Pollit got a youngster from either of the eggs.

ERNEST G. S. EVERARD.

A Self-fixing Perch.

SIR,—I am sending an illustration of a perch which I use, and which is handy for taking out to clean without putting the hand in the cage, and if left clear of the back of the cage it is springy like a twig when the bird alights thereon. A A are the fine saw cuts through which the wires pass, and if the part B is hollowed out dish-like it forms a handy receptacle for tit-bits, which can be placed on through the wires. The perch is placed edge-wise through the wires, and a half-turn holds it fast.



C. THANE.

Hearing the Song of the Nightingale.

Sir,—Would you or any of your readers kindly inform me, through the columns of your paper, in what part of England the Nightingale is most likely to be heard singing, and at what months of the year? I intend spending my holidays with my wife in England this year, and would prefer to stay in a part of the country where I might have the opportunity of hearing the song of the Nightingale. As you are aware, the bird is never heard in Ireland.

IRISHMAN.

[The range of the Nightingale is sufficiently wide to afford our correspondent plenty of choice of locality. Even quite near London (in Epping Forest, to wit) he can make sure of hearing the music of this grand songster at its very best. We have heard two or three singing beautifully in the daytime right at the edge of Connaught Waters; but night, of course, is the ideal time. May is the best month of all, but late April and early June are also favourable times, though the song ceases when the young birds hatch. Some Nightingales sing until much later than others, owing, no doubt, to something going wrong with the first nest, necessitating the starting of a second. In Herefordshire Nightingales abound, and they are plentiful in the Surrey woods, Kent, parts of Suffolk, etc. In fact, in any of the Home Counties the bird can be found with certainty, and its range extends westward to certain of the river valleys of Devon.—EDITOR.]

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Proposed Roller Canary Society for North Staffordshire.

Sir,—Will you kindly announce that a meeting, to inaugurate the above specialist society, will be held at Evans's Cafe, opposite Town Hall, High Street, Newcastle, on May 10, at 7 p.m. Business to elect officers, arrange subscription fee (it is advocated that this shall be 2s. per year, payable 1s. each six months until an open show was held) this would cover all expenses which are likely to be incurred. There are about ten fanciers willing to join, and anyone interested in this variety of Canary will be welcomed.

J. TOMLINSON.

Some Reminiscences of an Old Bird-lover.

Sir,—I was very pleased indeed to read "Very Old Subscriber's" most interesting letter in your excellent double number, and can heartily endorse what he has written as to the total indifference with which the average non-fancier regards any birds he or she is forced to look at. The ordinary Londoner who takes no interest in birds, knows of four British birds only, so far as I can judge. All brownish or greyish birds about the size of a Bunting are "Sparrows," all about the size and hue of the Starling are "Blackbirds," and all others either "Crows" or "Pigeons." In Dulwich Park, however, where there is a variety of birds in aviaries—with the names painted up on boards—visitors are much better informed. There, any Sunday, you may hear the self-complacent youth explain to the maiden that the cock Bullfinch and Chaffinch are the "Robin Redbreast," the cock Greenfinch the "Yellowhammer," the Kestrel the "Eagle," and the Golden Pheasant the "Peacock." I simply cannot understand why so few people take any interest whatever in birds—other than the edible varieties which, of course, are always popular—compared with the millions of flower maniacs. I know it is wrong to disparage other people's hobbies, but how much more interesting than a few flowers is a nice aviary with some beautiful, steady British or Foreign birds disporting themselves in the sunshine, and by their notes and movements taking one back to the scenes of early youth amongst woods, glens, and hillsides, where there was room to breathe God's air, and time to think. How much nicer, too, are the habits of the average bird compared with those of the average dog or cat!

E. ALLISON.

Short Entries at Scottish Shows

Are "Clique Judges" to Blame?

Sir,—Kindly grant me space to answer "Plainheads" questions in his last epistle. First, he asks if "clique" judges were the cause of short entries where I won my prizes. I say they were in many cases the cause, and "P.H." knows that he visited very few shows where he did not hear it spoken of. These last two years it has been ridiculous, and so openly seen that no one could help talking about it. "P.H.," being the mouthpiece of the clique, has made a very poor defence on their behalf. Secondly, he asks what I mean by asking the members of the B.F.C.C. to review the list of prizewinners' (club specials). Well, I will make it easier for him to understand. Supposing that A judged a show and awarded B the medal for best Border, then the next week the reverse happened (i.e. B awarded one to A); well, I say that if the judges' names were printed along with the shows they judge it would be easy for any member to see that a good many of the medals are awarded on the "family system." As for "five firsts for fifteen years," I think the Fancy knows better than believe such rubbish. But allow me to say that "P.H." has won more first prizes within the last two years than he has done since he started in the Fancy nineteen years ago. He has surely made a big improvement in his stock, if "clique judges" are not the cause. I must say plainly there is a clique of Scottish judges, and next year will prove it, for, as far as I can see from CAGE BIRDS, only two have been engaged to judge, while some of them had six shows at this time last year. Committees are guessing right. Now I think I have said enough to satisfy any even-minded man, but will wait for your further reasons for short entries at Scottish shows, and trust that you will have the courage to add your name to your letter.

Whitburn. W. LAMBIE.

Sir,—I am glad to see "Plainhead" has seen his error in defending "Clique" judges, and that we are going to have a change. I quite admit that the above are not the sole cause of short entries; but at the latter end of last season, when the "Clique" became known, fanciers of note gave them a wide berth. Some shows had only clique birds as entries. If Plainhead goes back a week or two, he will find it was he himself who started the mud-throwing. But if mud is all you have to wash off your hands, "P.H.," soap will do it. You could not gather courage to face me; I suppose, being one of my guessed medal winners, that would be enough for you. Like yourself, I have won 1st prizes every year since I started in the Fancy, and with no clique judges, but I have also got nothing many a time, and yet no clique judges. One judge told me himself that he had told another judge, before he went away to officiate at a certain show, not to give him this nor that if he was not value for it. What right has a fancier of any station to dictate to any judge? The best of the joke was that the judge he was dictating to had better birds, and had won more prizes. "Plainhead" says our meeting would serve no good purpose. No, as far as you are concerned, for I should have let you know a great deal you already know; but it might have helped you a bit for the future, and made certain judges look more at the birds than the cages. I suppose the fancier with 3 and 4 and 5 1sts on the one day, and nothing at the following show, does not appeal to "Plainhead." Neither does my observation about the cage bottoms and the judge naming the fancier the cages belonged to. I do not require any one to inform me who "Plainhead" is, because I have known all along. You need not boast because you wrote yourself this last time. I refuse to believe it when you say you wrote all along without assistance. We across in Fifeshire know better than that. I also think that I am as well-known as "Plainhead," but I am glad to say in a different light and I do not require to advertise myself. All my letters have been of my own making with the exception of the information about your breeding season, which came two ways; one from one of the clique and the other from a more reliable source. Of course, I am not concerned, even if you do not breed more than 13 this year. As you say, there are plenty to be had. I know, myself, of a certain fancier and judge who bought 46 birds from one fancier. Perhaps you may know also. I sincerely hope that you do not think that I would judge you by myself. That cannot, nor ever will, happen. Despite all your malice and spleen towards me in this correspondence, the truth has triumphed and I am sufficiently pleased to see by CAGE BIRDS that it has done good. I am sure my only wish was to uplift the Border Fancy out of the mire into which it was fast going. Remember, "Plainhead," I am not a coward, and the first time you visit Dysart I will be pleased to give to you what you have refused to me, namely, proofs of all I have written. I thank you, Mr. Editor, for giving so much space to this vexed question.

JAMES LOGAN.

(This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.)

Reminiscences of a Veteran Roller Canary Fancier.

Sir,—With Mr. Fawcett's permission I send you the following reminiscences of a veteran Roller fancier,—J. TOMLINSON.

Whitby, April 19, 1913.

Sir,—On opening my CAGE BIRDS to-day, I noticed your article on the Roller Canary, and thought you would be kind enough to help me. My old father was a Canary breeder all his life, and when I was just turned 20 years of age—that was in 1861—I was a journeyman tailor in London. While in a hair-dresser's shop I heard a German Roller singing, I was so impressed with this bird's singing powers, that I have loved them ever since. I made inquiries respecting them, as I thought what a nice present one would make for my dear old father. I was directed to a Mr. Hawkins, whose shop was just off Leicester Square. I purchased one, and Mr. Hawkins sent it down. At that time they were unknown, and I set all the town fanciers mad. I believe I sold ten or twelve birds for Mr. Hawkins. I often visited him, and we became quite friendly. A fire occurred, and he had his shop burnt down, and all his splendid birds suffered, but worst of all he had a son burnt to death. I never saw Mr. Hawkins again, afterwards. My thoughts have always been to breed or at least to keep a songster. I have kept all varieties, but I still look back to the German songster.

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Great Crested Grebe Picked Up at Mixenden.

Sir,—I thought it might interest your readers to know that a rare bird has been picked up at Mixenden, near Halifax, the Great Crested Grebe, a male, in splendid plumage, but very emaciated.

J. L. Adamson.

Affairs of the Lancashire C.A.

Sir,—I see the Lancashire Canary Association is in danger of being broken up. I don't wonder at it. The officials are a great deal to blame, for whoever reads any reports of their meetings, etc., or hears of them? For the last two or three years, very little is known until about October, that there is such a society in existence. They want rousing up a bit. Oh! for two or three Teddy Fullers. It is said the novices are the backbone of any Fancy. Where are they? Well, they have not got the birds to breed or exhibit with. I see the secretary is asking for suggestions. Has he none to make? I have some, of which later. What have the "top notchers" to say about this state of affairs, and the novices—and more especially the prize-winners?

Touzle.

The N.B.B. and M.C. Country Ramble.

An Invitation to London Societies.

Sir,—The annual ramble of the National British Bird and Mule Club will take place on Saturday, 24th May, in Epping Forest. The morning party leave Liverpool Street Station by the 9.36 a.m. train for Chingford, and the afternoon party by the 1.33 train for Loughton, and meet the morning party at the "Robin Hood." Arrangements are being made for a hot lunch, ad lib, for 1 o'clock at the "Owl," 2s. per head, also a meat tea at the "Robin Hood" at 6 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. My committee extend a hearty welcome to the members and friends of all London societies who would like to join us in the ramble. Will all those who wish to join let me know by Monday, 19th May, stating which party they would like to join, so that arrangements can be made for refreshments?

J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec.

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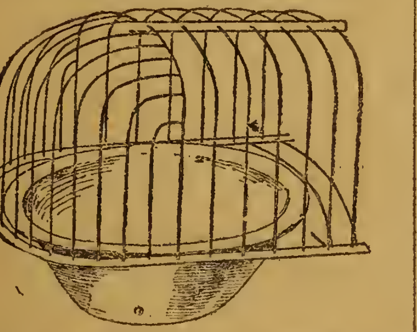
To Prevent Hens from Plucking their Young.

Sir,—Herewith is a "Nest Cage," for use if the hen starts plucking the young. The nest is simply slipped in from the back, and then the contrivance is hung on the hook. I was last year troubled with such a hen, and this is the outcome. If you think it worthy of a sketch in your most valuable paper, please get your artist to make the sketch. Then I should be pleased if one of your staff would accept the nest cage, and give it a trial. I wish Cage Birds every success.

W. H. Hamlyn.



P.S.—I have had an occasion to use the "Nest Guard," and it has proved very successful. The hen feeds well through the wires, and the young keep well out of her way, so that she cannot pluck them.

A Vexed Point at Our Shows.

The Half Prize Money Rule.

Sir,—I should like "Young Exhibitor" to once again read my letter, as I clearly stated "should pay the greater part of the prize money," and not all the expenses, as he states in his letter. I think no show committee would grumble if they had enough in entrance fees to pay all expenses! Neither would there be any disappointed exhibitors, nor half prize money. He also says in his letter that the gate depends for the greater part on fanciers. If he lives in a part that is blessed with so many fanciers he ought not to experience many shows with half prize money—in our part we could count them all on our hands with no trouble. I quite agree with him about some classes having extraordinary entries, but if you look at the other classes you may find some of them with two or three entries, and you want some good classes to pay for these. I think if you take a show on the average and work it out, as I did, you will not find many shows that can come to a better average. I say prize money does not depend on the committee, but on the exhibitor. If he is willing to give bumping entries then they are willing to give him something worth competing for. It is not altogether the exhibitors that want encouraging, but the committee as well. If "Young Exhibitor's" letter did not contain the statement that he could not stand half prize money, it certainly did contain this, that cards do not buy birds nor keep fanciers' homes going. I quite agree with him regarding the big exhibitors having the pull over us younger ones, but it is not so much experience as it is the money. For instance, if a big exhibitor requires a bird for show, he writes to a dealer and asks him what date he will be having a good consignment in. Off he then goes to the dealer and can have his pick out of hundreds, where we have to pick ours out of perhaps six or seven—we cannot expect to get the same, nor make the money he does of them. As for buying birds from big exhibitors and not knowing whether they are the ones you pay for, let me advise "Young Exhibitor," as I have advised others before, that it will pay you to visit a show and buy your birds there. Then you can see what you are buying, and very often you may find a better bird in a class than even the bird that has won. I have seen good birds many times in a show at a fair price. Regarding a profit on exhibiting, I have shown pigeons and birds for the past twelve years, but I never expected to make a profit by it, and if I had I find I should have been disappointed.

A. E. Bareham.

Rearing Young Canaries on Bread and Milk.

Sir,—Last breeding season I paired up two Yorkshire Canaries, and had two nests from them. The first nest I got four eggs, all fertile, but only one bird hatched out, the other three eggs having dead birds in. The second nest I got three eggs, and two birds hatched out; one egg unfertile. I got the three birds up splendidly by feeding them on bread moistened with milk, also giving dandelion leaves and white canary seed. I kept them with their parents until they were five weeks old, then I took them away and I fed them on the same food until they were seven weeks old. Then I fed on nothing but canary seed. These birds came on splendidly. They were reared in a single breeding cage and kept in a cold room.

J. Harrison.

The R.S.P.C.A. and the Hobby of Bird-keeping.

Sir,—The "snivelling" mentioned by your correspondent, Mr. A. R. Cole, is certainly on his side, in his statement that my protest was political. This is the typical political "snivel" that is thrown at one when a truth is thrust home. I am glad it hit. This is the fetish that such "sensitive souls" as your correspondent hide behind when abuses in certain directions are attacked. I have neither the time nor patience to bother about politics, but I am certain that my statement concerning the activities and inactivities of the R.S.P.C.A. cannot be refuted. I could mention scores of types of gross cruelty which they do not and dare not touch because they are connected with the pastimes of the rich. I have not always lived in a city; I was reared in a sporting county. I have frequently seen a sporting dog thrashed to an inch of its life by a gamekeeper in the process of "training"—far greater suffering than any bird undergoes at the hands of the average bird-keeper. I have also seen a horse fastened with an instrument, causing blood to stream from its mouth, as a punishment. How often I have seen tame ducks and pheasants chased to make them fly to receive a volley of lead, to say nothing about the cruel trapping that goes on, rabbits, birds, and other animals sometimes lying for days in the cruel gin trap, dying a lingering death from hunger, thirst and pain. There is plenty of work for the R.S.P.C.A. They could well afford to leave the Society for the Protection of Birds to look after the poor man bird-keeper, their speciality being the protection of birds. I have frequently been called in to assist this latter society in its decision to purchase a bird for releasing and to decide if others were of the type that were likely to suffer by caging. I am in sympathy with this work when done reasonably and justly.

J. W. Cutmore.

So far as the "political" aspect of this question is concerned, discussion must now close. We have received a letter from Mr. A. Best (supporting Mr. Coe), and one from Mr. W. Hainsworth (opposing Mr. Coe), but no good purpose can be served by their publication, as politics are taboo in our columns.—Editor.

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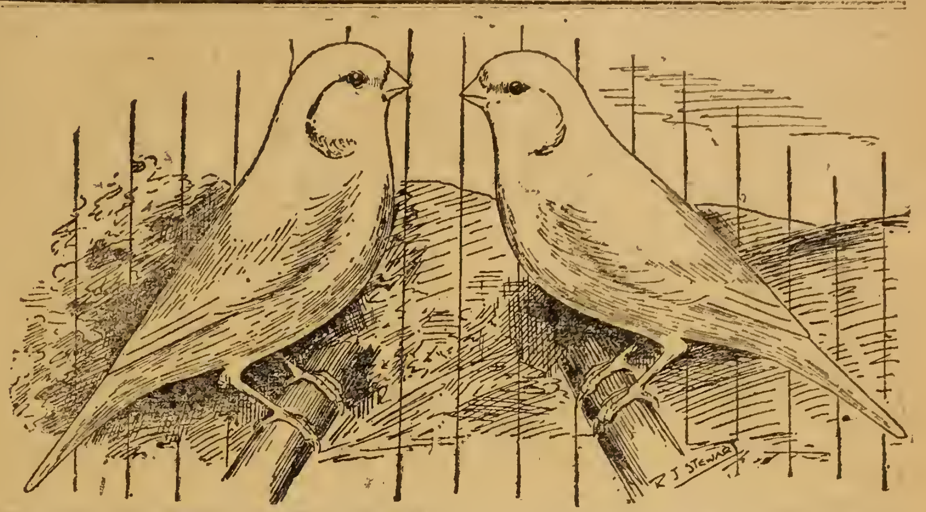
Late Entries at the Crystal Palace 1913 Show.

Sir,—I notice Mr. Godley again, after a rest, writing under the above heading, but what he has to gain, or the manager of the Crystal Palace show to lose, I cannot see. Surely in the first place, when he admits his entries were late, that is quite sufficient to show he is in the wrong. It is an old saying that two wrongs don't make a right. Mr. G. says he has done wrong for over 20 years, and evidently thinks he must be allowed to do so for ever, or as long as he thinks fit. Having done wrong for over twenty years in sending late entries, does he wish to explain that that alone makes this year's wrong "right"? I think the manager of our great national show is to be complimented in saying: No, sir, you have come this long enough, toe the mark and enter according to rule. Two years ago I had my own entries returned as too late. I did not rush into print and try to "show up" the management of the Crystal Palace, and by so doing show myself up instead. I should not have taken the trouble to write on this subject only for the fact that Mr. Godley states that his letter will show your readers that he has every justification for the position he has taken up. I don't see it. If he refers to the front of the Palace schedule he will find he has no justification when he reads in large letters that entries absolutely close Jan. 25. I have always had the greatest courtesy shown to me by the Palace officials, and I don't like to see our great national fixture run down, especially when the man is in the wrong who is doing it.

T. Gilbert.



Mr. Stewart has depicted two Norwich Plainheads which achieved good records at Scottish shows. The clear buff cock (on the left) is the property of Mr. Jas. Smeaton, of Prestonpans, and the clear yellow hen of Mr. R. B. Jarvie, of Glasgow.

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's Classification.

Is the Clear Unfairly Handicapped?

Sir,—Seeing the notice of the above club in your issue of the 12th inst., asking clubs to apply for its patronage, I thought to have seen some protest against what to me seems a great injustice. Just think for one moment; a schedule of the leading societies being issued without a class for clear yellow or Buff Norwich. In my young days as a fancier, about 20 years ago, I was taught the ideal of a Plainhead was a perfect clear, either yellow or buff. Now, seeing the P.H. is a bird of colour, what chance will the clear get against the tick, providing other points are about equal? as it is admitted the ticks come hotter than clears. Of course, colour will win; then out go the clears and down will go the entries. To me it is making four classes for ticks, etc., which I hope fanciers will fight against. I am surprised at the mover of the resolution doing himself such an injustice, seeing he is an old exhibitor. I hope some abler pen than mine will take this matter up, so as to get this altered, and I hope any fancier replying will use his name, so that his views may be taken at their proper value.

J. E. Rowe.

The Anniversary of a Wedding Day.

Sir,—I am a Roller Canary, and my wife is a Norwich. We are both three years of age, and were married two years ago. This is the anniversary of our wedding day. I cannot tell you in writing how happy we are, and what a splendid home we have. Suffice it to say our home is 24 x 16 x 20 inches, which was limewashed, and is in every respect equal to a palace to us; anyway, our master gave us a beautiful nest pan, clean as a new pin, some lovely moss and cow hair. We made a cosy nest and have five lovely large eggs. We were so afraid when master saw egg No. 5 he would take it away, but he hasn't. He has taken them away before, as we have heard him say he considers four eggs enough. Anyway I intend to let him see that my husband and I can manage them all right, and we hope to have a nice family soon. We reared 15 last year; bonny birds they were, too, and my husband taught them to sing his beautiful song. Those that couldn't sing have now husbands of their own, and they tell us they are also very happy. We had such a shock a short time ago. A lady came up to see us and our other companions. When she said what a lovely pair (meaning us), will you sell them? my husband left off singing and came and sat close to me, in awful suspense, which did not last very long, as our master said, oh, no, he would not part with us at any price. So she bought two of our daughters and one son. We should like to tell you that we do not have horrid pepper given us to eat to make us an unnatural colour. We have beautiful plumage like silk, and we are quite content to look clean and nice, as all natural Canaries should. We overheard our master say one day how would the masters of some Canaries like to be fed on pepper themselves to make them a yellow or orange colour? We hope some of our family will be nice big birds, and if they behave themselves they will be sent to the shows and we shall feel very proud of them if they get a card for us to see in our room, and be something in return for the kindness we have received. We have what we call greenfood days, when our young mistress—a dear little girl who, by the way, is very fond of us—and our master, or, if very busy, our mistress, brings us lovely bunches of watercress, groundsel (which a kindly gardener sends for us), and sometimes a few dandelion leaves, chickweed or other dainty morsels; which we enjoy very much. We have egg food days also. We enjoy the lovely new laid hard boiled eggs and bread crumbs, with castor sugar and maw seed. In fact, we have a good time and everything we could wish for, and hope all birds receive as good attention and treatment as we get, and in conclusion we do not think it cruel to keep birds in cages if kindly treated and cared for.

H. E. Smith.

Wayside Seeds and Berries for British Birds.

Sir,—Having had several letters, through your valuable paper, Cage Birds, asking for my case of wild seeds, would you kindly allow me to say in your next issue that I will be pleased to send same to any society, for exhibition at meetings, shows, etc., the only condition being that the society pays carriage of case going to and from the meeting, etc.

James B. Clarke.

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The Evolution of the Canary.

By J. W. CUTMORE (Liverpool).

A Lecture delivered before the Anfield, Everton C.B.S.

(*Continued from page 241.*)

Albinism is caused by a defect in the pulp of the feather preventing the entrance of the pigment. Melanism, the dark varieties, (the Black Bullfinches, etc.) is caused by too much pigment. Erythrism (red), when abnormal, is produced by the bird eating foods containing colour, as seen in colour-fed Canaries. The gloss which fanciers term quality or condition, is independent of the colour itself; it is the result of the horny surface of the feather being clean, smooth and polished.

Quite a New-Comer.

The Canary is comparatively of recent introduction into the ranks of domestic birds. The Canary, like pigeons and fowls, has under man's care and skill branched off into many different varieties, in the same way that the 200 varieties of pigeons all have come from one common stock—the Rock Dove—and that all our varieties of fowls have been evolved from the little Indian Jungle Fowl. Much progress has been made during the past 15 or 20 years. That all these varieties have been evolved from the little wild Canary (serinus canaria) is a splendid confirmation of the workings of evolution. The home of the Wild Canary, the origin of our domestic varieties, is in the Canary Islands, Madeira, and the Azores. As early as 1555 there is mention of "Canary Birds" from the Canary Islands and maybe the natives had domesticated the little Green Singing Finch many years before it was brought to Europe. In the 17th century it was freely imported from Germany, also seed from the Canary Islands, now called canary seed.

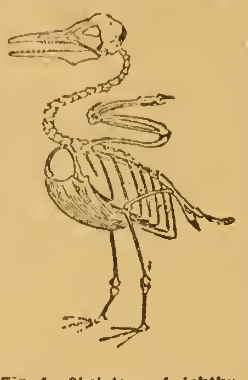

Fig 4.—Skeleton of Ichthyornis.

There have been many different versions given as to the origin of the present-day varieties of Canaries by men who could not understand or accept the great facts of evolution, but out of all these fancy notions of crosses with other Finches there is not one that will stand the test of careful examination; the nearest guess in this direction is a cross between the Canary Islands Canary and the Serin Finch. This Hybrid is certainly very Canarylike as we know him. He has a lightish throat, and is more cinnamon in his colouration. (I have a specimen of this cross on the table with the other specimens.) A cross with the Citril Finch has also been suggested as the origin of the Canary, but the beak of this bird is too pointed to allow this to pass. (I have specimens of this also here.)

How the Canary of To-day Originated.

In my opinion there is only one explanation as to the origin of our Canaries, and this is supported both by expert ornithologists and aviculturists; it is from the Wild Canary of the Canary Islands that all our present-day varieties have been evolved. I have here Wild Canaries (serins) from different parts of Africa, but not one compares so well with the present-day Green Canaries as the Canary Islands bird. The Canary has always shown a readiness to sport; it may be just by way of throwing a lightish variety, or a light feather or two, or the tendency to a crest or frill. We are all familiar with that very interesting sport, the pink-eyed Cinnamon, and who can judge what influence has come into play in the making of our later varieties from this source called by fanciers, "Cinnamon blood"? It would be interesting to go into this question of the Cinnamon qualities. I have taken very great interest in it during the past ten years, but there is not time to-night. The Cinnamon sport from Green Canaries, considered under the light of Mendel's laws of Heredity, is certainly very interesting and instructive. It is more, it is wonderful.

Heredity plays us funny tricks at times; frequently one hears of a champion produced from weeds, but more often vice-versa, weeds from a pair of champions; only recently a palace champion in Norwich Greens was thrown by a pair of weeds (rags, the owner called them). He put them together because no one would take them out of his room as a gift. Of course, such a result is more rare than an opposite one. It is more frequently that champions produce weeds. There is always a strong tendency towards reversion. Every breeder of Norwich Canaries knows full well how difficult it is to retain size in his birds, either in head or body, and this is a strong argument in favour of the original Canary being the little Serin Finch from the Canary Islands. Reversion is so soon affected, and frequently it is more quickly accomplished if remote types are paired together, but it is surely not so much as is suggested by Dr. Sharp in Allen's Natural History. Here is his statement: "Wild Canaries identical with the resident bird of the Canary Islands have been frequently caught in England. It seems quite feasible to suppose that escaped Canaries of the orthodox yellow colour would in a very short space of time revert to the plumage of the wild stock from which they were derived; and it is probably birds of this category which have been captured in England, rather than wanderers from the far distant home of the species." Surely this statement is open to question! Where would they have bred together, and how protected, and for how long? Would they be free from observation? Could they survive all the risks here for long enough to accomplish this? I fear not.

The Results of Careful Selection.

I think we can rest assured that the present-day interesting varieties of Canaries have all been produced by careful selection, the tendency of the Canary Finch to sport has been taken advantage of by men who have combined patience with the love of their hobby. Those clever mechanics, the French Huguenots, who came here during the persecutions in France, were said to be great Canary fanciers, keeping the birds in their workrooms. The tendency to sport may have been noticed quite accidentally, this suggesting the pairing of two such birds together, then by inbreeding the clear was ultimately produced (the uniformly yellow bird), other variations following. Many wild birds have a tendency to sport in the direction of albinism and cinnamon colouring. In the museum we have a large case containing many examples of both these varieties.

We have seen the results of evolution by artificial selection; we will now consider briefly Nature's method. Much could be said about the origin of species, but we must leave it out this evening and go to the rocks to study the origin of birds. Birds are said to have been evolved from reptiles. We do not like to think this of our up-to-date Canaries; the contrast seems to be so great between the mud-loving Crocodile of the Nile and the prettily formed, brightly coloured and intelligent birds of our hobby. Even our own dignity as Lords of Creation may be shaken when we consider and ask ourselves why that tail of ours is hiding itself away, and think of the remnant of hair on our bodies that suggests our one-time covering.

The Road We Travelled.

Not only have we come up through the ages on the monkey road, but we have also passed through the reptilian valley, up from the animalcule swamp. Our life begins as an ambiguous speck of matter which can in no way be distinguished from the original form of the lowest animal or plant. It next becomes a cell; the life of the animalcule is precisely the same. Cells cluster round this primordial cell, and the man is so far advanced that he might be mistaken for an undeveloped oyster. He grows still more, and it is clear that he might even be a fish. He then passes into a stage which is common to all quadrupeds, and next assumes a form which can only belong to quadrupeds of the higher type. At last the hour of birth approaches. Coiled within the dark womb he sits, the image of an ape, a caricature and a prophecy of the man that is to be. He is born; first he crawls, then he walks. The most experienced observer, with the aid of the best microscope, could not have declared at the beginning whether he was going to be man or plant. The Canary has had its animalcule and its reptile days, and whether it appears strange or not, we must endeavour to accustom our minds to the fact which is now so firmly established, and will never be overthrown.

Birds in the Long Ago.

Birds have not broken off from any existing reptile; the branching off came during the Jurassic period, the period of Dinosaurus, etc. Our old teacher used to advise us to use as a memoriser the words "dying of sores," for this period. As we trace the history of birds back in time, we find their remains, sometimes in great abundance, throughout the whole extent of the tertiary rocks, but, so far as our present knowledge goes, the birds of the tertiary period possessed the same essential characters as the birds of the present day. They were as much separated from reptiles as existing birds are. Not very long ago no remains of birds had been found below the tertiary rocks, but some few years ago such were discovered in England, although so imperfect that it could not be decided whether or not they differed from existing birds in any essential character. The Cretaceous rocks (chalk) of Western America have produced a bird named the Hesperornis, the skeleton of which corresponds with our Divers and Grebes, but Hesperornis differs from all birds, and resembles reptiles, in one important particular, it is provided with teeth.

The same formation has yielded another bird, Ichthyornis, the Fish bird (see Fig. 4), which also possesses teeth—the teeth are situated in distinct sockets, while those of Hesperornis are not so lodged. The Hesperornis had such small wings that it must have been a swimmer and diver like the Penguin, while the Ichthyornis had strong wings. Rocks older than those containing these two birds, the Solenhofen slates, have yielded the Archœopteryx (the Lizard-tailed bird), the existence of which was first made known by the finding of a fossil feather, or rather the impression of one. It is wonderful enough that such a perishable thing as a feather should leave its traces, and nothing more should be discovered, yet for a long time nothing was known of this bird except its feather. By and by a skeleton was discovered which is now in the British Museum, and we have a copy of it in Liverpool Museum. The feet are not only altogether birdlike, but have the special characters of the feet of perching birds; the body had a clothing of true feathers. Nevertheless, in some other respects Archœopteryx is unlike a bird, and like a reptile. There is a long tail composed of many vertebrae. The structure of the wing differs in some very remarkable respects from that of a present-day bird; it has a thumb and two fingers at the end of the wing. (The only bird of the present day anything like this is the young of the Hoatzin, which shows claws on its wings.) In the Archœopteryx we have an animal which to a certain extent occupies a midway place between a bird and a reptile—it had claws like a reptile and feathers like a bird, with a long reptile-like tail, with a fringe of feathers on each side.

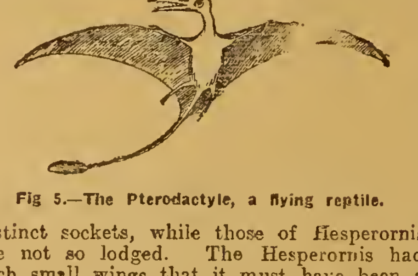

Fig 5.—The Pterodactyle, a flying reptile.

Reptiles which Flew.

It is not proved that the transition from reptile to the bird has been effected by such a form as Archœopteryx, it only more or less suggests the nature of the steps by which the transition from one group to the other was effected.

There is another series of extinct reptiles, which combine some of the characters of both these groups, and which, as they possessed the power of flight, may seem at first sight to indicate the form by which the transition from the reptile to the bird was effected, the Pterodactyles. (See Fig. 5). These remains are found in the Mesozoic rocks, from the lias to the chalk. The animals had horny beaks, their bones contained air cavities, rendering them light, as in birds, they had claws and wings like bats. They were reptiles which had become modified in such a manner as to enable them to fly; they had, so to speak, gone on to the line which leads directly from reptiles to birds. Mr. Cutmore here concluded, and expressed his willingness to answer any questions; an interesting discussion followed.

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THE CAUSES OF FAILURE IN THE BREEDING ROOM.

A Lecture by Mr. Robson delivered to the members and friends of The North London C.B.A.

At a meeting held April 16 at the Library Hall, Church St., Stoke Newington, Mr. John Robson gave a lecture on "Causes of Failure in Breeding." Commencing with cages, he said he considered rough boxes which novices sometimes make use of to save time and expense, were not advisable, as they made a natural harbour for red mite, etc., and once this pest put in an appearance, it was a difficult matter to get rid of it. The cause of not breeding any young birds is very often the owner's fault through pairing up when both birds are not in condition, some breeders feeding one sex or the other too much, whereas it is essential that both be in tip-top form before being paired up. Cold, frosty nights and mild days are often the cause of egg-binding and broken eggeries, and on these occasions a little heat put on at bed-time and turned off first thing in the morning is advisable. This weather will also often cause a hen to desert eggs and stop broodiness. Over fatness should be avoided, this being the cause of unfertile eggs, or perhaps one egg will be laid, of which no notice is taken. Birds in this condition should be turned into a flight cage with a few spiteful birds which will enforce exercise and also reduce to normal condition. Shell-less eggs are a very troublesome complaint to overcome, and in some instances there is no remedy. Where it is caused through the oviduct being unhealthy, a teaspoonful of limewater in a drinker should be tried.

Youth and Reliability.

Many fanciers have a craze for breeding with young birds, but over-year cock birds are more reliable, as in some cases the first clutch by a young bird proves unfertile, through the cock bird not being fully developed. This may be the case throughout the whole of the first season, but the following the same bird would be most reliable. Old birds are usually fit for pairing about the middle of March, but young birds should not be paired up before the middle of April, as they are not always fully developed until then. Overcrowding, by having too many pairs is also the cause of many failures, as it causes too much excitement, which results in addled eggs, or cock birds tearing out nests, etc.

Young birds are sometimes kept in the hope of better development by the next season. In this case they should be taken out of breeding-room to prevent disturbance by calling, and placed in a bright and dry room, free from draught. The breeding-room should be kept as quiet as possible. Except in cases where the breeder's means are limited, and he cannot procure a good stock, the cause of not breeding good young birds is often the owner's fault, through having a craze for a particular point, such as size, quality of feather, or colour, with the result, they obtain their object, but other qualities are lost, and lose ground. What is required are good all-round birds. No matter what variety you are interested in, you should make yourselves familiar with all the points. Breeders of Norwich often rely too much on size, and trust too much to green blood. When green blood is introduced, great care should be used to obtain the correct colour and quality.

Young Birds and their Diet.

What is required is the bronze green, the smoky variety containing too much black pigment to be of any use. The same remarks apply to Yorkshires. On no account sacrifice other qualities for size. Losing young after they can do for themselves (very often the pick of the room) is often caused by an error in feeding. Mr. John Robson stated he had made a close study of diet, and had come to the conclusion that the trouble was caused by getting young birds on to hard seed too quickly. This should not be done until they are well in the moult. Soaked, boiled, or scalded seed, the former for preference, he had found beneficial. German Rape soaked from 48 to 50 hours should be given, in addition to egg-food and crushed hemp. Two basins could be kept, so that you always had some by you. The digestive organs are unable to stand the strain of hard seed, and if given too young, the intestines, etc., become irritated, and the birds go off. From one to one and a-half teaspoonful of soaked rape to be given. After seed has been soaked for stated time, wash at tap and dry in a cloth to prevent diarrhœa, and give in a separate vessel. Instead of egg-food give bread and milk twice a week, which will prevent birds getting puffy. Do not overcrowd young birds together, not even in large flights, as at the age of six to eight weeks they have not the stamina to stand the strain of so much exercise, and overcrowding will also cause plucking.

The Discussion.

After the lecture some questions were asked and answered as follows:—

Mr. F. J. Castell: How many birds for a teaspoonful of soaked rape?—A good one to four birds. Lecturer also advised members to change the water once or twice while seed was soaking.

Mr. W. C. Penton: Do you mix anything with it to absorb moisture?—No; the process of rubbing dry in cloth was sufficient.

Mr. H. Neighbour: How long will seed last in soak?—It will keep fresh for a week providing water is changed now and again, and birds will enjoy it more.

Do you believe in lime-water?—Only when there is a tendency to diarrhoea, when a little dandelion juice should be added, but if attack is acute should prefer chlorodyne, say 5 or 6 drops in drinker, shake bottle well to prevent settlement.

Mr. Penton: Will birds take chlorodyne?—Yes, if not at once, they will when thirsty.

Mr. Castell: At what age do you allow young birds water?—Immediately they leave parents, when they also appreciate a bath.

Mr. E. T. Bush: How would you induce a hen to feed? Would sugar added to egg-food have any effect?—If the hen is in bad health remove young, but if only restless through being too forward give salts (enough to make water taste) to her for two days. If suddenly unwell through overcharge of green-food and not being relieved of same by young, give two drops castor oil and one drop of buckthorn to make oil work. The addition of sugar would have no effect.

Has bone-meal any advantage in frame-building?—Will only assist in reaching normal size.

Mr. A. J. Marley: Is there any cause for hen throwing a particular youngster out of nest continually?—When it appears to be the same one each time it is probably only a weak one, and is caused by its being huddled up in the feathers of the hen and falling out when hen is leaving nest. A change of diet has a tendency to improve matters. Or it may be caused through perches being above the nest pan, and the hens flying straight on to them from nest. Perches should be below nest, when hen will rise, hop on to the edge, and then on to perch.

Mr. Castell: Do you keep to the same green-food throughout the season?—As long as possible, and prefer watercress until seedy, then give young lettuce.

Mr. W. H. Ayling: Does watercress contain more iron than other green-food?—Yes.

Only Seeding Green-food.

Mr. R. P. Harper: Do you give green-food to young after leaving parents?—Only seedy chickweed and seedheads of grass, no leaves. This keeps them busy, and will prevent plucking. Neither will it cause diarrhoea. Do you give green-food during moult?—Not if colour feeding.

Mr. D. Inglis: Do you believe in dandelion leaves?—Only early in the season.

Mr. T. Collins: Is cod liver oil food mixed with ordinary egg food too heating at start of moult?—Yes, the weather being too warm and the food of too heavy a nature.

Mr. G. T. Green: Could you explain birds going soft owing to a slight change in temperature?—It is through moisture after a damp season, and the best cure is 5 drops tincture of quinine.

Mr. Castell: Does the use of split groats keep chill away?—I prefer a good sprinkling of maw seed, but mix split groats with egg food when young are feeding themselves.

Mr. Penton: Do you advocate soaked rape for young in nest?—Only if hens are troublesome and are not feeding.

Mr. Marley: What is the cause of sweating hens?—I do not believe there is any such thing, but it is weakness, or the young having diarrhoea, which makes the nest moist. At what age is a Canary fully developed?—Not really until the second moult. The frame is developed in two months, but the bird will fill out until above stated time.

Dr. Huggins: What quantity of rape do you give when feeding young?—Half-teaspoonful, the same with hemp, unless there are five young, when quantity is increased. Egg-food, two parts egg, one biscuit.

Mrs. Salter: Is it possible to breed white Canaries from a yellow and buff?—No. What is the longest period between pairing and fertilised eggs?—Four and six weeks have been known, after separation, but it is exceptional.

Mr. E. Stephens: In Mule breeding is it advisable to have first clutch by a Canary?—Yes, but let hen rear young alone.

Mr. Harper: What is the best diet for Hybrids?—Wild seeds and ordinary mixture.

Mr. T. D. Jackson: Is thunder, lightning, east wind, or any other weather the direct cause of clear eggs, chicks dead in shell, or hens refusing to feed?—Thunder and lightning have no effect whatever, the nest not being in contact with the ground, but, of course, if nest is struck the result is probably fatal. East winds are harmful, especially if the embryo is not strong, and will take the stamina out of old birds. Is it possible to breed a yellow from two buffs? If not, why not?—I have heard of it being done, but think it is supposition, as I do not believe it possible. I am not prepared to say why not, but it may be there is not sufficient pigment, as it is much weaker in two buffs than two yellows.

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Singing Contests.

BLACKBURN.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing will be held at club headquarters, Empire Hotel, Bolton-road, May 10, when several good prizes will be given. Hoping to see old and new friends.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

LEADGATE.

Linnet sing held at Sportsman's Arms, April 26, when 26 birds entered: 1, Bentick; 2, Putler. Next contest May 10, when £2 will be given; entrance 1/-, 3d. refreshment at the same house.—W. Atkinson, Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open contest for time held Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, April 19, when some good singing was heard before a large company: 1, Knowles; 2, 3, Fairhurst. Open contest for time will be held May 10th, when we hope to see a good muster of Linnet fanciers.—J. Woodward.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held April 26th; 48 birds entered for four good prizes. 1, Nelson, 60; 2, Parnell, 58; 3, Smith, 52; 4, Brindley, 49. Also April 27th, 31 birds were entered for three good prizes given by Mr. L. Parker. 1, Nelson, 56; 2, Brindley, 54; 3, Archdale, 52.—Walter Dobson.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Linnet singing contest held at the Shakespeare Hotel, April 19; 23 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, 2, Appleton; 3, Guthrie. Also April 26, 39 birds sang for three good prizes. Some of the best singing took place that has been heard in the district. 1, Guthrie; 2, 3, Harrison. An open contest takes place May 1; first pair on the nail at 2. Members please roll up with your subs., as the big singing is soon coming on.—M. Devine.

DALTON-LE-DALE.

Linnet contest held at Times Inn, Dalton-le-Dale, April 26th; 42 birds competed. 1, 3, Hills; 2, Davidson; 4, The King; 5, Briggs; 6, Hartley. Next singing held at Station Hotel, Seaham Harbour. 10s. added to entrance fees, first bird on nail at 1; entry, 6d. a bird. A match to follow by Hills and The King, two minutes up, all proud singing. A match was sung at Murton on April 27th between The King and George Coulson for £1 a-side, when The King won.—R. Elliott.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, April 26th. 20 birds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Stead; 2, 3, shared by Butler and Wigfield; 4, Wigfield. Judges: D. Madden, Lacy, Naylor. Also April 27, thirty-one of the best birds in Yorkshire sang for four good prizes: 1, Bland; 2, Sissons; 3, Butler; 4, Grant. Judges, Crane, Lacy, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality, held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, April 26th; twenty-seven of the best birds in Leeds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of a crowded house: 1, Ward; 2, Sellers; 3, 4, shared between Sellers and Hayes. Judges: J. Dalton and G. Clayton. Also April 27th, 36 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction before a crowded company, and some delightful singing was heard: 1, Ward; 2, Sellers; 3, 4, Green. Judges: T. C. Summers and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing Linnets held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, April 27; 33 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Soloman; 2, Towers; 3, Playforth. E. Wood and A. Lorriman shared 4th. Judges, C. Lorriman, A. Binns, and A. Turner.—A. Lorriman.

KIPPAX.

Members singing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, April 26; 27 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, sp, Potter, 63; 2, Collison, 41; 3, Walks, 35. Members' sing, May 3. General meeting will be held after sing.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PELTON.

Linnet contest held at Engine Hotel, Pelton, Saturday, April 26; 42 birds entered, and some good time was done. After some hard fighting, a division was made between Black and Tan and Bellringer (Brady and McQuirk). Next contest May 3, Half-Way House, Witton Gilbert; 10s. added to entrance, 6d. a bird. This house is near Durham, and a champion house for birds. First bird on nail at 2 p.m. [We cannot insert further reports of contests unless authenticated by the name and address of the sender.—Ed.]

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly club contest at Woodman Inn; 32 birds sang for four good prizes. All the old veterans were highly pleased when Mr. W. Proctor was first after three years of hard study. 1, 4, Proctor, 86, 41; 2, Piper, 64; 3, Nelson, 48. Also April 27, 32 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Proctor, 60; 2, 4, Piper, 66, 50; 3, Nelson, 60. Will all committee members please attend the meeting after contest on May 3rd. Don't forget our big Whitsuntide contest; all prizes will be on view on Whit Monday morning before contest. First bird hung at 1.—W. Beard, Sec.

LEIGH.

The Globe Inn Linnet Club held a singing contest open to all England for time and quality, April 26. Some very good singing was heard by a crowded room. Quality: 1, Jones; 2, Green; 3, Brown; 4, Barnes. Time: 1, Bate (107); 2, Poole (95); 3, Statham (80); 4, Fairhurst (74). Judges for quality were: W. Barnes, J. W. Jones, Ben Jones; for time: R. Holcroft, T. Statham. Minuteman, E. Tatum; birdman, H. Fairhurst. After the contest there was a match between Mr. Poole and Mr. Lunn, two minutes' face on singing, Mr. Poole winning easily. Also a match between J. Bate and T. Statham, one minute without screen, and one minute with screen, T. Statham winning. Another match was then sung, between W. Holmes and D. Banks, one minute face on; W. Holmes won. After the matches a jovial evening followed, ending with songs by J. Bate and F. Statham, and a few more artists of Linnet clubs. E. Higman (Pendlebury) accompanied. There will be no club contest May 3. We are postponing it for another date. I will send postcards to all outside members. Monthly meeting May 2, at 7.30.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

Club Reports.

GLOBE INN ROLLER CLUB.

I am requested to call another general meeting of members and intended members for May 10, at 7.30 at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, when some very important business will be gone through. Members will kindly note that this is the night when further payments are required, according to the Pro. Rule. Hoping that the meeting will meet with success, as there are inquiries as to the financial position of the society. Will members do their best to attend and bring along with them as many new members as possible. J. McAllister, Sec. pro tem.

STOKE C.B.A.

When it was suggested and decided to promote an essay competition amongst members, I quite expected that most would participate, and I must confess that I am somewhat disappointed that more have not done so. I feel sure that most of the older members are quite capable of writing on some subject connected with the Fancy, which would have been both interesting and instructive to all present at the reading of same. However, we are much indebted to those gentlemen who have taken the trouble to write for us the papers we shall hear read on Monday evening next. These are three in number, and all touch on different subjects, and it will probably add to the interest of the meeting if we have a short discussion on each paper. I think the papers all good ones, and the shortest will probably arouse much interest and provide food for thought. Meeting 8.30 p.m.. I hope all members will make an effort to be present.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, April 26, Mr. Aitchison, president in the chair, others present being E. Barron, W. Bishop, J. McLay and A. Sloan. Pres. W. Aitchison was re-elected; vice-pres. elected, Messrs. J. Young, E. Barron, J. Hector, G. Mitchell, A. G. Cameron. Mr. Barron brought forward his scheme for cup, bowl and novice prize competitions, the two former to be won three times before becoming the property of any one, and the novice prize to be won outright. The matter was fully discussed and it was decided that with a few alterations Mr. Barron's scheme be adopted. The conditions of competition and other particulars will be printed and sent to every member before the first patronage show. Mr. Barron undertook to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of the trophies amongst the members and friends, with the co-operation and assistance of the secretary. The members present having expressed their willingness to give the closed ring a trial this year, the secretary was instructed to purchase 200 rings now with the view of selling them to any of the members desirous of adopting them. Of course, it must be distinctly understood that members are under no compulsion to use the rings. The following were elected members: C. Barrie, Haddington; J. Gallagher, Bellshill; A. H. M'Lean, Bonhill, and A. Crawford, Glasgow. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Will members please note that subscriptions are now due. Prospective members can have all particulars from the secretary, J. Brown, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual general meeting held March 1. Mr. James Winter, President, in the chair. Financial statement for the year was submitted. Having been considered by the members, and Mr. J. F. Dewar giving auditor's report as to the satisfactory condition of books, it was unanimously approved of. Votes of thanks being cordially given to all those who had assisted at show; to Miss Peddie Waddell for the care and attention she bestowed on the foreign exhibits, to Messrs. Sykes and Hoyle in the British Section; to Hon. Prov. Committee, Committee of Management, and auditors, brought one of the best years in the history of the Society to a close. It being agreed to hold another show, the dates were fixed for Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Office-bearers appointed for next year: Hon. Pres., Prof. J. C. Stewart, Edinburgh University; Hon. Vice-Pres., Messrs. A. Lawrie, J.P., Councillor A. Stevenson, J. Brown, A. C. Dandie, Edinburgh; and Treas., F. A. Watt, Banff. Hon. Provincial Committee: Dr. Galloway, Aberdeen; Messrs. R. Jamieson, Junr., Linlithgow; P. McQuiston, Ayr; G. Mitchell, Brechin; P. Arnott, Alloa; J. Young, Rutherglen; W. Bishop, Sterling; T. Adamson, Kirkcaldy; M. Jamieson, Hawick; J. D. Richardson, Dumfries; T. Erskine, Glasgow; H. Bennet, Kelso; R. Bald, Bathgate; and J. Patterson, Chirnside. Pres., Mr. Jas. Winter, Edinburgh; Vice-Pres., Mr. S. Buglas, Edinburgh; show manager, Mr. R. Craig, Edinburgh; sec. and treas., J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh; Acting Committee: Messrs. A. Rodger, W. R. Finnie, T. Todd, J. G. Easter, J. Holmes, J. Gourlay, J. Nelson, S. May, R. S. Spence, W. Turnbull, D. Morris, J. B. Cooper, J. Hutchison, J. Stormont, and J. Charlton, Edinburgh; W. Carson, G. W. Brown, P. Murray, Leith; A. Hoyle, A. Moffat, Musselburgh; and W. B. Smart, Loanhead. Auditors, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and P. Green, Edinburgh.

Adjourned general meeting, March 22, the President again presiding over a splendid gathering of members. List of judges as drawn up by Committee was submitted for consideration. They were approved of, and are as follows: Norwich section, Mr. J. Trengove, Rishton; Crests, Mr. J. Young, Rutherglen; Belgians, Mr. J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh; Border Fancy section, Mr. T. Arnot, Hawick; and Mr. W. Mossie, Annanbank; variety section, Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford; Mules and Hybrids, Mr. J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne; British section, Mr. Crossley Sykes, Musselburgh; Foreign section, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. All the above have accepted the position. Names of Scotch Fancy and Roller Judges will be issued at an early date. Prize money as usual—15s., 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Prize cards, 1st to 5th inclusive, cost price 6d. each. Re proposal of Edinburgh Open Society anent joint show—"Proposed by the Special Committee appointed by Edinburgh Ornithological Society to ask the Scottish National C.B.S. to give the Edinburgh Society members a full classification for the Scotch Fancy at the Scottish National New Year Show, and that the Edinburgh Society be allowed to appoint a committee from their members to work jointly with the officials of the Scottish National Society and to attend to the Scotch Fancy Sections at the show, the Scotch Fancy members to do all in their power to further the interests of the Societies. The Edinburgh Society to change the date of their show from the New Year to a suitable date in the end of November." This proposal was fully gone into by the special committees of both societies at meeting on March 17th, when it was agreed to add to above—"to provide and allocate their own specials, and to appoint four gentlemen to act as judges for the Scotch Fancy, the names to be submitted to a general meeting of the Scottish National C.B.S. for approval." Both Societies have adopted the recommendations of the Committees. Members of Scotch Fancy Committee are: Messrs. W. Allan, R. Lile, P. McNiven, A. Paterson, Edinburgh; J. Sinclair, M. Petrie, Leith. Now that this matter has been settled in so friendly a manner, it is sincerely hoped that the Scotch Fancy exhibitors will do all they can not only to make their section a great attraction, but also an assured financial success. Classification: Norwich, 19 classes (3 limit); Crest, 8 (2 limit); Scotch Fancy, 16 (1 breeding pairs (guaranteed) and 4 limit); Belgian, 3; Border Fancy, 19 (3 limit); two classes for Cinnamons have been added in this section, and one selling, Green or Cinnamon. This latter is guaranteed by Mr. T. Arnot, of Hawick. Cinnamon 2 classes, Yorkshire 12, A.O.V. Canary 1, Mules, 8 (1 limit); British, 20 (1 limit); Roller and Foreign classes notified at an early date. It has been decided to again add a gift class. The Committee desire to thank the exhibitors for the grand support they gave last show, and express the wish that all classes of fanciers will rally round them to make their next venture the greatest success of all.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held April 28, at the Church Institute, 60 Paddington Street, Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., and 32 members being present. Mr. W. A. Shepherd, Chairman, presided, and received the congratulations of members on his recovery from a severe attack of influenza. Letters were read from Mr. F. Knight and Mr. G. E. Weston. Mr. Birch, of the London Federation, wrote stating the Council would now consist of the Chairman and Sec. of each affiliated society, and would meet only as a court of appeal and to settle disputes; the yearly subscription to be 2s. 6d. This Association had resolved at a previous meeting to continue membership for another year. A letter was read from Mr. Martin offering 10s. 6d. to member paying in most ticket money for the proposed concert, and a silver and bronze medal to members paying in 2nd and 3rd most money. This handsome offer was gratefully accepted. Mr. J. Taylor was elected a member. The Hon. Sec. was requested to convey to Mr. Lathbury the hearty thanks of members for his offer of a special value 10s. 6d. The compiling of young bird show schedule was left in the hands of Hon. Sec. It was announced that the annual outing would take place on Saturday, May 24th, in conjunction with the British Bird and Mule Club, the destination being Epping Forest. Mr. T. C. Mann was nominated for membership. A judging competition of British birds was then held. Thirty birds were staged in 4 classes, Goldfinch 11, Linnet 6, Greenfinch 5, Redpoll, Siskin or Twite 8. Our esteemed member, Mr. C. Prior, acted as final judge, and at completion of judging very lucidly explained his reasons for awarding the cards. Owing to the lateness of the hour very few questions could be put, and what would have been a very interesting discussion was curtailed. If members would endeavour to be a little more punctual in their attendance it would greatly facilitate the commencement of business. A very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. C. Prior for his kind services, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Chairman.—Fred Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

General meeting held at headquarters, Oldham Hall, April 24th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair. There was a good attendance, and business was promptly put through. It was arranged for style of patronage in champion section to be as before, namely, four classes in Green Yorks., Nor. 3, and Bord., one or more sections, as required; will societies please apply early? Annual subs. reduced to 2s. 6d. Old members may rejoin if subscription be paid within the next six months. A novice scheme was brought forward by Messrs. Deacon and Lloyd, and well received by all present. Will societies please note rules governing novice scheme, cup, medals, etc., to be competed for by G.C.A. members (novices), at either open or members' shows, within twenty miles' radius of Liverpool. Competitors must show at 50 per cent. of the shows to compete for same; two novice classes to be supplied for each section. Classification: Yorks., Greens, self or foul Yellow; ditto Buff; same for Norwich Greens, and Border Greens, form of patronage at all times to be decided by the G.C.A. Four highest birds to count points according to the rules of the society that gives us patronage. All points to count downwards. Exhibitors are allowed to count points in any one section. Partnership points to count as per Green Club rule. A novice remains a novice during next show season. The following prizes have been given for this novice competition: Silver cup, by our President Mr Deacon; gold medal, by Mr. Handley and Mr. Robinson, and other specials, including 10s., by Mr. Rawsthorne; £1 1s. was given by our chairman, J. W. Metcalfe. Entry fee for novice classes to be 1s. per entry; prize-money, 10s. each class, 5s., 3s., 2s. Will local societies please apply for patronage early? Rule: A novice is one who has not won a first in Green classes in open competition. The following members were nominated: S. Andrews, H. Abbott, W. Hayes, J. Blorr, W. Murray, Tomlinson, Lea, R. Jenkins, S. Woods, W. Young, Postalwaite, Longmoor, T. Evans, J. Handley, Bache, Mahon, Collier, Crowe, Howcroft, Greenhart, Wilson, Skilling, Brimsby. Everything points to a successful season. Applications to be addressed to F. Handley, 28, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

On April 17 Mr. J. Robson gave a lecture on management of young stock and preparing for the exhibition bench. About 30 members and friends, including several ladies, were present, who took the hints as the lecturer steadily unfolded them, so as to be able to put them into practice when the birds are left to their care. Those members who were absent lost a treat. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, and Mr. Robson suitably replied, and this brought to a close a very successful meeting.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Very successful evening show was held April 24. The entry totalled 150. The room was crowded all the evening, and several new members were booked. The society is open to Great Britain, and entries came from near and far. Distribution of prizes on May 8, Workman Hall. Special for best bird in show was awarded to a Goldfinch of Mr. G. A. Parker's. Mr. C. H. Cooper judged.

CANARY: 1, 2, Parker. GOLDF.: 1, Parker; 2, Sherman; 3, res, Laftbury. CHAFF. OR GREENF.: 1, vhc, Parker; 2, 3, Laftbury; res, hc, Sherman. BULLFINCH OR BRAMBLE: 1, 2, Sherman: 3, res, Parker. LINNET: 1, 3, Laftbury; 2, res, Sherman; hc, Warner. SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, 3, hc, Laftbury; 2, Parker; res, vhc, Sherman. MULE: 1, 2, Laftbury. A.O.V.: 1, Laftbury; 2, Parker.—A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

MR. CUTMORE ON "PEDIGREE BREEDING AND HEREDITY.

General meeting held at headquarters, The Deansgate Temperance Hotel, April 21; Mr. W. A. Bladon presided over a good muster. We soon got through the general business, having Mr. Cutmore, of Liverpool, with us, to give us a lecture entitled "Pedigree Breeding and Heredity." He first dealt upon the wild Canary, then treated upon the present varieties. He shewed us by diagrams how the Mendelian laws of heredity assist the breeder in selecting and producing qualities most required in his stock. The first diagram showed several generations of Canaries bred from one pair, illustrating that a strain can actually be produced from one good strong typical bird, using with it inferior stock, by a process of elimination and selection; this diagram was only to show what can be done. It would be better and quicker to start with a good pair. The second diagram illustrated that by the same law a strain of cinnamons could be produced from one cinnamon sport. Mr. Bladon doubted this, saying you must use the cinnamon on the cock side to do this. Mr. Raynes confirmed the suggestion, saying he had bred a cinnamon marked cock with cinnamon blood on the hen side. Different varieties of Canaries have been established by very much more rapid process than many people would imagine. With a very small selection and advantage in its favour, a rare sport would oust the normal form in a given number of generations. Diagram three showed that in three generations from a pair, i.e., clear cock x cinnamon hen, a strain of clears, a strain of greens, and a strain of cinnamons, as well as many variegated birds could be produced. Besides colour, size can be bred into stock in a similar manner. In selection, size will prove effective in first and second generations from a young stock, the mother's influence is about equal to that of the father. The fourth diagram showed how impure strains bred wasters, as in the Blue Andalusian fowls, and that to breed blues, black must be paired to white. When the blues are paired together about half of the chickens are blue, half are blacks and dirty whites. The Blue Andalusian is simply a mongrel of the black and white cross. The blacks, if paired, breed true; the whites also if paired breed true. Diagram No. 5 showed the same laws governing the colour in rats and mice, i.e., a brown and a white paired produce all brown progeny, but these again paired would produce brown with odd whites. Many questions were then asked Mr. Cutmore about inbreeding, the history of the Canary, etc. Time and trains wait for no man, and Mr. Cutmore having to go home to Liverpool, we had to bring the meeting to a close (otherwise we might have been there now). This was done with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cutmore for his most interesting and instructive lecture. Next meeting, Monday, May 5, when we will be entertained by Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, with a lecture on "British Birds and Mule Breeding." Those who know Mr. Beswick will not need asking twice to come. As for the others, we can assure them that they will hear something both useful and interesting. Friends cordially invited. The first annual ramble will take place on Sunday, May 4, train leaving Central Station at 9 o'clock a.m. for Ashley and Mobberley, when Mr. R. J. Metcalfe will conduct the party round Pickmere, etc. This is the only train, so I hope all intending going will not forget. We expect to hold another one shortly.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

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CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 17, at Maskell Hotel, Mr. Whetton presided over a rather small meeting. I trust that members will attend our next meeting as we have some important business in connection with our open show, re hall, etc., which will be dealt with. It is useless for a few members to try and carry on the business of the society. Please let us have your support at future meetings. I put myself to great inconvenience to attend the last meeting and was greatly disappointed. At next meeting we intend having questions written on slips and drawn for.—E. Thomas, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting, held April 7, Mr. W. Smith in the chair. Letters were read from Mr. W. F. Barr, accepting the presidentship, and from Mr. A. Parkin, accepting the office of vice-president. Mr. M. Cottar and Mr. G. W. Armstrong were elected members. The proposition that the Scotch Fancy members be left out of the club was then gone into. After a good deal of discussion an amendment was made that the Scotch members be allowed to stay in the club, as they were willing that no Scotch class be asked for at the patronage shows. The amendment was carried. Decided that the rules stand as last year. The classification required for shows receiving our patronage was proposed and carried as follows: Cl. or tkd. yell. ck.; ditto buff; yell. or buff mkd. cock or hen; cl. or tkd. hen; green or Cinnamon yell. cock; ditto buff; ditto yellow or buff hen; novice any colour cock; ditto hen.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held on April 24, at Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon. Present: Mr. James Jones, chairman; vice-chairman, Mr. George Jones; Messrs. J. W. Jones, John Pritchard, Edward Jones, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. In the matter of judges' fees, eleven judges stated their terms. Mr. John Kershaw, late Llanrwst, was elected to judge members' show, July 5th, with the following classes: 2 Borders, 3 Yorks., 3 Nor., 1 Nat. Col., 2 Mules or Hyb., 2 Goldfinches (British), Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, British A.O.V.: Foreign, single or pairs; selling class, 10/6; 2 novice (British and Canary), and a challenge cup class. Prizes: 5/-, 2/6, 1/-; novice prizes, 3/-, 1/6, 9d.; specials in every class. To become a member of the N.W.C.B.S. just forward your name and address, with p.o. for 1/-, at an early date. I want this to be a record year for members and entrance fee is only 9d. to win 5/-, and a special prize, and perhaps the challenge cup. The committee have again decided to have a class for the challenge cup, to be won by points, with Canaries bred 1913, and not nominating two birds, as published in my last report in CAGE BIRDS. The secretary will give medal for second most points in the cup class. The membership cards are now ready. We have enrolled six new members, and I hope others will join at an early date, and not leave it till later, as the sooner members join the better it will be in the end. The committee are a hard working lot. There are 20 classes for the members' show, with a special Welsh judge, and good money prizes and specials, the best ever been at any members' show yet. Next meeting on Thursday at above rooms, at 7 p.m. prompt; show business.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

YORKS. COUNTIES B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held in Market Tavern, Bradford, April 26, W. A. Cowgill, Esq., in the chair, on behalf of Mr. M. A. Wilson (president). Letters and applications were read asking for the patronage, and this was allotted to the following: Sheffield O.S., Bradford Nat., Malton, and Halifax, these being the only societies applying for same up to date. The following new members were nominated, making seven new members in two meetings:—Messrs. J. C. Chambers, Leeds; E. Hattersley, Leeds; J. Owen, Leeds, and Fairhurst, Manchester. Mr. Fairhurst's name was added to the committee of outside Bradford District. A letter from Mr. S. Dean, resigning from the club was received with regret. The question arose as to the number of shows being allotted the patronage, but was left over till the next meeting. It was proposed by Mr. H. J. Chittenden that the Club's name be altered from the present one to Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and Mule Club, seconded by Mr. T. H. Inman. Will all secretaries of the different societies in Lancashire please apply for the Club's patronage before the end of May, and also all intending members send in their names so that same can be in the new books. Subscription 2s. 6d., exhibiting members; 1s. honorary members, per year. The secretary's position was filled by Mr. T. H. Inman, who said he would try the position for a year, which both pleased Mr. Lane and the present members very much. The balance sheet was passed round, after being audited and found correct, and it was seen that the Club is in a very good position, having just on £2 to go on with. It is to be hoped that plenty of members will join the club this year, and make it one of the most flourishing in England. There will be numerous prizes for competition both champion section and amateur, this season. Don't forget that the Club includes Lancashire. Members present were Messrs. F. Hammond, W. A. Cowgill, C. Ross, T. H. Inman, H. J. Chittenden, J. Isherwood, and the sec.—J. Lane, Hon. Sec.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Angel Hotel, April 23rd, Mr. Beesby presiding. We decided to hold first feather show June 7. Secretary was instructed to call upon members not attending and ask them to attend our next meeting. Considering that this is our first attempt, we are quite satisfied up to the present, but we invite anyone wishing to become a member. We have already 23 members, and a few more promised, and we hope all our members will make it convenient to attend our next meeting, May 7.—J. Griffiths, Sec.

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Mr. W. Muir (president) presided over a very large attendance eager to hear the interesting paper, "From Moulting to Show Bench," given by that well-known fancier, Mr. G. McArdle. Decided to have a members' F.F. show, July 12th. Next meeting, May 7th, when we are to have a grand smoker. It was arranged to have a bowling match between Canary fanciers and British and Foreign. Other minor matters having been considered, the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr. McArdle for his interesting paper, and also to the chairman.—J. Gray, Sec.

ST. JAMES THE LESS F.A.

Meeting held at Mess Club, St. James's Road, Cambridge Heath, April 21st. Business in connection with the young stock show received attention, and also discussions upon pending evening shows. Mr. Goodchild, Dalston, and Mr. Barlow, Bethnal Green, were nominated for membership. The chairman, Rev. Carlos Stretch, gave an informal lecture upon his experience of animal life in the Australian bush, and the interest aroused infused further enthusiasm amongst the already enthusiastic members of this growing society. Committee meet May 5th, Reading Room, Men's Service Club, Ridley House.—Thos. G. Bransford, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C.

Result of annual ballot for committee: A. Hirst, 32 votes (vice-chairman), H. J. Chittenden 31, F. Hammond 30, H. W. Battye 28, W. A. Cowgill 28, A. Humphries 28, H. Simonett 28, R. Halliday 27, G. Harland 25, A. H. Waters 25, S. Heap 23, H. Clegg 21, A. Haigh 21, O. Mitchell 21, Sam Wilcock 20, D. Hunter 20, Joe Thomas 19, J. Chambers 17, J. Mottram 17, A. Pickles 16, W. Johnson 16. 78 ballot forms were sent out, 42 returned. Societies desirous of the club's patronage should apply to me as early as possible, not later than May 10th. I intend to call above appointed committee together to allot same, on that date. Fanciers desirous of joining the club please send their names, etc., to me. Subscriptions now due.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec., 32, Barlow Street, Bradford.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Horse and Jockey Hotel, Attercliffe, president (Mr. Havenhand) in the chair. After the usual society business was gone through, we held a discussion re coming nest feather show. It was finally decided to hold it at the Attercliffe Vestry Hall, and have an afternoon show only. The judge was nominated, also awards from society re prize money. Several gentlemen have kindly consented to give specials, so we are looking forward to it proving a success. We finished up the evening by holding a "Questions and Answers" discussion, several mooted points re pairing, etc., being threshed out to the satisfaction of the dubious members. We have decided at a committee meeting to hold our next monthly meeting a week later than usual, and hope all members will do their utmost to attend, as there is very important business to be discussed.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.S.

Monthly meeting, held April 26th, at the Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester. Mr. Wareing was in the chair. He expressed the pleasure it afforded him to preside over such a good attendance of members, and regretted that business was the cause of the absence of some of our old members, whose opinions are highly valued in the discussions frequently arising. He welcomed as new members: Messrs. G. C. Prescott, Hulme; J. Harrison, Nelson; J. Heatherley, Rugeley, Staffs; R. S. Haley, Heely, Sheffield; and H. Hawksford, Shaw. Congratulations to Mr. Groves, winner of novice points competition cup. Mr. F. J. Randall and Mr. T. Turner tied for champion points competition cup; both gentlemen readily agreed to the terms of a proposal advanced, and an amicable settlement resulted. The society thanks Mr. Pericles as donor of two 10s. special prizes, to be given at our next two shows—members' and open. Correspondence was read by a member that had arisen through an unfortunate occurrence happening during a transaction in purchasing fresh stock. It was ultimately decided that the matter was out of the society's jurisdiction. This matter showed vividly the value of using Cage Birds' deposit system, which is more economic than for societies to form funds for the protection of their members. Patronage will be given to Bradford Show. Will fanciers and societies kindly note that our annual open show is fixed for January 9 and 10, 1914?—J. Tomlinson.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S

LECTURE BY MR. HARRISON, ALTRINCHAM.

Meeting and lecture held in the St. Thomas's School, Ardwick, a good number of members being present; Mr. R. Booth in the chair. Usual business was gone through previous to lecture, including the making of five new members, also the electing of Mr. Harrison to judge first feather show. Mr. Harrison, in opening his lecture, stated he would lay a few facts before us and hoped we would have a good discussion, so that we could all benefit by it. He stated he did not intend to stick to one variety, but would touch on several, those mentioned being Norwich, Yorkshire, and Borders. In opening with the Norwich, he stated we must have birds, not pedigree, because no matter how good we got the birds they would not breed all winners, and a good deal depended on the pairing up. He had found that a small hen was not to be despised, as such birds made the best of mothers, but colour must play a prominent part in stock birds. In selecting a pair he would choose a cock with marked wings, as he thought the good coloured birds caught the judge's eye, that was why he advised us to breed for colour, as well as feed for colour. He advised us to take greater care in selecting hens, as he believed we get more good birds from hens than cocks. After describing his ideal pair for breeding, he advised us to breed forward, not remain stationary. Regarding breeding for size, this was a thing he had done a lot of experimenting with, as all fanciers had a certain theory, but he believed it increased both size and feather, and we must pair close feathered birds together. He did not care for hens from double buffing or cocks from double yellowing. He had found the best way was to select cocks from double buff and hens from double yellowing. This method the lecturer had found to be very successful; in fact, he had bred several grand birds from same, including a diploma winner at the Palace show in 1911 When breeding Yorkshires he liked hens to be of the best, free from any loose feathers, neck not too long, body long with neat waist, tail long and proportionately well packed, about 6¾ inches. He thought the breeders of to-day paid too much attention to the cock birds. All the same, he liked the cocks that had swankey movements and position erect, size about 6¾ to 7 inches. Buffing he did not think was beneficial to Yorkshires. As they were a bird of style, he strongly advised us not to be tempted to use dumpy hens. In Borders he preferred to breed with show specimens, as this was a breed in which we did not want to increase size, but they must not have any loose feather, as no advantage would be gained, as this bird was naturally stylish, jaunty, and of nippy movements and carriage. No bird he thought more resembled the wild Canary than this bird, but he strongly advised us that head was a most vital point in this breed, back to be well filled and nicely rounded; in fact, we must have a nice even bird altogether. Here the lecturer gave us a few good hints in washing and staging birds, as he thought this was one of the most important events in a bird's life, the lecturer finished by stating he would be pleased to answer any questions. Several members tested the lecturer with important questions regarding their pets, but all were answered with credit. The meeting came to a close after a vote of thanks had been given the lecturer, proposed by our worthy president (Dr. Twigg), and seconded in an able manner by Mr. Robinson, to which the lecturer replied in his usual style.—R. Booth, Press Correspondent.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held April 26th, in the Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. Geo. Barkas in the chair; only a moderate attendance of members. A little business in regard to our first feather show was gone into. Would members and all intending members try to get to our next meeting, and let us get things put right for our first feather show?—E. Jameson.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held April 26, Mr. Waters presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Cornerton, East Herrington, was made a member. Decided to hold two nest feather shows this year, June 21, and July 19. Agreed to have one class for each variety. Entrance fee, 3d. per cage, birds staged by 6 p.m. Proposed to ask Mr. John Clark to judge both shows. Several members reported youngsters, so we are looking forward to two good shows. I shall be pleased to enrol any new member who would care to join us.—T. Davison, Sec., 16, East Wickham Street, Monkwearmouth.

LIVERPOOL FANCIERS' CYCLE CLUB.

Sunday's boisterous weather did not stop the boys from having a run out. Ten mounted lads braved the elements, and journeyed to Southport. The rain and wind were cruel, but the Liverpool Bhoys are not downhearted; they took it all in good spirits (at Charlie Robinson's). We made a good journey home, with not a sound in the dark except the "swish-swish" of the tyres, arriving home like birds that had been having a bath. All members meet at headquarters next Sunday, May 4th, at 2 p.m., for the Wirrall Circular run. Monthly meeting, May 7, Marlborough Cafe, 66, Dale Street, at 8 p.m. sharp; business important.—R. Malone, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held April 28, a fair number of members putting in an appearance. Date for first nest feather show fixed for June 17. Rule 19 in rule book was deleted, as on the season's working it was found too hard on the novice, the one substituted being more to their advantage, and more intelligible, besides incidentally reinstating some of the members to the novice section, which I have cause to believe has cleared the air a little. The question of the evening was: Shall we have an open show? This caused a heated debate, when much was said on both sides. It was admitted that as regards entries, we were generally favoured, our entries being up to the average for the Midlands, but the trouble was the small attendance of the public, as this has been the cause of loss on shows, our gate never covering more than judges' expenses. This, the majority maintains, is through holding the show in mid-week. On taking the ballot, it was found that seven had voted for holding an open show, and five against, one neutral, so we hope all members will rally round and make this one a success, and attend next meeting to settle date, etc.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

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A grand lecture will be given at headquarters May 7, at 8 p.m., on "Pedigree Breeding, or Building up a Strain." Lecturer, Mr. J. W. Cutmore, Liverpool. Members, and all local fanciers, and members of other societies heartily invited; admission free. A ramble will take place to Simonswood Moss, on Sunday, May 11. All intending ramblers please meet at headquarters, 11 a.m. Society's official photographer invited.—J. A. Anderson, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Monthly meeting and table show of British birds, held in Blythswood Halls, Gt. Western Road, April 25. There were few birds turned out, but what was of them was good. Mr. T. Erskine judged, and his awards were well received. BUNTING: 1, 2, Taylor. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Adams; 5, Gill. LARGE BRIT.: 1, 2, Adams; 3, Brown. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Taylor. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Taylor. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Erskine for judging, and Mr. Phillips for presiding, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—Wm. Loan, Sec. and Treas.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 26, at headquarters, Horse and Groom Hotel. The meeting was followed by a tripe supper, and upwards of 40 sat down. Great credit is due to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Farrand) for the able manner in which they saw to the wants of the fanciers and their wives. A concert was given after the tables had been cleared. Mr. Parlin gave of his best at the piano, and Mr. Wright pleased the audience with his comic songs, his rendering of the song entitled "Pushed," bringing the house down. Mr. Cantrell was in a happy vein, and his solos were quite a treat. Mr. Hackett and Mr. Bennett (two new faces to the Mansfield members) added to the pleasant time with their solos, and Mr. Smedley, of Tibshelf contributed towards making the concert a success. Mr. Nuttall, the Sutton secretary (who, by the way, has always given his services to the Mansfield C.B.S.) rendered his favourite song, "Hear all, say now't." A very happy evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the artists for their services, and our genial host appeared in the doorway with his smiling face, and shouted the boxer's password, "Time."—B. Gabbitass, Sec.

BRECHIN C.B.S.

PRESENTATION TO MR. THOMAS BROWN.

The members of the Brechin C.B.S. were out in large numbers on the night of April 23rd. The chair was taken by Mr. Geo. Davidson, president, and after a hearty supper, he welcomed the members and expressed the pleasure he felt at so large a gathering, saying that it was a good augury for the success of the society's jubilee show on 1st November next. He trusted all would enjoy the evening. After some music, Mr. John Stirling was called upon to do the main business for which the meeting was called. Mr. Stirling in a fine speech said that all true fanciers were at all times ever ready to honour a brother fancier, and were also ready to help one if need be. He himself could look back about 23 years, since he identified himself with the society, and Mr. John Craig (who was also present), along with Tom Brown, ran about neck and neck for length of membership As fanciers, we had met to do honour to Mr. Tom Brown, who, as they knew, was going abroad to join his family. The size of the meeting was enough to show Mr. Brown how he was appreciated by his fellow members. In their name he asked Mr. Brown to accept of a Saratoga trunk and hound hand-bag as a mark of their friendship. His friends also wished him a safe voyage, and a happy landing, and also that he would enjoy good health for years to come.

Mr. Brown, in reply, stated he could only thank the members for the very handsome and useful presents. He had always tried to do his best for the society, but he never knew he had so many kind friends as would invite him to such a meeting. Some 12 to 15 years ago, as the members were aware, he was at his zenith in the prize lists, and at that time had to compete against such as the old partners, Messrs. Crannie and Burnett. He wished the society many future years of prosperity, and hoped that its good balance sheets would continue. Although leaving Scotland, he would still get information through Cage Birds of the members' successes, and he would also have pleasure in handing to the president three glass globes of mounted birds, one of which had been a prize winner wherever shown. Along with these he would leave three medals, so that each of the three sections may have a special prize at their coming show. The president thanked Mr. Brown for his kindness, and said he would be delighted to keep the presents till required in November. The musical programme was contributed by Messrs. J. Taylor, J. Crabb, Wm. Hampton, D. Mollison, J. Craig, J. Finlayson, whilst Mr. Sangster was often recalled for his inimitable ditties, and Mr. Geo. Mitchell gave several gramophone selections. Mr. Finlayson having given a racy and witty speech, again proposed the health of Mr. Brown, and on the call of the chairman, "Auld Lang Syne," was sung and brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Not a little of the enjoyment was due to the tasty manner in which the tables were laid and served by Mr. Clark, of Bridgend.

OXFORD F.S.

Annual general meeting, held at Cape Good Hope Hotel, January 25, President J. Hastings, Esq., in the chair. Owing to the very wet night, the attendance was small. The balance sheet was presented, and showed that a debit balance of £7 commencement of the year had been wiped out, and that the present balance in hand was £3, although upwards of £11 had been lost on the members' and open shows. The secretary, in his report, drew attention to the very poor gate receipts, and brought forward the idea of holding one show per year out of the city. The president and vice-presidents were re-elected; Mr. W. F. Cr[illegible] was re-elected treasurer, Mr. Calcutt, Kidlington, Secretary. The following were added to the committee: Mr. J. H. Levett, T. Wren, and H. J. Haynes, to fill vacancies. The remainder of the committee were re-elected. The president in a few suitable remarks, spoke of the great difficulty of making these society's shows pay, the gate receipts being so small that such show would appear to have very little attraction to the general public. He also thought that amalgamation of the kindred societies would be to the benefit of all. It is to be hoped that such suggestions may be brought into effect. The minor subs. of the Oxford F.S. being only 2s. 6d. per year, the committee hope all fanciers and others would become members, and thereby assist the society in endeavouring to make the society more popular. The committee wish it to be generally known that membership is open to all.—A. H. Calcutt, Sec.

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SILVER lever watch and chain, 45/-; exchange large Norwich Plainheads, or offers: 1, Annie-st., Great Lever, Bolton. (675)

SMART Fox Terrier bitch; exchange for Canaries or British, or best offers: Martyn, 12, Parfitt-terrace, Twynyrodyn, Merthyr. (678)

PAIR old prints, after George Morland, antique frames, £5; exchange live stock: Burns, 66, Wilton-rd., Hackney, London. (678)

EXCHANGE, good pair hollow ground razors, for cock, or three hen Canaries; approval: Hinchcliffe, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (678)

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WILL exchange mandoline, 15/-, for pair of Yorkshire Canaries, or offers: Fowler, 140, Dunstan's-rd., East Dulwich, S.E. (679)

WILL exchange violin, bow and case, for gramophone or camera, and accessories, sell 30/-: Horne, 7, Beresford-rd., Cardiff. (676)

EXCHANGE splendid light roach rod, and two reels, for three Norwich hens, 1912: Stork, 48, Warner-st., London, S.E. (673)

EXCHANGE set high-class silver-mounted carvers for three pullets, rabbits, offers: Lenton, 17, Longfield-rd., Crookes, Sheffield. (674)

IRISH terrier dog pup, 6 weeks, 15/-; pair wine decanters, 3/-; exchange Canaries: Princess Mary, Market Street, Poplar, E. (680)

BARGAINS! Sale Green Borders, double breeder, fittings, cock Linnet, Norwich hen, 27/-; offers: Mann, 163, Lee Green, S.E. (679)

THREE Spaniel pups, for sale, nine weeks old; exchange anything useful; offers: E. Howells, Hawthorn Villa, Haverfordwest. (672)

PADDY, Irish Aredale, 7 months, tackle anything, 12/6; exchange Rollers or British: G. A. Clayton, No. 10, Wilson-row, Ossett. (674)

HOMING and fancy pigeons, 2/-, 3/6, 5/-, 10/- pair; approval before payment; exchange birds: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green. (657)

EXCHANGE good showerproof overcoat, fit man 5ft. 10in., for Roller cock; approval; bird first: J. Soulsby, Hanover House, Blyth. (673)

EXCHANGE rocking horse, goes on wheels, worth 14/-, for pair of Roller Canaries, or Yorkshires: Weston, Corporation-st., Walsall. (679)

COLLIE bitch, black, tan, and white, 6 months, champion companion, sell 10/6; exchange: Weedall, 281, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (680)

SALE or exchange, pair Canaries, pair roller skates, glazier's diamond, for ¼-plate camera: Wm. Page, 80, Oak-st., Burton-on-Trent. (679)

SEVEN-stringed banjo, in case, 30/-; h.m. Linnet and hen Canary, bred Mules last year, 7/6; exchange anything: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach. (681)

VIOLIN complete, splendid old instrument, value 35/-; also boy's violin; exchange Canaries; offers: Stapleton, 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (674)

EXCHANGE trio O.E.S. Bantams, 1912, for Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; approval both ways; or sell, 15/-: Cross, Walrow, Highbridge. (671)

EXCHANGE Black Pom. stud dog, good pedigree, 2½ years, sell £3; exchange Canaries and cages: Heeley, Spring View, Luddendenfoot. (674)

EXCHANGE, high-class 6-string banjo, in excellent condition, for foreign birds or camera, or sell 25/-: Longlands, East-st., Chichester. (678)

EXCHANGE extra good electric bell set, complete, also prize pedigree fox terriers, for Canaries; anything useful: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (679)

TWO cock Chaffinches, full song; Golden Hamburgh cockerel, prize-bred, 10/- lot; exchange Norwich; bargain: Childs, 44, Manor-rd., Leyton. (675)

GENT.'S free-wheel cycle, Jesmond, good running order, exchange Canaries or offers value £2: Hanley, Whitfield Cottages, near Crook, Durham. (681)

SUIT, fit man 5 feet 7 ins., chest 36; accept 10/-; sound; suitable for working man; exchange birds: Edgeley, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone. (681)

RICH toned violoncello, £3 10/-; choice old printing, "Rembrandt," 6 guineas; part exchange Canaries: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (676)

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FOR sale or exchange, 4 Yorkshire show cages and case, 9/6, one to hold two, 6/6; two yellow Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each: R. J. Righmond, Pateley Bridge. (681)

PAIR Excelsior cycle covers, unused, 28 by 1½, beaded edges, accept 5/- each; bargain; or exchange: O'Brien, Wellingborough-rd., Northampton.

EXCHANGE set carvers, hand forged blades, good quality, ivorine handles, for cock Canary or offers; approval: B. Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield. (674)

WILL exchange pedigree smooth fox terrier bitch for unflighted buff Norwich hen, or sell, £1; approval: Skinner, 12, Mouktonhall-terrace, Musselburgh. (676)

FERNERY, octagonal, mahogany, with glass, zinc tray, drainage, on stand complete, cost £8, accept £3 10/-: Miss Rutherford, 14, Gt. Stuart-st., Edinburgh. (672)

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and hollow-ground razor, for one cock and three hen Canaries; approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (680)

HIGH pedigree collie, 12 months, sell 30/-, or exchange pair crested Canaries, bull bitch, or offers; yours first: Osborne Davies, Burton Parish, Haverfordwest. (676)

NEW boots, lady's and girl's, also two cartridge-filling machines; exchange Canaries or appliances, poultry, anything: Redhead, Bootmaker, Bootle, Cumberland. (673)

TWO new silver-ringer, hollow-ground razors and outfit, 14/-; exchange good yellow or marked unflighted Norwich hen; approval: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford. (680)

WIRE fox terrier bitch, 11 months, splendid type and coat, champion pedigree, sell 2 guineas; exchange anything, offers wanted: Pask, Hairdresser, East Kirkby, Notts. (673)

GOOD pair Yorkshires, nesting, house-moulted cock Linnet, and hen Norwich, nesting, good double breeder; six nest pans, £1 lot, or nearest offer: H. Tysom, 5, Russell Rise, Luton, Beds. (676)

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GRAY Java, vhc strong class, 2/6; 4 pure Angoras, 1/6 each; 1 Dutch doe, 2/6; or exchange Green Budgerigars, hens: Staniland, Collingham, Newark. (677)

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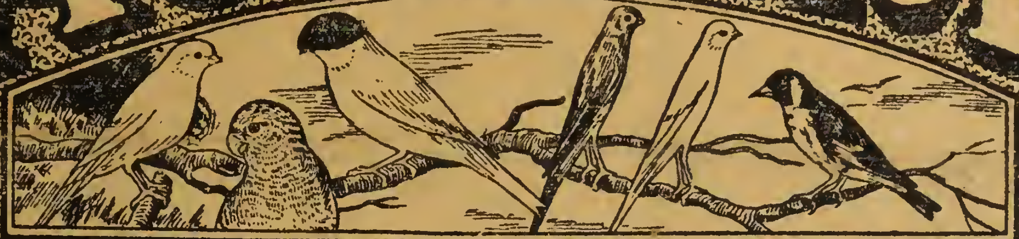

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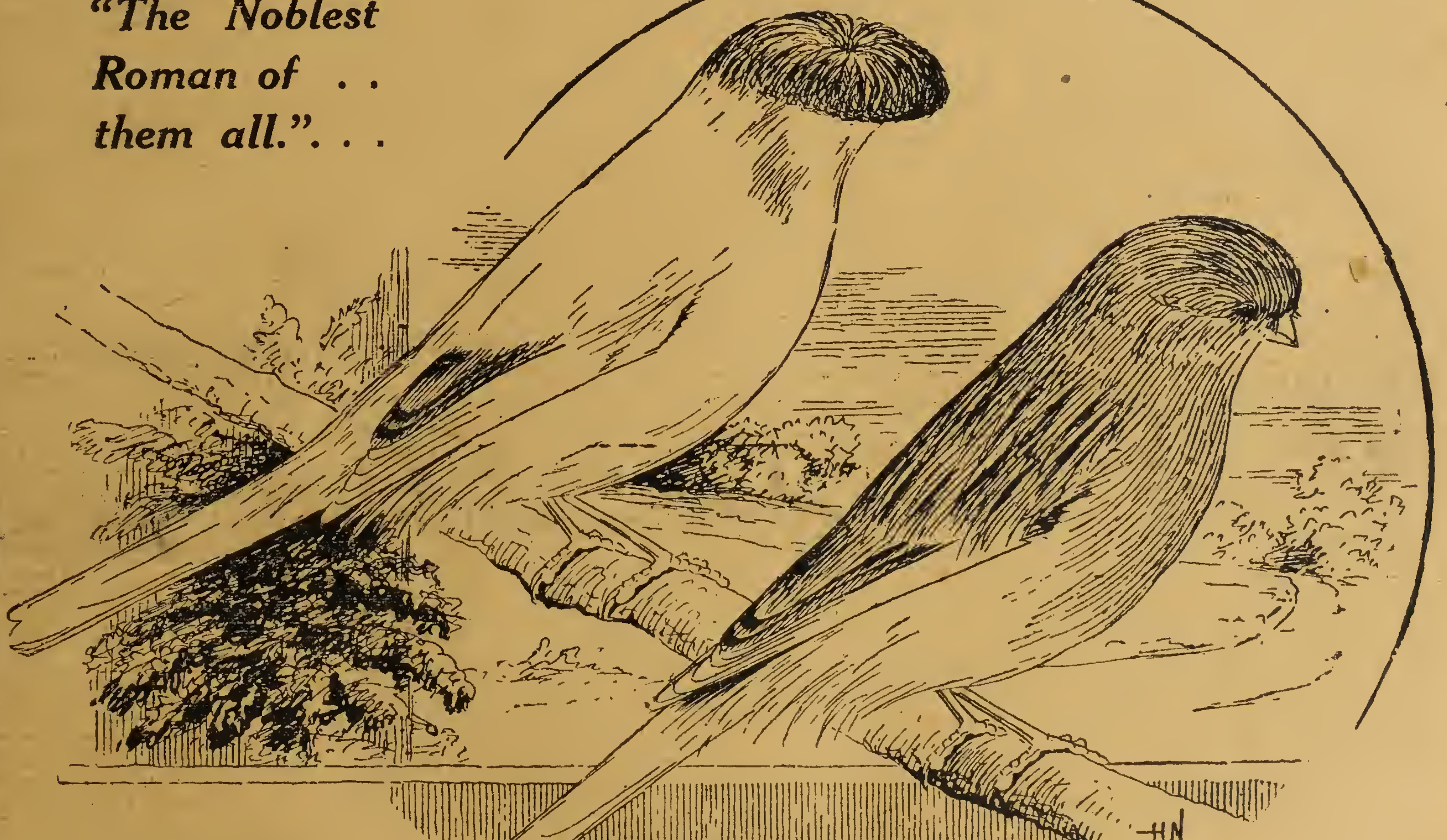

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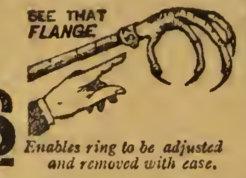

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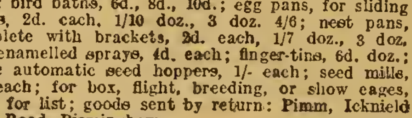

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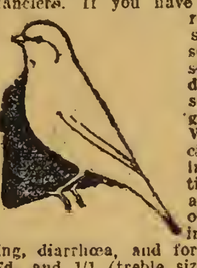

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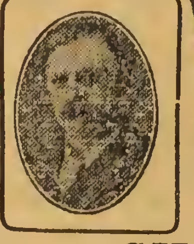

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KIDWELLY, S. WALES

Preliminary Notice of Great Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, to be held at Kidwelly, Oct. 29, 1913. Full particulars shortly.—John Morgan, Sec., 3, Priory Street, Kidwelly.

The Shows.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and show of British birds held May 3 in the I.O.G.T. Halls, 122, Ingram-street, Mr. John M. Edwards presiding before a good turn-out of members. Ramble was brought up, and it was decided to go to Lesmahagow on Saturday, May 17. Train leaves Central Station at 2.25. Friends invited. Four classes were arranged for next monthly meeting June 7. Specials were granted by Messrs. Telfer, McFarlane, Kerr, McClymont, Pettigrew, and Connelly for to-night's show, and allocated to the best 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 birds in the six classes. Fifty-two birds entered, some fine outstanding specimens being staged. Redpolls, Chaffinches, and Bullfinches came up well altogether—an increase on former years. Messrs. J. Young, J. McGowan, and G. Bannerman judged.

CHAFF.: 1, Pettigrew, fine size, good head, rich col., prominent whites, A1 condition; 2, Edwards, same stamp; 3, Connelly, fine col., good order, smaller; 4, McFarlane; 5, Telfer; 6, Jones; 7, Gray. BRAMBLE: 1, sp, Pettigrew, well up in size, grand col. and spangling, wins; 2, Jones, fine one for col., good shape; 3, Telfer, grand big hen, fine make, good condition; 4, Connelly; 5, Gray; 6, McFarlane; 7, Ingram. BULLF.: 1, McFarlane, Brechin, Forfar, and Scottish National winner, fine size, bold head, rich col., prominent wing bars, grand back; 2, Jeffrey, fine make, rich col., nice back, damaged wing, and somewhat lucky to beat 3, Pettigrew, fine shape and col., perfect plumage; 4, Telfer; 5, Connelly; 6, McClymont; 7, Jones. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Jeffrey, grand size, fine cobby shape, good col. and lacing, wins well in a strong class; 2, Edwards, known winner, fine size and shape, good sheen and condition; 3, Pettigrew, good one for col., nice order; 4, Connelly; 5, Jones; 6, McFarlane; 7, sp, Kerr. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Pettigrew, rich coloured Twite, well laced, fine size, shows whites well, good order; 2, Connelly, big mealy, bold head, rich col., fine mealy front of grand sheen, some preferred for 1st; 3, Jeffrey, Twite, good size and shape, fine trim, fails col. to winner; 4, Telfer; 5, sp, McFarlane; 6, Edwards; 7, Munro. BUNTING: 1, Connelly, Yellow, good size and shape, grand col., wins; 2, Pettigrew, Reed, a study in black and white, rare in col., rare order; 3, McFarlane, Corn, fine col., well mkd.; 4, Jones; 5, Telfer; 6, Munro; 7, Edwards.—W. Connelly, Sec.

LEICESTER F. AND F.A.

Table show held April 29th; Mr. Richards judged. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Freeman. SMALL: 1, Lamdon; 2, Freeman; 3, vhc, Kirby; 4, Carr, Melkered.—Granger Bros.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.

Table show of British birds held at Headquarters, Spencer Hall, April 28th. Although not great in numbers, the quality of the exhibits was of the best, especially in Goldfinches, the judge (Mr. G. E. Weston) remarking that they were the best lot the members had ever placed before him. After placing the awards, the judge passed a few remarks on the merits of the birds, which were much enjoyed by the great number of members and friends present. Mr. R. T. Dann, in the chair, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weston for so ably entertaining us. This was seconded by Mr. Geo. Street and brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

GOLDF. (9): 1, Byrne; 2, Shorter; 3, Duke; vhc, Street; hc, A. Knight, c, Brawbridge. GREENF. (3): 1, J. Kent; 2, Mound; 3, Brawbridge. LINNET (6): 1, Mound; 2, J. Kent; 3, c, Brawbridge; vhc, Shorter; hc, Street. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 3, J. Kent; 2, Mound; vhc, Shorter. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Mound; 2, A. Knight, 3, Shorter; vhc, J. Kent. BUNTINGS (2): 1, A. Knight; 2, J. Kent. THRUSH: 1, A. Knight.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Mr. C. A. House will judge at the show of the County of Pembroke F.S., at Pembroke Dock, November 12.

Mr. J. Morgan, Sec., writes that the annual show of the Kidwelly (S. Wales) P.P. and C.B.S. will be hold on October 29.

We hear from Mr. C. Lattimore, Hon. Sec., that Messrs. J. Bailey and G. Wilson will judge at the show of the Yorks C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, Dublin, Oct. 22-23.

Will members of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S., writes Mr. J. G Royce, sec., note that in consequence of the holidays, the next meeting will be May 14 instead of May 13.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Northern British Mule and Foreign Bird Club should apply early to W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle, stating classes, and judge appointed to take same, as the same will be allotted shortly.

The first members' young stock show of the Charlotteville Fanciers' Society, writes Mr. C. H. Pope, Hon. Sec., will be held June 19. Membership three miles radius of High Street, Guildford. Sub. 2s. per annum.

I was surprised to see my photo in your last grand double number of Cage Birds, writes Mr. F. C. Ward. I might say that I also took first prize at Lambeth Baths on March 17th last with this fancy costume. I thank you again for the coloured plates you sent.

Mr. J. R. Heseltine, 37, Blundell Street, Hull, writes that himself and Mr. Lambert have been elected joint secretaries of the Hull C.B.S. in place of Mr. Ridley, who has resigned. All correspondence concerning same should be addressed as above.

Will those intending going to our ramble on Sunday next, May 11th inst. to Hildenboro, please meet at the Arsenal Station, S.E.R., at 8.40 a.m. We shall be glad to meet other fanciers, writes Mr. E. Meades, Hon. Sec., Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

The Oxford and Dis. C.B.S. has again decided to hold an open show this year. The date fixed is October 16. Will neighbouring secretaries, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, Press correspondent, please note, and not clash? We have engaged a much larger hall, and are anticipating a good show.

Knowing there are many pigeon fanciers amongst your readers, would you publish the following description of a bird found here to-day? It has been shot, but I hope to pull it round. Ring Nos. (brass) NU11, WF1871, (rubber) 816.—R. F. Richards, Cynwyd Tichan, Cynwyd, near Corwen.

We hear from Mr. W. Hutchison, hon. sec., that the judges for the Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A. Show, Nov. 21-22, are: Crests, Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Plainheads, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Kelso; Borders, Mr. T. Arnott, Hawick; Yorkshires, Mr. L. Dykes, Bradford; British and Foreign, Messrs. A. W. Watson, and L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh.

This week's issue of The Poultry World, on sale to-day at all newsagents and bookstalls will be of exceptional interest to all our readers who keep poultry. In addition to a Beautiful Plate in Four Colours, an announcement appears, offering 1,000 free 7lb. bags of Poultry Food. Cage Birds readers would be well advised to tell their poultry-keeping friends to secure a copy of this number.

I wish to thank you, writes Mr. A. E. Clark (Hemel Hempstead) for the courteous reply, given by your Mr. Weston, in your issue of the 26th April re my Goldfinch and Canary. The whole of the clutch turned out fertile, and I have three young Mules making great strides. Not bad for a beginner? What would we amateurs do without Cage Birds and your experts?

The Leyton C.B.A., write Messrs. Forse and Son, will be pleased to have the company of any fanciers who would like to join them on the ramble through Epping Forest, on May 17. The party will assemble at Loughton Station, whence a start will be made at 3 p.m., or immediately after the arrival of the train, due at 2.58. An excellent meat tea will be provided at the "Owl," about 6 p.m.

Allow me to thank you for the pleasant surprise you gave me to see on the front of Cage Birds the splendid drawing of my yellow hen, 1st and championship diploma at the Crystal Palace, writes Mr. W. Mossie, Shieldyards. It is very lifelike, and the correct type of the Border Fancy; it reflects great credit on your artist. I have been a reader of Cage Birds since its birth, and would not miss it on any account. Wishing you and Cage Birds every success.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Rd., S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley; Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; Yorks and Lancs Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford; Yorkshire C.C., J. Greaves, 279, Hollings Rd., Bradford (closing date May 24); Northern Counties Plainhead Club, Mr. W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

L. and P.O.S. Annual Ramble.

The committee have accepted the kind invitation of the B.B. and M.C. to join them on May 24th, writes Mr. C. W. Law, Hon. Sec. Full particulars and instructions will be sent to all our London members during the coming week.

Scottish Metropolitan Derby.

The following have become members of our association for this year, writes Mr. R. Lile, Sec., 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh: Messrs. W. Archibald, T. Brown, A. Bell, W. Beattie, J. W. Buchan, J. Carson, J. Cook, J. Carlaw, J. Dodds, A. Gilchrist, D. Holden, G. C. T. Hope, A. Jardine, J. B. Kerr, A. Leslie, J. Munro, D. McPhail, J. Morrison, J. McMillan, W. Muirhead, A. Pennycuick, J. Verhies, J. Wilson, R. Willison. I also have a membership fee from Galashiels without any name, and should be pleased to hear from the party. The 1st and 2nd birds in yellow piebald hen class of our show last year have both disappointed their respective owners by proving themselves of the opposite sex. I hope all intending members will let me know at their earliest, and so let me have a much longer list for next time.

Newcastle Out on a Picnic.

The Newcastle C.B.S., writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, are holding their annual pic-nic at Close House, Wylam (by kind permission of James Knott, Esq., J.P.), on Whit-Monday. They extend a hearty welcome to all Tyneside fanciers and their friends. It is decided to take the 1 p.m. train from the Central Station to North Wylam Station (there are several other trains to Wylam if any should miss this one). Each person takes his or her own food, but tea will be made in the Pavilion, and cups provided. Several of the gentlemen are going on their cycles. Full particulars may be had from Mr. Mackenzio at his aviaries, High Friar Street, Newcastle. Granted fine weather, this should be a most enjoyable day, as the grounds are lovely, and we have practically the whole range of them.

Poultry Keepers: Will You Help the London Hospitals?

For the fifth year in succession "The Poultry World," in conjunction with the committee of the Hospital Saturday Fund, is endeavouring to supply every sick and poor person in London's hospitals and infirmaries with new laid eggs for one week, May 13 to May 20. Last year no less than 24,317 eggs were contributed by readers of our sister paper. They came in small parcels, large parcels, and crates, and all were welcome. This year we again ask those of our own readers who are poultry-keepers to assist in the good cause. If the contribution from any one reader be only half-a-dozen eggs it will help to swell the number. Donors should address their parcels, post paid, or carriage paid, to The Poultry World, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.; or, they will find in that paper for this week a list of egg collecting depots, one of which may be in their own district, and in this way save carriage. Empty packages, boxes, etc., will be returned carriage paid if desired.

Wild-Bird Life.

A Dainty Warbler.

At last the weather is more summer-like, and we can enjoy all the hours we can spare in the open. The trees and hedgerows are rapidly putting on their leafy dress, and the grass in the meadow lands is long enough to hide the big Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Starlings, as they settle in the close herbage. If we walk across it we disturb many more than we expected to find, as a rule they make straight to the hedgerow, the young birds flying in a weak, faltering manner, struggling hard to get to the nearest cover. Their natural instinct tells them that this is their only place of safety, and they will cling to it until fairly hustled out, and even when forced to do so, fly in a half circle, returning to the hedgerow some twenty yards higher up. Among the many birds that have come under notice within the last few days, a Lesser Whitethroat has attracted particular attention, chiefly because he persists in staying in the garden, in spite of his shyness and reluctance to be observed. It was amusing to watch him after a heavy shower catching the flying gnats that hovered over a pool of water in the pathway under a rose arch; his efforts were desperate and his movements quite butterfly-like.

THE LESSER WHITETHROAT.

Starting from one side of the pool, he darted into the air, fluttered and twisted after his prey, and alighted on the opposite side, but he had hardly touched the ground before he was in the air again, and so he continued for some time, until he had either caught all he required or driven the remainder away. Another time he worked the whole length of an eighty feet flower border, hunting over every plant of wallflowers and forget-me-nots, sometimes scrambling in the centre of the plants or creeping underneath like a little feathered mouse, nor did he miss the hunting ground afforded by the trees on the fence. As he came to each in turn, he made his way among the branches, peering under each set of leaves. He is beautifully clean and sweet in plumage, with a lovely white throat, perfect in wings and tail.

Unless a partner soon puts in an appearance we fear we shall lose our dainty visitor, we can promise him his choice of the gooseberry and currant trees to nest in, and as much of the ripe fruit later on as he cares to take. He has not been interfered with up to the present, even our special Robin, who is rearing a full brood in the tool house has not sparred with him once.

Books on Wild Birds
(P. Edward Groon).

You will find the following books useful: "Our Country's Birds," by W. J. Gordon, giving all British species, and a coloured drawing of each bird (rather crude; but, then, the book is but a cheap one), and several diagrams. Also Vol. 1, 2, 3, 4, of Lloyd's Natural History. Try the second-hand bookshops for these. "Birds of the Countryside," by Frank Finn (5s. 4d., post free, from our office) gives a description of all the familiar birds, together with several coloured plates and photographs; this is a capital and very handy volume, written in this author's best chatty style.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., May 11, to Hildenboro, meet at Woolwich Arsenal Station (S.E.R.) at 8.40 a.m.; National Brit. B. and M.C., May 24, to Epping Forest; from Liverpool St.; morning party 9.36 train to Chingford, afternoon 1.33 train to Loughton; City and Suburban A.C.B. to Epping Forest with N.B.B. and M.C.; London and Provincial O.S. to Epping Forest with N.B.B. and M.C.; Sowerby Bridge C.B.S., May 17, to Harden Beck, train leaves Halifax St. Paul's, 1.45; Newcastle C.B.S., May 12, to Wylam, train leaves Central Station at 1; Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S., May 17, to Lesmahagow, from Central Station 2.25; Darvel C.B.C., May 10, to Low Overmoor Farm and Glen Water, meet at Public School 2.0.; Leyton C.B.A., May 17, to Epping Forest, meet at Loughton Station 2.58.

A Delightful Lantern Lecture on British Birds.

Mr. Oliver G. Pike provides the members and friends of the L. and P.O.S. with a memorable evening's entertainment.

THE officials of the London and Provincial O.S. are to be complimented on the enterprise they show in their endeavours to provide entertaining meetings for their members and, incidentally, for all bird-lovers, as anyone interested in birds is always welcomed at the society's gatherings. On the last meeting night, the services of that well-known ornithologist, Mr. Oliver G. Pike, F.Z.S., etc., were requisitioned (at no inconsiderable expense, we may whisper) and this gentleman gave one of the most absorbingly interesting discourses upon bird life that we have ever been privileged to hear. It is no exaggeration to say that he held his audience fascinated from start to finish.

The information conveyed to us by Mr. Pike was given around a series of lantern slides, from photographs taken by himself, every one of which was distinguished by more than average cleverness and beauty, while some of them were unique. Mr. Pike has deservedly earned a great reputation as a nature photographer, and the slides he put before us this evening deepened the esteem in which those amongst us who had read his books upon bird-life already held him.

With the aid of his camera—not to mention the skill and pertinacity of purpose at the back of it—Mr. Pike has been able to throw light on many problems that perplexed students of birds. As an instance of this one might select for mention his observations on the Buzzard—that really beneficial but only too often persecuted bird of prey. It was a puzzling fact that although three young birds were often hatched out, seldom more than one was reared to maturity. What became of the others? Mr. Pike found that the eggs were laid at intervals of some days, so that the young Buzzards varied in points of development, and that the elder, and consequently the larger and stronger of the family, soon developed cannibalistic tendencies, and proceeded to make meals of its brothers (or sisters). Difficulties over the food supply, no doubt, are at the bottom of this phenomenon. But what a livid light we have here thrown upon the cruel side of Dame Nature's workings!

Magnificent slides of Linnets feeding their young naturally appealed strongly to the audience; they were from a film taken by Mr. Pike on his cinematograph camera. Other wonderful pictures shown us which were taken for cinematograph purposes were of a young cuckoo ejecting a young Sedge Warbler from its nest. This set drew from the lecturer some remarkable details of the life of this feathered impostor and its parents. The latter, said Mr. Pike, were not by any means so callous in behaviour towards their offspring as was generally supposed. On the contrary they (or, at any rate, the mother) paid frequent visits to the nest of the foster-parents to see how their baby was progressing.

A pleasant interlude in the exhibiting of the lantern slides was provided by the reproduction of a gramaphone record of the song of the Nightingale (which, however, we venture to think was of the music of the Sprosser—the continental Nightingale). With the whole of Mr. Pike's long series of fine slides space will not permit us to deal, but they dealt with a wide variety of birds, and by the frequent applause which met them manifestly delighted his audience.

At the close Mr. G. Crabb (who presided) in a few felicitous remarks, complimented Mr. Pike on the excellence of his lecture and his slides, and with the vote of thanks to him coupled the names of Mr. C. W. Law (the able and enthusiastic secretary of the L. and P.O.S.) who provided the lantern and operator, and Mr. G. E. Weston, who had been of some small assistance. Mr. Pike, on returning thanks, was enthusiastically received. The lecture was well attended, and the audience comprised many of London's best-known fanciers, both ladies and gentlemen. It was a delightful and educative evening.

At the Rookery.

The Rooks are having a hard time of it just now. To feed their big nestlings requires a considerable quantity of good sound food, and as a rule the feeding grounds are situated some distance from the rookery. Hour after hour one can see them hurrying homeward with thickened beak, bearing within it some choice morsel for the babies. And then when they arrive, the noisy clamour of the hungry ones must be almost deafening to the hard-worked parent, who immediately leaves his offspring upon a fresh hunt.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

THE HAND REARING OF BRITISH BIRDS.

By
S. A. SANDY
(London, S.E.)

(Continued from page 372).

The confiding ways and delightful tameness of hand-fed birds appeal to many bird-lovers, and to those who do not mind the trouble incidental to the process of rearing them, this contribution will prove very helpful.

WHEN your Woodpeckers are full grown, and doing for themselves, the egg should be dispensed with, and the biscuit reduced to a minimum, or the birds will contract fits, and soon all your trouble will have been wasted. Live ant eggs, where it is possible to get them, would be the finest food for rearing any Woodpeckers, and they would require little, if any, additional insect food. I may mention that as soon as these birds move about on the cork they must be placed in separate cages, or they will soon kill each other.

I do not suppose many of our readers are likely to want instructions for rearing a Cornish Chough, but I think they could be successfully reared after the manner described for the Jay.

A Group of Charming Birds.

I will now pass to the smaller insectivorous species, by which I mean the Nightingale, Blackcap, Redstart, Chats, Whitethroats, Wagtails, Tits, Shrike, Creeper, Nuthatch, Wren, and the small Warblers, all of which can be quite successfuly hand-reared if taken at from 10 to 12 days and fed upon the best ant eggs, steamed in preference to pouring boiling water on them, cut up mealworms, small spiders, flies, and caterpillars. Fresh ant eggs if obtainable. A mixture of steamed ant eggs, 2 parts, hard boiled egg, 1 part, and ground sweet biscuit, 1 part, well moistened with grated carrot. The greatest possible care must be taken that the food is quite fresh, and has no trace of sourness.

These birds would require feeding every hour at first, and gradually extend the time up to 3 hours as the birds progress. The cages must be kept scrupulously clean. Blotting paper is a very good covering for the cage bottom, as it absorbs moisture quickly. A drop or two of water should be given after each feeding, and as the birds get older the food may be given less moist. The Blackcap and Whitethroat should, in addition, be given ripe fruit such as full ripe pear, strawberries, raspberries, currants, or elderberries, and banana. It is a good plan to give to young Blackcaps and Whitethroats a little ripe banana with the "tweezers" when rearing them.

Regarding the Shrike, this is a somewhat larger bird than the others, and should be given small house beetles, and when full grown a young mouse or fledgling Sparrow.

There is very little advantage gained by hand-rearing any of the small insectivorous birds, for they all usually take readily to captivity, and for exhibition the wild caught specimens are usually the best, and no matter what care and attention is bestowed upon the hand-reared specimens, they seem, to my mind, to lack the stamina of the naturally reared ones.

The "Hunger Striking" Cuckoo.

There are a few insectivorous species that I have not dealt with, although I think I have mentioned all those that the average reader is likely to come across, and try to rear. There is, for instance, that welcome spring visitor, the Cuckoo. It was generally thought that Cuckoos cannot be kept alive through our winters, and I must confess I was of that opinion until I saw in CAGE BIRDS of April 5, a very interesting letter from an enthusiastic lady fancier, Mrs. Sargeant, in which she records the death of her Cuckoo that had been hand-reared and lived quite happily for nearly five years, and in the issue of the following week the letter of Mr. Vickery in which the writer's experiences of the species extend over a period of thirty years. It is from these letters quite obvious that Cuckoos may be kept successfully, and I daresay the same might be said of many other birds that are rarely seen in cages.

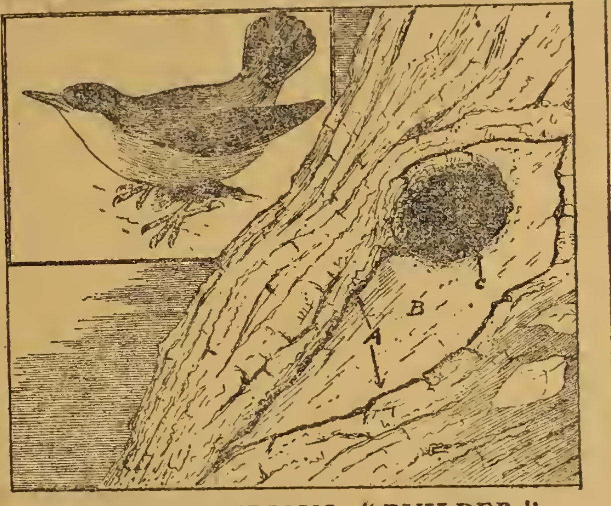
I have understood from friends who have successfully reared the Cuckoo to the age when it should certainly feed itself that as soon as they got tired of feeding it and left it to shift for itself it preferred to "hunger strike" (which seems to be the up-to-date term for starving) and if Mrs. Sargeant or Mr. Vickery would tell the readers of CAGE BIRDS how they succeeded in getting the young Cuckoos to feed themselves, I am sure it would prove interesting. Should any reader come across a young Cuckoo from ten to twelve days old, and decide to try his or her luck at hand-rearing it, the same diet should be used as for the Nightingale, and when fully grown, should it feed itself, a food the same as advised for a Blackbird, with a little hard-boiled egg added. It is strictly an insectivorous bird, and should be treated accordingly.

Two Difficult Subjects.

The Nightjar, or "Goat Sucker," as it is sometimes called, is a bird I have only once seen in captivity, and there really seemed nothing beyond the novelty to recommend it, but if by any remote chance one should come across a young bird of this species it could be reared in the same way as the Cuckoo. The Wryneck, or "Snake-bird," as it is sometimes called, should be treated in the same way as the small insectivorous species mentioned before. I think the only way to get birds of this species to live in captivity is to hand-rear them. Tits and Pipits may, of course, be easily reared, but I prefer the wild caught birds, which readily take to captivity if birds of the year are taken in the autumn. There is really no advantage in hand rearing them.

How to Deal with Seed-eaters.

I will now deal briefly with the seed eating species—Finches and Buntings—but I will at the outset warn readers not to try to hand-rear the young ones from the nest on seeds alone, for, although the adult birds live mostly upon seeds and berries, it would be disastrous to try to feed quite young birds on seed, or they will soon be dead. The rule as to feeding in small quantities and often applies to seed-eating birds equally as to the insectivorous species, and the cages and nest must be attended to as often, and kept as clean as for those species.



AN INDUSTRIOUS "BUILDER."

Nuthatches often choose a nesting site which involves them in a deal of hard labour in the fitting of it to meet their needs. A tiny entrance hole is all they desire, and if the chosen fissure in the tree trunk be too open, they proceed to fill it up with clay. The nesting site above was sketched in Ashstead Woods by Mr. Norman, who estimates that many pounds of clay had been used by the birds. A: the original hole. B: the clay. C: the birds' entrance hole.

When the young are ready to leave the nest, perches should be placed near the nest, and a good supply of fresh sand put into the sand tray of the cage. The seed should be soaked, and the superfluous moisture well dried off before it is given to the young birds.

Peas and Berries for Hawfinches.

Supposing the young bird that has come into the reader's hands to be a Hawfinch or Greenfinch, and that it is from ten to twelve days old, and not yet taken to perches, it should be placed in a nest in a small box cage, and the front of the cage covered with a piece of linen. A start should be made to feed on hard-boiled egg passed through a fine sieve, with two parts of ground sweet biscuit added. This can be moistened with a little hot milk and given fairly "sloppy" at first every two hours. Give also greenfly, small house flies and mealworms, cut in halves. As the birds grow, add chopped lettuce or chickweed to the egg-food, mixing the whole into a stiff mass, so that it can be easily given with the tweezers. Give a drop or two of water after each meal. When the birds are nearly full-grown, and have taken to the perches, add well-crushed sunflower seed (without the shell) to the menu, and, in the case of the Hawfinch, some small green peas—when they are just formed in the pod. The Hawfinch should be given also a liberal supply of hawthorn berries, of which it is very fond.

The Goldfinch may be hand-reared upon egg and biscuit, made as recommended for the last two-named birds, but it is, of course, much smaller and more delicate, and, therefore, more difficult to rear. It should have a plentiful supply of green-fly and small ants (which should be just killed with the tweezers). If, however, green fly cannot be found in sufficient quantity, take a mealworm, break one end, squeeze the moisture into the bird's bill. It would not do to simply cut the mealworm in halves and give it to the bird, as the hard skin would be too indigestible for it. When the young feed themselves, give well-cracked hemp, fresh dandelion, thistle, and knapweed (hardhead) seed, and gradually get the young ones to take the usual mixture proper for Goldfinches.

Bullfinches and Hempseed.

The Bullfinch is another of the seed-eaters which makes a delightful pet when hand-reared, and I have found them rather easily reared, if taken ten days and fed in the manner indicated for the Goldfinch, with the addition of scalded German rape seed, but do not give young birds or old either, for that matter, hemp seed, which I have found harmful and sometimes fatal to them. When feeding themselves, their food at first should consist chiefly of German rape and canary seed, well scalded. When the young Bullfinches are pretty well fully grown and on the perches, give them a little scraped raw apple, and when doing entirely for themselves give a piece of apple daily and any green food that is available. They are very fond of dock seed, plantain heads, blackberries, and privet berries, when they are obtainable, and a mealworm occasionally is usually much appreciated.

Linnets should be treated in the same way as Bullfinches, except that the green fly and insects may be dispensed with, as in their natural state they do not feed so largely on small insects as the Goldie and Bullfinch, but seem to confine themselves more to small soft seeds. Linnets can be reared by Canaries quite easily, but those I have seen reared in this way have frequently turned out as wild as those caught in the autumn.

A Complete and Satisfying Food.

The Chaffinch and the Buntings both feed their young almost entirely on small insects, and in attempting to hand-rear either of these species, a liberal supply of green fly, small green caterpillars, and other small insects must be given. I have not found either of these birds care much for green food, but I should certainly add a little well-chopped lettuce or chickweed to the food, and also a few soaked or steamed ant eggs—fresh ones if they can be found. Speaking of fresh ant eggs, I feel pretty confident that all the small insectivorous birds and seedeaters could be quite easily reared on this food alone.

In conclusion, do not forget that the bath daily will go a long way towards strengthening the young birds, and will get them into condition. The cages should be roomy, so that plenty of exercise can be taken, and if the young ones are given a tit-bit when you approach the cage the birds will not lose the delightful tameness that hand-reared birds usually possess. Even when the birds are commencing to feed themselves, it is just as well for the first few days to give them a little food from the tweezers, or whatever is used.

How Modern Exhibition Crests and Crest-breds are Produced.

By Messrs. GREENWOOD AND BURSON
(Swindon).

(Continued from page 378.)

WHEN the young birds are taken away from their parents a good seed-mill will be found very useful, and there are several on the market to-day. The old birds may have the seed whole, but for the young ones it should be ground. We grind canary seed and hemp for the young, and sometimes mix a little egg-food with it, but they should have only a very little of the latter.

Should they seem a little thick, or look sickly, after being taken from the parents, give them milk-sop, with a little maw-seed over it. We let our birds have water as soon as they care to drink. A few drops of tincture of gentian in the water will work wonders with a sickly bird. Osborne or Tea biscuit is a good thing to mix with the crushed seed.

Young birds are very often given too much rich food; the plainer one can feed, the better it is for the birds. Although we said in our last article that we believe egg and bread the best thing to feed the young with, that is our own experience, but there are many good foods on the market to-day which are got out by men of experience, and which very likely may be better than a lot of egg-food for young birds.

When the young are taken away from the parents we try to keep the brood altogether, as they seem to do much better. If they attempt to pluck each other, tie two or three pieces of thick string in the wires for them to play with.

When the Crest must be Removed.

When the Crests are very heavy we cut them off, but they must not be cut too near, or the eyes of the bird may be injured. The young birds should not be given water the last thing at night, as they nearly always dip their heads in, and begin to wash themselves, and many birds are lost in this way, through catching a chill. We like the enamel drinkers, as they may be scoured with boiling water without fear of breaking.

It is very often found that large birds, just as they begin to peck, get neglected by the parents and begin to cry for food. Such birds should be taken in hand at once and fed by hand. We have saved several good birds in this way, but if you have other birds feeding about the same size or age, put these birds in with the other brood and they will generally take to them. A scalded Osborne biscuit once or twice a week will make a good soft food, but don't give the young birds too much sloppy food.

Care should be taken to change the food once or twice, if possible, every day, as the cause of the death of many young Canaries is sour food. Fanciers very often find nests of young dead, with their crops full. In many such cases sour or bad egg-food must have been the cause, and if success is to be attained these small items must be given the greatest attention.

The best time to make egg-food is overnight, and give the birds a supply at night, in the tray, ready for the morning, as birds are about very early, and the food will keep good and sweet for the night.

Mr. Norman's grand coloured plate should set fanciers thinking, especially those who are breeding for yellows. It shows four grand ideal specimens to breed to, such lovely, broad leafy feathers. The self-green looks charming, and the clear Crest is grand, as are the dark Crest and even wing-marked. They all reflect great credit on the artist.

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THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOML·NSON.

(Continued from page 377.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

NO difficulty should be experienced in distinguishing the Glucke: it is known by the names of the Hard, Dry, and Hollow Glucke, but they all refer to one and the same tour. There has been a great demand for this class of singer, and I am inclined to believe that sufficient care has not been exercised in the choice of the breeding stock for its production, as many birds that are called Glucke can lay very little claim to the title, judging from their abilities to sing a good bass-voiced Glucke tour. It may also be said to be a forgettable tour, as we find many birds will gradually leave it out of their song, and some will be found to bring one of the water tours to recompense the loss of the Glucke. Yet in spite of this there is no doubt that it is a very acceptable addition to our bird's song.

Different Tones of the Voice.

A good tour will be as a deep sounding Gluck-Gluck Gluck-Gluck, with a distinct break between each note, as in the case of the flute note. The bird's throat will be noticed to rise and fall, the beak will open slightly, and as each note is emitted it will be noticed to nearly close again. The Bell Glucke does not appear to be so popular as the Hollow Glucke, and some of our old fanciers care nothing about it. If I might class the tone of the Roller's voice under the three headings, light-toned, medium-toned, and deep or heavy toned, it will be found that the second-named, as well as the third, is capable of delivering this tour in its best form.

To revert to the Hollow Bell, the same may be said of this tour; the medium-toned bird's voice lends itself very kindly in bringing out, or delivering a clear and ringing bell note. In singing the Bell Glucke, the throat will be noticed to vibrate, and the beak will partly open, and nearly close again on each beat of the bell. The sounds emitted are Gluck-Gluck-Gluck-Gluck, together with a clear and distinct bell note (or the ring of an anvil being struck with a hammer), and they form one of the nicest tours we have. It is quite a separate tour from the Hollow Glucke, and should be regarded as such. It is also more difficult to sing, because it is more difficult for a bird to sing a double tour, or two separate notes at the same time, than it is for it to sing a single tour.

The Most Difficult Tour of all.

Probably there will be fanciers who will not agree with my views on the Bell Glucke. I have no desire to force my opinions on any who read these lines, but I would with all deference to their views point out that the trio of tours comprising the re-introduced Koller tour make this the most difficult song passage the Roller can produce—difficult because of having to sing at the same time a blending of three tours. And I base my contention on this, i.e., that if this combination is the most difficult, because of the diphthongs, or of the rapid moving of the vocal organs from one consonant position, or one vowel position, to another, then two combined tours must be harder to produce than a single one; so credit should be given on the show bench to birds singing a Bell Glucke, quite apart from the points that are awarded for the Hollow Glucke.

Unpopular with Lancashire Lads.

For some time past some of my Lancashire friends have spoken strongly against an objectionable clattering and flat-sounding Glucke tour, and have said that if steps were not immediately taken to breed and train it out, we should ultimately be back again with the "chop." A German gentleman—Herr Frisch—has now named this tour for us as the Flat Glucke. While staying at the home of one of my London fancier friends, I had the opportunity of studying this tour in one of his own birds. This bird was, if my memory serves me correctly, about six years old, and had been imported from Germany. It had a depth of tone that is rarely heard, and, in addition to the different water tours, sang the Hollow, the Bell, and the Flat Glucke, which, like the former two, when once it has been heard, cannot be misconstrued. I came to the conclusion that in the beginning it had sprung from birds singing a flat-toned Bell Glucke, and that it was possible for other birds of the Glucke strain to learn it if they were kept in the company of a bird that sang it. I should not say that it was "choppy," because of the flat tone of voice it is sung in, but rather a clattering similar to the sound that would be given off by clattering two cracked earthenware plates together. The bird singing the tour will be noticed to close the beak at each sound or beat, but the throat vibrates the same as in singing the Bell Glucke.

A Tour like Bubbling Water.

Coming to the water tours, we have three that may be called companion tours and rolls. The Water Glucke is heard delivered more or less in a watery tone; it has been described as sounding similar to the noise emitted when emptying a bottle of water. It may also be described as a very rapidly repeated Gluck-Gluck-Gluck-Glock, slightly watery in tone, and with one note running so closely into the other as to appear as though a roll is being sung. This is so conspicuous in some singers that it is doubtful whether the bird is bringing out the Water Glucke or Water Roll, but the deciding vote should be for a Water Glucke if a beat be recognised in each of the rapidly-repeated Gluckes, and especially if the beak is also observed to slightly open and close as each note is sung. There is quite a contrast between the Water Glucke and the Glucke tours, as I have already mentioned. The Gluck-Gluck-Gluck of the Glucke tour is slowly and distinctly pronounced, whereas in the Water Glucke it is delivered very rapidly, hardly so deep in tone, and with less pronunciation on the word Gluck.

In the Deep Bubbling Water Tour, we hear a distinct watery, bubbling sound, which is unfortunately sung all too short. It is a catchy tour, sung with a closed beak, and a quick, vibrating movement of the throat, the tone being deeper than in the Water Roll, and may sound very similar to a Bass Roll, but it is not so deep in tone as the latter, and has a distinct "watery" intonation. It is a merry and lively tour when delivered rising, or rising and falling. Some birds on leaving their Bass Roll will go straight on to a Water Roll, showing the latter as being a little higher, and watery; it is also sung with a closed beak and vibrating movement of the throat.

The Sounds Vocalised.

After the fancier has learned to distinguish the different tours and rolls, he will begin to notice the consonants and the vowels which go to make up the difference in tone, and also the naming of the song passages. In the Hollow Roll a medium roll may be described as the consonant r: add the long accented vowel u, and form a rolling ur, and we get a deeper toned roll; change the vowel again, and use the short e, as er, and we get a light toned Hollow Roll. In a light toned Hollow Bell tour, we hear the distinct fricative consonant l, the tip of the bird's tongue meeting the roof of the mouth with each beat of the l. In a deeper tone, or what I should term a classical hollow bell, we get the short accented vowel u, combined with the consonant l. In singing the vowel the middle of the tongue is raised, therefore in a good tour we observe the tongue moving to the roof of the mouth, and hear the combined ululul.

In a light or medium-toned Scheckel tour, we hear the vowel u, as a quickly delivered u-u-u-u-u, and this is the Scheckel which is often confused with the Hollow Bell. Probably it may be termed a flat toned Hollow Bell, but I should prefer to call it a Scheckel, because the sound of the l is absent which goes to make the sound of a Bell Tour; also if the l is not pronounced, but only the u, the tip of the tongue will not rise to the roof of the mouth, therefore there is no bell in the tour, hence my opinion that it is a Schockel. In a good or classical Schockel we get the long accented vowel o, sounding as hoo-hoo, using the silent h.

A New Song Passage.

In the Bell Roll we get the short vowel e, together with the consonant r, forming a rolling er, but pitched in a higher tone of voice than a light toned hollow roll would be. The Bell Tour is the quickly-delivered consonant l; this also would be pitched higher than in the case of the Hollow Bell tour. In the Glucke we hear the short vowel u, changing, in a deeper toned bird, to a slight diphthong as in (if I may coin a word) Glouck. The consonant d and the long vowel o, or u, may be distinguished in the deep Flute notes, changing the vowel to the long e, as dee in a tour of poorer quality.

I have not had the opportunity of studying the Koller tour; it is a new song passage to most of our English fanciers. I have heard it sung twice, but the birds were not classical on this tour, and sang it very short, when it gave me the impression as being a peculiar Hollow Glucke tour. The German fanciers inform us that it is composed of three different tours, the Glucke, Bass, and Hollow Roll. I have now described all the good tours and rolls, and will explain those faults which are the most often heard.

The Aufzug; A Frequent Fault.

One of the faulty song passages frequently heard is the Aufzug, "Ouftsug, a rising voice." It is usually pronounced amongst our English Roller fanciers as Offzug, or again as Ofsug. This rising, voice tearing song passage is a production that cannot literally lay any claim to being either a roll or a tour. In singing it the bird usually commences in rather a low tone, and raises its voice quickly in one straight tone, obstructing the breath either at the back of the mouth with the tongue, or in the throat, which gives a hard, rasping sound—a sound that will jar on the human ear according to the severity of the tone, or the amount of voice power the bird uses to produce it.

Even when delivered in one of its least offensive styles, it is a difficult rendering to define in writing. A sound that always brings to my mind the Hard Aufzug, as it is called when the bird delivers it in a very objectionable way, is the rising drawn out "Chee" or "Zee" of our English Greenfinch. The nature of the sound heard in the Hard Aufzug, or the Aufzug, gives one the impression that the breath is being forcibly drawn, and some of our fanciers say that this is the case. Personally I have not determined whether this is so, or whether towards the middle of the song passage the voice is forcibly emitted.

(To be Continued.)

ANOTHER GEM FROM SCOTLAND.

The "Land o' Cakes" is noted for its Mules and Hybrids, and our illustration depicts the fine Linnet Mule exhibited so successfully by Mr. J. Prattis, of Lauriston, last season, for whom it secured 2nd at the Scottish National show, amongst other honours.

THE PLEASURES OF FOREIGN BIRD KEEPING IN AN AVIARY.

By Mrs. A. Lester (SYDENHAM).

ONLY those who keep their feathered family in a garden aviary can fully realise the endless pleasure to be got from such an arrangement, besides the absence of domestic friction over scattered seed and general mess, not to mention mice. Not that the mice will not follow; they will do their level best to share quarters with the birds, but double ½in. wire netting placed close, with holes not matching, will do the trick, and another layer outside, two inches or so away, will settle the feline question. Then you are safe, and away you go on a real pleasure trip. Without the close double wire, you may find, as did the writer one day, a husk full of baby mice, snug and cosy, with father and mother in charge! Without the extra netting against cats, you may also share the writer's experience, and find a valuable newly-purchased bird lying dead inside the aviary, and one of its legs on the gravel path outside, with pussie's muddy paw marks distinctly showing on the wirework. These sad happenings are hard to bear, and one would be glad to warn beginners.

A Happy Notion.

My present aviary began life as a builder's "pay-box" (secured cheaply). A large window was put in on one side and an entrance porch with half-wire door added at one end, the porch containing shelves for seed jars and appliances. The other end was fitted with a narrow door, and removable partitions, and to it was attached a wired-flight, 7ft. 6in. in height, partly boarded and felted for roof, and about a quarter open to the sky (wired). Here is a wide shelf, or platform, a favourite place for general observation and discussion, and frequently at this season used as a "fighting ring." But the place is too roomy for much harm to result, except an occasional ragged feather, and many a laugh we have at the impudent antics of the birds. One Greenie Mule (bred under that roof) stands there and sings until he trembles from head to tail, and dares another cock of any size to mount that rostrum. He is "Jack the Fighter," and a fairly ragged coat he gets at times, but moulting time leaves him like wax, and on we go again. Then when all the Finches have gone to roost, comes a Pekin Robin or a Blackbird to that shelf under the sky to sing a last sweet song. The house is painted white inside all through, and a bright garden green outside, and the flight is tiled with 6in. red tiles, and drained. To take brush and water and scrub and swill it all down takes only a few minutes, and then how bright and clean it looks. Part of a tree swinging by a thick copper wire, and some branches of a beech tree and a swing or two, complete the flight, and inside the house, plenty of perches, and, in breeding time, husks and nesting receptacles.

Both Interesting and Good Fun.

Such a home for one's birds gives endless pleasure to the owner, and is always of interest to friends. The birds live all through the winter in health and strength, singing lustily during the dreariest days. Ailments are very few, and even birds that have been wheezing indoors may sometimes be cured by being put outside, provided, of course, that the change be made during mild and settled weather. Even the ice may have to be broken for one's birds to drink and bathe, and still they will sing. The constant fresh air and movement in free flight make for lovely birds. Then the fun of watching a mixed lot of birds is good sport. Here is a grave sullen-looking Ribbon Finch, hissing and screwing his neck round, and finally bouncing suddenly out of his husk to catch a rude little Zebra Finch cock who *will* keep on peeping in at his doorway, and who always manages to just get away in time, however long they keep up the game. Then there is the Java Sparrow cock, bowing slowly three times, and then dancing up and down while he sings to his mate. Maybe the little Zebra sets up house-keeping, and we see him being chased all over the ground by a little group of tiny vigorous babies all intent on cornering him; then comes that curious pumping operation when they are being fed.

All these things one may see with practically little or no trouble—a constant daily delight! In the aviary described, scores of birds have been bred, chiefly foreigners, and some Canaries and Mules. I generally bring indoors the best Canaries and pair them in the usual breeding cages, putting out the youngsters as soon as they can safely look after themselves. Bird-keeping is one of the most charming of hobbies for those who love nature and nature's ways.

Correspondence.

A Linnet Which Has Turned Almost White.

Sir,—A friend of mine, Mr. F. Parsons, of Totterdown, Bristol, purchased a Linnet about three years ago, and now it has turned nearly white. Through the medium of your paper, Cage Birds, I should be glad to hear if any fancier could throw any light on the Linnet changing its colour in this manner.

J. H. Buckland.

A Last Appeal to Members of the Annfield Plain F. & F.C.B.S.

Sir,—I shall be greatly indebted to members if they will kindly attend our next meeting, May 10, Queen's Hotel, at 7.30, to consider the society's affairs. I have already called three meetings without success; this is my last appeal. A motion was passed at last meeting to run only cage birds and bantams. Members please attend and express your views.

J. W. Christon.

Are "Breeders' Cups" a Success?

Sir,—Owing to divergencies of opinion concerning breeders' cups, I should be glad if secretaries and others will kindly give through the columns of Cage Birds their experiences as to whether the competition for breeders' cups has been found to be successful or otherwise. That is to say, has it worked harmoniously, and with no ill effects to the societies adopting the competition, that only birds bred by the exhibitor can compete for the said cup?

H. W. Tomsett.

The Breeding of Yellows from Two Buffs.

The Effect of Thunder on Eggs.

Sir,—Much as I appreciate Mr. J. Robson's lecture published last week I was not much struck on his answer given to Mr. T. D. Jackson. The question asked was: "Is it possible to breed yellows from two buffs, and if not, why not?" The answer was: "I have heard of it being done, but think it is supposition, as I do not believe it possible." I know by my own experience, however, that it is quite possible to breed a yellow from two buffs, the same as it is buffs from two yellows. I have done this both from Norwich and Cinnamons. I have experimented a few times in 27 years in this respect. I find it a royal road to success to get that nice salmon undercolour with good frosting, or meal. Therefore I conclude that Mr. Robson's answer is misleading, more especially to young fanciers. My advice is, try it and see; only work upon the right material to do it. As regard thunder affecting young birds in the shell, should the eggs be on the change, I feel confident that thunder does addle and spoil the eggs (just as it affects milk). I would like to say more on these subjects, but time won't allow. I hope Mr. Robson will take this letter in a friendly spirit.

J. Garner.

The R.S.P.C.A. and the Hobby of Bird-keeping.

Sir,—The letter of Mr. J. W. Cutmore, which purports to be a reply to my letter, is practically a duplicate of his first letter, and it almost seems that, in his frantic efforts to burke the points I raised, he has blundered into the dank pastures of evasion. As this matter is far more important than it at first sight seems, I feel I must crave your indulgence while I elaborate upon the two (for there are only two now that the "political" aspect is barred) points I touched upon in my last letter, in order to give Mr. Cutmore another chance of replying. I have not denied that cruelty possibly exists in the direction (and possibly also to the extent) that Mr. Cutmore has indicated, what I have said is that it is eminently unwise to attempt to answer the charges of the R.S.P.C.A. by bringing charges against others. On the face of it, it destroys all right to immunity from attack in our own hobby. Such a sentence also as "there is a far greater field for the attention of the R.S.P.C.A. in . . . . . " is obviously by inference an admission that the Fancy presents a "field for attention" also, if only a small one. We must fight our case on its own merits, for to attempt to hide the issue behind extraneous subjects is vain, and inspires the idea in our enemies that we cannot defend our position. In regard to the second point, I am afraid, sir, you are just as culpable as Mr. Cutmore. I want you, please to receive these remarks in the friendly spirit they are intended, and as the honest expression of the opinions of one who has the best interests of the Fancy at heart. Do you think, when you have Mr. Fulljames in one part of your paper doing his utmost to defeat the designs of the R.S.P.C.A., and inspiring and banding together fanciers to form a league for the protection of the Fancy, that it is wise to print in another column of your paper such sentences as that the Fancy is "easy prey," and that "the poor man must not keep a bird in a cage," thereby not only adding to Mr. Fulljames' difficulties, but also discouraging our friends and encouraging our enemies? It is idle to plead that you are not responsible for the opinions of your correspondents, you, as the guardian of the Fancy, should exercise a wise discrimination in the letters you print, and not sully your pages with letters which anticipate defeat (as Mr. Cutmore's distinctly does).

A. R. Coe.

Mr. Coe's attitude, we must frankly say, is incomprehensible to us. We cannot see anything in Mr. Cutmore's letters which implies "anticipated defeat." Further, is it not true that "poor men" have been prosecuted and that they have been "easy prey" when fighting their cases themselves—mainly by reason of the fact that they were unfortunate enough to be poor? In properly defended cases the percentage of successful prosecutions is almost negligible—surely the moral that fanciers should unite for protection and make their voices heard is obvious. We are sorry to differ with Mr. Coe, but we say most emphatically that it is scandalous that certain of the "sports," etc., enumerated by Mr. Cutmore should be tacitly winked at by a society like the R.S.P.C.A., whilst bird-dealers are being unjustly (vide the remarks of more than one magistrate) harried.—Editor.

Hearing the Song of the Nightingale.

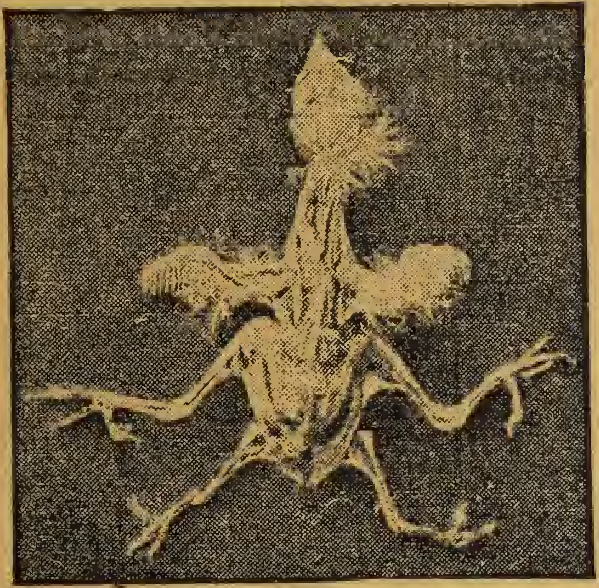
Sir,—Seeing that "Irishman" would like to hear the song of the Nightingale, if he comes down to Sheringham (Norfolk) before the end of July he can hear dozens of them in Sheringham Woods by night or day. The woods are grand to walk through. Nightingales were doing their best on Sunday night last.

E. Sadler.

A Robin's Nest in a Pulpit.

Sir,—The following kindly act of one of our local clergy may interest your readers. At Colinton (a pretty little village about four miles from Edinburgh, whose sheltered woods are a regular haunt of countless birds), a pair of Robins, attracted no doubt by the week-day quietness of the place, have built their nest in the pulpit of the ancient Parish Church. Last Sunday found the hen sitting on her eggs when the church officer arrived to open the church for service. For a few minutes consternation prevailed in the minds of the parent birds, but the clergyman, on being informed of the unusual and interesting fact, at once decided to leave them undisturbed, and conducted the whole service from the lectern instead.

Dan McArthur.



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A REAL FREAK!

NOTED BREEDER'S FOUR-LEGGED NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

This photograph is of the young bird described by Mr. E. Baker, of Cowes, in the note published on page 390 last week. Mr. Baker regretfully informs us that the youngster died last Friday (May 2nd), being thrown out of the nest by its parents when just a week old. He has had it preserved in spirits.

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Affairs of the Bush Hill Park F.S

Sir,—When is the secretary of the Bush Hill Park F.S. going to call a general meeting, and let us know the position of the society for 1912?

H. G. Mercer,
Late Secretary.

A Noted Siskin Mule that is a Household Pet.

Sir,—I can scarcely tell you how delighted my son was at seeing a picture of his favourite Siskin Mule, "Kelly," honoured with a place in Cage Birds last week. The bird has, as you say, won him many honours, taking first prizes at the Crystal Palace, Scottish National, Newcastle, Gateshead, Blaydon, Wallsend, etc., Shows. It has been much sought after, but it is a household pet, and if I dared to sell him I would have the whole family up in arms. In fact, Mrs. J. swears that if I should sell him she will never give my birds another drink of water! So I am afraid it would be dangerous to do so, as she is about as keen on birds as myself, and a big help to me. I wish Cage Birds continued prosperity, and thank Mr. Norman for his splendid picture of the Siskin Mule.

James Johnston.

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Two Eggs in One Day.

Sir,—Please allow me to thank Mr. Everard for so kindly replying to my question re two eggs in one day. The imperfect egg, I should have mentioned, I threw away, as the skin had been pricked, but the other two eggs (she laid three) I let her sit for fifteen days, when I took them out, and broke them. One of them (the first egg she laid) dried up in the shell, and the other one (one of the "twin" eggs) was unfertile. Again thanking Mr. Everard for his kindness, and wishing him (and fanciers generally) a successful breeding season.

N. Pollitt.

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's Classification.

Are Clears unfairly Handicapped against Invisible Ticked Birds?

Sir,—I am sorry that such an excellent fancier and friend as Mr. Rowe has for years proved himself to be, should have thought it necessary to object to the classification laid down by the S.N.P.C., and adopted by the Western Counties Ornithological Society. Mr. Rowe must remember, and no doubt does, that the classification is the result of much serious discussion by the Fancy some time ago. Many arguments were adduced in its favour in that discussion, the most powerful being the possible inability of judges to always determine accurately whether a bird was ticked or not without catching every bird in the class, and subjecting same to a severe scrutiny. This was felt by the Fancy to be a bad process, and very risky into the bargain, as however careful a judge may be, there was always a strong probability that some birds would get damaged. Moreover, many ticked birds actually got through as "clears," so minute and difficult to find was the tick. And, again, there was the possibility of these minutely ticked birds appearing in a ticked class one day and a clear the next, so easy was the process of transformation, and so difficult of detection. Even when these minutely ticked birds are entered in the ticked class they must of necessity be caught to find the ticks, and for the judge to satisfy himself they are not "clears," and the same risk of damage was present as if the judge was examining for ticks in the clear class. The whole thing was unsatisfactory. Many societies ridiculed it out of existence, and adopted the more sound, easy, safe, and fair classification—"clear or invisible ticked yellow, ditto buff." It has worked well, and I feel sure Mr. Rowe is unnecessarily disturbed when he points to the old "ideal of clear," and concludes that the tremendous difference in colour of an invisible tick is going to give the latter bird such a great superiority in a class for clears or invisible ticks. His extreme nervousness over the fate of the clear bird is, I think, not justified, as I am sure he will see on reflection. A clear bird—a good yellow, say—is as valuable to-day as ever it was. Moreover, he must have forgotten in his zeal for the safety of the clear bird—a zeal which is in some respects commendable—that a Norwich bird to-day is not looked upon solely as a bird of colour. Something else is required on the show bench to-day besides colour. Twenty years ago, in the hot pepper craze, it might have been so, but things have changed, and I am sure Mr. Rowe does not object to progress on sound lines. What is wanted now is shape and quality as well as colour; in fact, I believe judges have become quite unanimous upon this arrangement of things—shape, quality, and colour in order of merit named. The pivot upon which the chances of a Norwich bird turn to-day is type. Without type first, and quality next, it is out of the hunt with five judges out of six. Colour is easy enough to get by the use of tasteless pepper if you have a reasonable amount of colour bred in also. It is type and quality, I repeat, that count the heaviest, so that the clear bird is in no danger that way, and I hope Mr. Rowe will recognise this. I feel sure he will do so, and not be dominated by ideas of twenty years ago. On the strength of the old, "as it was in the beginning," etc., doctrine, we might be without "wireless," the 'phone, and be wearing fig leaves, and using bows and arrows. I am quite sure Mr. Rowe is too good a fancier and too good a sportsman to want to return to the old and unsatisfactory order of things.

W. Spillman.

A Hen Canary's Adventure.

Sir,—Most bird fanciers can recall remarkable incidents connected with their feathered pets, but it is questionable if any can relate anything like that which Mr. Cleberg, Lockerbie Road, on the outskirts of Dumfries has experienced this week. The other morning one of his hen Canaries, which has three young birds, accidentally escaped from his aviary. The bird disappeared, and Mr. Cleberg considered it was lost for ever. His surprise and delight can well be imagined when in the butcher market in Loreburn Street in the centre of the town, where he has an extensive business, the bird was again seen and captured. On being liberated at the aviary later in the day it immediately flew to its nest to attend to its little ones.

S. Warwick.

Rearing Young Canaries on Bread and Milk.

Sir,—About five years ago I saw an advertisement offering some Canaries for sale, so, being very fond of all kinds of birds, I thought I would venture and try breeding Canaries, and I bought a pair. I got a large wooden biscuit box, and made a breeding cage, putting up a wooden platform and a rope nest. I put the birds in about the beginning of April, and in due course the hen laid five eggs, and from same I hatched out four youngsters. Not being up in the Fancy, and no one breeding birds at the time in this district, I was very anxious to learn what to feed them upon. A person told me he had heard of birds being reared on bread and milk, and in the following manner I reared my birds. I got a slice of bread half across a loaf, put it in a bowl of boiling water, and let it remain there for twenty minutes or more. I then got a small strainer, and pressed all the water out of it. I put about four large tablespoonfuls of milk in a tin and boiled it, adding one teaspoonful of granulated sugar when boiling, and poured the lot over the bread. I then strained off the milk, leaving the bread nice and "crumbly" moist, and gave this three times daily to my birds. I reared the first nest all right, and in the next nest I had three young, one of which died in seven days. I reared seven birds altogether, feeding on this and two leaves daily of dandelion. I never gave them any egg feeding, as I was just commencing the Fancy, and did not know of egg food. I also supplied cracked hemp three times daily.

W. J. McKinney.

(CORRESPONDENCE.—Continued on page 414.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MAKES SUCKING NOISE (Will Pill).—It is not very unusual for a sitting hen to show symptoms of a slight cold, particularly during such a spell of weather as we have lately experienced. If the hen is usually in good health and vigorous, this trouble will probably pass off by the time incubation is completed. To help her to throw it off stick a small crust of stale bread soaked in boiling milk, with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, in the wires next the seed hopper for her to nibble at when she comes off to feed. Put a fresh piece in every morning for four or five days. There was practically no risk of the cock contracting the complaint had he been allowed to remain with the hen.

GROWTH AT TIP OF TOE (W.W.W.).—It is possible for the ball-like substance to be an accumulation of sand and dirt from floor of cage, which has collected and become hardened. If this is so, it only requires the foot soaking in warm water for a few minutes, then carefully manipulate the ball and remove it, but use no force. Rinse foot clean, dry, and smear slightly with vaseline. If this surmise is wrong, then the substance is doubtless an abortive nail-growth, and amputation is the best remedy. This, however, should always be avoided if possible, and if unavoidable, a veterinary or medical man is the best person to do the job. Before deciding on this try bathing the foot daily for a few minutes in a luke-warm solution of Wych Hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—then dry, and apply a drop of the undiluted extract to the place, holding the bird whilst it dries a little. If after a week of this treatment the foot has improved, and is less painful, continue it for a time, when amputation may not be at all necessary. Only the actual experiment could prove whether it would stop bird singing permanently. If in good health otherwise, I should say it probably would not.

EMBONPOINT (F.E.W.).—You omit to say whether the hen is breeding, but I suspect not, if she is excessively fat. If a diet of plain canary seed has no effect, you can do nothing more than give her plenty of exercise, and limit the quantity as well as the quality of her diet. Put her in an aviary or a large flight, not over-crowded with perches, and allow her only a small teaspoonful of solid food per day. Give plain canary as staple, and twice each week reduce the quantity of this by one-half and add half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, millet, niger, and teazle. Give a liberal supply of green food daily. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, but do not allow waste seeds to accumulate for the bird to fall back upon. Limit diet strictly to this for a month, or until bird is sufficiently reduced. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

IS IT VIBRATION? (P.D.R.).—At first sight your results do really seem to make out a case against vibration as the cause of young dying in shell, but I am more inclined to think the recent weather, and consequently weak embryos or chilled eggs, or both, is at the root of the mischief, and advise you to at least see the results of the next round, for which we may reasonably hope the weather will be more favourable, before forming a definite conclusion. If the weather should prove tolerably fair and your results are again anything like as unsatisfactory, I would advise you to try the following test of the vibration theory. Get some small vibration pads, made of rubber, such as are used to absorb vibration in the cabinets of gramophones and such-like machines. If your cages stand on racks or shelves, fix one of these pads at each corner underneath each cage, and do not set cages flat against the wall, or if it is advisable to do so for safety, then fix another on the back of each cage at each top corner, so that the pads and not cages will rest against wall. If the cages hang on nails, it will only be necessary to fix a pad at each corner on the back, but this will not absorb the vibration so thoroughly as if the cages stood on the pads and were isolated from the wall by pads on back. Then get a friend who is not troubled with this vibration to exchange a clutch or two of common eggs with you, when the results of this round in both situations would afford some more satisfactory clue to work on. If you consider for a moment the number of wild birds, for instance, bred on a railway embankment, where traffic vibration is certainly not at a minimum, you will see that this theory needs very strong and clear proof to carry conviction.

CLEAR EGGS (Novice, J.S.).—We seem to have a plethora of "Novice" signatures this week, hence I am adding initials to distinguish them. You do not say how many pairs, or hens, you are running, but as you have practically one youngster three weeks old to every two clear eggs, you have not done so very badly considering the recent weather conditions. See reply to "Extra Bad," last week; then don't grumble at your first round. When the hens are going to nest again, give to each pair every second day, in addition to the staple diet, a small teaspoonful of egg-food, with half its bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it. On the alternate days give a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, linseed, and teazle. Give two or three fresh crisp leaves of dandelion daily. When the hens have laid their clutches, drop these extras and give only the staple diet whilst sitting.

TIME TO STOP SOFT FOOD (Nosey Parker).—No hard and fast rule could be laid down as to the exact age to stop giving soft-food to the young, as the time must naturally vary according to the vigour and strength of the youngsters. After they are quite separated from the parents you should give a fair quantity, say, a small teaspoonful to each bird daily, or a heaped teaspoonful to every three, and when the birds are eating canary seed quite freely, gradually reduce the soft-food, say, by adding an extra bird to each teaspoonful allowed every week; thus, at the first reduction allow a teaspoonful to every four birds instead of three; a week later allow a teaspoonful to every five birds; and so on until birds are eight or nine weeks old. At this stage you may safely drop the soft-food altogether for a day at a time, and in the course of a fortnight withdraw it to the extent of allowing only a small teaspoonful per bird twice a week. As your only trouble seems to occur during this weaning process, it is quite likely you stop the soft-food too early, but if you adopt the above system you may be sure of being on the safe side, and any extra strong or forward birds that might really be got on seed earlier will take no harm from the little extra soft-food they will get, but rather benefit thereby.

LOSS OF VOICE (Sally).—It is quite useless attempting to breed with either of these birds at present, and it would be most unwise to breed from No. 1 at all. Therefore, as you seem anxious to get to work, the best advice I can give you is to discard these cocks altogether, and substitute a robust healthy bird in good song. The condition of both birds is practically certain to be due to undue exposure to cold draughts or damp. Keep both in a comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, but as equable as possible, well ventilated, but free from draughts and fumes from burning lights in the evenings, and just away from the chilly cold side. In addition to staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, every second day for a month. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed. A little green-food may be given daily, and a pinch of mixed seed twice a week. In the drinking water add ten drops each of glycerine and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and afterwards twenty drops of the following mixture every second day for a month if necessary:—Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

SITTING ON NEST (Novice).—As you say you do not know whether the hen is a Mule or a Canary, you had better in the first place find out the fact. Cannot you get some fancier near you to examine the bird and tell you this? If it is a Mule it is useless trying to breed with her. I am not clear what you mean by Linnet marking on wings and eyes. If she is marked in these places with a brownish colour I suspect she is cinnamon-marked, but this might be the case with either Mule or Canary—though the Mule would be least likely of the two. If the hen is a Canary, take away the nest for a week, and feed the birds as advised to "Novice, J.S.," in this issue. You might, in addition, chop finely two mealworms, if any are available, and mix in the egg-food each time. Every second day for a week dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water, and in the next week add to it six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day. After a week or so give the hen the nest again, and if she again settles down to sit in it without laying, after a reasonable interval, to see if the eggs are forthcoming, give her a clutch of common eggs to hatch out and rear if she will do so.

DIFFICULT HATCHING AND EGG-BINDING (A. E. Long).—(1) There are such a variety of causes which might explain the shells sticking to the young when hatching that it is not possible to single out one with no data to go upon. It may be due to a weakly chick and imperfect absorption of the yolk, or it may be due to a dry tough membrane which clings to both bird and outer shell. In the latter case immersion in warm water for a few moments two or three times on day of date for hatching will frequently prove successful. Exceptionally weak and fragile shells, clumsiness in the hen, too much or unskilful handling, are also probable causes, so you see it is necessary to know some particulars concerning general treatment before advising on such a matter. (2) You ought to have said whether the second egg with which this hen becomes egg-bound is properly shelled when laid. It is, I suspect, due to a weakly constitution, and the first egg, which does not trouble her, is somewhere near the limit of her strength. Next time she is going to nest get a little old mortar, smash it up, and strew over the sand on floor of cage, in addition to giving cuttlefish. Also add to the water every second day 20 drops of whisky and 10 of glycerine. Stop giving dandelion, and substitute chickweed, or flowering heads of groundsel.

IN NEED OF OILING (A Novice, F.B.).—The bird has doubtless been temporarily exposed to draught. See that these exciting causes are quite eliminated for a time, and treat the bird for a fortnight the same as advised for two cocks to "Sally." In the water give first six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece daily for three days. After this give the chlorodyne mixture mentioned in reply referred to for a fortnight, if necessary.

HEN'S CURIOUS BEHAVIOUR (F.H.).—The way your hen behaved on the occasion referred to is decidedly characteristic of nervousness, or stage fright, which would be quite a passing panic, so to speak, perhaps brought about by sudden and unexpected lifting of the cover over the cage. By the bye, what object have you in keeping the cage covered whilst birds are breeding? It will certainly not increase your chances of success, nor help the hen to overcome her nervousness. I suspect this hen will brook very little interference with her nesting arrangements, so you would do well to keep your curiosity in check as much as possible when the young are hatched. Your Mule query should have been on a separate sheet for Mr. Weston. See his column for reply.

A SMALL WHITE SPOT (Novice, Nest-feather).—Sorry, but I cannot give you a cure for that small white spot on the pupil of the eye. It is cataract, and nothing you can do will be of any avail. Whether it will affect the other eye or not only time can show. As a rule, it does affect both eyes, and it is generally only a matter of time before the bird becomes practically totally blind. Unfortunately, there is no certain way to prevent the other eye becoming affected. You can only aim at keeping the bird in a high condition of health, and in bright and healthful surroundings, and trust to chance to favour you and the bird.

AN INJURED LEG (Jake).—It would have been very helpful had you enclosed a little sketch, no matter how crude, to show how the leg hangs, whether in front, behind, or over the perch, and also said whether it hangs limp or is carried rigid. I can only gather from your description that the leg is probably fractured somewhere, and I suspect just above the joint where the downy feathers cease. If this is the case, the only rational treatment if the leg hung limp when first noticed, was to get a veterinary to either set or amputate, as seemed most advisable, as the fracture does not seem to be located where amateur interference is at all commendable. If the limb was carried rigid, then the proper treatment was to put the bird in a moderate-sized cage, with low perches, and with food and water very easily accessible, and throw a cover over cage to keep it as quiet and restful as possible until it began to move about voluntarily—the object being, of course, to secure as complete rest as possible, and leave Nature to repair the injury. You may do this now, though I fear the injury has been neglected too long, and the bird will either lose part of its leg by sloughing, or its life from septic poisoning from the injury.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

NOT LAYING (Hac.).—The birds were probably not very forward when you put them together, and in any case it is too early to lose hope yet. Leave them together, and in addition to your staple seed dietary, give to each pair a teaspoonful of egg food with half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed in it every second day. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and black rape or cole, same as sample sent, with just a sprinkling of mustard seed. Give three or four moderate-sized leaves of dandelion daily. This treatment should quickly have the desired effect. The sample of seed sent is not charlock, though I have known it submitted by one or two dealers as such. It is usually sold as cole, which, I fancy, is correct.

SITTING HEN SNEEZING (S.G.).—It may—probably is—the consequence of a slight chill, which may have passed off by now. But, considering your Goldfinch's condition you would do well to see whether the birds are exposed to cold draughts, extreme fluctuations of heat and cold, or the fumes of heated impure air. If this is so, you must not expect any permanent improvement until the conditions are altered and the birds kept in more healthy surroundings and a pure atmosphere. If the hen is still affected, stick a crust of stale bread, scalded with milk, four drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, in the wires against the seed hopper, so that she may have a few pecks at it when she comes off to feed. Put a fresh piece in daily, if necessary, until the day before young are due to hatch, when you will start giving egg-food. In the drinking water you may give 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and three of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, for two or three days. This, however, should not be given when young are near hatching. Certainly, allow her to bring up the young if she will do so, but you would also do well to try to be provided with a foster hen in case her help should be needed to save any young that may hatch.

DETERIORATION OF YORKSHIRES (Novice, C.W.C.).—There is certainly a screw loose somewhere in your management, though I cannot put my finger on it with certainty from the particulars you give. What is the bathing attachment you mention, and does it hang on cage for hours together, or does the floor of cage ever get wet? Is your gritty sand quite clean, or does it contain a lot of reddish dust which helps to soil the plumage? When you receive the birds, judging from your description, they have been washed by hand and "toiletted" the same as practically all Canaries are before exhibition. But you must not expect them to retain this spick-and-span appearance permanently. Under the most favourable circumstances possible a certain amount of griminess soon appears about the neck, wings, and tail. But they should not become bedraggled, nor drop their wings. Handwashing should not be resorted to except when absolutely necessary, and spraying, save in exceptional cases, I admire more in the breach than the observance. Try following treatment for a few weeks, and if bird's condition does not improve, write again and give fullest particulars. Give the same staple seed mixture in the hoppers, and in addition feed the same as advised to "Hac" in this issue, but give only two dandelion leaves daily. Keep cage floors well strewn with gritty sand, but see that it is free from fine grimy dust, and clean cages well at least once a week. See that perches are kept clean and the air in the room as free from dust and smoke as possible. By-the-bye, I wonder if you have been using an oil stove or lamp in the room. If so, this may be at the root of the trouble. Give fresh clean water daily, and hang a bath on each cage for 15 or 20 minutes daily, after which remove it, whether birds have bathed or not. Again, do you add any insecticide to bathing water? If so, stop it until you report result of this treatment. You would probably find "Canary Breeding for Beginners" very helpful to you.

GOING BARE ON NECK (Roller Cock).—(1) You cannot give the bird proper treatment for loss of feathers whilst he is breeding and helping to rear young. When you separate him you may treat for a month as advised to "W.M." this week, when the plumage will probably be reproduced again at the moulting season. As you say the same thing occurred at this season last year, if there is no question of his mate's innocence in the matter, you should look well into the possibility of red mites or grey lice—the latter are the most likely being the cause. Give a bath twice a week in which a few drops of quassia essence have been mixed. It is not in the least likely that giving green food is the cause of the trouble. (2) Treat the Border hen the same as advised to "Sally," for two cocks this week, and see that all exciting causes of bronchial troubles are eliminated as far as possible.

BARE HEADS (W.M.).—Unless the feathers are reproduced in a month or so I would advise you not to breed again with these birds, as there is a certain amount of risk of breeding the defect into your stock. You cannot do better than continue the treatment advised to "W.J.A." in issue of April 26th for a month, and if that does not have the desired effect write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further. I doubt, however, whether any improvement will take place before next moulting season, unless it occurs within the next month. If you apply the sulphur ointment sparingly, only just moistening the skin, there will be no risk whatever of it causing any loss of feathers. You may continue giving a bath with quassia in twice a week, but you should know that this is no real test for the presence of red mites. You should thoroughly examine the cage at ends of perches, joints of door, and any crack or open joint, when, if present, you will doubtless soon get ocular proof of the fact.

PANTING AND TAIL MOVING (First Shot).—I'm afraid this hen must have contracted a serious cold during the severe spell of weather when she would be just going to nest, and it is doubtful whether she will get through the incubation stage successfully. Therefore, if you have another hen or two with clutches of eggs at about the same stage of incubation, I would advise you to share these eggs amongst them, or even give them all to one hen with a clutch consisting mostly of clear eggs when tested by strong light, if you are so unfortunate as to have one such. Then take away the nest, cage this hen alone, and treat her for a fortnight or three weeks, as may seem necessary, the same as advised to "Sally" in this issue. If you have no other hen to take charge of the eggs, then you can only trust to chance to favour you, and leave the birds together and give a morsel of bread and milk daily for a few days as advised to "S.G.," but add the chlorodyne mixture (mentioned in first-named reply) to the water instead of the eucalyptus mixture. If young are hatched they will not necessarily be affected by reason of this trouble of the hen. The greatest risk will be that the hen may not feed, in which case, again, a foster-hen is the best, if not the only, way out. Of course, leave the Linnet with her if she goes on sitting. If a "gem" he may perhaps save the situation.

SEED SAMPLES (Tin Hat).—No. 1, Canary, an excellent all-round sample, large, very plump, sweet and clean, may be not quite so well ripened as No. 3, but otherwise practically the same quality. No. 2 canary, another excellent alround sample; No. 3 canary, in size, ripeness, cleanness, sweetness, and plumpness, quite A1. No. 4 canary: Of good size and quality, but rather thin. In order of merit I place them 3, 1, 2, 4. Summer rape: No. 1 is clean and mild, and of very good quality. No. 2 seems practically the same as No. 1, save that it is brighter and larger. May be a specially cleaned and graded sample of No. 1. In order of merit I place them No. 1 and No. 2, as there is the possibility of No. 2 being a mixture of so-called bird-rapes. Hemp: No. 1 is rather small in size, but sound, clean, and sweet in kernel, and of very nice quality. No. 2 is larger and better-looking, but is of a decidedly poorer quality. Except No. 2 hemp all the seeds are eminently suitable for feeding Canaries. No. 2 hemp may be still quite safe to use, but it is scarcely wise to use it when you can get No. 1.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GOULDIAN FINCHES, ETC. (R.P.P.).—Nutshell No. 14 will tell you all about general food and treatment. With newly-purchased Gouldians it is a matter of nursing at first. Give them only boiled water to drink, and put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water once or twice a week for, say, a month, but the state of the bowels must regulate the frequency of the doses. Get a bottle of Ditchfield's Tonic Drops (it has been advertised in "C.B." F. Ditchfield, Oldham), and give these according to directions on bottle. Supply millet sprays and fresh flowering (seeding) grass liberally; give them plenty of fresh air without draught, and ample space for exercise. Re insurance, you can insure against burglary, fire and flood, I believe, but not, I think, against natural causes; send a query to the Editor on this point. Your remarks re your birds interested me.

[We do not know of any company which will insure against birds dying from natural causes.—ED.]

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (F. B.).—You ought not to have more than three breeding pairs in your aviary, and the young should either be sold or removed to other quarters as soon as they can fend for themselves. At least six husks should be hung up for them, as far apart as space permits. As the aviary is all wire, even though it is under glass, you must watch that in ventilating there is no draught passing through the aviary. As regards the Finches and Waxbills, cokernut shell nests, square boxes, Hartz travelling cages, and rush nests, are all favoured, and it would be as well to put up a variety, and at least double the number of nest receptacles that you have pairs of birds. Avoid overcrowding; supply only the best seed; keep strictly clean; supply green food, particularly flowering (seeding) grass ad lib., and you should have good luck; but the larger your space the greater this is likely to be.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (Gould).—It may be as you say that insufficient crushed eggshell may have given them the habit, but I have never found this work out so. I am afraid your pair are beyond redemption. There are two courses open to you, viz., to give this, your best breeding cage I take it, to your next best pair, or to give the hen another trial with a different male. Of course, you could try the removing of the cock, but you will have to keep him out during the whole incubation period and only re-introduce him when the young are a few days old; but if there are only about two young, then the hen may rear them without his assistance; it will, at any rate, prove whether she is an egg-eater, too!

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (K.).—So long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days give 20 drops of the chemical food in the drinking water. Stop moistening the bread or biscuit in tea, but moisten with chemical food and water. A better seed mixture would be one quart each canary and white millet, one pint each oats, hemp, and paddy rice, and half a pint each wheat, dari, small maize, sunflower seeds and shelled nuts. Well mix the whole. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and green food. Cuttlebone and grit must also be continually in the cage. The Blue-front is a hardy species and must have plenty of light and fresh air without draught.

ST. HELENA WAXBILLS (Broom-flower).—Waxbills, including the Avadavats, are all more or less prone to preening each other's plumage and pulling out the feathers while doing so, to a greater or lesser degree when confined together in cages, the St. Helenas perhaps less so than others, and I do not think a pair with a roomy cage would pluck each other. The St. Helena has rather a nice little song, but when you ask "have they an irritating call note?" you certainly present a poser, for in this respect "what is one man's meat is another's poison." Personally, I do not consider any of the Waxbills so afflicted, but then, again, I may not have a musical ear! Our Nutshell "Waxbills," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

YOUNG AFRICAN GREY PARROT (H. Epps).—You should get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, as it is impossible to give full details in this column. Give boiled maize. This only keeps fresh one day. Boil till soft. Drain off all water, then soak into it about 10 drops of Byno-phosphates. In addition, supply a mixture of 2 parts each canary and white millet, and 1 part each crushed oats, dari, hemp, and sunflower seed. As regards ripe fruit, sweet apple and banana is best; a stale crust or piece of biscuit lightly moistened with tepid water can also be given; also one or two shelled Spanish nuts if it will take them. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Parrots are often entirely deprived of both water and grit during the voyage; and it is dangerous to supply these ad lib on arrival. Do not keep water in the cage, but let it have a few sips of tepid water twice a day for the first week, and then gradually increase the frequency with which you offer it, and in a few weeks it should be safe to keep it in the cage; the same applies to grit, only put in a small pinch daily at first and then gradually increase the quantity. You should well scald out your cage before using it.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (8d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." A 1 thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (F. Hinton).—If you put in a pair of Zebra Finches you will have sufficient birds for breeding purposes. Black-headed Nuns are very shy breeders in captivity, but the Zebra Finches and Cutthroats should prove certain breeders, and the Spice Finches and Java Sparrows probables. I am of the opinion that they will all agree together, but there is so much individualism with all species of birds that no hard and fast line can be drawn. In some mixed series Java Sparrows give trouble. You must watch them, and if they should bully their weaker neighbours you must remove them. The Linnets and Canaries should cross. To prevent them fighting for a particular nesting site, supply at least double the number of boxes, bushes, and rush nests as nest receptacles, as you have pairs of birds. You must not expect all to breed, but some of them should successfully bring off young. I am, rightly, not allowed to recommend special dealers, you must consult our pages and choose for yourself, but I always advise their being procured from some local man if he has got what you want. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½., post free, from our Manager, would help you.

WILL THEY BREED IN CAGES? (Antony).—Cutthroats, Spice Finches, and Fire Finches, have all been bred in cages, but I do not know of any instance of Weavers having done so, neither do I consider it at all probable. You cannot put up pairs of foreign species for breeding, and expect results with the same precision as domesticated Canaries, or at least if you expect it, your expectations will not be realised; they take longer to settle down, and you should put your pairs up together, at once, in cages not smaller than a "double-breeder" with the partitions removed, and await results. A nest-box should be placed at each end of the cage, screened by a bunch of twiggy branches, supply hay, long grass, and a little moss as nesting material, and do not interfere with the nests.

BADLY SCARED PARROT (L. Evans).—The Parrot was badly scared by the dog, and time alone can undo the mischief, combined with kindness and gentleness on your part, and the avoidance of anything likely to scare it in its vicinity. The bird has evidently been much upset, and has received a shock from which it will take some time to recover; it is a pity it was not removed to another room at once when you noticed the effect of the dog's presence, and the sight of a small dog at any time may renew the trouble, and should be guarded against. I should put a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, say for a month, providing the voidings are not watery-loose; on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Fuss about with it, fondle it, and offer it tit-bits (nothing unwholesome though) from your fingers, talking gently to it the while. The bird should gradually recover from the shock and regain confidence.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A LINNET FOR MULING (Northlands).—For a reply to your question concerning the Parrot, see our Mr. W. T. Page's column next week; note the rule respecting the "mixing" of queries. The Linnet and hen Canary couple you should treat as follows:—The stock seed mixture (if you are keeping the two birds together) should be Canary and teazle, one and a half pints each; summer rape, half a pint. Then make up three mixtures as follows:—(a) Hemp, two parts; niger, one part; linseed, half a part by measure; (b) maw, thistle, dandelion, charlock, sesame, gold of pleasure, and lettuce equal parts of each, likewise by measure; (c) a good wild seed mixture. A heaping teaspoonful of one of these three mixtures should be given the birds every day (in a separate vessel; not with the stock mixture), taking them in turn. This treatment will bring them into the best possible condition, providing the birds are in good health, and are being kept under proper conditions. Egg bread should not be given until your Linnet is very near breeding condition, which you can tell by his song and the colour of his beak, as it will only bring your hen to nest before the Linnet is fit. Of course, your hen may already have been breeding, for most hens will be in nesting condition by now; your letter is very vague, however. All the early, young, tender dandelion leaves you can find should be gathered, likewise shepherd's purse, chickweed, and groundsel tops, and a good feed be given the birds daily. If they don't breed under this treatment, they will never breed at all. If you are keeping the hen Canary apart from the Linnet, let her have plain canary seed one day, and the above mixture the next. You need not give her the wild seeds, but she should have a little of the other two (a and b).

PROVIDING HEN BULLFINCH WITH A NEST (T. Porter).—You should cut out replies likely to be wanted; or have your copies of "C.B." bound; then you would not want answers repeating. The nest (or nest-box) should be screened in any case, either with dead broom, gorse, fir, etc., or brown paper, fixed over one corner of the cage front. The easiest and best way to provide acceptable nesting material is to go out and collect and store old (but good) Greenfinch, Linnet, etc., nests—in fact, practically any Finch nests—and pull them to pieces when wanted. Thrushes and Blackbirds' nests are all right at a pinch; with the help of a nest-bag, in addition, at all times. Many hen Bullies (and other British hens, too) will build in (sort of re-line) an old Blackbird or Thrush nest when nothing else will tempt them, and lay their eggs therein, too, seldom dropping them on the floor. A suitably sized sod of clover grass (or turf), something like that given to Larks, with a shallow, cup-shaped depression beaten into it, will also invariably induce them to build thereon; or even a heap of dried grasses. To avoid mould (through damp) a piece of half-inch mesh wire netting should be tacked on to two strips of wood and be fastened in the breeding cage, on a level with the first cross-bar (and consequently the perches) from back to front. The piece of netting will, of course, be cut to size according to the depth of the cage. The sod should be placed on this wire netting platform. Some twigs, etc., can be twisted into the meshes so as to form at the front an effective and natural-looking screen. The old Thrush's or Blackbird's nest could be slung up in the same way; in fact, there are many little dodges one can think out. In a flight (small aviary) hen Bullies will sometimes favour a wood nest-box, and sometimes an old nest; while I have known many decline both, and build on shelves, etc.—several actually on the floor. Wicker (Roller Canary) travelling cages, with the front and inside fitments knocked out are also great favourites.

BIRDS FOR CLEAR MULING (F. H.).—There are several kinds of clear Mules, notably Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and Siskin. Most fanciers pin their faith to what are known as "Sib.-bred" hen Canaries—that is, birds that have been bred in and (relation to relation) for a good term of years—as the most likely producers of clear Mules. With all due respect to them, however, I think myself that the Finch has very much more to do with the production of clear Mules than most fanciers imagine; in fact, I consider that the case which can be made out in support of this view cannot be controverted. Your question as to "average price" of the hens is a puzzler—I see "Sibs." advertised at 2/6, and even less, while some people want pounds for them.

A MULING TROUBLE (Novice L. A.).—Your letter unfortunately contains two serious errors of fact: (1) When an egg is in the state known as addled, you cannot see the germ spot on the yolk; (2) the presence of the germ spot is not a sign that copulation has taken place—neither, I may add, is it a sign that the egg is fertile. These things being so, the bottom, so to speak, falls out of your letter. I expect that your hen laid before the Goldfinch was properly fit; that the eggs were clear is a certainty. Probably better fortune will attend her next clutch of eggs; I hope so, anyway. It is usually well into May before the average Goldfinch can be depended upon to fill eggs.

A SWELLING (A. Russell).—If the swelling is soft and obviously contains matter, then it should be opened, the matter let out, and the place washed with warm water containing a little Condy's fluid, afterwards anointing it with a little healing ointment (mild carbolic ointment, or even boracic ointment). If it is hard, there may be something there which ought to be cut out, but one cannot very well advise without seeing the bird; could you not take it to a veterinary surgeon and get his opinion? The operation, if necessary, is not an easy one for a fancier to perform. Sometimes painting with tincture of iodine daily will reduce a hard swelling. It wants carefully applying, however (keep it off the surrounding parts) and only a little using at a time.

LINNET MULE BREEDING (M. Flowers).—Note the reply given another querist this week concerning the method of feeding the birds. It would not be possible to give in this column full details of all the procedure attaching to Mule breeding; it would take up a column or two of space. Pleased to advise on any particular point you may be in difficulties over. You would, I think, get all the information you want from "The Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," a book which can be obtained from CAGE BIRDS offices, at 1/2 post free. (See back page this week.)

A GOLDFINCH MATTER (S.G.).—I think your own view as to the cause of the trouble is the correct one. Too much sunflower, hemp, and suchlike fatty seeds, is very inadvisable during the warmer months. Let the birds have a little bit of green food every day. You can no doubt easily get dandelion leaves (choose the smaller ones) and the seeding heads, likewise seeding heads of groundsel and ordinary grass (my own Finches are quite fond of the latter). Give one or two mild doses of sulphate of soda, on alternate days—as much as will just lie on a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Litchfield.—You letter has been forwarded.

M. P. Rice.—The paragraph appeared last week on page 390; evidently you overlooked it.

W. Fairless.—Thanks for photograph, which we will certainly utilise in the near future.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. Barlow Massicks.—Hen bird died as the result of fits.

R. Brookes.—Advanced fatty degeneration of the liver and kidneys. It was quite an incurable disease. I have never before encountered such an extensively diseased bird, and am surprised that it should have lived so long.

J.A.R.—Acute inflammation of the bowels probably induced as the result of poisons.

Singing Contests.

TYLDESLEY.

On Saturday, May 3, 23 members of the Tyldesley Linnet Club sat down to a splendid dinner provided by Mrs. M. Heathcote. Afterwards we had a most enjoyable evening. The following gave songs which were well rendered: Messrs. Kennedy, Newton, Partington, and Woods. Mr. Harrison accompanied. Mr. Everett also brought his dancing doll.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LANGLEY MOOR.

Linnet sing held at Victoria Inn, on May 3; 26 birds competed, and some very good time was done. 1, Wilson; 2, 3, McVoy. Owing to the death of Mr. Geo. Reed's brother-in-law he was unable to judge. Mr. J. Franks (Sunnybrow) kindly took his place, and did his work in grand style. Timekeeper, H. Ball. Next contest at Half Way House, Witton Gilbert, May 17; £2 cash given. Entrance, 1s.; 3d. back refreshments. First pair up at 2.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held May 3; 48 birds entered for four good prizes. Some very good singing was heard. Sweetry, 71; Morley, 60 and 59; Brindley, 54. Also May 4, 31 birds entered in a three-minutes' sing for three good prizes given by Mr. L. Parker. Piper, 88; Morley, 77; Caddy, 55. We are having an open sing on Whit-Tuesday, four-minutes hang, 5sec. break; first pair in the window at 1 prompt. All are welcome.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel; 30 birds entered for 3 good prizes: 1, Liversedge, 57; 2, Collison, 53: 3, Wallis, 41. General meeting held after sing. We shall be pleased to see a record entry for our open sing on May 17, when Mr. Gutteridge has kindly offered a copper kettle as 1st prize. Entry fees, 4d. per bird, will be divided into 3 prizes, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. First pair in window 3 prompt. Members' special sing, May 10, when 5s. will be added to entries; first pair of birds hung at 3.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union-street, May 3, for time. Owing to being a very wet day there was a poor entry, but there was some very good singing and time done. 1, 2, Bate, 106sec. and 101 sec.; 3, Green, 96; 4, Woodward, 85. Timekeepers, E. Hickman and J. Alldred; tappers, F. Ellaby and J. Edwards; minutes, J. Caswell. Next contest for time May 17; first pair up at 2.45. Will fanciers kindly note the contest on May 10 at Horse Shoe Inn, Westhoughton, for time; hoping to see a good muster there.—E. Hickman, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contests were held at the old Market House as follows, April 13, when Mr. Webster gave three good prizes to be sung for. 1, Watson; 2, Caligan; 3, Robinson. April 20: 1, Brown; 2, Robinson; 3, Caligan. April 27: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Robinson. May 4: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Caligan. There will be a big, open to the world Linnet sing on Whit-Monday for time, when Mr. Webster will give a lady's gold watch to be sung for, also two big money prizes and a good silk handkerchief, when we hope to see a lot of new faces.—Spinker, Sec. (Please forward address for reference purposes.—Ed.)

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 3, when 22 birds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Butler; 2, Stead; 3, Towers; 4, Hayes. Judges, J. Naylor, D. Madden, W. Naylor. Extra contests same day: (1) 8 birds sang for 2 good prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2. Chadwick; (2) 6 birds sang for 1 prize: Winner, Hayes. Judges, Sissons, Naylor. Also May 4, 39 birds sang for 4 good prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2, Sissons; 3, Grant; 4, Stead. Judges, C. Biss, T. Crane, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contests for quality, held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, May 3; 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for 3 good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick; some very good singing was heard before a crowded house of spectators from all parts of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Durham, who were highly satisfied with the singing: 1, Ward; 2, Sellers; 3, shared between Sellers and Connor. Judges, Clayton Brothers. Also May 4, 32 birds faced the judges, when some extra good singing was heard: 1, Green; 2, 3, Ward; 4, Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers, C. Clayton; timekeeper, J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, May 4; 32 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Chippendale; 2, Hayes; 3, Binns; 4, Soloman. Judges. Messrs. C. Lorriman and A. Turner; timekeeper, T. Chippendale. Prince Albert annual Linnet contest takes place on Whit-Monday, May 12. Friends are welcome to come and hear these quality Linnets sing. First pair of birds at 1 prompt. There is also a pink Linnet contest open to all England on May 5. —A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Attercliffe C.B.S.—May 15, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Very important business.—W. Hailstone.

Bradford West C.B.A.—April 10, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Syllabus for the year, and other important business.—A. Cooper.

Birmingham South O.S.—May 14, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. Rules for cup competition. Dates and judges for next feather shows.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. General business, also to arrange a ramble.—H. Bryant.

Bolton Roller C.S.—May 13, Joiners' Arms, 8. Open and members' show dates.—Jos. Kilshaw.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—May 14, Headquarters. Committee, 7.30; table show, 8.30; classes: Yorks., ditto 1913, Norwich, ditto 1913, Crest or C.B., ditto 1913, Canary A.O.V. Judge, Mr. J. Gravett. Brit. Brit. F.M., Brit. cage moulted, Mule 1913, Selling 7/6. Judge, Mr. S. Sparks. Judging competition; also specials offered in classes.—Will H. Gibb.

British Roller C.C.—May 20, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Special notice.—Owing to holidays, meeting postponed as above.—J. W. Norris.

Bury C.B.S.—May 13, Textile Hall, 8. General and F.F. show business.—H. Jameson.

Chopwell C.B.S.—May 10, Store Hall, 6.30. Business important.—W. Tomlinson.

Clydebank C.B.C.—May 15, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Arrangement for first feather show.—William Kane.

Cumnock C.B.S.—May 17, Co-operative Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Fixing of judges and any other business that may arise.—Alex Wyper.

Cardiff C.B.S.—May 15, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To decide about hall for open show, also questions night and important open show business.—E. Thomas.

Denton C.B.S.—May 12, Manchester Road, 8. Arranging first feather show, also open discussion on amalgamated show.—W. Hopwood.

Farnworth C.B.S.—May 14, Farnworth Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Classification for first feather show.—W. Dawson.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—May 17, Headquarters, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. General business; new members, etc.—A. Dickson.

Garston B.B.A.—May 15, Club Room, Earp Street, 8. Nest feather schedule and consideration of rule books.—A. Wilkinson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 14, Headquarters, 7.30. Egg-food making demonstration, by Messrs. Tindle, Scott, Holden, Mather, Wellsbury, Curry. Subs. now due.—W. Curry.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 10, Wesley Place School, 8. Arranging schedule for annual open show, and other important business.—W. A. Brown.

Great Horton O.S.—May 10, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business re annual show.—J. Holroyd.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—May 15, Mr. Nicholson's, 7.30. Important business.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—May 10, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Hanley C.B.S.—May 15, George and Dragon Hotel, 8. Fixing of show date and judge for open show.—C. J. Robinson.

Huddersfield O.S.—Meeting postponed from May 12 to 26, owing to Whitsuntide holidays.—A. Lawford.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—May 12, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30. Important business.—W. Ayers.

Kent County C.B.A.—May 14, 36a, Snargate Street, Dover, 8. General.—H. Wood.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—May 10, Greyhound Hotel, 7 p.m. Important show matters, re judges and date.—Daniel John.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 14, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on Yorkshire breeding, by Mr. W. Hulme; fanciers invited.—R. Charleson.

Leicester F. and F.A.—May 27, The Three Cranes, 8.30.—Granger Bros.

Littleborough C.B.S.—May 14, Coffee House, 8. Printing; insurance of cup, medals, etc.—E. Woodhead.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—May 15, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting; important business.—J. W. Reed.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—May 14, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Specialist Club's support.—J. G. Royce.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 13, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.—John Davey.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—May 15, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Correspondence, general report on ramble by ramblers.—E. Meades.

Redcar C.B.S.—May 10, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. General; subs. due.—C. L. Mallory.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 10, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. —T. Davison.

Stanley Victoria Club F. & F. & C.B.S.—May 11, Victoria Club, 6.30. Replies from judges, etc.—R. Peart.

Skipton C.B.S.—May 19, Glove Restaurant, 8 o'c. —E. Gill.

South Shields C.B.S.—May 15, at Cyprus, 7.30. Election of judges.—W. L. Smith.

Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.—May 17. Annual ramble to Harden Beck; train leaves Halifax, St. Pauls, at 1.45. Fanciers and friends are heartily invited.—A. Sutcliffe.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—May 14, Reid Hall, 8. Show of Mules, British, and Foreign.—J. Waugh.

Swansea C.B.S.—May 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important: First feather show arrangements; new members joining at meeting will be able to compete. —S. H. George.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—May 10, Club, 7. Nest feather judge.—Henry Briggs.

Wakefield O.S.—May 10, Crown and Anchor, 8. Ordinary business and arrangements F.F. show.—J. Isherwood.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—May 14, Station Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting, nest feather show, and selection of judges and other important business.—M. Wigglesworth.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly contest held at Woodman Inn, May 3; 30 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, 2, Piper; 3, Nelson; 4, Proctor. Also open contest May 4, when 34 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, 4, Nelson; 2, 3, Proctor.—W. Beard, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Linnet contest held at the Shakespeare Hotel, Brunswick-street; 47 birds sang for three good prizes before a full house, and some good singing took place, which was won by W. Harrison after a good final heat. 1, W. Harrison; 2, T. Guthrie; 3, Lynn. A members' big singing takes place on Whit-Monday, first pair of birds on the nail at 11 o'clock, as we expect a record singing.—M. Devine.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Correspondence.

(Continued from page 411.)

Edinburgh Ornithological Open Association

And the Scottish National C.B.S.

Sir,—There seems to be a misunderstanding re our society. The idea seems to have got abroad that we are having a joint show with Scottish National. Such is not the case, as we hold our show in Buccleuch Street Hall, on November 22, after which we shall do all in our power for the Scotch Fancy section of the Scottish National.

R. Lile, Sec.

P.S.—The bird shown by Mr. Munro as a yellow piebald hen has declared itself a first-class yellow piebald cock, which means our cup for best hen has been won by Mr. G. C. T. Hope, Mr. Munro having relinquished that honour.

The Denudation of the Country Side.

Sir,—The "Agricultural Economist" writes about protecting bird life while the very thing is being done to drive away all birds from the country, as well as destroying the very protection that a wild bird wants. I was in the country around Sussex last Sunday, and I noticed they were cutting down the trees by hundreds, there was a whole forest devastated. Now where can a bird nest when it finds all the trees gone? Even round about Brighton they cut the hedges nearly down to the ground, by which means they destroy all the birds' protection; it grieves me more to see an old tree cut down than it ever does to see a wild bird in a cage, petted and cared for. Another thing, I can tell these maudlin sentimentalists and that is that a wild bird will live many times as long in a cage than it ever would in the wild state, providing it is properly cared for. Seeing that I have been keeping Canaries and wild birds for the last thirty years, I think I know something about them. Wishing Cage Birds and Cage Birds League every success.

Arthur Hollingshead.

South Wales and Mon. Federation of F. and F.S.

A Remarkable Year's Progress.

Sir,—The first annual meeting of this Federation, which has made such rapid progress during the last twelve months, will be held at the Bush Hotel, High St., Swansea, on Monday next (Whit Monday) at 2 p.m. The history of this Federation has been remarkable. Starting on Whit Monday last with ten societies, it completes the year with twenty-three societies affiliated, and is still progressing. It will start its second year with thirty-two societies affiliated. Nomination papers for election of officers and executive council and for number of points gained during season for the specials have been sent out. The results will be given out at the meeting on Monday. The year's working shows a balance on the right side of £4 12s. 6d. It is hoped to have a good muster of representatives; the arrangement of dates will also be gone into, so as to avoid clashing. Any information will be gladly given by

A. A. Gordon McLucas.
48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

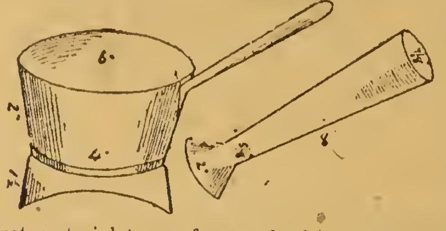
The Crow as a Pet Bird.

Sir,—A great many people keep Jackdaws as pets, and very interesting pets they are if kept properly; but if you ask any one of those people if they have ever kept a tame Crow, they will most probably answer "Oh, no, Crows are stupid birds, and I'm sure very dirty"; or something else to that effect. Here they make a great mistake. Crows are not stupid birds, and the one about which I am going to say a few words certainly was not dirty; at any rate as compared with a tame Jackdaw which I was keeping at the time. I was staying some time ago with a lady friend who kept as a pet a tame Crow, which she found when quite young, fallen out of its nest. If ever a bird was peculiar that bird was. Jackdaws are famed for their cuteness, Magpies are supposed to be unexcelled as thieves, Dogs are devoted, but I think this Crow had all these qualities grafted into him. For I never saw a bird fonder of its mistress, while it would not bear with most people. His secretive habits were well worth watching. He had the queerest hiding places imaginable for lumps of sugar, almonds, needles, pins, brooches, and everything else that came within reach of his rather long and decidedly sharp beak. His chief friend next to his mistress was a large boarhound, with whom he shared a small outhouse at night, and on whose back he used to ride when thus inclined. If teased by one of the cats with whom he often quarrelled, he used to call to his help his canine friend, who immediately rescued and consoled him. Once he was left alone in a bedroom for some time, and when his mistress, who had inadvertently shut him in, discovered her mistake and released him, she found the room in an indescribable state of disorder. Yards of the carpet which was tacked down had been raised, cakes of soap were found in the pockets of a dressing gown, toothbrushes, etc., in the bed, a pearl was missing from a gold ring, and various ornaments, some of which were broken, pulled off the dressing-table. There are many other escapades which I could describe but time and space being limited I must stop here. But I would advise lovers of large birds to take my tip and get a young Rook as soon as they can, and rear it.

A Reader of Cage Birds.

How to Prepare Egg Food for the Breeding Season.

Sir,—I notice in your spring number two hints which I would advise breeders to consider before using. Firstly, the use of lead as clips to hold in nest; this material should be kept out of the cages, as it is a fruitful source of poison. Secondly, perforated "zinc" should not be used with anything moist intended as an article of food. Any housekeeper will tell you how hard it is to keep even silver egg spoons free from tarnish. The best material to use for egg food is perforated "tin," which is really thin sheet steel coated with tin.



I use a taper strainer, with a loose rim about 1½ deep, all made of tin; also a spatula of same material, with a flat end about two inches in diameter. I beg to hand you a sketch showing how this is made, and you will at once see how easily this arrangement is cleaned, a rub of a dry cloth before using takes everything away.

"Sanitary."

The Use of Standard Show Cages in Ireland.

Sir,—In reference to the letter from "J.H.," on above, I am sorry to inform him there is not a single society in Ireland that adopts the standard Yorkshire Union Show cage, and I quite agree with him it would be better for both the novice and champion exhibitor were the cages similar in sizes and make, and the drinkers a uniform colour, as it would do away with much grumbling, and ensure fair competition. However, I think the Norwich section are even worse off in this respect. Why, it would dazzle your eyes at a show to see all the different shades of blue with which these cages are enamelled, in addition to the various sizes, perches, position of drinking holes, etc., and many exhibitors put their names on the back or bottom of their cages. I wonder if the N.P.C.C. of Ireland has made any move in this matter of cages, as it must be apparent to all fanciers that the question of a uniform show cage needs consideration. It is not difficult to understand fanciers passing remarks, for at two of our shows a fancier who had his name on the back of all his cages won 12 specials in the open Norwich classes.

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Foreign Birds in the Yorkshire District.

Sir,—In reply to "Foreign Bird Lover," who writes in your issue of April 19th, stating that he lives near Middlesbrough, I should be very pleased to show him my aviary if he cares to call. I breed a good many birds.

E. M. Wethey.
Lehden, Coatham, Redcar.

Groats for Young Canaries.

Sir,—Re Mr. Johnson's article on breeding and rearing young commencing in the special spring number of Cage Birds, I could not help admiring same, as he explained in such a plain way that any one could understand. But in reference to groats he did not explain whether he gave them dry or soaked. I should be glad if he would explain in your next issue, as I think it will be a great help to me and all novices. It is my first year in breeding, and I have had four nests of eggs, but only one nest fertile which was forsaken by the hen after she had sat for ten days.

G. F. W.

The Border Fancy in the South.

Sir,—The many readers of your interesting paper will no doubt have read the reports of the formation of a specialist society to look after the "Border" in the South of England. That there is room for such a society there can be no doubt, for the Border is being bred in increasingly large numbers in and round London, in the West of England, and of course in Wales. Show committees have catered for the variety by giving three and more classes. What could be better then than a society to cater exclusively for its well-being? The Southern Border Fancy Club can and will do for the "wee gems" what the Southern Norwich C.C. has done for the "tubby" ones; ah! and more. The provisional committee did well (in my opinion) in limiting the membership to the South and Wales; by doing so the crack breeders of the North were kept out, making the club for the benefit of the Southern devotees of the breed. There is a very earnest desire on the part of the committee to work for the advantage of the club members, and with that object in view, a meeting will be held on May 22 at 8 p.m., in the Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., to discuss the rules drawn up, and to formulate a scheme of competition for prizes at shows where the club's patronage will be given. With fifty members a good start has been made; these are mainly residing in and round London, and the West of England. Strange to say, very few names as yet have been received from Wales, but may-be it has been a case of "Wait and See." Perhaps the energetic secretary of the Swansea Club will take the matter up, and send along the names of any members to the hon. secretary of the S.B.F.C. The Welshmen have everything to gain and nothing to lose in joining. Nothing but good fortune and prosperity can possibly follow such a Society. Will members be sure and turn up on May 22?

James McGuffie.

Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and Mule Club.

Meeting at Manchester to be Convened.

Sir,—I have been asked to conveue the above meeting. Yorkshire has opened its membership to Lancashire, and in order to make it a success, it is necessary that every British Bird, Mule and Hybrid fancier, who wishes to join the club should send his address to me without delay, so that I can make arrangements for the meeting. About six of the Yorkshire fanciers will come down to meet us. I appeal to every British and Mule fancier throughout Lancashire to send his address at once; there must be no delay; success or failure depends upon this. I feel sure it is not necessary for me to point out the great need we have for such a club, it will be for the good of the British Fancy throughout the two counties. British Bird, Mule and Hybrid fanciers throughout Lancashire, wake up, the Canary fanciers have their specialist clubs, let us have ours.

W. Fairhurst.
17, Linwood Grove, Longsight, Manchester.

The Plumage Bill.

-A PETITION TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

Copy of the Partition: Readers of "Cage Birds" are asked to sign the declaration at foot.

Sir,—As representatives of the Birdkeepers' Protection Association, in connection with the National British Bird and Hybrid Club (president, Sir William Ingram, Bart.), and birdkeepers in general (whose numbers are estimated at about 1,000,000), we take the liberty of bringing to your notice certain loose wording which occurs in the Plumage Bill recently introduced into Parliament by Mr. Croft, dated 13th of March, 1913. Although ostensibly a Bill for the prohibition of the sale, hire or exchange of plumages and skins, in Clause 2, you will note that the Privy Council may, at any time by notice published in the "London Gazette," add to the schedule to this Act the name of any other foreign "wild bird," and thereupon the provisions of this Act shall take effect as if such "bird" had been included in the schedule to this Act. Such wording may be taken to apply to not only skins and plumes, but to living birds, and so deprive private aviculturists of obtaining their live specimens through the ordinary trade channels as at present, this importation of living birds being largely for private avicultural and zoological purposes, and not for their skins or plumage.

Bird protection, in so far as it puts a stop to the destruction of rare birds, or the slaughter of sea-birds by trippers, has our hearty support; but when not content with such good work it strives to do away with the private study of birds in cage or aviary, it becomes at once an evil for which posterity will have just cause to curse its advocates. Private aviculture has done more to swell the sum of accurate ornithological knowledge than has the study of stuffed specimens. There are over seven hundred societies in the United Kingdom devoted to this pursuit, whose members hold annual exhibitions at the Crystal Palace, Horticultural Hall, and in nearly every provincial town; at which foreign cage birds form one of the most interesting and educative features. The foreign bird section, together with the other sections of these exhibitions and birdkeeping in general, is a means of giving employment to large numbers of people in the livestock, seed, food, cage, and appliance trades throughout the country, at an estimated total turnover of £5,000,000.

The number of birds that are imported alive for this purpose is comparatively a small one, and this importation in no way detrimentally affects their numbers as wild birds. Tales of disquieting decrease in the avifauna of certain districts are published from time to time, and in most cases they are due more to the development of these areas by man than by actual persecution. Protective laws must be reasonable and well thought out, and the wishes of the public in general should be considered as well as those of sentimentalists. It must be recognised that while practicable measures for the reasonable protection of birds have our hearty support, prohibition is neither possible nor equitable. We, therefore, ask you to kindly give this matter your attention when it comes before you, so that the good work already done by private aviculturists may not be retarded, work that, under present conditions, is quite impossible in the case of public bodies such as Museums and Zoological Societies.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully

G. Crabb,
J. Robson,
A. Silver,
T. R. Trower.
J. P. Carr (Hon. Sec.), 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.

To .... M.P.

House of Commons, Westminster, London, S.W.

Sir,—I desire to support the National British Bird and Mule Club Bird Keepers' Protection Association in their appeal to you respecting the "Plumage Bill."

Name (Signed) ....

Address ....

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The above circular has been addressed to all Members of the House of Commons. Will every person interested in bird-keeping kindly cut out the same, fill in the name of their local Member of Parliament, sign their own name and address, and then send it addressed to their local M.P. at the House of Commons, Westminster, London, S.W.?

Advice on Norwich Plainhead Breeding.

A Lecture given by Mr. W. Ordish before the Leigh and District C.B.S.

There was a good attendance at the meeting on April 30, when Mr. Ordish was asked to give his opinions on breeding Norwich. Mr. Taylor took the chair, and said that he was very glad that we were going to have discussed a topic that so many of the members were interested in, he hoped that they would try and think out some questions to ask the lecturer, so as to forward the discussion.

Mr. Ordish said: Mr. Chairman, and brother fanciers, you have asked me for my experience in breeding Norwich Canaries. Now I understand that it is only by way of opening a discussion, and it is on that account that I am addressing you. I hope the novices may pick up something to their benefit.

The first thing I would advise to anyone who has never kept birds at all is to start with common stock. It is all right saying "what will keep bad ones will keep good ones," but there are many young fanciers who start the hobby and then leave it very soon, through paying a fabulous price for birds that are hardly worth salt. It is mostly through not waiting and getting a little knowledge of what they want before buying. I would advise the novice to go to a reliable fancier, one who he knows is doing some winning, and get hens from him, and then get cocks from another source, as by doing so he has a change of blood to start a strain.

The Importance of Mother.

Get the hens as typical as possible. I am fully convinced that the biggest percentage of young take more after the mother. Your cocks must be as large as you can get them, with a good head, and a good entrance. They must also be a good colour. Never mind about a bit of length or a bit of feather, providing your hens are short and tight, they should take up all the feather and the length that are introduced by the cocks. I don't advocate pairing two medium sized birds together, as they always seem to deteriorate, owing to being inbred to such an extent. You must not introduce small heads, as you'll never get big heads from little ones. The way that I have always found best is to run one cock with two hens, and, when the hens are set, let them do their own, as I have always found in the majority of cases that the cocks are very mischievous, but if any of you have any cocks that will feed, my advice is by all means stick to them, as they are worth keeping.

For green food I use watercress, lettuce, and shepherd's purse. I never use dandelion, as I have had bad results from it, and if any of you have bad results from anything, I should say discard it. I don't believe in cracking seed for young birds, as when you crack their seed, it is something new to them, and they gorge themselves to such an extent that they generally die. Always colour feed, as colour will generally count, and never dispose of any of your stock until after the moult, as you never know how they may turn out. I am a strong believer in cod liver oil food, as I think it is a good food for making bone, and they don't glut as much at it.

During and After the Show Season.

If you happen to breed any fit for show, take great care of them, and don't over show them, as by so doing you take a lot out of them. When the show season is over I always put the hens in the largest flight I have, and let the cocks have a good run. I don't believe in feeding my birds up for breeding, as I think it comes natural to them, but my advice is, use your brains, as it is only by doing so that you get to know the ins and outs of the breeding stock. I will conclude by thanking you for your kind attention, and if any of you have any questions you would like to ask, I will answer you to the best of my ability.

Mr. Taylor then asked if the lecturer would pair two medium sized birds together if they were good ones. Answer: Not if I could help it; as I have said previously, they have a tendency to deteriorate, and I would much rather use a large cock to a small hen. Mr. Wilkinson asked if Mr. Ordish believed in double buffing, and what benefit he derived from it. Answer: Yes, I believe in double buffing, providing you have the right stuff to do it with; the reason for so doing is to increase size and head properties, but you must be sure to have birds as tight as possible in feather. Several other questions were asked, to which Mr. Ordish suitably answered. We concluded a very pleasant evening by moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Ordish for the able manner in which he had delivered his lecture.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

AMUSING CASE AGAINST WELL-KNOWN GLASGOW DEALER.

A case with many amusing points was heard at the Central Police Court, Glasgow, on April 25 and May 2. Mr. William Wilson, naturalist, was charged with contravening the statute by having on April 12 opened or set up or been concerned in premises at 247, Argyle Street, a public show or entertainment consisting of cage birds, a rat, two monkeys, a pony, two cats, a Hawk, an Owl, a snake, a lamb, without license or permission from the Magistrates. He pleaded not guilty. Mr. J. J. Macintyre prosecuted, and Mr. Wilson was represented by Mr. David Cook.

What the Policemen Saw.

Constables Inglis and Gordon spoke to having visited the premises. There was a front shop, in which were cage birds, and a turnstile led to a back saloon in which various freak animals were on view. Each person entering this part of the premises put a penny in the slot and was handed a postcard in return. The basement was similar to the saloon, with admission by turnstile. A postcard was also received here. Among the animals on view were a giant rat, a miniature pony, a lamb with four horns, and a cat with six legs. So far as they knew, Mr. Wilson had no permission from the Magistrates to set up such an exhibition. Constable Gordon admitted in cross-examination that there were placards on the premises stating that everything was for sale.

Inspector Butler corroborated the evidence of the previous witnesses. In his opinion Mr. Wilson's premises were not suitable for a show. Mr. Wilson had been refused a license from the Magistrates. Since then there had been a charge for admission. Formerly the public paid a penny, now they paid a penny and received a postcard.

Mr. Alexander Dickson, registrar, said he was aware there had been no license to Mr. Wilson's premises for five years past. He had not at any time indicated to Mr. Wilson that a license was not necessary. Asked by the Magistrate if he remembered the type of show that formerly existed in Glasgow, witness instanced wild beasts, peep shows, merry-go-rounds, boxing booths——. The Magistrate: And the fat boy and fat girl?—Mr. Cook: But not for sale, Mr. Dickson.—The Magistrate: No. It was the public, I suppose, that were sold.

A Check to the Curious.

Mr. Wilson, giving evidence on his own behalf, said he had been a naturalist practically all his life. He spurned the suggestion that he was a showman. His shop was open all day for the sale of birds, beasts, or reptiles. He supplied the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh with such animals as rats, dogs, mice, rabbits, and cavies. Last week he sent out to New Zealand fully 2,000 birds. His dealing with showmen was a distinct department of his business. He found that a great many people came to his shop and made no deal. In addition to the actual live stock, he kept everything that pertained to these animals. He first charged a penny eight years ago in order to regulate the traffic in curious people who visited his shop. Persons coming into the shop must become purchasers; that was why he sold the postcards.

It was contended that Mr. Wilson's business was a perfectly legitimate one, though of a nature which attracted curious persons, and was not in any sense a show.—The Stipendiary said that from the evidence he was quite satisfied that part of the premises on the street floor and in the basement were being conducted by accused not as an ordinary shop but as a public show. He imposed a fine of one guinea.—Mr. Cook, agent for the defence, asked for a stated case for appeal.—"Evening Times."

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Club Reports.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting there was a fair turnout of members. Secretary read letters intimating that we had again secured the patronage of the N.L.C. Club, also one from the secretary of the N.C.C. re their club's patronage, the same being left over for next meeting's consideration. We have booked the new Church Hall for annual show; this is the finest hall in the district for the purposes of a bird show. Members in this district are complaining very much about the cold breeding season, some fanciers not having got a young bird yet.—Geo. Havver,, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held April 26, at Mr. Lumley's, Mr. S. Foster in the chair, with a good turnout of members. The meetings we are having at this society are extra well attended, and I hope that we will eclipse last year's record; it looks as if we will, the way the members are interested in this society. We made two new members—Messrs. Forsdick and Curry, and we have more to propose at next meeting. It was decided to have a table show next meeting night with five classes—Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Siskin or Twite, and A.O.V. British. Mr. W. H. Butler, of Stanley, has kindly consented to judge, and I hope our members will give us a large entry, which I think will be a good advert. locally for our next feather show next month.—R. Peart, Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting held May 3, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. H. H. Towers in the chair. There was a good attendance. The balance-sheet was submitted, and, after Mr. Garnett had given the auditor's report as to the satisfactory condition in which they found the books, it was unanimously approved. The chairman then gave the result of the ballot for officers for 1913-14 as follows:—President, Mr. H. H. Towers; vice-pres., Mr. R. Halliday; committee residing in Yorkshire, Messrs. H. Hill 54, F. Allen 46, F. Hammond 43, W. A. Cowgill 39, J. Bailey 37, H. W. Battye 36, A. Brown 31, W. H. Shackleton 31, A. Cooper, H. J. Chittenden, and F. Armstrong 29 votes each; outside Yorkshire, Messrs. A. Hirst 68, J. W. Ramsden 68, T. C. Crawhall 60, W. Broughton 46, and W. G. Cuthbertson 44 votes each. Eighty-one voting papers returned, one paper rejected. Sec. and treas., John Greaves; assist.-sec., W. Crabtree. Committee elected by the meeting, Messrs. T. Ogden, W. Cruise, E. Clegg, L. Dykes, H. Simonett, C. Morrison, P. Drake, F. Townsend, and R. Garnett; scrutineers, Messrs. T. Ogden and H. Simonett; auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and R. Garnett. Votes of thanks were given to the retiring officers and donors of special prizes, etc.; Mr. J. W. Ramsden's offer of special prizes was accepted with thanks. New condition: No competitor to win more than one of Ramsden's Yorkshire Specialist Club's special prizes in one season. A letter was read from Mr. T. C. Crawhall asking the Y.C.C. to approach the Yorkshire Union to allow outside members of the club to exhibit birds wearing closed rings at Union shows which have the Y.C.C. patronage. The feeling of the meeting was that as the Union at their last meeting definitely decided that no birds wearing rings be allowed to compete at Union shows, it was not advisable to ask them to reconsider the question. It was then decided that the club's patronage be not given to two shows on one date, and where the two competitions are granted to one show, the committee to consider the advisablity of making it compulsory for members to exhibit separate birds for the separate competitions. Decided that in place of the open novice competition the club provide an amateur competition open to members not having won more than three first prizes in open competition, and that the junior novice competition be continued. Also decided that all birds ticked on thigh or underflue be eligible to compete in clear classes, and that a ticked bird shall show a clearly discernible body mark or tick; classification to read ck, invisible or thigh tkd. yell. Yorks., ditto buff, tkd. or varieg. yell. Yorks., ditto buff. Messrs. Ogden Bros. offered a trophy value 10 guineas for competition by the members, to be won three times before becoming the property of a member, and the club to give medal value one guinea to the winner each year, including the year when won outright. On the proposition of Mr. Cowgill, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, this generous offer was accepted with thanks. Mr. H. H. Towers, Mr. R. Halliday, and the sec. were appointed to meet three representatives of the Cinnamon Marked and National Green Marked Y.C.C. to discuss the advisability of amalgamation. Decided that the arrangements of the different competitions be left in the hands of the committee. Applications for the club's patronage close by May 24th, on which date the committee meet and allocate same. Will secretaries who have not already applied that are desirous of having Y.C.C. patronage, please apply at once to the secretary.—John Greaves, 279, Hollings-road, Bradford.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting held April 26 with a good turn-out of members, when part of schedule re open show was drawn up. It was decided to apply for various Specialist Club's patronage. Also decided to hold table show of British next meeting night, May 24. Classes: Greenfinch and A.V. Bunting. Also question night.—R. Ward, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Committee meeting held April 30, at the Guildhall, Wandsworth-road, S.W., Mr. H. Norman presiding, the following members being present: Messrs. Newley, Gollop, Onslow, Saunders, Burton, Freeman, Lathbury, Harrison, McCuffie, and Moore. Mr. Madagan (Cheltenham) was elected on the provincial committee. A set of rules was drawn up, and will be submitted to the members at the next general meeting on May 22. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join, and will gladly furnish all particulars.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

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PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Mr. White's, 2, St. James-street, May 3, there being a poor attendance, Mr. Thomas Hamilton, vice-president, in chair. The chairman solicited specials for our next show. Three members added their names to list. Breeding records were taken from seven members present, which showed 20 eggs and 11 young to date. Secretary read by-laws. Next monthly meeting will be held Sat., June 14.—John Stewart.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Committee meeting, April 25, for making arrangements for ramble. Present, Messrs. N. Hopkins, Wm. McNair, Jas. Morton, Hugh Allan, Jas. Bennet, and the Sec. Decided that ramble be held on May 10, weather favourable, to Low Overmoor Farm, thence following the course of the Glen Water homewards. Meet Public School, 2. It is hoped the members will turn out in full force, as this is one of the most interesting routes in the district. They are also invited to bring along any friends interested in nature study.—J. Robertson, junr.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Barnfields Inn, Pleasant-street, May 1, Mr. Broad in the chair. The business of the meeting being to arrange the classification, etc., of nest feather show, June 28. Decided to have three open classes 10 mile radius, Norwich nest feather, Yorkshire ditto, Linnet. Fee, 1s. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s., if over eight entries. Members' classes to be similar to last year; 7d. entry. Later in the evening we had a discussion on the advisability of buying two trophies for the club, one for the Roller section, the other for the Norwich, Yorkshire, and British fanciers. It was carried unanimously that we buy two, several of the members present generously contributing towards the cost of same. We made another member in the Roller section Mr. Beaton, Tunstall.—L. James, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at the Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds-road, Bradford, May 3, a moderate number of members being present, Mr. J. Roe (deputy-chairman) opening the meeting. Now that we have only about five weeks left before our first feather show, it was proposed and carried, for the benefit of our new recruits and novices, to ask some leading fancier to come and open a debate on the "Breeding and Feeding of Canaries," the date being fixed for May 17 (time, 8 p.m. prompt). It was suggested to write the well-known judge and fancier, Mr. Chittenden, to ascertain if he would kindly promise to come and open the debate. Should Mr. Chittenden, however, be otherwise engaged, our hon. treas., Mr. Ludbrook, has kindly promised to act in his stead. Novice members could not have a better opportunity than to be present, and so show their appreciation of the information which some of our older members have so kindly volunteered to give. Hoping the older fanciers will turn up in good numbers and give this valuable information to the struggling novices.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist.-sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting, May 1. Present, Chairman, Mr. James Jones; vice-chair, Mr. George Jones; Messrs. J. W. Jones, J. Pritchard, H. Williams, E. Jones, R. T. Edwards, Hon. Treas., and R. E. Griffith, Sec. The above attendance is the best, so far, but we should be pleased to see still more members present. Decided that the Sec. should write for show cards, and other samples for the show; also that the specials and advertisements should be on agenda for next meeting. I should be pleased to hear from any fancier or member who wishes to support the funds of the Society, or would like to give a special for the members' show. Subs. are now due, and I should be pleased to hear from any new member who wishes to join; 25 members have paid their membership fees, and over £6 have been subscribed by Presidents, etc. A list of subscribers will be published in the forthcoming schedule. The sub. is only 1s. per year, two shows a year, challenge cups, money prizes and valuable specials, at both shows. Entry fee at open show 1s. members, 1s. 3d. non-members, and non-members are debarred from competing for specials. Twenty classes on July 5, members' show, and a special Welsh judge; four specials of 2s. 6d. in cash, 20 specials and money prizes. Let us all work like one to make the year a record one. Next meeting May 9th, at 8, at the Assembly Rooms. Will old members kindly send in their subs. for 1913 and 1914. The challenge cup is to be won by a paid member only, and for most points gained by Canaries bred 1913. Sec. will give special for second most points, and a fancier's special for third. Mr. J. Jones gave 2s. 6d. cash special, Mr. John Pritchard 2s. 6d. Mr. G. Jones special, Mr. H. Williams special, Mr. R. T. Edwards, Treas., 2s. 6d. special, and many other valuable specials. I hope that members are having a lucky breeding season, and have reared a cup winner for 1913.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

An exceptionally well-attended meeting was held at the societies' headquarters, Long's Memorial Hall, St. Paul's Square, Southsea, April 30, Mr. R. O. Tont in the chair. The chairman asked for correspondence; this included an agreeable surprise. Twenty applications for membership were in response to the decision of Southern Counties "Radius"; these were each submitted to the meeting and unanimously elected members of the P. and S.C. C.B.S. Letters from several applicants were read expressing their pleasure at our opening radius, and expressing their good wishes for the continued progress of the society. Our best thanks are extended to those who expressed their desire to provide specials, also to guarantee classes at our next annual show, which amply proves their whole-hearted intention to become "brother fanciers" in reality. Such encouraging correspondence increases our enthusiasm, and we shall do our very best towards all; our ambition is to make our society one of the best in existence. Date for members' F.F. show was decided for July 2. Judges were next nominated, and the decision was in favour of Mr. H. Young, who very kindly promised to do his best providing he could do so gratis. Although pressed, he would not accept a fee, explaining that he had no railway fare to meet, and it would give him pleasure to assist the society a little financially. Needless to add, all were greatly indebted to Mr. Young. Next were submitted samples and correspondence from the following vendors: Messrs. Livesine, Ltd., Phosio Co., Trowers, Rudd and Co., Ramston, Sandiford, and Craven C.F. The tasting and criticism of same very seriously curtailed our time for questions and answers, which were most interesting and instructive, and brought a most enjoyable monthly meeting to a close. The secs. were instructed to apply for patronage as last year to specialist clubs.—King and Joiner.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 1, Mr. Geoff. Benson presiding over a good attendance. Mr. T. Edwards tendered his resignation as sec. and treasurer, and Messrs. W. Mallinson and W. Hodgkins were elected joint secretaries. Dates July 5 and Nov. 8 were fixed to hold nest feather and old show respectively. The well-known Liverpool fancier, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, gave a cup to be competed for during the season, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded him for his kindness, a most enjoyable evening being brought to a close at 10 p.m.—W. Hodgkins and W. Mallinson, Joint Secretaries.

THE LIVERPOOL FANCIERS' CYCLE CLUB.

The club is gaining new members every week; last Sunday's run was the top-sawyer of the lot, the boys getting a-wheel early, crossed the river for a good spin on the Welsh road passing through Chester, Kinnerton, Mold, and finally alighting in the pretty Vale of Clwyd. After tea we rambled through valley and glen, watching the wild birds. The homeward journey was made at top speed, by way of Rossett, Pulford, Eaton Park, and Chester. Then on again, passing through Sutton, Hooton, Eastham, and Port Sunlight, arriving at the Ferry in good time. All members meet at headquarters May 11, at 2.—R. Malone, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Y.M. halls May 3. Mr. Rindell in the chair. The chairman expressed the pleasure it afforded him to preside over such a good meeting of members. The committee was fixed as follows: Messrs. R. McLure, A. McLean, N. Alexander, T. Haston, R. Cummings, J. Leckie, J. Pollock, Alex. Thomson; auditors, Messrs. D. Marley, J. Pollock. We decided not to hold an open show this season, and fixed the date of our annual club show for Oct. 25. A selection of judges was made, and report from them will be read next meeting. To help our membership a valuable special was given for member who proposes most new members for season. Young bird show and other important business at next meeting, May 17.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, April 26, Mr. J. Rankine presiding. One new member was elected. The delegates to the West Fife "C.B." League gave us a lengthy report, and we appointed as judges for the first feather show, to be held in Cowdenbeath under the League, on the 5th July, Mr. Henry Kemp, for Crests and Crest-breds and Mr. George Roe for Plainheads. The classification for our own annual show, to be held on 1st Nov., was agreed upon, and includes a class for wild seeds, while two names were nominated as judges, and these have since accepted, namely, Canaries, Mr. Wm. McAdam (Lasswade), British Mules, etc.; Mr. Peter Pettigrew (Glasgow). Mr. P. McLaren, along with the president and secretary, were appointed a special committee to make full arrangements for the annual ramble, first Saturday in June as in former years, should we obtain permission. Owing to the ramble no meeting will be held this month, but will hold an open-air meeting at the ramble to consider the reports from the West Fife "C.B." League.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 1, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in the chair. Question of Specialist Club's patronage postponed until next meeting. It was decided not to have a social this year. Mr. E. Coltman tendered his resignation as hon. assistant secretary, which was accepted with regret; Mr. J. Craig was elected in his place. Classification for nest feather show was arranged, being practically the same as last year. A letter was read from Mr. J. Knott granting permission to visit his grounds on Whit-Monday. Will those who intend going please note that they will have to take their own eatables. There will be plenty of cups and saucers in the pavilion for tea. Those who intend going by train will be able to get one somewhere about 1.25 p.m. for West Wylam, but they can go either to West Wylam or North Wylam and make their way to Close House. Those who intend to cycle will meet at Lord Armstrong Monument, Barras Bridge, at 1 p.m., or at the Two Ball Tavern, about 1.30 p.m. Let us hope for a good turn-up and fine weather. All fanciers and friends welcome. Committee meeting on Thursday, May 15.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 1, at the Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones in the chair, supported by Messrs. J. Thorpe, W. Oxley, and the two secretaries. Our President welcomed our worthy Treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley, and said how pleased we were to see him in our midst again, after his very long absence. Several items of correspondence were dealt with, including a note re closed rings; after a short discussion it was decided to leave the purchase of rings to the members. Mr. J. Woolhouse promised two specials, value 10s. each, to be competed for at members' show, Dec. 6, one for best champion and one for best novice rung birds. Mr. P. Mason finds that owing to a previous engagement he cannot judge our December show, so Mr. M. Broadley has been elected to fill his place. The time for birds to be staged at our nest feather show has been altered to 2 o'clock, and not one o'clock, as printed in syllabus. The rest of the evening was taken up by five of our members viz., Messrs. W. Bingham, G. Drabble, C. Tomlinson, J. Thorpe and F. Jones; each of them had a different subject, and dealt with it in a very able manner. A hearty vote of thanks was given the speakers for their very valuable information and entertaining speeches. This was proposed by Mr. A. Hobson and seconded by Mr. J. Woolhouse. Mr. F. Jones replied on behalf of the rest, and said it was a pleasure to be able to do anything for the society and the members. Messrs. A. Bagshaw and W. Moore were elected new members.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

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Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brindley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.).

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road).

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov& 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 486, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, 46, Olympia Cottages.)

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

Nov. 14-15.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103 Church St.)

Nov. 14-15.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton St.). H.W.B., G.H.

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, 8, Scotsfield Terr.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cttage, Cramlington). A.H., A.Hn., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).

Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.

Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.

Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 40, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.)

Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth West), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. R. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.**—(J. Peattie, 49, Kirkgate.)

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.)

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23, High St.).

Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.

Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.** (R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.).

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.

Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Markin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).

Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)

Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.)

Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.

Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)

Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 52, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 43, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rossor St., Maesycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimbie, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).

Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Meeting held May 1, Mr. W. Taylor in the chair, owing to absence of Mr. J. R. Higgins. Decided to grant patronage to three open shows this season, points to count at these shows, together with club shows, for three cups; one each for Norwich, Yorkshire, and British. Agreed to hold first feather show July 10. One new member nominated. Mr. J. E. Shepherd gave a most interesting and instructive address on "British Birds and their Mules," dealing with the Greenfinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and Siskin. Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd.—Jeffery Jefferis, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters May 1, Mr. Hill presiding over a very good gathering of members and friends. A great deal of business was speedily got through, including the drawing up of the schedule for the June Y.S. show. The annual ramble was discussed, and it was left to the committee to make all the arrangements. The proposed date is Sunday, May 18. Will members and their friends who propose to make up the party kindly let us have their names at once so as we shall know how many to cater for. The tit-bit of the evening was Mr. Norman's lecture on "British Birds," which was listened very attentively to by all present. The lecturer described the various birds which are most popular with exhibitors, and told us how to feed them, to keep them in health and condition, also the best way to moult the prospective champions. Mr. Norman brought with him a sketch of a house which he advised using for moulting British birds, and which was handed round and examined by the members. When exhibiting, Mr. Norman impressed upon us the necessity of putting our birds and cages down in tip-top condition, as many a good bird had lost simply by being badly staged. Mr. Norman then invited questions, and the invitation was eagerly taken advantage of by all. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded the lecturer, and Mr. Norman suitably responded. We regret our members, in common with most other fanciers, are having up and down luck this season, but we hope the second and third rounds come out better. Members, don't forget the Y.S. show in June. Will you help to make it a record show?—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

BARGOED C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at new headquarters, Parker's Temperance Hotel, April 29, Mr. H. Bye in the chair, proved a great success, a dozen new members adding their names to the list. We are sure of meeting several more at a special meeting called for May 18 to decide classes and select judge of table show on June 10. Among specials promised are two from members, a silver cup for best Yorkshire, to be won three times, from Mr. W. Sims, and two British show cages for two best Britishers, from Mr. A. Haddrell. We have a lot of important business to be got through.—E. J. Chisholm, Sec.

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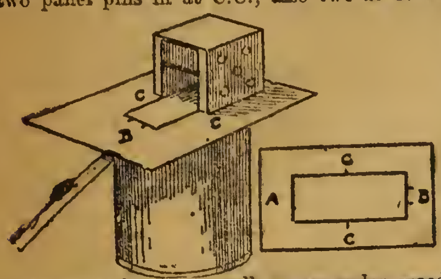
No. 624.

An Ever-set Mouse Trap.

Sent by C. Lovell, 13, Drysdale Road, Lewisham, S.E.

The sketches show how to make a cheap and easy mouse trap which is always set. First take a piece of wood wide enough to cover tank, I use a sweet tin, which can be bought at a confectioner's for one penny. Next cut from centre of wood a piece measuring 4¾ins. x 2ins., and then find centre and put two panel pins in at C.C., also two at B. as diagram, and put a small screw under wood at B. to make the counterbalance. Next make a box so as to cover the trap half way; this should be fastened on four pins so that it may be removed to put fresh bait, which should be fastened on a pin just the other side of the trap-door which drops down; a piece of wood from floor to staging of trap and all is ready. The piece of wood across the front of the box stops the trap from getting unset, as the pins at B. come in contact with it. Half fill tank with water.

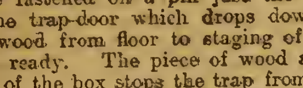


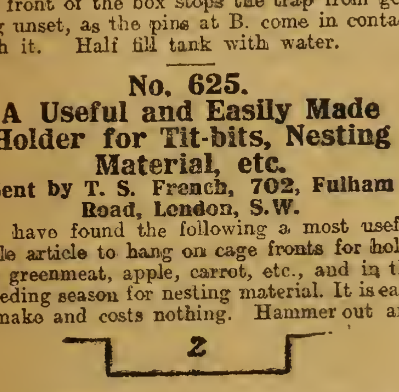
No. 625.

A Useful and Easily Made Holder for Tit-bits, Nesting Material, etc.

Sent by T. S. French, 702, Fulham Road, London, S.W.

I have found the following a most useful little article to hang on cage fronts for holding greenmeat, apple, carrot, etc., and in the breeding season for nesting material. It is easy to make and costs nothing. Hammer out any disused tins, and then with an old pair of scissors cut out some pieces as per diagram, measurements can be varied to suit cage fronts.





Take your piece of tin and lay on table with a dotted line A. (Fig. 1) on the edge, hammer it down square both sides, then do the same with the other line A. Then turn the edges B.B. outwards, till the contrivance appears in section as in Fig. 2. Turn in the bottom ¼in., trim off sharp corners, and you have a most useful article that will fit any front.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Annual general meeting held May 3, at Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford. The following were elected members: Messrs. O. E. Naylor, J. Chambers, J. E. Hudson, S. Senior, A. Holden, and D. Sutcliffe. Sec. reported that 26 new members had been made during the past year. Balance-sheet was heartily adopted. It showed a balance in hand of £4 1s. 7d., against £1 8s. 11d. the previous year (a profit of £2 12s. 8d. on the year's working). The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mr. W. A. Cowgill; vice-pres., Mr. W. H. Shackleton and Mr. H. H. Towers; committee, Messrs. H. Hill, F. Allen, F. Hammond, R. Halliday, J. Bailey, L. Dykes, F. Armstrong, J. Greaves, F. Townsend, R. Sutcliffe, T. Ogden, H. W. Walsh, A. Hirst, J. W. Ramsden, T. C. Crawhall, J. Currie, and C. R. Bullen. Mr. B. Clegg was again elected hon. sec., but owing to pressure of business was reluctantly compelled to withdraw, and Mr. J. Chambers was elected in his place. All communications must be sent to Mr. Chambers at the address below. Auditors, Mr. R. Halliday and Mr. H. C. Crossley; scrutineers, Mr. F. Allen and Mr. S. B. Grayshon. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, auditors and scrutineers, also to the donors of special prizes. Mr. W. H. Shackleton suitably responded. Competitions and allocation of patronage was left over to next committee meeting. Societies who are desirous of having the N.G.M.Y.C.C. at their forthcoming show should apply at once to the sec., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's, Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

More "Bird Torture" Exposed!

About the most extraordinary mixture of mendacity and gush that has ever come under my notice (and this is saying a great deal) comes to me this week in the shape of an article cut from the "Manchester Evening News" of April 30. This precious effusion is headed in large capitals, "The Songster and the Torture Shop." It would be waste of space to reprint the article, but its main points will be gathered from the reply which I have sent to the Editor of the paper in question. This is as follows:—

Lies Nailed to the Counter.

The Editor, "Manchester Evening News."

Sir,—My attention has just been drawn to an extraordinary article which appeared in your issue of 30th ult., headed "The Songster and the Torture Shop." Cage Birds League is an organisation which has among its objects not only the inculcation of the principles by which birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions, but also the protection of those who take a pleasure in the humane and proper keeping of birds as pets against the slanderous and ignorant accusations of those who are never so happy as when indulging in hysterical denunciations against the keeping of any kind of bird in any kind of cage. As secretary of Cage Birds League, it is my duty and privilege to traverse the misstatements which you have allowed to appear over the initials S.A.W., and I trust you will afford me a little space to that purpose.

Although no bird is specifically mentioned by your correspondent, the "brown bubble of melody hanging against the blue ceiling of the sky" would be a Skylark, if anything.

Now, Skylarks are not caught in the manner outlined, namely, by a brace bird and band-net, nor, if they were, would the brace bird be tied by the leg at the end of a few yards of string. No brace birds are ever used in this way excepting, perhaps, by an occasional ignorant schoolboy or hobbledehoy, certainly never by an experienced bird-catcher. Such a man sets great store upon his brace bird or birds, and treats the same with very especial care. As for "a stronger tug of the string breaking one of its slender legs," this is on a par with the other absurdities already mentioned.

Under the cross-heading, "A Sudden Hell,'" S.A.W. says "there were three dozen of his kind, some alive and some dead." Did S.A.W. stop to think how long it would take to catch three dozen birds separately by the method suggested?

Then he says, "he found himself fluttering in a cage with a hundred of his kind . . . In the shop were a hundred such cages." This would make 10,000 birds (Skylarks) in one man's stock at one time. True, your correspondent divides this number by ten when he says in the same paragraph, "there were a thousand songsters who but that morning had hung up in the sky pouring forth song." Were these thousand birds caught singly by means of a hand net and a broken-legged brace-bird on the end of a few yards of string? If your correspondent ever saw a hundred cages of a hundred Skylarks each, or *one* cage containing a hundred Skylarks, "gulping filthy water," what was he doing not to have the owner prosecuted? Either of two powerful societies, the Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and the Royal Society for the protection of birds, would only have been too glad to proceed in such a case, or it was open for your correspondent to call in the nearest policeman as a witness and prosecute the man himself, in which proceeding he would have the sympathy and praise of every bird-keeper in the country.

The outrageous accusation as to the blinding of birds to improve their song is a further testimony not only of the ignorance of your correspondent, but of shameless recklessness in making unfounded charges. On behalf of Cage Birds League I challenge your correspondent to substantiate this charge. If S.A.W. can let me have the name of a single bird-dealer who resorts to the practice of blinding birds, I will see that steps are taken to cause that dealer to remember his cruelty to the end of his days. About a year ago one solitary miscreant was found guilty of the abominable torture, and every bird-keeper in the country rejoiced at the punishment he received, and wished it could have been increased ten-fold or a hundred-fold. It is nothing less than a wicked slander, which, fortunately, can only be believed by those who know nothing whatever of the subject, to insinuate that the horrible cruelty is a matter of usual occurrence. On the contrary, it does not exist at all. One isolated case of cruelty inflicted by an ignorant ruffian does not make a practice, and the suggestion of S.A.W. is as unfounded as it is wicked.

The paragraph referring to mice further displays the careless ignorance of S.A.W. If a mouse "came and nibbled at his feet," how is it that "he was able to draw them within his cage"? Does a bird sleep with his feet outside of the bars of his cage?

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall, May 2, Mr. Thos. Wildridge in the chair. Classification and show schedule occupied the most of the time, and we added a few classes, chief being a "Bunting" class, which should encourage the exhibiting of those at our show.—R. Muir.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

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If so, why were "a dozen of his brethren unable to draw their feet from the white teeth of the mice"? What nonsense all this is!

Finally, knowledgeable people who buy Skylarks (and this mythical bird was evidently a Skylark) do not put them in gilded cages. Skylarks are kept in wooden cages open only in front and closed at top and ends, in which they live in health, song, and contentment for many years. (Records of twenty years are not wanting).

The initials of your correspondent, "S.A.W.," curiously enough, comprise another misstatement. No one ever SAW the horrors so graphically set forth in the extraordinary jumble of nonsense which you, sir, have permitted to appear in your pages. The whole of the contribution is, most obviously, a rehash of the worst of the misstatements contained in a pamphlet published by the Humanitarian League entitled "The other side of the bars," and in answer to which I wrote at the time the refutation of which the enclosed is a reprint. Further, your correspondent, in his, or her, total ignorance of the subject, has gone even to more ridiculous lengths than the author of the pamphlet from which he has taken his inspiration.

I beg that you will be kind enough to give this letter a prominence equal to that granted to the article to which it is a reply.

Where the Truth May be Seen.

In sending the cutting from the "Manchester Evening News," to which the above is an answer, Mr. Pollitt writes:—

> "I am sure persons who object to birds being caged improperly, and not looked after, will have the support of all bird-lovers in putting down this evil where it exists, but it is going too far to attack the Fancy at large for the evils of a very few. If some of these critics would visit some of the large shops in Manchester, I think the birds there would open their (the critics') eyes, as they are kept under practically perfect conditions."

Seize This Opportunity.

On page 414 will be found a copy of a circular which has been sent to the secretary of every bird society throughout the country. I hope every member and every associate of Cage Birds League will cut this out, sign it, and send it to his own Member of Parliament, addressing it to the House of Commons, Westminster. Any reader desiring copies of the petition may obtain the same by applying to Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, King's Cross, N. Cage bird keepers have in this an opportunity of making themselves heard, and the opportunity should not be allowed to pass.

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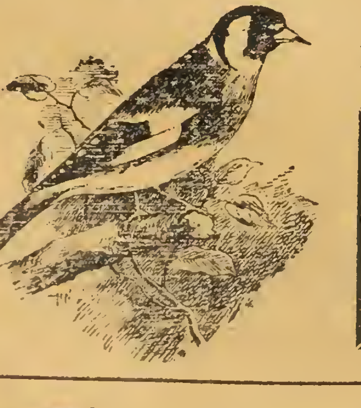

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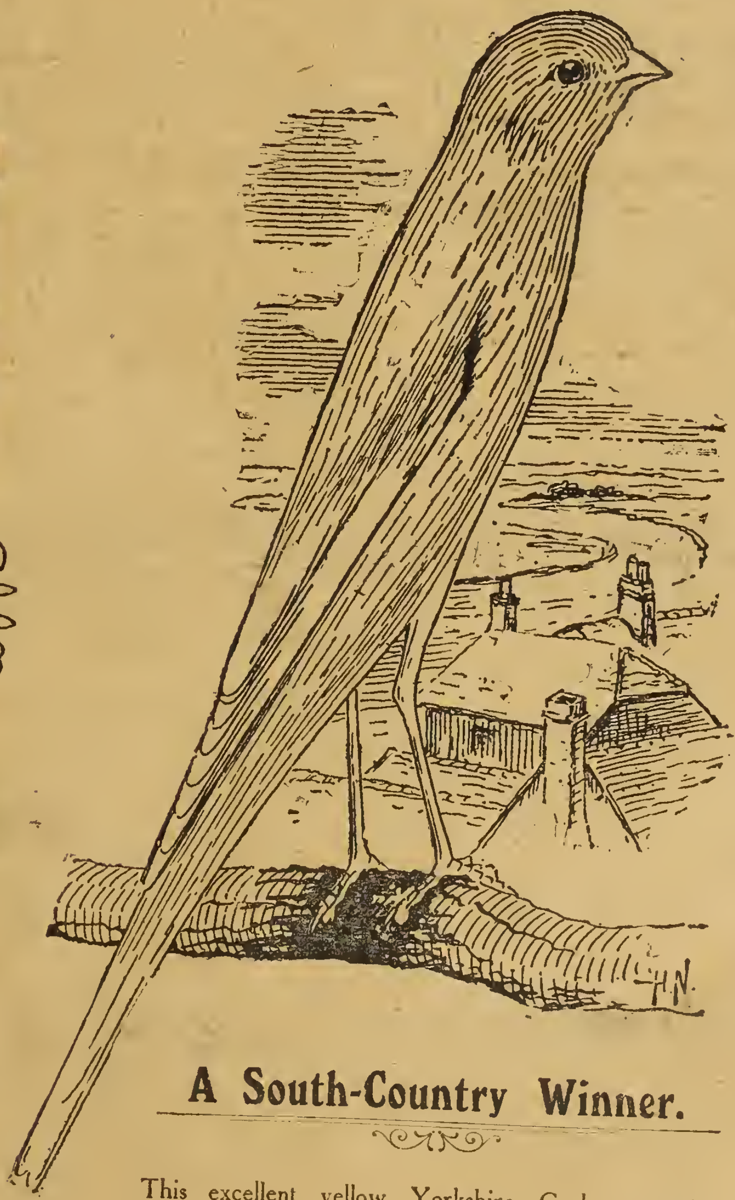

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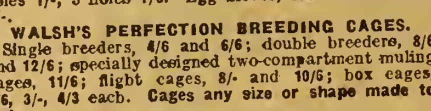

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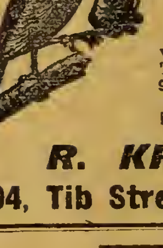

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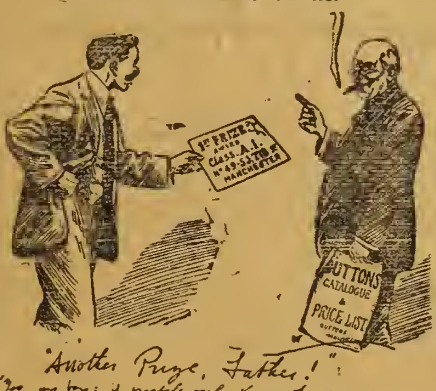

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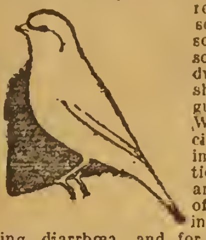

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Leadgate C.B.S.—May 17, Bainbridge's Cycle Rooms, 7. Election of new officers.—Robt. Jones.

In the Courts.

THE USE OF SPRING TRAPS.

Two Gamekeepers Fined.

James Malsbury, Biggin Hill, Cudham, was summoned, at the last Bromley Petty Sessions, at the instance of William Riley, local inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., for unlawfully affixing to a tree a spring trap which was calculated to cause bodily injury to any wild bird coming in contact therewith, at Cudham, on April 15th; and George Law, New Year's Cottage, Cudham, was summoned for causing such steel trap to be affixed.—Mr. S. G. Polhill appeared to prosecute on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., and Mr. Malcolm Hilbery represented defendants, who pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Polhill said Malsbury was an under gamekeeper, and Law was a head gamekeeper in the employ of Mr. Maconochie, of Cudham. On April 15th Inspr. Riley visited a wood in the parish of Cudham, and there he saw the steel trap, produced, which was affixed to the trunk of a tree. It was set on a platform which was about 5ft. 4in. off the ground, and under the Act the defendants had rendered themselves liable for an offence of this kind to a fine of 40s. and costs in the case of a first offence.

Ignorance of the Law pleaded.

William Riley said that he found the steel trap produced, fixed on a platform attached to a tree. It was partly covered with straw. After calling the attention of a police officer to what he had discovered, witness saw the defendant Malsbury. Witness told him who he was and what he had found, and Malsbury said, "Yes; I am a gamekeeper. I set the trap and received my instructions to do so from the head keeper; but I did not know we were committing any unlawful offence." The defendant Law admitted that he had given instructions for the trap to be set.

Mr. Hilbery: How did you come to go through the wood?—Witness: I received some information.

Mr. Hilbery: From whom?—Mr. Polhill: I must object to that question.—Mr. Hilbery: I am entitled to know.—The Chairman (to witness): Are you wiling to answer the question?—Witness: Yes.—Mr. Polhill: I must object for very good reasons. The society is often given information by people on the understanding that in no circumstances must we mention their names, and we are bound to keep faith with them. I don't know who gave the information in this case.—Witness: I don't know who the informant was either, for I received the message over the telephone. (Laughter.) The name was withheld, although I asked for it.

Mr. Hilbery: Did the keeper tell you that the trap was set for Jays?—Witness: I was told that it was set for vermin.

For the Benefit of Jays.

George Law, the head gamekeeper, stated that the wood in question belonged to Mr. Maconochie, the owner of the Cudham estate. On that estate they reared a large number of pheasants. The wood in which the trap was set was a private wood, and witness had the trap set for Jays because they destroyed the Pheasants' eggs and also young Pheasants. The trap was set very hard, so that it would not catch small birds. Maize was used for bait, and witness had never seen a small bird caught in the trap, which was an ordinary rabbit and vermin trap.—James Malsbury, the other defendant, said he set the trap to catch Jays at the request of the last witness. There was one public footpath through the wood, but that was 146 yards from the spot where the trap was set.

Mr. Hilbery said it was perfectly obvious that the Act was never intended to apply to a case of this kind. The wood was a private one, and the trap was set solely for the purpose of catching Jays, which preyed upon the Pheasants' eggs and also the young Pheasants. The trap was set for the purpose of protecting Mr. Mâconochie's own property, and such a trumpery and ridiculous charge ought not to have been brought before the Bench.

The Chairman said the Bench were of opinion that there must be a conviction in this case. Against the head keeper there would be a fine of 5s. and 11s. costs, and the under keeper would have to pay the costs, 11s.—"Bromley Telegraph."

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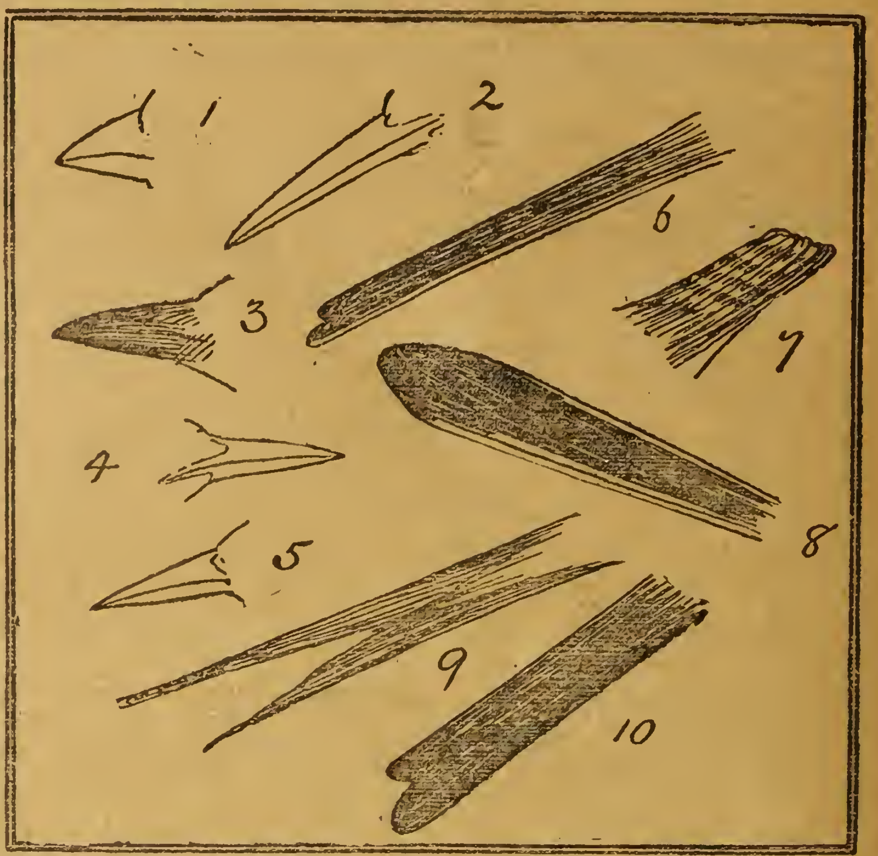

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Canary Hybrids have been bred from the Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, and Bullfinch; also, I believe, from the Chaffinch, Siskin, and Yellowhammer; although in the last two cases no authentic records have been forthcoming that they have reached maturity. The Chaffie-Canary is worth trying for, and I believe it would be a handsome bird indeed; anyone succeeding in exhibiting a good Hybrid of this cross will reap a reward—both monetary and honourable—that will have paid him for all his trouble, and I don't think it will be got without trouble either. I know something of the courtship of Chaffinches.

You Must Have Good Hens.

Good Hybrids cannot be bred unless you have suitable hens. While Finches only differ one from another in a small degree, there is a vast difference in hen Canaries, and I am confident that they play the most important part in the breeding of good Hybrids. Many mule breeders seem to think that any sort of hen is good enough for mule breeding. Of course, if singers only are wanted, then the Borders or the Rollers are just what are wanted, being free breeders; but if you are out for exhibition specimens, nothing but the biggest and the best Norwich hen will do, and for preference, a Yellow Green, or Yellow Cinnamon. Crestbred hens are sometimes recommended. I don't favour them, because colour plays such an important part in present day competition, and colour is not so latent in the Crest as in the Norwich. There is another drawback, you might breed birds with harsh and slovenly feathers at the thighs and on the shoulders; and you don't get birds with the same symmetry. You may gain a little in size, but at the expense of colour, quality, and shape. The same remarks apply to the Lancashire.

Where reliable Finches are limited, the system of running one cock to two hens should be practised, and the three compartment cage is an ideal one for the purpose; but if you have enough Finches to go round, I prefer the one cock one hen method. Some cocks prove very affectionate, and make good fathers, and when the young are being fed they are a material help to the hen. None but the most robust hens are of any use if you want fertile eggs. They must be bubbling over with condition, so that they will give the Finch more opportunities to fertilise the eggs.

I prefer a room set apart for muling. All things considered, the hens are better away from the cock Canaries; and I think I am right in saying that the best results have been obtained that way. Still, it is not absolutely necessary. Many Canary breeders have just a pair or two up for muling in the same room as their Canaries.

To get the best results, the Finches should be run with the hen Canaries from Christmas onwards in the flights, and if any hen shows a predilection for any Finch, or vice versa, they should be paired together. Don't be in too big a hurry to pair up. Finches as a rule are not early breeders, and if breeding from Sibs., it is usual to run the hen with a cock Canary for the first round, so as to perpetuate the strain of Sibs. After pairing up, you may follow the lines laid down as for Canaries, except that when the young are hatched you may add more seedy heads of green food.

A very Necessary Precaution.

The night before the hen is expected to lay, put the wire slide in, and keep the Finch shut off until you have got the egg. The precaution isn't necessary if you know your cock bird to be safe with eggs, but many have the reputation of being too inquisitive as to the nature of the inside of an egg. After the hen is put to sit, the cock may be shut off, and, if required, may be run with a second hen after a few days rest. At 21 days the young are usually able to do for themselves, when they can be treated in much the same way as young Canaries, but give a more varied diet when on hard seed.

It is said that a "thing of beauty is a joy for ever." If that is so, then a real good Hybrid bred from one of our cock Finches and a Bullfinch hen must be a joy for ever, because we know that it is a thing of beauty. Whenever I think about Hybrids, my mind always reverts to those two fine birds so successfully exhibited a few years back, the Goldie-Bullie that belonged to Mr. J. Williams, and the Linnet-Bullie of Mr. C. J. Ward. Those two birds were ideal specimens of their respective crosses, and I am certain there are none to-day that can surpass them in quality, even if they are approached. The Greenfinch-Chaffinch belonging to Messrs. Martin and Archer is a beautiful bird no doubt, and is a glorious triumph of the breeder's art, but it lacks the exquisite colouring that appeals to one in a real good Hybrid.

The Hen of all Hens!

Anyone making a hobby of the breeding of Hybrids between two British birds would be well advised to confine themselves to the Bullie hen. There are some pretty Hybrids bred from the Goldie, and other of our British, the Goldie-Redpoll and Goldie-Siskin being notable instances, but in a good class, those in the money, usually have the Bullie on the hen side. If you can get the Siberian Bullie, then so much the better; but a good big British hen is not to be despised, if it is only because they go to nest much readier, and that they are much more reliable breeders than the Siberians.

In selecting your birds, get the best that can be got. It is no use expecting the best from inferior specimens. Always get a big one, and if the big one is a good jonque, so much the better for you. The Twite is one that would make a good Hybrid from the Bullie, and I hope to see one before very long. When are we to see our first Hawfinch Hybrid? There is good money waiting for the first that is bred. Of course our British birds can be crossed in almost any way; but I am suggesting the Bullie cross as the best cross if you want to win.

My Hybrid breeding has been done in a large open-air aviary, and those enthusiasts who have the room cannot do better. I know that there are many who haven't the convenience to erect a large open-air aviary, and they have to take Hobson's choice, and use cages. But let your cages be as large as possible, or even larger than that, as the Irishman said. Let the birds be run together all the winter.

Fixing up the Nesting Sites.

For nesting sites, get the small Redpoll cages (cost about 3d.) and cover them with small shoots of fir or conifer (Cupressus) so as to make them as private as possible. Hang them outside the cage, and make a sliding door in the cage front for the birds to enter. If this style of nesting site is adopted, you will find the hen will lay her eggs in the nest instead of dropping them from the perches; and much of that vexatious attribute of eating eggs will banish at the same time. Nothing is more annoying than to be expecting eggs in a morning, only to find them either eaten or laid from the perch. One never knows but that the egg may have contained a youngster worth pounds.

You must have a stock of Canaries for rearing purposes if you are fortunat eenough to get any young hybrids hatched. Give the hens that are feeding them plenty of seedy heads of green food, and if you can get them to eat green fly—which they do in an aviary—so much the better for the young Hybrid. I am situated in the happy position of being able to study the habits of many of our British birds when feeding young, at the same time as I am following my employment, and have found that many of the seedeaters feed their young chiefly on the large greenfly which infest trees like the elm, maple, sycamore, and rose. The small green caterpillar also seems to come in for their attention, and that is why I like the Greenfinch hen for feeding young Hybrids, but I don't suppose she would be reliable in a cage.

A Word for the Hen Greenfinch.

Greenfinch hens in an aviary feed the young Hybrids on food that is more natural to them if they can get it. However, a good hen Canary is a good substitute, and if you get a young Hybrid hatched, if it happens to be a solitary one, don't let the hen rear it alone, but put with it a couple of young Canaries of the same age. The Hybrid overgrows the young Canaries, and gets the lion's share of the food, and makes a better young one in consequence. I don't like only one young one in a nest, neither does a hen Canary. She would much rather have a nest full.

When the Hybrid is reared, treat the same as for Canary Hybrids, and get it used to the show cage as soon as possible. By the way, I didn't mention that the best mate for the Canary-Bullie cross is a good Yellow Green Norwich or Yellow Cinnamon cock.

I hope that these few remarks on my experience and observations will be of benefit to those taking up the hobby of Hybrid breeding. There is nothing certain about it except its disappointments. It is a hobby purely for the optimistic fancier, one whose outlook on life is always on the bright side. The element of luck plays an important part in Hybrid breeding, and let us hope that some of us have the luck to breed a Palace winner this season, for "it is better to be born lucky than rich."

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Where the Pet Keeper Scores.

Our member, Mr. Geo. Crabb, the president of the London and P.O.S., kindly sends me Sir Ray Langester's article on "Longevity," published in the "Daily Telegraph" of May 12. Those who have the idea that it is an iniquity to keep birds and other wild creatures in captivity would receive considerable enlightenment if they would read this latest instalment of the educative articles contributed to the "Daily Telegraph" by Sir Ray Lankester, under the title "Science from an Easy Chair."

The following sentences bear distinctly upon the length of life of animals and birds in captivity as contrasted with the period of their existence in a state of nature.

> "Dogs are 'old' at twelve years; they show 'senile decay' (loss of teeth, etc.) at that age. In wild nature they die at that age, killed by carnivorous animals or by other younger animals of their own species, or unable to capture food. Under man's care they may live to twice that age. Horses in the natural wild state die (by the wearing away of the teeth) at twenty years, but have been kept alive till thirty and even forty years. The lion and tiger probably live some fifteen years in wild conditions, and may be kept to twice that age by human care. The cat has in the wild state a life of eight or nine years; it has been kept by man to eighteen years of age. Birds certainly live longer than do mammals of similar bulk. Geese, swans, ravens, and some birds of prey have been known to reach the age of fifty years; even Canaries (in cages) may live to twenty years of age. Many well-certified cases of Parrots and Cockatoos reaching the age of eighty years and more are known." —

I have many times pointed out that a process which multiplies the length of life of anything is obviously not a cruel process, and as long as we can prove that a bird in captivity will outlive eight or ten generations of its congeners which are left to Nature, so long shall we able to maintain that the caging of birds under proper conditions is not "an acted blasphemy."

Fiction from a Fiction Journal.

The following letter from a reader has been handed me by the Editor :—

I enclose a page extracted from "Dainty Novels," a most excellent (?) paper which I came across on Saturday. It is an old copy which I was casually reading over when I noticed in the "Dainty Novels League" columns some remarks by the Editress, who replies to correspondents. She writes: "Many have their eyes put out with *redhot needles*, so that they may have a *better chance* of winning singing competitions? That is not a wild statement, it is absolute fact." And again she writes: "Think of all the caged birds you have known, and what has been their ultimate fate. Some have been probably frightened to death by cats, others have died from sunstroke, the cage being put shelterless against a hot wall; but I venture to say that quite *three-fourths* of all cage birds die of thirst or starvation, because someone has forgotten to feed them, or else from the torture of the red mites which infect *all* cages after a time, and simply eat up the wretched prisoners alive!" Needless to say this woman shows, besides a most complete ignorance, a blind, absurd prejudice against the caging of birds, and she works up her readers into a kind of madness of humane enthusiasm. However, on reading the page you will form your own opinion about it. F. FOLKARD.

If Mr. Folkard will let me know the date of the "Dainty Novel" from which he sends the page, that is, if the precious publication bears a date, or the address from which it is issued, I will write to the Editress, although I fear that she will follow the example of the authors of similarly scandalous statements which I have already refuted from time to time, and will suppress my letter without acknowledgment. Such people will not permit anything to be said in their publications which would expose the fallacies to which they give utterance. These fallacies are not always the outcome of ignorance of the subject. They are more frequently a pandering to the tastes of the subscribers who help to keep the publications going, or who find the wherewithal to uphold the societies of which such publications are the organs.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Its Methods.

It would appear that it is not only in the matter of prosecutions against bird dealers that the R.S.P.C.A. takes proceedings which it is not able to justify to the satisfaction of magistrates hearing the cases. In a recent prosecution concerned with the thinning out of the wild red-deer in Somerset, the case was dismissed without the defence being called upon. I should not have referred to the case in these columns, but for the remarks of two of the speakers representing the association concerned.

Lord Fortescue, who dealt with the subject at great length, expressed regret that a society whose objects commanded so much sympathy should have taken up a case which was based, in fact, on such poor foundations, and said it would be a very good thing if in these matters people would clear their minds of cant; and Mr. S. Kidner said maudlin sentimentality was extending too far in public life. It was time for Englishmen to put their foot down and say they would have no more of it.

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Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 16-17. **Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
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Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)
Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
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Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.
Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road).
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Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.
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Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth West), J.R.
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SHOW DATES FIXED.—Continued.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.
Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.).
Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.
Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.
Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., A.G.C., J.M.
Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.
Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).
Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.
Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)
Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).
Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.
Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimbie, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.)
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Jones, Hornsey, writes that he has 30 young Canaries to date.

We hear from Mr. A. F. Fifield that Mr. Roe has been engaged to judge the Oxford C.B.S. open show on Oct. 16.

Societies desirous of having the patronage of the Cinnamon C.C. should send in their application at the earliest date. We invite applications for our Club Show, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, hon. sec., 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

Will all members and friends of the Clapham C.B.A., writes Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec., meet at Waterloo, to travel by the 10.2 train to Ellingham Junction, on May 18. Hot lunch at Station Hotel, E. Horsley, at 1.30.

We have fixed our annual ramble for May 25th, writes Mr. T. Barton, hon. sec. Preston O.S. Start from Preston Station 9.40, Deepdale 9.44, Ribbleton 9.49, to Longridge, walk to Brock. Members please bring friends.

We hear that the judges at the show of the Dysart C.B.S., Oct. 18, will be: Scotch Fancy, Mr. A. Kerr, Dysart; Borders, Mr. A. Walker, Lesmahagow; Norwich and Crests, Mr. J. Holmes, Edinburgh; British and Foreign, Mr. J. H. Adams.

The new meeting rooms of the Anfield, Everton and Dis. C.B.S., write Messrs. Redpath and Walker, joint hon. secs., are at the Prince Hotel, Moss Street. Meetings first Thursday in month. Members please attend in full force next meeting night. Important business.

The rule card of the Sowerby Bridge C.B.S. gives, besides the rules of the Society, a comprehensive syllabus of events to March, 1914, together with a detailed classification for the first feather, annual, and pairs shows. The sec. is Mr. A. Sutcliffe, 46, Eldon Place, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The hon. sec. of Brighton and Hove C.B.A., Mr. W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton, sends us the year-book of the society. It contains a list of officers and committee, rules, balance-sheet for 1912, particulars of the monthly show competitions, and the names and addresses of members.

I should be extremely obliged if you would announce in Cage Birds, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., that the Metropolitan C.B.A. have engaged Kelvedon Hall, Kelvedon Road, Walham Green, for their headquarters. We shall now have a very comfortable room for our meetings and a hall capable of staging 500 to 600 birds.

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. issues a neat booklet of rules, etc., for the year. Among the contents are the names of officers and committee, winners of cups and other specials, since 1904, fixtures for 1913, and a list of members' names and addresses. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. Hodson, 28, Barry Road, East Dulwich.

The annual ramble of the Watford C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Rackley, hon. sec., will take place on Sunday, June 1, to Ivanhoe, via Berkhampstead, L.N.W.Ry. Train 9.30 a.m. from Watford Station. Return via Tring, L.N.W.Ry. London fanciers wishing to join us will be cordially welcomed and can obtain full particulars from me at 9, Holywell Road. Watford.

I am sorry to have to report, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., the bad illness of our esteemed member, Mr. Lathbury, who took a chill at our committee meeting on April 30, and has been confined to his bed since. He has a nice lot of young birds, which Mr. Plank has very kindly undertaken to attend to. I feel sure all fanciers will join me in wishing this enthusiastic fancier a speedy recovery.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

We have, writes Mr. T. Smith, hon. sec., Ilkeston O.S., engaged Mr. C. A. House, Bradford, to judge Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe, Wellingborough, Mules, British and Foreign, at our open show, Oct. 24.

The following, writes Mr. J. Langlands, sec., have been selected and kindly consented to judge at the annual show of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S., in Good Templar Hall, Broughton Ferry, Oct. 18:—Scotch Fancy, T. Merrillies (Broughty Ferry) and J. Thomson (Kirkcaldy); Crests, Jas. McGregor (Lochgelly); Plainheads, W. Hampton (Brechin); Borders, D. Henderson (Buckhaven); Mules, British, and Foreign, J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh).

The inconvenience to the busy man caused by boiling an egg and preparing it with other ingredients is great; this has been overcome by Liverine, Limited, who are now supplying almost every fancier's store with their desiccated yolk of egg. It is, says this firm, the genuine thing, and fanciers can assure their tender youngsters getting real egg without the trouble before mentioned. The sales of desiccated yolk of egg are, we are informed, astounding. Liverine, Limited, have other outputs for the white of the egg, so are able to offer the yolk at a reasonable figure. There is sufficient in a 6d. tin to rear a nest of young until they are cracking seed.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Morton (Darvel).

In the person of Mr. John Morton, writes Mr. J. Robertson, jun., sec. Darvel C.B.C., our Club has sustained its first severe loss by the hand of death. For the last few years Mr. Morton has been engaged in the breding and rearing of poultry for general utility purposes, and it was while engaged in the fulfilling of duties connected with same that he met with the accident which caused his death. Having been refilling lamps connected with his chicken rearers, he had spilled a little paraffin oil about his clothes, and on going to look at the heat in one of his incubators. he had, in the darkness of the room, struck a light to see the thermometer. His clothes immediately took fire, and in the few minutes that elapsed between the accident and his being found by his parents. he was severely burned about the hands and face. The effect of the shock and the burns proved too much for him, and eight days after the accident he passed quietly away. John was for a long time an enthusiastic breeder of the Border Fancy, and he had also a warm side to our British birds, and had a few encouraging attempts at Hybrid breeding before he gave up the birds to start the poultry. He became a member of our C.B.C. at its formation, and took an active part in trying to make it a success in this district. He was of a bright and genial nature, and one was always sure of a cheery word of welcome from our departed friend. He will be much missed in our midst, and we are sure the warmest sympathy of all fanciers will be extended to the family in the severe loss they have sustained.

Many thanks for depicting my buff hen on the front page of your valuable paper of May 3, writes Mr. D. Jenkins, Swansea, also I wish to thank your artist for the life-like portrait of her. She was 1st Mumbles, 1st Cheltenham, 2nd Swansea, beaten by her stable companion, 1st Newport, 1st L.C.B.A., 2nd Frome, beaten by yellow hen stable companion. She is now rearing four very promising youngsters just about to leave the nest. Wishing Cage Birds the success it deserves.

A Good "Go-er."

I received the Cage Birds watch safely, and return many thanks for same. It is going well and keeps very good time. I wish every success to Cage Birds.—A. Lloyd (Horsham).

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: National British Bird and M.C., May 24, to Epping Forest, from Liverpool Street; morning party 9.36 train to Chingford; afternoon 1,35 train to Loughton; City and Suburban A.C.B. to Epping Forest with N.B.B. and M.C.; London and Provincial O.S. to Epping Forest with NB.B. and M.C.; Sowerby Bridge C.B.S., May 17, to Harden Beck, train leaves Halifax St. Paul's, 1.45; Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S., May 17, to Lesmahagow, from Central Station, 2.25; Leyton C.B.A., May 17, to Epping Forest, meet at Loughton Station 2.58; Preston O.S., May 25, to Brock, train to Longridge from Preston 9.40, Deep dale 9.44, Ribbleton 9.49; Watford C.B.S., June 1, to Ivanhoe, train to Berkhampstead, 9.30 from Watford; Doncaster C.B.S., May 31, through Edlington Woods, meet at Balby tram terminus, 2.30; Smallbridge C.B.S., May 18, meet 7.30 a.m., Albert Royds St.; Clapham C.B.A., May 18, to Effingham, from Waterloo 10.2; Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., May 25, to Box Hill, Dorking and Holmwood Common, train leaves Peckham Rye 9.20.

A White Skylark.

I saw a pure white Skylark on Thursday, May 1st, near Birchington, Kent, and thought it might be of interest to your readers to tell you.—W. E. Hunt (Faversham).

An Unpleasant Experience.

You will be sorry to hear that Judge Vardy is confined to his house suffering with rheumatism, writes Mr. B. Gabbitass (Mansfield). I am sure all fanciers will wish him a speedy recovery.

Dominoes Are Now Off.

Robins have selected a strange nesting-place at the Cheshire County Asylum, Macclesfield. They have built their nest in a domino-box in the sitting-room of No. 2 ward. The dominoes are still at the bottom of the box, the latter standing on a bookshelf, which is in daily use. A few days ago the Robins were busy building their nest, and eggs have now been laid.

An Aged Gull.

Some years ago, says a writer in a Northern contemporary, I had a communication from Mr. Anthony Scott, of Southwick House, Sunderland, telling of a Gull which lived thirty-four years in his garden. He was a Herring Gull, which Mr. Scott's grandfather bought from a man who had winged the bird and caught it. This bird passed its life in confinement without taking shelter from the severest storms, even in winter. His food was fish, worms, and scraps of meat; and many a cat he defeated in open fight.

In Scots Fancy Circles.

The following have become members of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A. for the ensuing year:—Messrs. R. Lile, J. McLennan (Edinburgh), W. Beattie (Dundee), J. A. Stewart (Cathcart), N. R. H. Leiper (Ibrox), W. Wilson (Glasgow), J. Y. Millar (Cardonald), D. Holden (Muirkirk) S. Cook (Cowdenbeath), and W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge). Our esteemed vice-president, Mr. Jas. D. Brown, is giving a prize of 2s. 6d. in money to the 5th, 6th, and 7th birds in each class at our annual show (eight classes).—A. M. Baird, Sec.

A Change—and a New Feature.

With this week's issue, Mr. G. E. Weston brings to a close the lengthy period of nearly ten years during which he has answered the questions of readers concerning Mules, Hybrids and British birds. He is contributing a new feature to Cage Birds, which he hopes to make interesting and popular; the opening instalment appears this week. Mr. Weston's old department will be in very capable hands; Mr. H. Norman will answer all questions relating to Mules and Hybrids, and Mr. H. J. Fulljames all those which concern the keeping of British birds.

Dual Judging of Borders.

I have the judges fixed for our show on Nov. 15th, writes Mr. J. Brown, secretary Galashiels O.S., and would like to direct attention to the fact that we have adopted the "double" judging system on our Scotch Fancy and Border Fancy sections, which we hope will secure the support deserved. The following are the judges:—Scotch Fancy (double) Alex. Paterson (Edinburgh) and Jas. Carson (Dalkeith); Border Fancy (double), Jno. Tait (Gala) and Jas. Alexander (Lilliesleaf); Norwich, R. G. Cameron (Kelso); British and Foreign, Jas. Mason (Peebles).

20,000 Eggs for London's Sick Poor.

The Poultry World's Hospital Egg Week commenced on Tuesday last, May 13, and closes on Tuesday next, May 20. New-laid eggs are urgently required for the pale-faced inmates of our great Metropolitan Hospitals, and it is hoped that readers of Cage Birds who keep poultry will send as many eggs as they can possibly spare. Last year poultry-keepers in Great Britain contributed a grand total of 24,317 eggs, and our sister paper is again striving to reach the 20,000 egg line. Wherever donations in cash are sent, new-laid eggs will be purchased. Eggs should be sent at once, carefully packed, to The Editor, The Poultry World, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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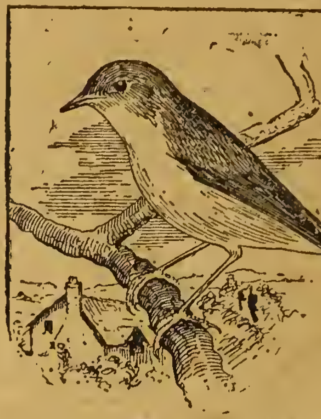
Wild-Bird Life.

The Finest Singer of Them All.

There are many who claim that the Nightingale should be awarded the palm in the bird world as "The finest singer of them all," and who give as a reason for their verdict the statement that he indulges in song when all the other inmates of the groves and woods are silent. Such person, I fear, can only be superficially acquainted with the melody of the "King of Songsters." Let anyone who cares ever so little for the singing of our feathered friends, stand at the edge of a wood on a fine bright day at the present time, when the sun shines, and all around is gay. The air is full of the hum of insects, and cheery music of birds. The deliberate utterances of the Blackbird, the song of the Thrush, Robin, Finches and Buntings, make the woods ring with lively strains. Suddenly a single new voice is added to the chorus; only a phrase, just a few notes, but so clear, rich, and melodious, so unlike the others, that it is impossible for the listener to pass it by without notice, and so much will the rich song impress itself upon him that he will find himself eagerly listening for the next utterance. When it comes, it will be so totally different from the last that he will hardly recognise it as coming from the same bird; it will be something perhaps even fuller and richer than the first; it may possibly be a waterbubble, rendered in so liquid and melodious a manner that one wonders how the tiny throat of a bird can make it so perfect. This may be followed by a low whistle, so clear and sweet that the commencement may be entirely missed, and only noticed when broken up by a few rapid notes. We are now in the month of May, when this glorious minstrel is at his best, and readers need not wait until the "shades of night" before seeking his haunts. Before he has nested he sings almost as much by day as after sundown, but although the song of the 'Gale is the first and best at any time, one undoubtedly gets the full enjoyment of it during the "bewitching hours of night"; he seems then to fill the wood with his glorious voice, and as one writer observes, "He pierces the ear right to the heart of the listener." Unfortunately the Nightingale is quite a local performer, his range is mostly Southern, even the grand country of the West cannot claim him as a frequenter of the woods. Efforts have been made to extend his range by the placing of eggs in Robin's nests, but although the young have been reared, they have left the district in the autumn, never to return. We of the South are fortunate, and fully appreciate our good fortune, especially in the month of May.


THE NIGHTINGALE.

We hear from Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., that the annual country ramble of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. will take place on May 25th, to Box Hill, Dorking, and Holmwood Common. Train leaves Peckham Rye 9.20. Each to take his own return ticket to Dorking, fare 2s. 3d. It has been decided not to go into Dorking for Lunch, but meat tea will be provided at the Temperance Hotel, West Street, at 5.30. The hon. sec. will be pleased to hear by May 21, from anyone intending to join, particulars from Mr. W. Hodson, 28, Barry Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

A Popular Cup Winner.

The bowl of the Northern Lizard Club has found a popular resting place for the next twelve months, Mr. J. Hyslop, Wallsend, being the holder. Rumour has it, writes Mr. G. C. Davidson, sec., that he intends it to remain there.

Waiting on the Weather

Owing to the inclement weather, writes Mr. W. Hodgkins, Assist. Sec., the ramble of the Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S. was postponed to Sunday, May 18. If wet, the following Sunday. Meet at headquarters 10.30 a.m. (Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard). All fanciers cordially invited.

SOMETHING ABOUT MY NIGHTINGALES.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A. (Teignmouth).

(Continued from page 365.)

England's "Philomel" and the Continental Sprosser are both dealt with by our author, who also chats interestingly of some Nightingale lovers of long ago

A Bird with a Fine Constitution.

Many people consider the Nightingale delicate. The incident which I am now going to relate seems to negative that suggestion. When I brought home the two birds above mentioned, I took them at once to the bird-room and unpacked and caged the Nightingale, after first shutting the window. I closed the door of the travelling cage, after taking out the Nightingale, but did not latch it. As bad luck would have it, the Sprosser bumped up against the door, knocked it open, and found himself at liberty. With one joyous note he made straight for the window at forty miles an hour. There was a horrid scrunch, and a limp little body fell motionless on the floor. I may have said something short, but I went on with my work, for I felt quite sure that the only further service that could possibly be rendered to the poor Sprosser was to decently inter his remains. Having finished my task, I picked up the supposed corpse by the tail, and thought I noticed a quivering in one eyelid. I sponged the head with cold water and left the "corpse" on the window-sill. After tea the "corpse" was found to be alive but extremely groggy; it could not stand. It was hand-fed with a few mealworms, and placed for the night in a cage.

An Experiment which Did Not Succeed.

About 6.30 a.m. the following morning I was awakened by loud songs proceeding from the bird-room. Antony's voice could be easily recognised, but there were other notes which seemed strange and unfamiliar. I slipped on a dressing-gown, opened the door of the bird-room very gently, and peeped in. Words fail me to describe that scene. The "noble Roman" and the "corpse" were engaged in a Homeric contest (of song) and the "corpse" was getting the best of it. When I looked in a couple of hours later the Sprosser alone was singing: Antony had given him best.

This combination did not answer at all well, because Antony would not sing much when the Sprosser was in the room, and the Sprosser would not sing much in any other room, so I turned him into an aviary the following spring, and succeeded in breeding from him as mentioned above. Some of our readers may recollect the suggestion I once made that the cause of the Nightingale's singing at night was not that he fears the competition of other birds, but that he is liveliest at that time. I had an opportunity of testing my theory that summer, and was interested in noting that this Sprosser, which had always sung in the morning in the bird-room, and never after mid-day, as soon as he found himself out of doors and in comparative freedom, at once reverted to the time honoured customs of his race, and commenced to sing of an evening. At 10 p.m. the whole garden rang with his glorious notes, and people used to stand in the road outside and listen to him.

A Couple of Night Birds.

Like Philomel, the writer keeps rather late hours; in fact by the time he returns home Salton is generally fast asleep, and only the cats are sitting up to welcome him. Night after night I used to have a peep at the Sprossers' aviary, and always found them awake, and "churring" away vigorously. One of my correspondents asked me if I ever saw the young fed at night. The hen bird always seemed to be brooding the young closely at night, and I saw no feeding, but the test was not conclusive, because all birds seem to be much scared at night by the approach even of their owner, so I never liked to stay long enough to get them reconciled to my presence. I have seen the male feeding himself, however, and it is quite probable that he also fed the young, because some Sprossers nest far north, and we may be nearly sure that their close relatives, at all events the Arctic Bluethroat, and the Rubythroat—feed their young by the light of the "midnight sun," for it is a well established fact that during the nesting season in the Arctic Circle feeding goes on by night as well as by day; it seems to be only a question of sufficient light for the purpose.

I thought it would be an interesting experiment to train up one of the young male Sprossers under Antony, both in order to see what sort of a performer a young bird bred in an aviary would make, and to ascertain if he would adhere to the song of his race or adopt that of the Nightingale of Southern Europe. I therefore parted with his parents and all his brothers and sisters, and kept the young male in the bird-room for the whole winter. The result was not at all satisfactory, for the young bird was never allowed to sing; whenever he commenced to record, Antony used to shout him down, so I parted with him.

What is the Explanation?

Here we knock up against an interesting question, namely, why young Nightingales which have never made that wonderful journey to the "Dark Continent" are almost invariably failures as vocalists. In order to answer this we should have to know what the Nightingale is singing about, and I fear even the wisest of us is not wise enough to interpret that beautiful song. Perhaps he is telling us of his experiences—of the burning desert and the cool oasis, of the mighty river of history and mystery which flows northward from the heart of Africa, of the great Moon Mountains with their glittering crowns of eternal snow, of that daring flight across the moonlit Mediterranean, and of the "mistral" which comes roaring and ravening down from the wild ravines. If all the hand-reared birds were total failures, perhaps we might accept this as sufficient explanation, but there is always the brilliant exception. A young male Whinchat, bred in the aviary last summer, has sung to me through the entire winter, and right through the spring moult, and to-day he is not only in the full beauty of the breeding plumage of his race, but he is a far better singer than any wild Whinchat I ever heard, for he has acquired many of the tours of the Shama and other vocalists of renown.

(To be continued.)

Our Hobby Week by Week.

A pleasant task has been assigned me. I am to write concerning topics which are at the moment of interest to bird-keepers, and on which I hold "views," or on which I may have formed opinions consequent upon my own experiences as a keeper and lover of birds. My earnest hope is that my discursive notes may succeed in holding the attention of my readers, and even occasionally profiting them. As is the way with most people who sometimes stop to think out things for themselves, I am apt to find myself holding and expressing very decided views on some aspects of our hobby. But my readers will, I know, generously acquit me of intentional intolerance towards the opinions of others; and I hereby promise to try and steer clear of too arrogant a brand of dogmatism!

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Freaks and Freakishness.

The present would seem to be qualifying in some respects to be considered a season of freakishness—to say nothing of freaks. The weather conditions have been abominably freakish; at least, I can answer for my own particular portion of the Globe. And the hens of many fanciers with whom I have spoken seem to have been in a responsive mood. I heard in April of a young Yorkshire Canary without the semblance of a trace of wings; it was doing well when I had my last news of it. Readers will no doubt recollect that a similar case occurred last year; and this particular wingless Canary still survives and thrives. The other week came friend Baker's young Norwich Plainhead with four legs. And the other day a fancier telephoned me in a great state of perturbation—he had a nest of Norwich Plainheads without eyes! These youngsters were well over 14 days old; had never opened their eyes, and appeared unlikely ever so to do, as there was in each case but an indication of the presence of the eye, and the skin over the latter was "grown together" (my informant's way of putting it). Apart from this, the birds were large for their age, strong, and well nourished. A couple of my own hens each presented me with two eggs on the one morning, a thing I have personally never before experienced. In the first case one egg lay broken on the cage floor, and the other was in the nest uninjured. In the second case (this happened only last Tuesday) both eggs were safe in the nest; one has a small, rough (chalky) looking patch on it. Query: Can it have been delayed (or "stuck") on its passage to the outer world, and so caught up by egg number two?

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What Ever Were They?

Many years ago—more than I like to call to mind—I was, I remember, very irritated and annoyed at the printed gibes of a well-known learned aviculturist concerning Hybrids and those who tried to breed them. I was hot-headed in those days. "Freaks and variations" he contemptuously stigmatised them; hence the previous paragraph has naturally recalled the matter. And my thoughts run on to wonder whether we shall, during the present season, find our list of authentic Hybrids augmented. It is a curious fact that away back in the past several "freaks and variations" were exhibited which the majority of present-day fanciers consider have never been bred. In the Crystal Palace catalogues of thirty to forty years ago figure Yellowhammer-Canary, Chaffinch-Canary, Bullfinch-Canary and Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrids, and some of these got into the prize-list. Whatever were they in reality? The Siskin-Bullfinch, I believe, was afterwards identified as one of the foreign (? Serin) Finches. With regard to three different specimens said to be the progeny of a cock Bullfinch and hen Canary, that sterling fancier and judge, the late Mr. G. J. Barnesby, tells us in his book "Canaries and Mules" that one (shown in 1870) was clear in colour, and was considered to be "only a Canary with a mal-formed beak." Of one of the other couple, he remarks that although it appeared "a more likely one of the kind, it was considered by those fully competent to form an opinion to be a cross between the Bullfinch and the Chaffinch." Sensation! We seem to-day to be just forty-three years behind the times with one cross, anyway! And why cannot we produce the Bullfinch-Canary, seeing that the redoubtable Dr. Jassay, of Frankfort-on-Main, recorded many long years ago that he had accomplished the feat? Can he, I wonder, have been mistaken?

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Offered Without Apology.

As anything bearing on the feeding of young birds (old ones, too, for that matter) is of particular importance now, I make no apology for airing my views on the subject of green food. I have often puzzled over the staunch adherence of bird-keepers, and especially the "old brigade" amongst Canary breeders, to such "green-meats" as watercress, lettuce and dandelion. In the bulk, however, we fanciers are a conservative lot, and shy in the making of changes in our methods of procedure. And the above-mentioned trio of greenfoods can claim to be "old-established and well-recommended." I cannot deny them a measure of usefulness, and, further, watercress and lettuce have the great merit of being readily obtainable in towns. But to my way of thinking, it is an easy matter to take away their characters. Watercress is liable to come from a polluted source. All three soon subside into a flabby, stale condition when left in one's cages during hot weather, to the certain detriment of young birds that chance to eat of them, and to the probable detriment of old birds. Further, I think their dank and fleshy nature makes them unsuitable and liable to bring about bowel trouble. Do our Finches in their wild state eat watercress and lettuce and feed their young on them? Commend me to the wild *seeding* greenfoods for both old and young birds—shepherds purse and chickweed, and (don't look surprised) grass.

Was the Red Light Justifiable?

Let us be fair to the lettuce, however. I noticed recently that a lecturer condemned it on the ground that it contained something that made birds drowsy and sleepy—made the old birds disinclined to attend their duties, and left the young ones listless in the nest. I have heard the same argument advanced before. It is true that lettuce contains a minute trace of a sleep-producing substance called lactucarin, but (according to Professor Church) it is found *only in the stem*, and more particularly when the plant is flowering. Now birds get very little stem, and a young and tender (not flowering) lettuce is generally chosen. Further, an incredible quantity would surely need to be consumed before the lactucarin could appreciably affect the birds. Many extremely useful and popular items of food, including fruits, nuts (even the humble potato) have been proved to contain some principle or other which, if only it were present in sufficient quantity, would "spell trouble" to all who ate of them. I am reminded of the night I heard a noted authority on Canaries warn his listeners against an incautious use of mawseed. He stated that he had seen birds fed liberally upon it "reel about the cage floor like drunken men," the opium contained in the seed being the cause of their unseemly antics. Maw (or poppy) seed, however, contains not the faintest trace of opium, nor any other principle that could affect birds in this way. Opium is obtained from one particular species of poppy (*P. somniferum*) and is the dried milky juice which exudes from cuts made in the capsules before they are ripe.

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Neglected Though Ever With Us.

To return to the grass-seed. This I consider one of the very best, though undoubtedly the most neglected, of the seeding greenfoods which are fast becoming so deservedly popular. Keepers of foreign birds have long recognised its value; poultry-keepers know that grass contains all the elements of the ideal greenfood; but how many Canary breeders even so much as look at it? Yet I find that our British seed-eating species, and every variety of Hybrid, delight in seeding grass; and my Canaries appreciate it beyond them all. It can be grown practically anywhere and gathered practically everywhere. To get together a large bunch of the "spikes" of seed takes but a minute or so; the one precaution you should observe is not to gather it off ground smothered in road-dust. The long stems of seeding shepherds purse and the spikes of seeding grass can be left with safety in cages: they will not turn stale and putrid; they will not upset the bowels of your birds. Best of all, I never find a hen which will not feed them freely to her young. Seeding chickweed I like very much, though one needs to keep it fresh, while groundsel tops have their uses, and dandelion heads and young leaves are invaluable in the spring. But there is no "close time" in my bird-room for seeding grass and shepherds purse—except that imposed by Dame Nature.

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White Crests & Crestbreds.

It may not be generally known that a new variety of White Canary was bred last season. Anyway, it was news to me when the fact was casually mentioned in the course of conversation by a bird-lover who paid me a visit exactly three weeks ago. Strangest of all, I found that this had been bred by a fancier living little more than a mile away from me, and that the one surviving white bird was advertised in CAGE BIRDS last winter, but not sold (!). Yet I had never heard of the happening, and had never met anyone else who had, apparently, heard of it! The breeder, however, although he knew of the other White Canaries—perhaps because of this—and resides little more than a stone's throw from Mr. Kiesel, the producer of the first and several subsequent Whites, did not seem to think much of the performance of his own birds. I will tell you more about it next week. Suffice it to say here that a buff heavily marked dark Crested hen, paired to a buff lightly-marked Crestbred cock, in their second nest had four young—a pure white Crestbred, a half-white and half-black Crestbred, a Crest with white body plumage, black crest and even-marked (black) wings, and a normal-coloured clear body dark Crest. What a lovely creature that white Crest must have been; unfortunately it died after the moult, as also did the half-white Crestbred. The pure white Crestbred, a hen, is now in my own bird-room. She is much the largest and chubbiest White Canary I have seen—good Norwich type and, like all her kind, wonderfully tight and silky in plumage.

G. E. WESTON.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

Note.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MOPING ROLLER (Mrs. Marr).—First see that all exciting causes of bronchial trouble are removed as far as possible, such as extreme fluctuations between day and night temperature, cold draughts, and exposure to heated impure air. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, which, by way of change, may be varied occasionally by a similar quantity of rape soaked overnight in cold water. Twice a week, on the alternating days, give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Every day give a little green food. Limit the diet to this for a month. Add a pinch of Epsom Salts to the water for two days, and afterwards give 20 drops of the following mixture every second day for the remainder of the month. Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

UNABLE TO GRIP PERCH (Perplexed).—Keep the bird in a moderate sized cage; put in one thin and nearly round perch, about the thickness of an ordinary lead pencil, and another of a tapered shape, varying from a little thicker at one end to slightly thinner than a lead pencil at the other end. Watch the bird when it settles down to roost or when nesting on these perches, to see if it gradually works the hind claws over the back of the perch. If it does, no other treatment will be necessary than to leave only these perches in the cage for a few weeks until the toes have acquired some strength and ease of grip. If there is no sign of the bird ever getting the hind claws over the back of the perch after a few days' trial of these perches, remove them, and replace with ordinary size perches of a flattened oval shape, and put a rubber band on each hind toe and leg for two or three weeks; then, when you remove the bands put in the thin perches again for a few weeks. You can make these bands by cutting rather less than an eighth of an inch from the end of feeding bottle tubing for each band. To put them on, hold the three front toes close together, place band over them, push it on upwards, holding the hind toe back against leg until the band is round leg and hind toe, and nearly as far as the end of the toe. Leave it there and release bird, when the toe will be held in a backward position by the rubber band.

HENS NOT FEEDING. (Wild Wales).—I'm afraid I cannot tell you, without more definite particulars of your management, why the hens simply sit on the young after hatching until they are dead. If you mean you have had three nests already this season from the same hens, you certainly mated them a great deal too early. What size is your aviary. Is there only one pair, or more, in it? If more than one pair, do they all fly together; how old are the birds; and are the cocks left with the hens whilst sitting, and after? When the next young are hatched, if the cock has been left with the hen, and the latter shows no sign of beginning to feed, remove him to a cage by himself so that the hen will be compelled to come off nest for food and water, creating thereby a little chance each time of her popping a morsel into the gaping beaks when she returns. Then try the following method, and if you fail again write and give replies to above questions and the fullest particulars you can. On the morning of day young are due to hatch give a small teaspoonful of egg food and add to the drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and leave this on cage until she seems to have started feeding. Towards evening remove stale egg food, well clean vessel, and give a small supply of fresh. Next morning, if young have not been fed, give a fresh supply of egg food dusted over with maw; also in a separate vessel a little rape soaked until near sprouting, and a small spray of flower heads of groundsel. Offer a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved. Renew the food supply in the afternoon, and again next morning, and if she is not feeding by that time, add also a small teaspoonful of cracked hemp. Continue this feeding at least twice a day. Keep the egg food rather on the side of dryness. Add no moisture at all other than what the egg contains. If young are not fed on the morning of day after hatching, give them a little egg food moistened on your tongue, and give each a cropful at night if still unfed. If you continue this assistance morning and evening for a few days the hen may take up her duties at any time and finish rearing the young quite satisfactorily.

FICKLE DAMES (Crest).—Only time and patience are of any use with these two hens. They will doubtless settle down very soon now the weather is likely to be more settled and warmer. At this season there is little or no need for forcing diet, so you did right to discontinue it. Give a little egg food twice a week, and mixed seed on two other days. Give a little fresh crisp dandelion daily. You may add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Do not change the cocks about. Let the most suitable one you have for each hen remain with that hen permanently until, at least, they have gone to nest. The only exception is that if the one that has had four mates shows a decided preference for one of them you had better let her have him. If people pass close to the cages you should fix a square of brown paper on the wire just in front of the nest-pans to ensure a little privacy. If the centres of your Crests have really been filled in well it is quite probable the feathers lost from centres will be reproduced at the moult, if not before. A temporary loss of feathers of this kind will not affect the young at all. Glad to hear previous advice proved so successful.

BROKEN TAIL (No Tail, H.G.).—I should suspect something wrong with the cage or perches was the cause of the continually broken and frayed tail. See that it has a proper cage of moderate size—say 12in. by 8in. and 14in. high—and that the perches are conveniently placed and of proper size. Also see that the cage is not infested with red mites. Keep floor strewn with clean, gritty sand, and allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In addition to staple seed diet of plain canary and rape give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar, every third day for a month, and twice a week on the intervening days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats. Give a little green food in variety daily. Carefully extract the broken feathers, removing three from different places at each operation, and allow three or four days to elapse between each operation. Add 20 drops of chemical food to the water every second day for a month.

TO GET INTO CONDITION (A Reader of "C.B.").—Nothing will get the hen into breeding condition until this moult is stopped and the plumage grown again, so it is quite useless to attempt mating her yet. You will be very lucky to get her in condition in time for just one brood this year. Keep her in a bright, cosy, well-aired place, but see it is free from cold draughts, rapid fluctuations, or heated impure air. A fairly equable place with a normal temperature should suffice. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day, and on the alternating days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give the rhubarb and soda aperient as advised to "Crest" for two days. Then dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until feathers cease dropping. When the hen is quite over the moulting hang the cage containing the cock alongside the breeder for a few days, or place him in a nursery cage and hang on front of the breeder for a day or so, to enable them to strike up an acquaintance. Then turn cock into the breeder with the hen. As you seem to be quite a novice, I would advise you to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d. post free. It will prevent you making many errors.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ROLLER AND CAGE (B.C.T.).—I am sorry I cannot tell you where to buy either bird or cage, as such discriminations are inadmissible in these columns. Look up our advert. columns for a few weeks, and select a dealer, or consult Cage Birds Annual, and pick out some known Roller breeder, and then get the bird on approval on the deposit system, and hear it sing. It is a wise resolve to deal only on deposit system. If you find a known breeder of Rollers near you it would be a good idea to get an appointment, if possible, to hear and select a suitable bird at owner's rooms. Your own estimation of a high-class singer is naturally the criterion in buying a bird, and it is quite possible that this may differ somewhat from a Roller judge's taste. Just now, too, is a bad time for buying such a bird as you want, as the birds, being in high breeding condition, are not in their best exhibition song, and, moreover, breeders may be chary of giving appointments to test birds at this season. If you cannot make any such appointment, then describe the bird you want as a Roller for high-class contest singing, and leave the choice to him. Such extraneous terms as St. Andreasburg, etc., are not applicable to this class of bird. If properly treated they certainly do not lose their song in a year or so, save, perhaps, in some very exceptional case, and that generally traceable to wrong treatment. The diet is much the same as for other Canaries, except the staple, which, for these birds, should be sweet, nutty German rape. For full details get the Nutshell booklet, No. 10, 2½d. post free, from this office. I cannot fix a price on the bird you want; that naturally depends upon the vendor. It may be anything from 25s. upwards; don't expect it for less than sum named. As regards cage, do not make "prettiness" a cardinal point. Look for utility and comfort for the bird, points which are often overlooked in a "pretty cage." See advert. columns under "Appliances," for cage-makers' addresses. A plain box-cage is the best all-round one.

BACKWARD YOUNG HENS (Old Subscriber).—I am inclined to think the cause of these three hens not yet coming into breeding condition is that they were rather late hatched, and, consequently, are still somewhat immature. They will doubtless settle down to business very soon now, or may even have made a start before this reply appears, and I have no doubt you will have no cause at the end of the season to regret their present backward condition. In all probability their results will then equal, if not exceed, those of the old hens who have already had a full round of nests with only two fertile eggs. The "tailing" in autumn would not affect the young hens now in any way, but you really adopted a Spartan and unfeeling method of getting through with the job. As regards further treatment, if they have not started nesting yet, hang them where they can see as well as hear the cocks. Add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the water for three days, and for the next three or four days give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel. Give half-a-teaspoonful of egg food with half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and black rape, with a slight sprinkling of mustard seed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

In future, queries relating to Mule and Hybrid breeding must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and be addressed to the "Hybrid Department"; they will be answered by Mr. H. Norman. British bird queries will be answered by Mr. H. J. Fulljames. See also notice on page 426.

BLACKBIRDS IN AN AVIARY (E. Smith).—I must candidly say that I think your aviary very much on the small side. It most certainly would not do for more than one cock and one hen Blackbird. Evidently you are not aware that Blackbirds are pugnacious during the breeding season; in fact, they can be dangerous to smaller birds of other species, for a male of a pair in the aviary (a really large one) of a friend of mine, was caught red-handed murdering a Linnet. Several other mysterious deaths which occurred at about the same time were no doubt also its handiwork. Yet this cock and its mate had been peaceably disposed to their companions all the winter—until, in fact, the hen showed a desire to go to nest. Two cocks in the vicinity of my garden had a series of desperate battles this spring (the favourite fighting ground being the roof of my bird-house), although with practically the whole countryside at their disposal, and each possessed of a dainty wife. I can imagine those two cocks in an aviary; one or other of the twain would soon be fit only to provide feather linings for nests!

Owing to the intervention of the Whitsuntide Holidays a number of Queries were not received until Tuesday last, and we cannot, of course, get these answered in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—Editor.

HEN GREENFINCH PAIRED UP (E.R.F.).—It is true that hen Finches are very undependable sitters and mothers when in a cage, yet the Greenfinch is the best of them all, and the most likely to succeed in bringing up young. Your hand-reared hen may quite possibly give no trouble. If she rears the young for a week or so, and then deserts them, you will have to try hand-feeding them (this happened with me in one case). However, my bird was paired with a Goldfinch; as your own is mated to a cock Canary, the latter might possibly look after the young. The important thing is to provide seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, and grass, in plenty. One and all are freely and easily obtainable now. Let her have the usual kinds of seeds; and don't forget some cracked safflower or sunflower (or both). My bird, too, ate egg-food freely, and I had previously schooled her into a liking for mealworms.

MANAGING A STARLING (Mrs. Catesby).—To keep a Starling in good condition give a good quality insectile mixture designed for the coarse-feeding Softbills, and let it contain finely minced lettuce (or other green-meat) or vegetable ingredient in liberal quantity. The Starling is fond of hard-boiled egg, fruit, finely chopped green stuff, ripe berries (especially elderberries), worms, snails, beetles, wasp grub, gentles, and, in fact, most forms of suitable live food. Also you could scrape a little raw lean mutton amongst its food now and again, or give a little grated dried liver. A great point is to offer ripe fruit liberally and regularly. Keep in a very large box pattern cage, and clean out frequently. It is quite true that Starlings can be taught to repeat short sentences, various whistles, etc. Some become very accomplished. It is necessary to choose a short sentence, which comes trippingly off the tongue, as it were (such as "Pretty boy,") and repeat it to the bird very, very frequently. When it has learnt this, then another can be tried.

ALL TOGETHER (R.G.R.).—Your description of the aviary reads well, except that the one 2ft. square window in the closed part seems insufficient provision for light therein. (1) It would hold 40 to 50 (or even more; but on no account crowd it) small birds quite comfortably. (2) You could keep, in addition to the species named, any of the British Finches (included in this are the Buntings) you see advertised from time to time. I would recommend, however, that you include a few hardy foreign birds, which would lend colour and variety; our Mr. W. T. Page will give you a list of suitable inexpensive species if you write his department. (3) Give all the chief seeds in separate hoppers (or vessels); say, canary, teazle, sunflower, hemp, summer rape, and millet (the latter for foreigners), also wild seed mixture. The other seeds give occasionally, by way of variety. Don't forget the green-foods (note those named in the reply given "E.R.F."), while many birds relish ripe fruit and berries, and no doubt some, the Buntings in particular, will relish now and again a little of some high-grade insectile food, together

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with a few mealworms, also live ants' eggs, whenever procurable. (4) Mule and hybrid breeding is best practised in cages or small flights. If you put any true pairs into the aviary (i.e., cock and hen of the same species) you could hardly hope to breed hybrids, of course. (5) You should buy a book dealing with fitting up and management of an aviary (Mr. Norman's, for instance, published by Cage Birds). To answer all your questions really helpfully would occupy a column of space. (6) It is now the close season, and bird catching is illegal. I may say that I have at all times found it far from a good plan to put birds when newly-caught straightway into an outdoor aviary. It is better to get them used to eating seed, and a little used to captive life, before turning them out. This helps to avoid some losses, but is not, of course, always practicable. When buying birds, of course, most of those one receives have had some experience of captive existence.

MULES GETTING ON TO SEED (T. R. Royce).—As the young Mules get well on to seed, they should be fed more plainly than when they are just leaving "mother." At the same time they want to have a good proportion of seeds rich in frame-building elements. It is not absolutely necessary to give soft food if colour-feeding is not being indulged in; a little once or twice a week does no harm, however, and personally I prefer to give frequently a little hit of a home-made cake containing milk powder. A few sunflower seeds daily (cracked only if necessary) are real good for growing Mules; likewise a few groats. They can be thrown on the sand-tray, or, better still, be placed on one of the feeding boards illustrated a week or two ago. The stock seed mixture should be: Canary and teazle two parts each, summer rape one part by measure. A little of the other seeds occasionally as "tit-bits" (especially maw), Seeding green foods (not coarse leaves), such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, thistle, and groundsel tops, are excellent. I use them freely. Add a half-part of linseed to the stock seed mixture when the birds are moulting.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual' (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BARE-EYED & SLENDER-BILL COCKATOOS (G. Skeggs).—The difference in the length of the beak alone should suffice to distinguish between the two. The beak of the former is normal Parrot size, that of the latter is larger and has the upper mandible some three-quarters of an inch beyond the lower mandible: sketchy descriptions of the two species are as follows:—Bare-eyed: White, suffused with red on the forehead and lores, and most of the feathers of the head, nape and abdomen are suffused with rosy-red at the base; the quills and inner webs of tail-feathers pale yellow; underside of tail lightly tinted with yellow; bare skin round the eye, and a patch below same, blue; legs and feet bluish; length, 15 inches, of which the tail measures 5. Slender-billed: The general hue of the plumage is white, with the forehead, face and a patch on the throat reddish; the vent is also slightly tinted with red, and the underside of the tail is yellowish; bare skin round the eye blue; beak white, with the upper mandible much prolonged. The seed mixture should consist of canary, hemp, white millet, oats, maize, barley, paddy rice, and a little sunflower. Raw or cooked carrot or potato, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, or stale crusts of household bread, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. Both are hardy species and only need protection from draught. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever, and once acclimatised they should thrive and reach a "good old age."

PARROT STRAYING (Northlands).—Of course, cutting the flights, that is, cutting off the inner webs of all the flight feathers of one wing, will check the power and ease of the bird's movements, but with a Parrot, if it cannot fly it can climb, and unless you can keep it from the vicinity of tall trees it will get astray on these. If it does not wander far I should almost think it would be better to leave it as it is. It will always come to the cage for food, etc., as if it attempted with a cut wing to fly to you from a good height it might easily injure itself by falling heavily. Very probably as it gets used to its freedom it will merely take wing exercise and come down to you from tree-tops, etc., when called. I take it that it returns to its cage each night; if so, unless it is given to straying quite long distances I should leave it as it is, but if it gets too far away then you must cut its wings as above.

WHAT BIRD? (J. A. W.).—It is the ordinary Red-faced or Red-head (it is known by both names) Lovebird. They used to be very commonly imported, but usually had a very short life in this country, owing to the conditions of importation, and even now, when for some time past they have only been coming to hand in quite small numbers, yet they seem to arrive in a state of greater or lesser prostration, and are not by any means easy to establish; however, having been brought over privately, yours will probably do well. Diet: Canary, white millet, millet sprays, green food and a little ripe fruit if they will take it; of course, they must also have access to grit, water, and cuttlebone.

SILVERBILLS (E. J. Smith).—(1) An ordinary double-breeder would answer well if you take out all partitions. From this you will gather that I consider a box-type cage the best. They usually rear their young readily on seed and green food, but, it is better to give a little soft food when they are feeding young, consisting of ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge-cake, in equal parts and made crumbly moist with hot water. (2) In a cage a nest-box or husk had better be provided—hay and grass will suffice for nesting material, and they are rather fond of a Hartz travelling cage with the perches and other fittings taken out. (3) Eleven to thirteen days. (4) Both sexes incubate and build. (5) Where only the hen incubates, she is usually fed on the nest by her mate, and she also leaves the nest for brief periods. (6) The clutch in my aviary has varied from three to five. (7) On the diet given above, from which they will take what they require.

SILVERBILL (H. H. B. D.).—It almost appears as if the crop were ruptured, and if such be the case but little can be done for it. As, however, it is also in poor plumage there may be other causes. Once a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, and for the other six days of the week put ten drops of Byno-phosphates to each ounce of the drinking water. Keep a spray of millet continually in the cage, as well as the usual seeds, also a piece of clean cuttlebone, and supply greenfood liberally. Keep the cage tray covered with gritty sand. The trouble is not confined to any one species, but all species are liable to such mishaps. Report progress a month hence.

RING-NECKED PARRAKEETS (J. D. S.).—Both Ring-necked and Moustache Parrakeets require the same treatment. I take it your birds are all newly imported, and it will take some time for the plumage to be properly renewed. It must have enough to eat; at the same time I should mix canary and millet, also crushed oats with the hemp seed, and in the end it will take to the full mixture. Give also a little boiled maize if they will eat it; it only keeps fresh one day. Boil till soft, yet the grains should be whole; they will not eat a pulpy wet mass. Give these birds (all three) every fourth day for a month one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in their drinking water, and on the intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. As regards the Moustache Parrakeet, bathe its eyes with a rose-water and zinc eye solution, and also bathe its nostrils with glyco-thymoline. In addition to the above diet, they will be the better for ripe fruit and a little moistened sponge cake, stale crust, or piece of biscuit. They must have regular access to grit and cuttlebone.

WAXBILLS, &c. (Plato).—The freely imported Waxbills, such as Grey, Orange-cheek, St. Helena, Golden-breasted, Green and Crimson Avadavats, etc., average from 2/6 to 5/- per pair; when scarce some of them cost 7/6 pair. Newly-caught Great Tits can be purchased very cheaply, but queries re British birds must be sent to our Mr. G. E. Weston. If your desire is to attempt to breed the above in cages, the box type is best, and have nothing smaller than an ordinary double-breeder. The suggested aviary would accommodate about six pairs at most for you to have any chance of breeding luck, but if you keep to Waxbills and the small Finches, e.g., Zebra Finches, then you could have as many again, but do not overcrowd. You must remember that what appears to the uninitiated a huge cage, at once assumes very modest dimensions when one tries to hang up sufficient nest receptacles for a mixed community of birds.

MOUSTACHE PARRAKEETS (J. R. B.).—(1) Moustache Parrakeets I have kept with Budgerigars, Cockatiels, etc., and they have agreed well enough together, yet, of course, the initial act of putting them in causes a few hours' confusion, especially as they are largish birds, but if you desire them, I should say take the risk; even if a pair of Budgerigars should be disturbed off their eggs, another clutch will soon be deposited, and the birds be incubating again. (2) They are birds fully one-third as large again as Cockatiels, mostly green with patches of red on the sides of face and breast, black moustachial streaks and a red beak. (3) Yes. In general, I presume you are contemplating the purchase of newly-imported specimens; in such case it is doubtful if they will be able to fly and would cause very much disturbance, as it will be some time before they get their plumage sufficiently to fly strongly; yet they will take no hurt, as it is easy to arrange a stout branch or two to enable them to climb about for food, etc.

GOULDIAN FINCHES AILING (H.V.S.).—Your two birds are young ones, and not yet in full colour, but their change into mature plumage should now soon take place. Till they recover tone, put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water once a week, drinking-water to be boiled before being supplied to the birds. Get a bottle of Ditchfield's Tonic Drops (they have been advertised in this paper) and give according to directions. Try your milk-sop prepared so: Take, say, two pieces of sponge cake, about as large as walnuts, and put these in a small food dish or tin; take three or four tablespoonfuls of boiling water, dissolve in it a salt-spoonful of Mellin's Food and two tablespoonfuls of condensed milk; when thoroughly mixed pour it over the sponge cake and leave till cool, when supply to the birds. The sponge cake should not be broken up—simply left to absorb the milk. Give them plenty of light and air, but protect them from draught. Supply the seed diet you are now giving and as much seeding grass as they will eat. Keep them quiet and away from other birds, and I opine they will soon pick up. Shall be pleased to hear how they progress.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." A l thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

WAXBILLS (B. K. G.).—I do not think you need worry about the moult or the birds going back a little. The coming into and going out of colour is very irregular, and you have the whole summer before you. These ornamental Finches do not breed at regular periods as Canaries. With the advent of settled weather they will soon come into condition again. Give them millet sprays ad lib. and unlimited green food, such as flowering (seeding) grass, etc. Broods of such species are often brought off in August and September, and others earlier in the year. I should say the sudden and extreme weather changes we have been experiencing have been largely responsible for the trouble. Give them blighty sprays of foliage if you can obtain them. Our Nutshell "Waxbills," 2½d. post free from our Manager would help you.

ZEBRA FINCHES NOT INCUBATING (Hilda Hulbert).—Providing the nest box and nest is not infested with mites, or mice gain access thereto, it is merely the idiosyncrasies of your individual pair. Leave them together for a while longer, and give them all the light and air you can without draught. Supply green food, such as flowering (seeding) grass, etc., ad lib., also millet sprays, and they will probably settle down seriously to the duties of incubation and rearing a family. You might try screening the portion of cage front where the nest box is with a piece of thin muslin, as some pairs will not nest unless they can secure privacy. If they do not improve you must dispose of them and get another pair. A pair that behaves so in a cage would probably nest without trouble in an outdoor aviary.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

E. B. Williamson.—We have utilised earlier in the series several very similar ideas.

John McCallum.—If there is any question of the bird's system having been run down, then the two nests of clear eggs point to the weakness being present before you paired him up. On the other hand, the bird might have broken some small blood vessel, or sustained some other obscure yet fatal injury immediately prior to its death. The latter is the more likely, seeing that its death was so sudden, and that it was singing well right up to its demise.

A. R. Coe.—We must, we are afraid, agree to differ. Anyway, we see no purpose in continuing to publish matters which amounts to practically nothing more than reiteration on the one side and denial on the other. Mr. Cutmore writes us that he has "yet to learn that it is anticipating defeat to protest against the enemy firing upon the unarmed population instead of meeting the armed battalion."

H. Simmonds.—We have illustrated this on one or two previous occasions.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

Arbroath C.B.S.—May 21, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, 8. Business Important.—John Gray.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—May 20, St. Thomas Ardwick, Old Schoolroom, 8. Arrangements for ramble.—J. Spencer.

Abertillery C.B.S.—May 24, Berni's Rooms, 7.30. To arrange schedule for open show and other most important business.—Geo. Broome.

Bingley O.S.—May 20, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Show business.—H. Shaw.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 20, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Schedule for young bird show, and discussion on rearing young.—Geo. Morton.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—May 17, Three Tuns, 7. Most important business to transact.—A. Smith.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 17, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Debate on feeding and breeding.—W. Helliwell.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—May 19, Plough Hotel, Queen Victoria Road, 8.30. Important business re new headquarters. Classes for young stock show, and rules re cup. Members please attend with friends.—H. Saunders.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—May 21, Borough Arms, 7. Important business.—J. W. Holms.

Cumnock C.B.S.—May 17, Co-operative Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Fixing of judges for show; other business.—Alex Wyper.

Derby C.B.S.—May 31, Derwent Hotel, 7. Nomination of young birds, and arrangements for first feather show.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—May 20, Cairns Memorial Hall, Georgie Road, 8. Judges' replies, last meeting for enrolment of new members, subs. due, classification for First Feather show, lecture by Mr. A. W. Watson on Mule and Hybrid Breeding.—John C. Charlton.

Gainsboro' C.B.S.—May 17, No. 1 Mess Room, 3. Lecture on inbreeding by Mr. C. A. House.—J. E. Conway.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—May 17, ramble to Lesmahagow. Leave Central 2.25; good turn-out requested; friends invited.—Walter Connelly.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—May 17, Crown Inn, 7. F.F. show business.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood O.S.—May 21, Rechabites Hall, 8. Show business and papers by Messrs. J. Lees, J. W. Howarth, and R. Schofield.—Jas. Greenhalgh.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 24, Hand and Heart Inn, Cotmanhay, 7. Classes for open show. All fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Keighley C.B.S.—May 20, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Business important.—C. W. Town.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—May 23. Drill Hall, Lochgelly, 7. General business.—R. Muir.

Leicester C.B.S.—May 21, Bulls Head Hotel, 8.45. Presentation of cups, arranging schedule for Nest Feather show; business very important; fanciers invited.—J. Cook.

London C.B.A.—May 20, "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Adjourned annual meeting and question night. "Matters relating to cage birds."—J. Bray.

London and Counties A.C.B.—May 17, "El Vino," Piccadilly Place, 8.30. General meeting. One minute from Piccadilly Circus.—G. Stubbs.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—May 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business, and lecture on The Norwich, by Mr. J. Raynes. Friends invited.—H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—May 17, New Headquarters, Klevedon Hall, Klevedon Road, Walham Green, 8. Young bird show arrangements, selection of judge, proposition to change meeting night, and other important business; election of members; visitors cordially invited.—F. Moore.

Morley C.B.S.—May 17, Sycamore Hotel, 6.30. Table show of British birds (open); two specials for non-members.—J. Rhodes.

Northern Norwich Plainhead Club.—May 21, headquarters, 8. Patronages, etc.—W. Curry.

North Wales C.B.S.—May 16, Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon, 8. Committee meeting. Important business in connection with members' show.—R. E. Griffith.

North London C.B.A.—May 21, Headquarters, 8. Egg food mixture competition; eggs and basins will be supplied.—P. W. Jeffries.

Open Norwich Plainhead C.C.—May 17, Market Tavern, 5.30. Committee meeting. Elect a sub-committing, allotting of patronage, competitions and specials, etc.—F. Rhodes.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—May 20, Mr. Lord's, 123, Lomax Street, Rochdale, 7.30. Committee meeting. Don't forget ramble next Sunday morning, May 18. Meet 7.30 at Albert Royd's Street; all friends invited.—J. T. Cheetham.

Southern Border F.C.—May 22, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., 8. Rules, club's patronage, standard cage, specials, classification, new members, and other important business. Visitors cordially invited.—F. Moore.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 20, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Judge and Classes for monthly show.—W. Stafford.

Tong C.B.S.—May 20, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, 7.45. Open show.—W. Walker.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—May 21, in No. 6 Room, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8. General meeting. Short lecture by Mr. F. Wraight, Cage Birds.—Charles F. Bench.

Wandsworth F.S.—May 21, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

West Stanley C.B.S.—May 17, Co-op. Hall, 7. Lecture by Mr. Maddison on Mule and Hybrid Breeding. Subs. due; fanciers welcomed.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 20, headquarters, 8.30. Alteration of open show date owing to clashing with Wolverhampton.—W. G. Andrews.

York C.B.S.—May 19, All Saints' School, 8. Lecture on "In-Breeding," by Mr. F. B. Sissons.—H. Sayles.

Correspondence.

Wellington (Salop) Show.

Sir,—Could anyone be kind enough to give me, through CAGE BIRDS, the names of the committee of the last Wellington Cage Bird Show. I cannot get any answer from the secretary as to payment of my prize-money and gold medal, although I hear that others have been paid. If any reader would kindly forward a copy of the schedule of the show for 1910 I should be obliged, and would return same.

G. EDWARDS.

Groats for Young Canaries.

Sir,—In answer to "J. F. W.'s" question, whether I used the groats dry or soaked, I might say that I have always used the groats in a dry state. They are of a soft nature and don't require soaking, although I don't see any reason why they shouldn't answer the purpose as well soaked as dry, or even better. I should advise him to try them both ways; in fact, he shouldn't be afraid of experimenting. We fanciers havn't learned what we know by standing still, and it is by these experiments that we get to know the methods which answer, and those which don't. Re the hen deserting her nest of fertile eggs, I would like to know fuller particulars; whether the hen was sitting by herself with the cock in a position to see her, or whether the cock had been transferred to another hen?

T. JOHNSON.

Discovering the Fertility and Sex of Eggs.

Sir,—An interesting and infallible method of discovering the fertility and sex of eggs, and also birds, is as follows:—Thread an ordinary sewing needle, or darning needle, with either white cotton or silk, and suspend by a single strand, held between forefinger and thumb, over the egg or bird being tested. The strand suspending the perpendicular needle should be from 10 to 12 inches from eye of needle to fingers, and the point of needle should be about half an inch from object being tested. If male, the needle after a few seconds will commence to make a circular motion, the size of the circles increasing the longer the needle is suspended. If female, a pendulum movement will be observed. If unfertile, the needle will remain stationary. This interesting experiment will also afford great amusement amongst your friends of either sex.

J. H. BEALE.

[This notion is a very old one, and is constantly being resurrected by one periodical or another; further, an apparatus based on it is sold at many shops and stores (such as Gamages). It may be, and no doubt is, amusing enough; but it certainly does not solve the sex problem, nor disclose fertility—to speak of it as "infallible" is absurd.—Editor.]

A Roller Society for North Staffordshire.

Sir,—A meeting was held May 10, at Evans's Cafe, High Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, to form a specialist Roller Canary Club for North Staffordshire. A prior engagement prevented Mr. Johns, Hanley, Editor of the fanciers' column of the "Staffordshire Sentinel" from being present. Mr. D. Scott, in a very chatty manner, pointed out that it was to the mutual benefit of lovers of this fashionable and fascinating variety of Canary who resided in the district to band themselves together and form a Specialist Roller Society. He considered they were very fortunate in having the advice of Mr. Tomlinson, who was an old Roller fancier, and one who had laboured hard, and spent a great deal of his time in studying the Roller's song. Mr. Tomlinson thanked Mr. Scott for his kind remarks. While not professing to know everything he was always willing to assist the novice, and would do his best for them; he advised them to study a series of articles on the Roller Canary, now appearing in CAGE BIRDS. Previous to the idea of forming this society he had approached an official of one of the local Roller section clubs, and had advocated a specialist club with headquarters in Hanley, and had guaranteed to introduce an equal number of members to that of their section, but the suggestion had not been favourably received. The meeting tonight was the outcome of a suggestion afterwards made by Mr. Haddrell. Mr. Hemmings proposed, Mr. Shaw seconded, that the club be named the North Staffordshire Roller Canary Club, carried. Mr. Simpson proposed that the subscription be for a commencement 2s. per year, payable 1s. each half year. Mr. Leese seconded, carried. Mr. Tomlinson was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Hickman chairman. A special meeting will be held May 17th at 7 at Evans's Cafe. A few birds will be at the meeting including a flat Glucke singer, he tours will be explained; anyone interested will be welcomed. A request was made that the secretary apply for a supply of the B.R.C.O. rings. Fourteen members were enrolled, and all paid their subscriptions.

EXPERTO CREDE.

The Breeding of Yellows from Two Buffs.

Sir,—I have had one or two pairs of Norwich up for double buffing every year for the last ten years and, like Mr. Robson, I have heard of yellows being bred from two buffs, but have never met them. One may be forgiven for appearing certain that it is impossible, after so many years breeding from double buff with always the same results, viz., no yellows. I have had good coloured buffs that would pass as yellows in first feather shows, but when colour-fed, then is the time to tell a yellow from a buff. Many alleged yellows turn out buffs when colour-fed. I hardly gather what Mr. Garner means by "working on the right material." I suppose he will, like other sensible breeders, be using good coloured and close feathered buffs. I think the evidence of yellows being bred from buffs is not substantial enough to convince the majority of fanciers; and it is my humble opinion that the yellows so bred have either been good coloured buffs, or have been mixed up in the nests during the process of rearing.

T. JOHNSON.

Do Invisible Ticked Birds Handicap the Clears?

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's Classifications.

Sir,—I did not intend to continue this subject myself. My object was to get fanciers to express their opinion. But there are one or two points in my friend, Mr. Spillman's letter, which I will try to answer. With regard to the Western Counties O.S., adopting the S.N.P.C. classification, I firmly believe that had all the members voted, my amendment would have been carried. The argument put forward was sound, and I still stick to it. Mr. Spillman speaks of the risk of birds being damaged by handling. Well, I have seen many handled by judges, but have still to see one returned worse than it was before being taken out of the show cage. No, Mr. Spillman, this argument is too weak and flimsy, because I think it would do some birds good to be handled a bit more—it might steady them down a bit. Mr. Spillman only speaks of the very slightly ticked ones, which as a rule do not come a better colour than the clears. What, however, about those heavy ticks (although invisible) which come "red hot," as we term it, as hot as some of the variegated ones. These, I still contend, will be doing a great injustice to the clears. If not, Mr. Spillman, why not have two classes, one for clear, ticked, marked, etc., yellow, ditto buff, and finish with the same? I cannot accept all friend Spillman says about colour not counting now as it used to. In my opinion it plays just as great a part as ever. How often do we see in reports "second beaten in colour." Mr. Spillman, you know that a Plainhead without colour finishes amongst the "also rans." Wireless telegraphy and the telephone are advancing right enough, but this question is "advancing backwards."

J. E. ROWE.

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Sesame Seed as a Sweetmeat.

SIR,—A small item I know of about sesame seed may interest your readers. In Turkey they make a delicious sweet from this seed, which they call Halva. It is made by pressing the seeds and then mixing with sugar. There is no wonder that Linnets and other birds like it. It is very nutritious. This sweet (Halva) can be bought of J. Efthimiou, 7, Mitre Street, E.C.

GEORGE WRAGG.

An Appeal to Lancashire Lovers of Hybrids and British Birds.

SIR,—At the last meeting it was unanimously decided that the Y.B.B. and M. Club's name be changed to the Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and Mule Club, and that Mr. W. Fairhurst be elected on to the Committee, and that he be asked to convene a meeting at Manchester of Lancashire British Bird and Mule fanciers. Seeing his splendid appeal in your last issue, I hope the Lancashire fanciers will respond right royally. I should like a good number to gather together and see if we cannot make a club worthy of the name. Will all fanciers that have not already sent on their names and addresses to Mr. W. Fairhurst, 17, Linwood Grove, Longsight, Manchester, please do so at once. It is necessary to get to work, as applications for the Club's patronage are coming in, and I should like Lancashire to have a fair share. Several members promised to attend the meeting, and I think we may look forward to a good increase in membership.

H. J. CHITTENDEN.

Amazing Choice of a Nesting Site by a Robin in Ireland.

SIR,—During the Easter Holidays two Robins began building a nest in a National School here (Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland) behind the blackboard! When they had carried in enough material to build three nests, they left this place and began again behind the time-table. They built their nest in the mornings before the children came, and laid five eggs. The fifth egg was laid on a Friday morning. No children come to school on Saturdays, and so the hen had peace on Saturday and Sunday. On the Monday morning she sat on the nest till eleven o'clock, and then her mate called loudly to her, and she flew away, and did not return that day till after school. On the Tuesday and following mornings till the eggs were hatched she flew off at eleven, but returned in a few minutes. She even sat through three evenings when a dancing class was held in the school, and was not frightened by people looking quite close at her. The young birds came out on the Friday, and the hen fed the young all through school hours, the cock bird bringing the worms to the window, and the hen taking them from him there. About Tuesday last the cock Robin began carrying the worms all the way to the nest, handing them to the hen there, and he is now quite as tame as she is. The young birds have grown very fast, and now fill the nest, and one has to be very careful when lifting down the time-table to let the school children see the nest, not to allow the young ones to fall out.

J. W. FLEMING.

A Colour Problem in Green Canaries.

SIR,—I paired a yellow Yorkshire cock to a buff Green hen, and have got a nest of four young, one clear buff and three green buffs. What I want to understand is, what description these latter birds are entitled to. Are they what they term green buffs (or buff greens) or are they heavily variegated? A reply in CAGE BIRDS will greatly oblige. Most fanciers I have asked about it, give answers that make me think they have been dreaming instead of having been bird breeders for five to twelve years.

ARCHTYPE CRITERION.

[When Green Canaries have no light feathers anywhere they are termed self greens (i.e., self-coloured); when they have light feathers they are termed foul greens (i.e., foul-marked). The term buff, or yellow, is added according to the particular bird being indicated (for instance, buff self green, or yellow self green, as the case may be). Of course, a bird which is a little broken in colour is equally correctly described if termed a heavily variegated green, but the word "foul" is the one generally adopted by fanciers of the Green Canary.—EDITOR.]

A Well-known Leeds Fancier Amuses Isleham Folk.

SIR,—Mr. Harry Allen (Leeds), and Mr. J. Fenn (Isleham) met at a smoking concert at Isleham, where Mr. Allen, who had journeyed from Leeds and given his services free, sang to a very large audience. He was very successful. His first song, entitled "Coming in and going out," was a screamer, and was so applauded that he earned an encore. His next song, "Don't touch me there," also fairly brought down the house with laughter. Altogether Mr. Allen sang seven very amusing songs, and will long be remembered at Isleham. On Tuesday morning we rose at 5 a.m. and went for a ramble. At Chippenham we heard two splendid Nightingales. We then went on to Fordham and walked from that place to Newmarket, where we had the pleasure of hearing seven Nightingales in a plantation about five hundred yards long, singing at their very best. I was pleased at Mr. Allen pointing out the quality notes as each 'Gale sang. We stayed in Newmarket a few hours, where we had tea, and then returned to Isleham. It was a very enjoyable day's outing, and I hope to have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Allen again at some future time.

J. FENN.

Progress of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

Sir,—Several meetings of this society have been held since the publication of its foundation and arrangements have been made with the London Cage Bird Association, by which one of the most extensive classifications were given will stand at their next annual show at the Horticultural Hall. The League has undertaken to fully guarantee this section of the exhibition against loss, and it is to be hoped that exhibitors of foreign birds will not lose sight of this, and will endeavour to the best of their ability to support the project by entering as many birds as they can. Only 402 entries are required to make a success of the venture, and with a classification under which everyone can compete fairly and six months' notice in which to procure and condition birds, it should by no means be impossible to obtain the necessary number. Previous to this, very few societies have attempted to provide classes at their own risk in order to popularise and extend the classification of a section of cage birds for the benefit of exhibitors in general, and in consequence keepers of foreign birds are asked to help in every way that they can to prove that this section of an exhibition is worthy of greater attention than it at present gets. Should this attempt meet with the response that it deserves, the League will then be in a position to offer its help to other societies, and in other directions. Members of the League will shortly receive their rule books, etc., and I shall be glad to hear from ladies or gentlemen wishing to become members, or otherwise help in any way.

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Classification of twenty-eight classes, which will be given at the next Horticultural Hall Show:—

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(4).—All other species Parrots, including Eclecti.
(5).—Green Budgerigars.
(6).—All species Ringnecks, including Alexandrine, Ring-necked, Blossom-headed, Rose-headed, Slate-headed, Malabar, Derbyan, Moustache, Javan, Nicobar, St. Lucien Parrakeets, etc.; common Red Rosellas, Redrumps, Quakers, and Cockatiels.
(7).—Lories, Lorikeets, and Hanging Parrots (Loriculae).
(8).—All other species Parrakeets.
(9).—Yellow Budgerigars, White Java Sparrows, Bengalees, and White Java Doves.
(10).—Common Mannikins, including Black-headed, White-headed, Tricolored, Magpie, Bronze, Spice, Striated, Sharp-tailed, Bibfinches, Grey Java, Sparrows, and Common Combaseous.
(11).—All species Weavers, Whydahs, and Long-tailed Combassous.
(12).—Common Ribbon Finches, Zebra and Saffron Finches, and Silverbills.
(13).—Gouldians, Fire-tailed, Painted, Crimson, Rufous Grassfinches, Parrot Finches, Pintailed Nonparields, Common Nonpareil, and Rainbow Buntings.
(14).—All other species Grassfinches, including Masked, Long-tailed, White-eared, Ringed, Bicheno, Diamond, Parson, Cherry, Quail and Red-headed Finches; Rhodesian Cutthroats, Pectoral, Yellow-rumped, Chestnut-breasted and Rufous-backed Mannikins.
(15).—Common African Fire Finches, Cordon Bleus, Zebra Waxbills, and Lavender Finches.
(16).—Common and Green Avadavats, St. Helena, Grey and Orange-cheeked Waxbills.
(17).—All other species Waxbills.
(18).—All species Cardinals.
(19).—All species Serins, Wild Canaries, and Siskin, including Alario, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Sulphur and St. Helena Seedeaters, etc.
(20).—All other species True Finches, Sparrows, Buntings, Grosbeaks, etc., not otherwise mentioned.
(21).—All species Doves, Quails, Partridges, and Rails.
(22).—All species Sugar and Sunbirds, Flower-peckers, Quits, Honeyeaters, Zosterops, and Fruit-suckers.
(23).—Scarlet, Blue, Black, Maroon, Silver-blue, Violet, Olive, Palm, Superb, Archbishop, and Tri-colored Tanagers.
(24).—All other species Tanagers.
(25).—All species of True Bulbuls (Pycnonotida), Pekin and Blue Robins, Dayal Birds, and Shamahs.
(26).—All species Crows, Mynahs, Starlings, Hang-nests, Troupials, Cow Birds, Cassiques, and Marsh Birds.
(27).—Pied, Albino, Lutino, Melanistic, or other abnormally coloured birds. Blue Budgerigars and Foreign Bird Hybrids.
(28).—All other species not previously mentioned, including Birds of Paradise, Mannucodes, Touracos, Toucans, Trogons, Tyrants, Shrikes, Flycatchers, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers, Barbets, Pittas and Thrush-like Birds, etc.

Two Perfect Eggs in One Day.

Sir,—I have a Norwich Plainhead hen, purchased this season from Mr. J. Thomas, which laid six eggs in five days. Commenced to lay April 10th one egg, 11th one egg, 12th laid two perfect eggs, 13th one egg, and 14th one egg. All of the eggs were fertile, four chicks hatching out on April 26th, one chick on 27th, and one on 28th. Five are still alive; the sixth, a very small one, got smothered by the stronger chicks and died on May 3rd.

J. Gilliatt.

The Nightingale in Ireland.

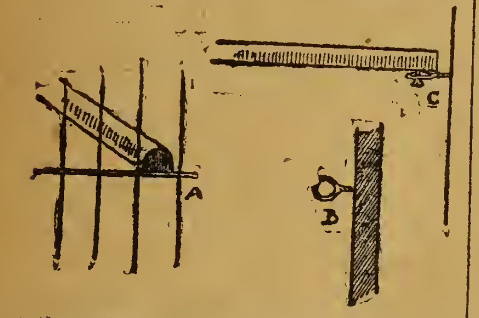
Sir,—Would you kindly let me know, through the medium of your valuable Cage Birds, where the Nightingale builds her nest, whether on bank, in thorn-hedge, or a shrubbery. A friend of mine took me to hear one singing yesterday evening (Sunday, May 11). If you could give me a short description of the bird's haunts and appearance, etc., your Irish correspondent, "Irishman," may not, after all, have to leave Ireland to hear the Nightingale sing.

Ulster.

[We are afraid our correspondent is mistaken, as there is no authenticated instance of the Nightingale having been found in Ireland. Its colour is deep russet brown above, greyish white below; on the rump the colour is a brighter, more reddish, brown. Usually frequents copses and thickets containing plenty of tangled undergrowth. Nest a large, loose structure, built on the ground, of dead leaves and grass, etc., and generally hidden amongst low growth. Eggs four or five, of a plain olive-brown colour; occasionally the ground colour seems to be olive-green, clouded with olive-brown—they are readily recognisable.—Editor.]

No Chance for Red Mite.

Sir,—I am sending sketch of a method of fixing perches in cages (breeding) which I have found the best and simplest, and also a sure preventive of harbouring red mite, I have always found that if you have got any nooks or crevices in any cage, you are sure to get red mite. With this perch there is no chance for them to harbour themselves at the ends, and with a cage properly put together, with no cracks, the chance for them to accumulate is a very poor one. At the end of perch I fasten a small screw (c) and at the back of cage a small screw eye (b). Now the small screw, being on the underneath of perch, drops in the screw eye, holding the end about an eighth of inch off back of cage, and the other end (a) rests on the bar of wire front. Readers will find it a very simple device, rendering it very easy to remove perches to clean.



W. Pollinger.

A Mynah that Wants Its Own Way—and Gets It.

Sir,—Knowing the interest that you take in the doings of your novice readers, I should be glad if you would give a little advice on the following:—I have had a Lesser Hill Mynah for eleven years, and cannot get him to do anything except that which he chooses to do. I have tried insectile foods but cannot get him to touch them; in fact, he gets in a rage as soon as he sees me mix it, and throws food and pot anywhere so long as it is out of his way! His present diet consists of anything he asks for, and that is: Meat, potato, greens, fried eggs and bacon, bread and butter, or jam, fried fish and potatoes, suet or Yorkshire pudding, boiled eggs and fish, bread and cheese, fruit (all sorts)—in short anything and everything that he didn't ought to have, so to speak. Although it seems a freak diet to me, he has lived and thrived for 11 years (I had him straight from the boat) and seems as strong and well as ever. I wonder if this would be of interest to other keepers of Mynahs among your readers.

Mynah.

[We have referred the case of this naughty bird to our Mr. W. T. Page.—Editor.]

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Arrival of Another Wonderful Consignment of Indian Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

Only recently a unique consignment of Indian birds (principally softbills) was successfully landed by Major G. A. Perreau, F.Z.S., and duly reported in our pages. An even larger consignment was safely housed at Chiswick on May 4th by Mr. W. Frost, who has been collecting in India for Major B.A. Horsbrugh. In addition to including most of the rarities brought over by Major Perreau, there are others which are quite new to English aviculture; thus, per the two consignments, over a score of species hitherto unknown in this country as living birds, and others of which only the male had previously reached us alive, are now disporting themselves in the aviaries and birdrooms of English aviculturists.

I will first enumerate those species which I believe are new to English aviculture, viz.:—Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*), Large Indian Minivet (*Pericrocotus speciosus*), Rosy Minivet (*P. roseus*), White-fronted Blue Flycatcher (*Cyornis superciliaris*), Golden Bush Robin (*Tarsiger chrysaeus*), Yellow-headed Red Sunbird (*Æthopyga seheriae*), Yellow-backed Black-breasted Sunbird (*Æ. saturata*), Green-breasted Pitta (*Pitta cucullata*), Yellow-fronted Pied, and Pigmy Pied Woodpeckers, Fire Caps (*Cephalopyrus flammiceps*), Brown Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula nepalensis*), Black-chinned Yuhina (*Yuhina nigrimentum*), Red-headed Tailor-bird (*Orthotomus ruficeps*). A group which any collector may well be proud of having introduced for the first time as living birds—all of them, with perhaps two exceptions, are brilliantly coloured and beautiful birds, and the exceptions are very interesting in demeanour.

As regards these and other species, these notes will probably be more generally useful if I drop systematic arrangement and group them according to dietary requirements.

Birds that Live on Sop.

Those requiring liquid sop (made from condensed milk, Mellin's Food, honey, boiling-water, and a little finely-crumbled sponge-cage) and ripe fruit, with live insects for such as care for them:—Yellow-headed Red Sunbirds (*Æthopyga seheriae*), Yellow-headed Black-breasted Sunbird (*Æ. saturata*), Purple Sunbird (*Arachnechthra asiatica*), Amethyst-rumped Sunbird (*A. zeylonica*).

Those requiring sop, similar to that already given, but much stiffer, and with the sponge-cake not crumbled but left in pieces, say the size of from a Spanish nut to a walnut. insectile mixture (strong in dried flies and ants' cocoons), ripe fruit, and live insects:—Golden-eyed Babbler (*Pyctorlus sinensis*), Black-throated Babbler (*Stachyris nigriceps*), Red-billed Babbler (*Stachyrhidopsis pyrrhops*), Yellow-breasted Babbler (*Mixornis rubricapillus*), Jungle Babbler, Black-chinned Yuhina (*Yuhina nigrimentum*), Yellow-naped Ixulus (*Ixulus flavicollis*), Indian White-eye (*Zosterops palpebrosa*), Hardwick's Green-Fruitsucker (*Chloropsis hardwickii*), Gold-fronted Green-Fruitsucker (*C. aurifrons*), Silver-eared Mesias (*Mesia argentauris*), Blue-winged Siva (*Siva cyanuroptera*), Large Indian Minivet (*Pericrocotus speciosus*), Short-billed Minivet (*P. brevirostris*), Rosy-Minivet (*P. roseus*), Small Minivet (*P. peregrinus*), Coppersmith Barbet, Maroon Oriole (*Oriolus traillii*), Tickell's Flower-Pecker (*Dicaeum erythrorynchus*), Black-winged Lory and Forsten's Lorikeet (those two are not Indian species).

Those requiring an insectile mixture, a good proportion of which is dried flies and ants' cocoons, live insects, and ripe fruit. (For the smaller species mealworms should be cut up into small pieces):—Red-headed Tit (*Ægithaliscus erythrocephalus*), Crested Black Tit (*Lophophanes melanolophus*), Yellow-cheeked Tit (*Machlolophus xanthogenys*), Green-backed Tit (*Parus Monticola*), Indian Grey Tit (*P. atriceps*), Brown-eared Bulbuls (*Heximus flavala*), Rufous-bellied Bulbuls (*H. macclellandi*), Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*), Cinnamon-bellied Nuthatch (*S. cinnamomei ventris*), Orange-gorgeted Flycatcher (*Siphia strophiata*), White-browed Blue Flycatcher (*Cyornis superciliaris*), Verditer Flycatcher (*Stoparola melanops*), Rufous-bellied Niltava (*Niltava sundara*), White-capped Redstart (*Chimarrhornis leucocephalus*), Blue-fronted Redstart (*Ruticilla frontalis*), Indian Redstart (*R. rufiventris*), Plumbeous Redstart (*Rhyacornis fuliginosus*), Golden Bush Robin (*Tarsiger chrysacus*), Brown-backed Robin (*Thamnobia cambaiensis*), Large Pied, Masked, and Blue-headed Wagtails, Indian Tree-Pipit (*Anthus maculatus*), Green-breasted Pitta (*Pitta cucullata*), Pigmy, and Pigmy Pied Woodpeckers, Yellow-fronted, Pied, and Golden-backed Woodpeckers, Fire Cap (*Cephalopyrus flammiceps*), Persian Nightingale (*Daulias golzi*), Ruby-throat (*Calliope kamtschatkensis*), Red-headed Tailor-Bird (*Orthotomius ruficeps*).

Some Rare and Lovely Thrushes, etc.

Those requiring a coarse insectile mixture, ripe fruit and live insects:—Rufous-necked Laughing-Thrush (*Dryonastes ruficollis*), Red-throated Laughing Thrush, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler (*Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*), Shamahs and Dhayals, Pied Mynah (*Sturnopastor contra*), Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush (*Petrophila erythrogastra*), Blue-headed Rock-Thrush (*P. cinclorhyncha*), Eastern Blue Rock-Thrush (*P. solitaria*), White's Thrush, and Orange-headed Ground-Thrush, Grey-winged, and Tickell's Ouzels, White-bellied Drongo (*Dicurus caerulescens*), Glossy Calornis (*Calornis chalybeus*).

Hardbills requiring seeds, green-food, and insects:—Beautiful Rosefinches (*Propasser pulcherrmus*), Brown Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula nepalensis*).

The above groupings give approximately the suitable diet for the respective species, but I may note in passing, that for all softbills that will take it milk-sop is beneficial, more especially so during the period of acclimatising.

In conclusion, I would congratulate Mr. Frost on having collected and landed in good condition so magnificent a series, and also Major Horsbrugh on having brought the enterprise to so successful an end; an achievement of which they may well be proud. Aviculturists, also, are to be congratulated upon being afforded so unique an opportunity of securing rare or uncommon and beautiful species.

Proposed Presentation to Sec. of Scottish Crested C.C.

Sir,—I feel grateful to the members of the Scottish Crested Canary Club for their ready and hearty response to my appeal for subscriptions for a presentation to our worthy secretary, Mr. John Young, who has done much for the Fancy. Many have apologised, when sending subscriptions, for having mislaid my appeal until then. As there are just a very few members who have not subscribed, and I believe they only require to be reminded, I would like to give them the opportunity before closing the fund, hence this letter.

Robert Lambie.

The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

The Use of Standard Show Cages in Ireland.

Sir,—Some time ago I resolved not to answer any letters written over a nom-de-plume, but seeing "Advocate of Uniformity" has seen fit to vent his feelings on the Norwich section, I cannot allow such gross misstatements to go unchecked. The Young Bird Club of Belfast, of which I am a member, has a rule re cages, and a binding one, too, that cages must be 11½ inches long and 11 inches high, not less, and painted or enamelled blue inside and black outside. Further than this, this club does not go. But the N.P.C.C., of Ireland, of which I am secretary, goes one better. Since the formation of this club, the rule re cages reads as follows:—The Norwich show cages as adopted to be strictly compulsory. All members competing, wherever the club's patronage is given, must use the club's cage and water-tin. The inside of the cages to be painted with enamel (Aspinal's) Hedge-Sparrow's egg-tint colour, water-tins to be white inside and black outside. Now, sir, I come to the part I take most exception to, respecting the many exhibitors who put their names on backs or bottoms of cages. To put it as mildly as is in my power, I say without fear or contradiction, that there is not one particle of truth in this statement. I have been exhibiting Norwich this last 11 or 12 years, and have visited most of our Northern shows; I have also been Steward to the judges at the two last fixtures of the Ulster O.A. (Belfast); and a name on a cage I have never seen. Does "Advocate of Uniformity" mean to say the gentlemen who come over here from England to judge our shows have come to look for distinguishing marks on the cages? I say no; their reputations are more to them than any bribe they would be likely to get in Ireland.

James Stewart.

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A Cheap Egg-cake.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

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When Lining Nest-pans.

Get your nest-pan and bore a small hole in the centre of the bottom. Put the lining in, then sew a boot-button underneath the nest-pan through hole and lining, and the latter will be quite firm.—Fred Lee (Holmfirth).

A Use for Boot Polish Tins.

Fanciers who have a number of breeding cages, but no rack for same, and so have to put them one on top of the other, should save the tins which boot polish is put up in. They make ideal cage rests. One put at each corner of a cage keeps the cage above apart, thereby leaving no harbour for red mites, and at the same time costing nothing.—F. Williams (Bristol).

Cleanliness in the Bird Room.

It is very important that all drinking vessels should be kept clean during the breeding season, and a capital and easy way to clean bottles, etc., is to put sand and water into same, and give a sharp shake; it will almost instantly remove any green slime from all corners, etc., of bottles.—W. Southgate (Parkstone).

Keeping the Egg-food Sweet.

One of the worst things in Canary breeding is to let the egg-food get stale. Obtain two jampots, one small and one large, and a plate half full of cold water. Put the egg-food in the small jar on the plate, then put the large one right over the top of it. The egg-food will keep well for two days then.—R. D. Jones (Aberdare).

To Circumvent Sweating Hens.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A sweating hen, as a rule, makes a very deep nest, and I have proved this method of treatment very good to prevent her sweating the young. Take the young ones out of the nest and put moss under them. Leave just enough room for the young to rest nicely, then the hen can't get on them too tightly. This has proved very successful in my room, as I had sweating hens last year and I saved ten young ones this way.—F. Higgins, 45, Alexander Street, Tyldesley.

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Interesting Experiences of an American Fancier.

By DAVID O'BRIEN (San Francisco).

Having selected the best pair of Rollers I could find, I started with a breeding cage supplied with all the requirements for a pair of birds to work with, also cuttlebone, sand, fat bacon, celery and sweet apple. When the birds got well enough acquainted and had made up their minds that they were satisfied to try what they could do at reproducing their kind, I removed the slide in the cage, and with one accord they commenced to furnish the cradle that was to rock the joy of their lives into existence. The nest was completed after a few days, and eggs No. 1, 2, and 3 came along daily at 7 a.m. Being a young female, that was the extent of the hen's first nest. Trouble commenced when she would leave the nest to stretch her wings and legs, as the cock would then go and pull at the nest as his "method of madness" to get her to return, so that he could feed her on the nest.

Condemned to Solitary Confinement.

I kept repairing the damage done to the nest for two or three days, but one evening when I got home the nest was all out, and she was sitting on the eggs in an empty wire nest. Without any delay I built a new nest, according to instructions by Mr. Claude St. John, in "Our Canaries," warmed the new nest against one of the electric lamps, placed the three eggs in, and she returned to it as soon as I put it in place. I removed her lord and master to another cage and hung him up close to her nest, so he could talk to her through the wires of his prison cell, where he had to serve the next ten days for misdemeanour.

The hen sat faithfully for the balance of the time, but by the fifteenth day I saw there was no unusual disturbance, so I broke the eggs and found three young birds, just formed, dead in the shell. I removed the nest and gave the hen a bath and left her alone for a day or two. When the couple commenced to exchange "kisses" with each other through the wires, I opened his prison door and introduced him to the joy of his life once again. This ended my first misfortune.

Trial Number Two.

After a day or so she commenced to build again, and egg No. 1 arrived in due time, which I removed and put in another nest. I repeated this daily, and when I had three, that evening I returned them to the nest, removed the male, placed him in "prison" again. There he still remains, and he has not sang a note since he was moved. She sat on her four eggs faithfully, and on the morning of the thirteenth day there was an increase of one in birdland. The next morning, while she was off the nest, I took a peep; but still only one.

When I came home in the evening and looked I saw a broken egg in the bottom of the cage, with a full grown bird in it. I looked in the nest expecting to find more disappointment, but I saw three young birds all holding their heads up, when they thought they heard someone coming with something to feed upon. From this on, it meant hard work for Mamma. The first three days she fed on the yolk of egg alone, the next three both yolk and white, with seed thrown in, and after that she fed on egg, cracker biscuit, bacon, seed, apple, celery and bird manna. My own special "brew" of manna is composed of the best summer rape, boiled in just enough honey and water to hold the seed together, and when filled into a little tin cup half an inch deep, I press maw seed on the top.

The reader of this article will remember that I am experimenting—trying anything and everything to get the best results. Every evening when I got home at eleven p.m., I turned on the light, and Mamma got very busy feeding from eleven to twelve, with the satisfactory result that on the fifteenth day the young ones were able to stand on the edge of the nest and flop their wings, and then settle back into the nest again. I changed the nest on the eighth day, and gave them a new one made of charpie. At three weeks they looked as big as mother, and would get in and out of the nest at pleasure, explore the cage, and then go back again. They are now twenty-eight days old, and look like six-week-old birds. They have been on rape and canary for four days. The mother has built and laid again, and will have her fourth egg to-morrow morning.

Further Experiments Promised.

I am going to experiment more with the next nest, and I will be pleased to relate the result for the benefit of the readers of Cage Birds; the only way we can accomplish the most good is by using each others ideas. I do not mean do as others do, but when I read how the other fellow does, it makes me set to work and think how I can do a little better. I consider this an ideal nest; two males, one female, of fine colour as well as breed, one deep yellow, one yellow with a green ring around its neck, the female mealy with a dark cap.

Next time I write I hope to have something startling to say. I hope some of the new beginners in the hobby will find something interesting in this bacon and egg food, for anyone who feeds plenty of fat bacon will never have any trouble with their birds being egg-bound; at least, in my thirty years of bird raising for pleasure I have never had an egg-bound bird, either in aviary or cage. This morning I put a pound of bacon in my aviary. I am glad to announce that we are going to have a fine year in birds out here in California, as they are not dying in the nests at 10 or 12 days old as they did last year.

EGG FOOD AND ITS MAKING.

The Methods of Members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

On May 6th, an egg food making competition took place, and a large number of members met at headquarters in anticipation of the event. Mr. Frank Cole occupied the chair. The secretary read a letter from the British Bird and Mule Club, inviting us to join them on their country ramble, May 24. The meeting then proceeded with the event of the evening. The first thing done was to arrange rules under which the competition should take place, and the following were proposed and adopted:—(1) Time to count, (2) explanation of competitors as to their particular method not to count, (3) prizes to be awarded by non-competitors, (4) competitor's food when finished to be placed on plate, with number attached. Seven members handed in their names as willing to compete. Mr. F. S. Matthes kindly acted as time-keeper.

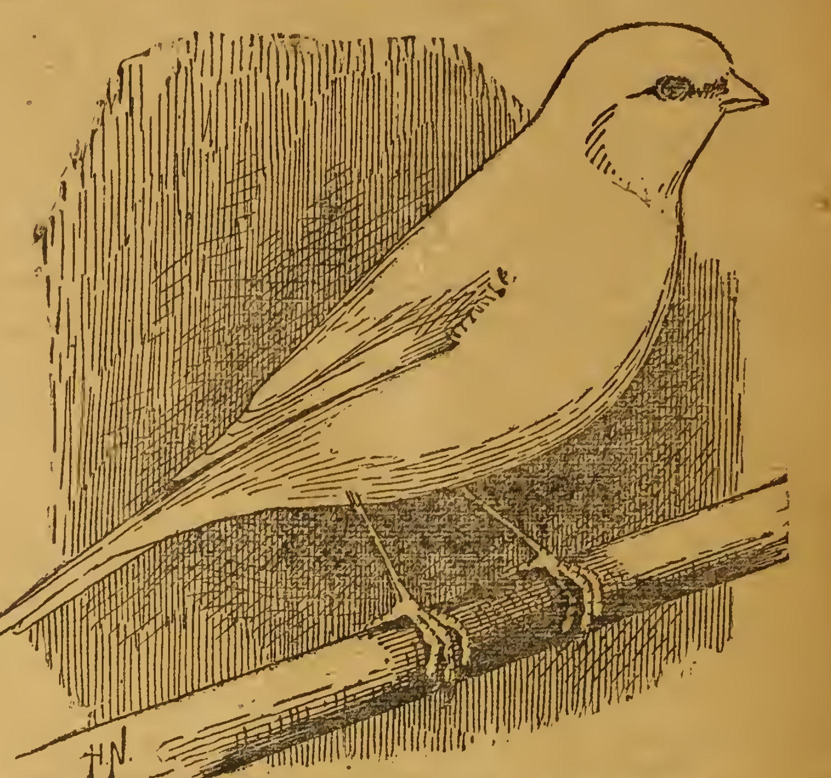
Mr. Cant was first to take his place at the table, and proceeded to make his food, using cream cracker biscuits, powdered, and putting his egg through an egg-squeezer, mixing egg and biscuit together with a fork; time, two minutes. Mr. Cole was the next. He used Spratt's canary food; putting his egg through a squeezer, and mixing both with a fork; time two minutes five seconds. Mr. Reeks followed, using a prepared sponge-cake and egg, which he mixed with a fork; time one minute eight seconds.

Mr. Pratt whose method was somewhat different, had a small square sieve through which he put both his biscuits and egg, using a small piece of flat wood to squeeze them through with; time 2mins. 45secs. Osborne biscuits were used in this case. Mr. Clarke adopted the same method and ingredients as Mr. Pratt; time 2mins. 10secs. Mr. L. J. Richardson used tea biscuits powdered and put his egg through a squeezer; time 1min. 12secs. Mr. H. W. Tomsett, whose time was 1min. 12secs., before putting his egg with the biscuit added a few teaspoonfuls of water to his biscuit.

Each competitor's food was turned out on to a plate, and non-competitors were asked to leave the room for a few minutes while the plates were numbered. When all was ready an eager crowd soon got round the table, anxious to examine the foods and give their awards. The general excellence of the foods made it no easy task to place the winners. Upon the slips being handed in, it was found that two of the competitors had received an equal number of votes for first prize.

Mr. Matthes very kindly decided which of the two foods should get the first prize, this, a handsome briar pipe in case (given by Mr. Franklin) going to Mr. M. Pratt; second prize, two dozen new laid eggs (given by Mr. Clarke) going to Mr. Cant; and third prize (2s. 6d., given by Mr. Grendell) going to Mr. Cole.

It will be noticed that the winners took longer to make their food than the rest of the competitors, but undoubtedly, turned out the best food. Great enthusiasm was displayed during the whole of the proceedings and the competitors were not let off quite free, being closely questioned as to the why and wherefore they did this or that. Everyone present expressed themselves delighted with the evening, and we have washing and cage-making competitions in store for members. A vote of thanks was accorded the kind donors of the prizes, the competitors, and lastly the chairman, whose equal in that office it would be hard to find.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.



A BELLE OF THE PAST SEASON.

This exceptionally nice young Norwich Plainhead Hen won a number of prizes at various exhibitions for Mr. W. Grewar, of Forfar, and finished the season with a first at the Scottish National Show.

Club Reports.

HENLEY F.S.

At a well-attended meeting, May 5th, Chairman Mr. Dearlove gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "Canaries." Next meeting, June 2nd, at 8, when it is hoped that all interested in fur and feather pets will attend.—A. V. Grey, Hon. Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters May 2, Mr. Joseph Guy in the chair, before a large attendance. A very interesting discussion on feeding between Mr. Walker and Mr. Boots brought up many questions, which were answered by the same. Decided to have nest feather show July 5. Next meeting June 6, to arrange classes. Please all attend.—E. Rone, Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES C.S.

Monthly meeting held Drill Hall, Juniper Green, Mr. Begbie (Pres.) chair. Decided to add at annual show one class each for Crests and Crestbreds. Also that we leave the Drill Hall on July 12th for our ramble. At the close of the meeting the members booked their hens.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Boot Inn, Eastgate Row North, April 29, Mr. F. C. Parker chair. Schedule for nest feather show drawn up. Correspondence read from Mr. Metcalfe (Liverpool) notifying his willingness to judge N.F. show. Decided to offer a cup for most points with four nominated birds; also to include novice classes in the schedule (buff and yellow). Special for most entries throughout the show.—R. L. G. Simpson, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 5, a good number present. A washing exhibition of cage birds was kindly given by Mrs. Lockett, of Dover, and this proved to be most interesting, both to young and old fanciers. Three birds were washed, during which time Mrs. Lockett explained every method. While the birds were drying, Mrs. Lockett asked the members for any questions, and a few of them took advantage. Mrs. Lockett replied to all, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Lockett. Decided to open the young bird show in July free to the public, which may form an advert for our annual show. Decided to apply to the K.C.C.B.A. for patronage at the annual show, November 12 and 13. Mr. G. Gardner, whose awards gave every satisfaction last year, has again been elected to judge. Mr. T. Monday was elected a member.— W. Broadbridge, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Monthly meeting held May 5, in Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Mr. A. G. Forest (Pres.) in the chair. Sec. read letter from Mr. J. H. Adams (Glasgow) agreeing to judge our club show, Nov. 15th, in the Good Templars' Hall, King Street. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair. —J. L. Smith.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Monthly meeting held May 3rd, Mr. Jno. Montgomery presiding over a good attendance in Nelson's Temperance Hotel. Mr. Barron was called upon for his promised lecture on the Canary. Mr. Barron in his lecture touched upon his method of feeding, rearing, moulting, and preparing for the show bench. The lecture was followed throughout with keenest interest, and at the close Mr. Barron was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Next meeting, July 5th, first feather show. Classification: Crests, 4 classes; Plainheads, 4; Borders, 3; Yorks., 4; Mr. E. Barron judge. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held May 6th, Alex. Anderson (Vice-Pres.) in the chair. The League Secretary gave a report of last League meeting, which was considered very satisfactory. G. Malcom was appointed one of the doorkeepers for League show, July 5th. Secretary was instructed what patronages to apply for. Agreed that Secretary write Mr. Clarke, Rothesay, for his case of seeds and berries for next meeting, which is to be held on a Saturday; members to be postcarded. Questions were drawn from the hat, and some very useful information was gained by those present. Joseph Sneddon (Crossgates) was accepted as a member. Donations for month, 14s.—Adam Dickson, Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Meeting held Black Bull, May 10th, Mr. Prestley chair. Decided to hold first feather show on June 14th, with the following clases: Yell. Yorks, ditto buff, yell. Norwich, ditto buff, A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb., British cage-moulted, ditto field-moulted. Birds etaged 4 o'clock; fee, 1s. Hope all members will bring as many as possible. Members please try and get to the ramble through Edlington Woods, for which Earl Fitzwilliam has granted permission, May 31st; meeting at Balby Tram Terminus at 2.30. New members enrolled: Messrs. Robinson, Hainshaw, Adams, Barrett and Beasley. Members who have not paid subs. kindly let me have same as early as possible.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL B.B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting, held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, April 24. Present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), C. T. Maxwell, O. Puck, E. Stephens, E. Shearmur, J. Dewhurst, A. Silver, T. R. Trower, W. A. Shepherd, G. Oliver, R. A. Newley, A. C. Askew, G. Crabb, and J. P. Carr. The hon. treas. was empowered to have books of certificates of the Birdkeepers' Protection Association, and a circular letter printed, and sent to all cage bird societies in the United Kingdom. The Plumage Bill, which is now before the House of Commons, was placed before the committee, and a clause therein which was considered detrimental to our hobby, caused a long discussion. Decided, that a letter pointing out the dangers of this clause to birdkeepers be sent to each Member of Parliament from this club, also a copy of same to be published in the Fancy Press, by permission of the Editors, so that every reader and member of a society could copy and send to his respective Member of Parliament. The following were elected to form a sub-committee to carry out the necessary arrangements: Messrs. Silver, Robson, Crabb and Trower. The following final arrangements were made for the annual ramble: The morning party to leave Liverpool Street Station by 9.37 train for Chingford, afternoon party by 1.33 train for Loughton, and meet the morning party at the Robin Hood. Hot lunch at the Owl for 1 o'clock, and meat tea at the Robin Hood, at 6 o'clock. The committee extend a hearty welcome to members and friends of all London societies. All those wishing to participate must send their names to the secretary by the 19th inst. Mr. E. Shearmur, Old Street, E.C., was elected a member.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec., 45 Overdale Road, S. Ealing.

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ARBROATH C.B.S.

Meeting held May 7, Mr. W. Muir, presided over a large attendance. It was gratifying to see the way the membership is increasing; still want to see more yet. Decided to co-operate with other Forfarshire societies with a view to having a medal competition for most points over all four shows. Classes for F.F. show also decided. Minor matters were considered. The meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman. J. Gray, Sec.

AYR C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Academy Hall, Fort Street, April 29th; Mr C. C. Irvine chair. Sec. was instructed to write several judges for terms, and report at next meeting. Mr. A. Girvan, Ayr, has been appointed to judge Yorkshires, and we hope that exhibitors will give him a good send off. It was agreed to provide a novice class for Yorkshires, Norwich, Border Fancy, and British, rule to be inserted in schedule that a novice be one that has not won a first prize in open competition. Decided that all exhibitors at next show with six or more entries, get free admission. Mr. C. C. Irvine read a paper ou British birds, which was very much appreciated by those present.—R. Aitken, Secretary.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held in Village Schoolroom, Alexandra, May 6th. President (A. W. Donaldson) chair. The Chairman introduced Mr. R. B. Gibb, of Glasgow, secretary of the Scottish Yorkshire Club, who gave a very instructive and entertaining lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. He described the points desired in exhibition specimens, and how birds should be matched to attain the desired standard. Colour, pedigree, and training were fully gone into. Numerous questions were asked and answered, and a very hearty vote of thanks tendered to the lecturer, several members being so much taken up with the Yorkshire that they handed Mr. Gibbs their names to be enrolled in Scottish Yorkshire Club.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD (Eastfield Side) C.B.S.

Table show of British birds held May 3rd. A choice selection of birds was staged, and Mr. Wright and Mr. Hall had no easy task in placing the cards. This society has opened out a new feature in judging table shows. They have decided to give novice judges a chance to show their skill. Messrs. Wright and Hall gave every satisfaction in this, their first attempt. After the judging a meeting was held and it was decided to have a members' nest feather show next meeting night. 9 classes. Judge, J. Richards. BULF. OR GOLDF.: 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Ward; 3, Gabbitass. LINNET, &c.: 1, Ward; 2, Nuttall Bros. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, he, Mallantratt; 2, Gabbitass; 3, Nuttall Bros.; hc, c, Oscroft. SOFTBILL: 1, Ward.—B. Gabbitass, Press Corres.

GRANGEMOUTH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, Rechabite Hall, May 7, Mr. M. Pagan presiding over a fair turn-out of members. Decided to hold our annual First Feather Show in July (date later). Following were engaged to judge the annual show, Nov. 8th: Mr. Holmes, Edinburgh, Crests and Plainheads; Mr. McWatt, Bonnybridge, Borders, and Mr. Goodfellow, Edinburgh, Mules, British and foreign classes. The British and Mule classes have been re-arranged this year, and two extra classes have been put on the Norwich for non-feds. Owing to the poor turn-out of the Scots Fancies, we have decided to cancel the section. At the meeting, June 3rd, the principal business will be the allocation of the cups for the annual show; there is another cup coming our way, which will have to be decided at same meeting, also the election of judges (from the members of the club) for the First Feather Show. I would be very pleased to hear from old and intending members now I have taken up the secretarial duties again.—Jno. Woodhouse, Sec., 63, Marshall Street, Grangemouth.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

On May 8, an interesting and instructive lecture on local British birds, was given before a good attendance of members by Mr. F. Greenwood, of Hebden Bridge, a district which abounds in bird life. The lecturer dealt with the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Twite, Buntings, Whinchat, Redstart, Wagtails, Cuckoo, and a few others; he gave us a good outline of each variety, its haunts, habits, and the caging and feeding of each in as brief a manner as possible, owing to the shortness of the evening. When he had concluded many questions were asked, and were replied to by the lecturer. Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Greenwood, who said, in replying, that at some future date he would come and continue his lecture where he had left off, and that at any time he would only be too pleased to take the members on a ramble in any part of their district. Mr. Greenwood can rest assured that his offer will be accepted at a date as early as possible. At the close of the meeting every member was quite satisfied at having heard one of the best of lectures.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held May 9. Present: Chairman, Mr. J. Jones; vice., Mr. G. Jones; hon. treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards, Messrs. E. Jones, R. Green, H. Williams, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. Letters read from G. F. Jackson, Esq., agreeing to act as vice-president, and enclosing cheque 10s. 6d., and Mr. W. T. Lloyd James, Monmouth, enclosing 1s. to become a member. Decided to return same, as the society is open only for North Wales. Copy of schedule was read and passed, and a list of subscribers, as follows:—Mr. F. R. Brown, £2; Lady Turner, and Messrs. E. R. Roberts and W. S. McDowell, £1 1s. each; Messrs. T. Morgan Lloyd, C. A. Jones, G. F. Jackson, 10s. 6d. each, making £6 14s. 6d. Mr. Brymer promised 10s., and Mr. Gwyneddon Davies, 10s. 6d. Specials given by committee: Chairman Mr. J. Jones, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Pritchard, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. T. Edwards, hon. treas., 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Green, 2s. 6d.; vice-chairman Mr. G. Jones, pair of electro-plated photo frames; Mr. H. Williams, special; Mr. R. E. Griffith, two specials; a fancier, challenge cup, value 18s. 6d., for most points; and many others. Fanciers from North Wales should join at once; members seem very slow coming. The committee have done their utmost, and I hope to see this show on July 5 one of the best in North Wales. We have engaged the well-known British bird judge, Mr. J. Kershaw, late Llanrwst. Membership, 1s. The society is open only for North Wales.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

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SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Meeting held in Johnston's Rooms, May 10th, Mr. W. Lunn presiding over a good turn-out of members. Agreed to hold a first feather show June 7th. Seven classes for young birds and a large number of handsome specials. Mr. Craig, Tollcross, judge. Decided to have a hat night at next meeting; four new members were enrolled: Messrs. Fulton, Davidson, Picken, and Carrack.—A. Berry, Sec.

DERBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 26th. Resolved to hold two first feather shows, one in June and one in July, for the purpose of clearing of the debt existing since last open show. Last meeting, judging competition results: 1, divided between A. Tongue and W. Roberts. Judge, J. H. Drakeley. Competition realised 3s. 9d. Members please note: Next meeting night nomination of young birds.—Wharam and Bamsey.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting held May 8, at Workman's Hall, when specials and cards won at evening show April 24 were given out. This show proved a great success, and a nice little balance is left for the society's funds. The society is going with a rare swing of late. The following new members were elected: Messrs. McLurie and Turner, Canning Town; G. Cooper and G. F. Gaylor, Plaistow; M. Thomas, Mile End; H. Hinton, Manor Park. Specials were booked for all sections at next evening show, May 22, when all are cordially welcome; Workman's Hall, 7.30. Entries close four days before show to W. Maxey, show sec.—A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held May 5. Further arrangements were made for young bird show, and the best thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. F. W. Alcock for the gift of a gold medal to be competed for at this and annual members' show. Mr. E. Ousman (Fenton) and Mr. E. Hodgkinson (Stoke) were elected members. The essay papers written by members were read by sec. These proved very interesting and instructive, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all, a hearty vote of thanks being given to the writers. There was an excellent attendance. At next meeting final arrangements will be made for the young bird show, and fanciers will be eligible to compete for the two gold medals if elected members at the next meeting.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 5, at Grange Park Hall. About forty members and friends were present to hear a most interesting discussion, which was opened by our chairman, the subject being "Troubles in the breeding room." Judging from what one heard during the evening there seemed to be no lack of them, the chief one apparently being how to get young birds. Among the many points discussed were—bad feeders, sweating hens, young birds going light, and red mite. Many theories were advanced as to the cause and cure of these common troubles, and no doubt a number of those present got some useful hints which they will profit by. Before the meeting closed a good number of names were handed in for the ramble on May 17, leaving Loughton Station at 3.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Asst. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 3, at headquarters, Mr. J. Chambers chair. Mr. J. E. Pyrah (Morley) was elected a member. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford) gave a lecture on "British Birds," which included notes on the Siskin, Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, Redstart, Lesser Whitethroat, Bearded Tit, Waxwing, and Sandpiper. One pleasing fact was a good attendance of members and friends, who were unanimous in their praise of Mr. Chittenden, and many expressed the opinion that we had listened to one of the best lectures ever delivered before this society. Mr. H. J. Mennard, in proposing a vote of thanks, voiced the sentiments of all present in a happy little speech. Mr. T. Baldwinson seconded, and vote was carried with acclamation. Mr. Chittenden suitably responded. At next month's F.F. show, at headquarters, a double breeding cage will be given for best bird in show, also double breeder and 2s. 6d. cash for first and second most points respectively, no member to take two specials, but winner for best bird to have preference.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting, held headquarters, Deansgate Temperance Hotel, May 5, Mr. Raynes chair. After the appointment of judges for the October Show had been gone through, our Chairman called on Mr. J. Beswick, the noted judge and fancier from Stockport, to give us a lecture on British Birds and Mule Breeding. Mr. Beswick gave us a very interesting and instructive lecture. He told us how to choose and feed British birds, how to pair and feed for muling, and how some of the noted clear mules had been bred. A good discussion took place after the lecture, most of the members and friends taking part. Some of the British bird fanciers and mule breeders could not see quite eye to eye with Mr. Beswick; but after he had elaborated his points, it was generally accepted that the honours were with him. In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Beswick, Mr. Fairhurst mentioned the fact that information such as we had obtained at that meeting had not always been as freely given as it is at present. He thought we ought to be grateful to such men as Mr. Beswick; men who had done things, and who were willing to tell how they had done them. Mr. Smith seconded the proposition. Mr. Beswick briefly replied, thanking the members and friends for their appreciation of his efforts to interest them. He did not mind an informal chat with a few fanciers on birdy topics, in fact, he enjoyed a gossip on this subject as much as anyone; but he did not get a deal of enjoyment out of giving a lecture. Our time for closing had now arrived, and the meeting was closed, some of the British bird fanciers looking as if they could have stayed all night. We could not appoint judges for all varieties, as some of those written to had not replied. Full list will be sent along as soon as completed.—E. H. Fulcher, Assist. Sec. and Treas.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall, April 26, James Muir presiding. A table show of British birds was held; Mr. John Penman judged: 1, Goldfinch, Hunter; 2, Linnet, Clarkson; 3, Goldfinch, Marshall; 4, Greenfinch, Muir. Next meeting May 31.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting held May 7th, before a good attendance; Mr. E. J. Smith, chair. Messrs. J. Colburn, Newbury, and S. H. George and R. Meadowcraft, Reading, were elected members. An egg-food demonstration had been arranged, which turned out to be very interesting. Several members had made egg-food according to their usual directions, and brought it with them, explaining its merits at the same time. Mr. Yates then mixed some, and we were all on watch for tips. He made 1 lb with cod liver oil food, putting sugar and maw seed. After putting an egg through a sieve he mixed it all together. Several asked him why he pressed it with the back of a spoon. His answer was that it prevented waste, as birds could not pick out the egg. It was then passed round. A good discussion ensued, each member giving his own preferences. Samples from Liverine were passed round. We decided to have all classes for young bird show as last year, with the addition of two extra classes for amateurs, and two for novices, making 23 in all. We decided to try the experiment of a half-day show, birds to be here at 2.30, open at 4; admission 3d. Several specials were promised, and I should like a few more before next meeting. I should also like to see a few Border Fancy men join. We have two or three, and we shall be glad to add a class for them if we have sufficient before next meeting. Members report very fair luck, but plenty of clear eggs and hens giving up feeding and going to nest again.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street, May 12, when some good singing was heard. 1, Calligan, 131 sec.; 2, Robinson, 89 sec.; 3, Watson, 71 sec.; 4, Rodgers, 52 sec. Three Sheffield birds shall sing any three birds in Yorkshire, 5 minutes' singing, 2½ minutes each road, faced and bluffed, from £1 up to £5; deposit "Cage Birds" early.—S. D. Webster.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, May 10th. 29 birds sang for three substantial prizes. 1, Liversedge, 51; 2, 3, Wallis, 50, 41. Open sing on May 17th, when we hope to see some fresh faces and hear some fresh birds. Entry, 4d. each bird, to be shared in 3 prizes, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, the 1st prize, a copper kettle, being given by the landlord, Mr. Gutteridge. First pair in window at 3.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Contest held May 10, at the Shakespeare Hotel. 23 birds sang for two good prizes. McDermott and Medley shared 1 and 2. A members' big singing took place on May 12, when 66 birds sang for 4 good prizes. 1, 2, Appleton; 3, Holcroft; 4, M. Devine. Members spent a pleasant evening, songs being sung by our Chairman, and Messrs. Gray, Devine, Watson, White, Davies, and some of our colliery friends.—M. Devine, Sec.

MURTON.

Match sung May 4, between George Coulson and R. Elliott, the "Linnet King," when R. Elliott won. Judge, John Coulson; timekeeper, Mr. Penman. A match followed between Ben Johnson and George Coulson, with three of the best Cumberland birds ever known. Coulson was the winner. For £2 a side George Coulson will sing anything in the world, either time or proud singing. He will meet H. Allen, of Leeds, half-way, for £5 a side.—R. Elliott.

BLACKBURN.

Open contest for quality was held at club headquarters, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road. 24 birds entered for six good prizes. Some very good singing was heard: 1, Topping; 2, J. Dobson; 3, Green; 4, C. Dobson; 5, Barnes; 6, Statham. After the contest we had a very enjoyable evening. Contest for members only will be held at the Club headquarters, Empire Hotel, Blackburn, May 24, when there will be seven good prizes given. This is what we call our cup contest. Four of our members have won it twice each, and if either of them win it this time it becomes their own property.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open Linnet contest held Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, May 10th, for time. 21 birds faced the judges for three prizes, and the best singing we have had this season was heard by a large company. 1, Poole, 145; 2, Woodward, 131; 3, Lowe, 116. Timers, J. Poole and G. Bate. Minuteman, J. Brown. After the contest there was a match between T. Knowles and J. Poole, Mr. Knowles winning easily. We hope at our next open contest to have a better entry, so that we shall be able to give more and better prizes, as it encourages fanciers more when they know that they have something worth singing for.—J. Woodward

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held May 10 at Woodman Inn. 24 birds entered for 3 good prizes. Mr. W. Proctor 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Also usual open contest May 11, when 31 birds entered for 4 prizes. 1, 2, Proctor; Piper and Nelson shared 4th prize. Yearly contest held May 12th. 29 birds sang for 16 valuable prizes. We had a very nice afternoon, assisted by some of the Castleford members, when everything went off all right. The first six were: 1, 3, 5, Nelson; 2 6, Proctor; 4, Jones. Mr. B. Nelson gave a prize for best score to novice, which was won by one of our new members, Mr. E. Clayton. Next open contest, May 18.—W. Beard, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 10, 32 birds sung for four good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1 Sissons, 2 Stead, 3 Hardcastle, 4 Wigfield; judges, Lacy, Robinson, Naylor. Also May 11, when 37 birds sung for four good prizes before a crowded house: 1 Sissons, 2 Hardcastle, 3 Wigfield, 4 Johnson; judges, Lacy, Crane, Naylor. The 24th annual great all England contest for quality Linnet singing took place on May 12, at the above, when 39 of the best picked birds in England sung for 18 good prizes, before a house packed to its utmost: 1 Robinson, 2 Lonsdale, 3 Wigfield, 4 Bland, 5 Sissons, 6 Hardcastle, 7 Varley, 8, Sowden, 9 Butler, 10 Richardson, 11 Wigfield, 12 Stead, 13, Farrar, 14 Appleyard, 15 Hollingworth, 16 Butler, 17 Nicholson, 18 Stead; judges. A. Jennings, J. Smith, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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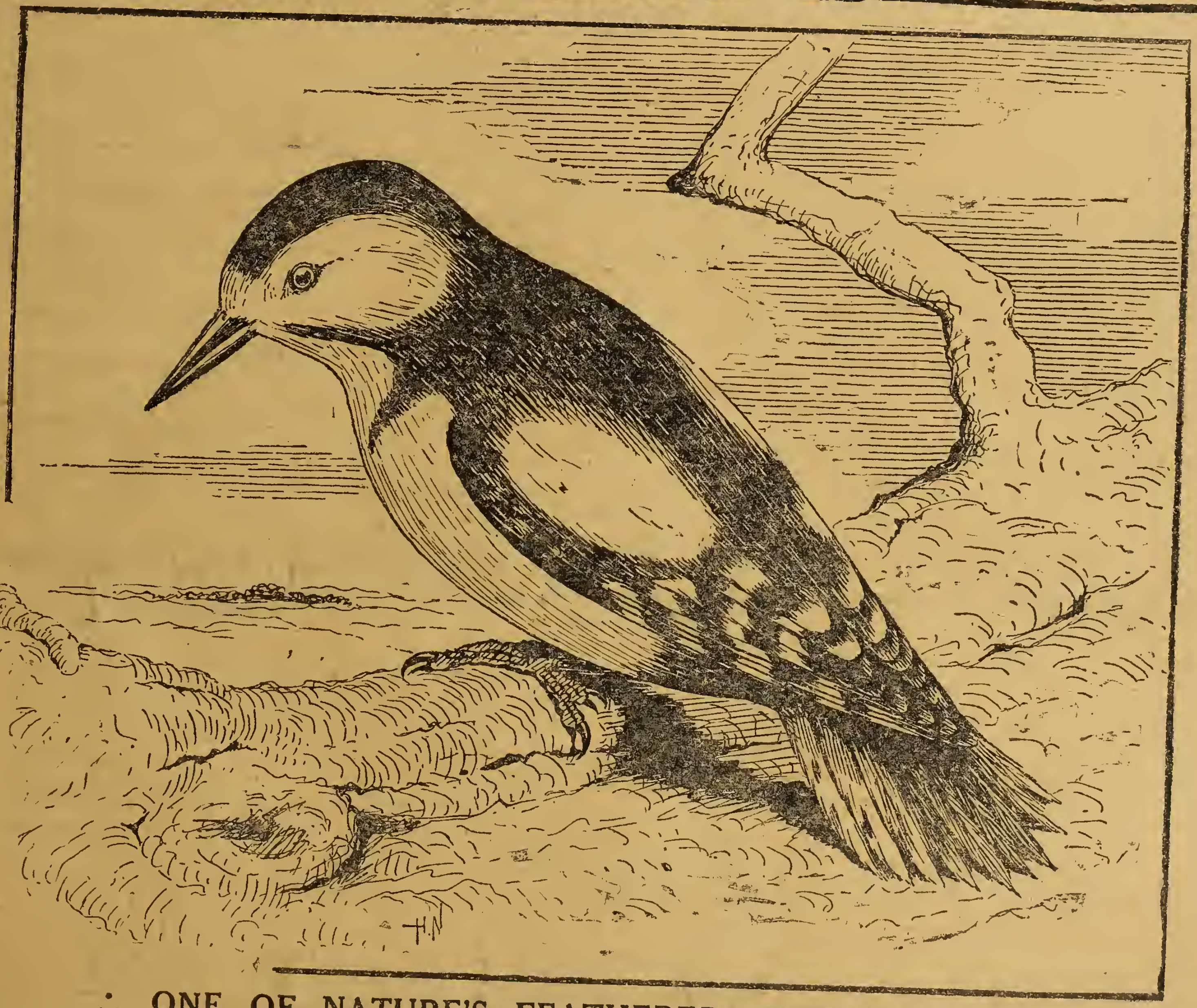

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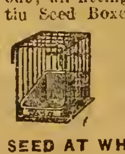

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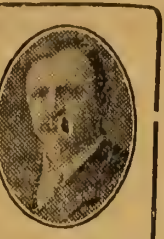

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SOUTH WALES AND MON. FEDERATION OF F. AND F.S.

First annual meeting held May 12, at the Bush Hotel, Swansea, when about thirty were present, including the president, Mr. S. W. Thomas (Swansea), and Mr. Norris Sair and Mr. W. G. Camden, vice-presidents. Mr. D. A. S. Longden (Swansea) chair. The President gave some valuable advice as to the working of the Federation, drew attention to the difficulty of arranging dates so as to avoid clashing, and hoped that all societies who had previously fixed upon dates to loyally abide by the decision that would be come to on that day. There were something like sixteen cases of clashing, and in nearly all instances the difficulties were got over with very little friction. As pointed out by the president, it was a suicidal policy for two or more societies to hold their shows on the same date, and if societies were not prepared to re-arrange their dates, the aims of the Federation were practically useless. Secretary brought forward the objection laid by Pentrebach Society to Pontypridd altering the date of their show from the first Wednesday of Dec. to last Wednesday in Nov., a day previous to the Pentrebach date. The secretary (who is also the secretary of Pontypridd) gave his reason for altering date, and stated that it was the means of having Pembroke affiliated to the Federation, the first Wednesday in Dec. being the only date that seemed to suit them. He did not consider this a case of clashing, and thought it would really be an advantage to Pentrebach, as exhibits could be sent from Pontypridd show to Pentrebach before being returned home. After a little discussion, though Pentrebach was not represented at this meeting, it was resolved "that this meeting does not consider this a case of clashing, and is of opinion that it will be an advantage to Pentrebach." Three other societies had fixed their date the same as Pentrebach, Nov. 27th. Ultimately Pentrebach was allotted that date, and the others asked to change. Sec. gave the result of the points special as far as the returns were received, and stated that now the four cups had been disposed of it was their duty to look forward to obtain a better class of cups for the coming season. The value of these specials for most points can be at once seen when it is considered that the winner of the cage birds cup had scored 254 points. The president, with his usual generosity, and seeing the value that good specials would have in the number of entries given to the affiliated societies' shows, started the subscription by offering £1 1s. towards a £5 5s. cup. Mr. Norris Sair (Neath) offered 10/6; Mr. W. G. Camden, 10/6; Mr. D. A. S. Longden, 10/6; Mr. Guppy (Cardiff), 5/-; Mr. Capper (Treorchy) 2/6; Mr. Dendle (Swansea), 2/6; Mr. Pike (Kenfig Hill), 2/6; Mr. S. H. George (Swansea C.B.S.), 2/6; and Mr. Eley (Mumbles), 2/6; total, £3 10s. £1 15s. more is required to make up the amount for this £5 5s. cup. It is hoped that anyone desirous of contributing towards this will communicate with secretary as soon as possible. Mr. W. G. Camden, a gentleman whom the Swansea fanciers have to be greatly indebted to for his continuous financial help in specials and other matters, offered a £3 3s. cup for the runner-up. He also subscribed 2/6 towards cost of cups for last season. The benefit in entries that Societies will reap by these cups will be much greater than last season, and the executive should have no difficulty in having the balance required subscribed at an early date. The mode of putting these cups up for competition will be decided at a future meeting. Sec. gave result of the voting for officers and executive Council:—Pres., S. W. Thomas, re-elected; chair, Mr. D. A. S. Longden, re-elected; vice-chair, Mr. W. J. Davies re-elected; sec. and treas., A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rocser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd, re-elected. Auditors, Messrs. Guppy (Cardiff) and Churchill (Abertillery) went through the accounts, which showed a balance on hand of £4 12s. 6d. The Federation starts its second year with 30 societies affiliated. That the Federation has been the means of doing a large amount of good in the past, and will effect a much larger amount of good in the future is indisputable. A full list of societies, with their dates, will be sent to each affiliated society after the dates which have to be arranged are sent in. In future, societies must send a marked catalogue to the Federation sec. as a check for the points specials. Considering the importance of this meeting, we were sorry to see that some societies were not represented, especially as they were notified that their dates were clashing with others. Probably one cause was that a show was held by the Twynyrodyn Society at Merthyr that day. Hearty votes of thanks were returned to the president, vice-presidents, and others who had so kindly subscribed towards the new cups, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.—A. G. McLucas

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

"Transparent Imaginations."

Readers of the LEAGUE columns will remember that I had occasion to write to the Editor of the "Manchester Evening News" in respect of an especially reckless onslaught against bird dealers and birdkeepers which had recently appeared in that paper over the initials "S. A. W." My letter to the Editor was printed in our issue of May 10.

From a cutting from the "Manchester Evening News" of May 12, which has now reached me, it would appear that the Editor of that paper sent my letter to the author of the article in question, who replied that he had never seen the pamphlet published by the "Humanitarian League" from which I concluded he had derived his inspiration. The pamphlet has been used over and over again by people equally ignorant with "S. A. W." of the subject, and whether that writer used the pamphlet itself or was merely copying other people's extracts from it is a matter of no importance.

What is of importance, however, is that the Editor of the "Manchester Evening News" now says that the article "was transparently an imaginative one." Of course it was, and that is exactly what I said.

But the fact that the article was "imaginative" does not absolve the writer of it from the wickedness of making charges evolved out of his own imagination, and putting them forward as statements of fact. *We* know that all such charges are "imaginative," but the readers of such balderdash, and, presumably, the Editors who accept it for publication, are not in the same position. The most ridiculous rubbish will be believed by some people, and if it be repeated often enough, it will be accepted by a great many.

The accusations made were directed against a legitimate trade carried on in quite legitimate fashion by at least 99 per cent. of those who depend upon it for their living. That the horrible things outlined exist only in the imagination of those irresponsible people who make the accusations the Editor of the "Manchester Evening News" could have satisfied himself in a few minutes by taking a walk through Tib Street, in his own city. Here he would find bird shops, the conduct of which refutes in every possible way the nightmares of "S. A. W." and people of his kidney.

A Feminine Reply.

In the correspondence columns this week there appears a letter from the Editress of "Dainty Novels," in answer to my note of last week. After asking for the information as to the alleged blinding of Chaffinches, I answered the other portion of the letter as follows:—

> In reply to the latter portion of your letter, I have had personal experience of cage-bird keeping such as falls to a very few people indeed, and this extends over a period of some thirty years. After that experience I may say most emphatically that neither three-fourths nor one-hundredth part of the birds that are kept in cages die of starvation or thirst from neglect, or from the other causes you mention. As to the allegation that some caged birds meet a violent death through the attacks of the domestic cat, there can, of course, be no doubt that accidents of this sort do occasionally happen, and these are entirely unavoidable so long as people keep cats and birds in the same room. I think, however, that the birds that are so killed are very small in number in proportion to the hundreds of thousands which are kept in cages, and they certainly do not bear any comparison with the number of wild birds which suffer in nature a similar fate at the teeth and claws of the same animal.

Two Well-Behaved Cats.

I might have added that among the thousands of birds which I have kept at one time or another I have never had a death caused by a cat of my own. But I always kept the cat separately from the birds, excepting with one cat, which was so perfectly trained that we were able to shut it into the bird room at night to keep down the mice, with the full certainty that it would never touch a bird. That cat would wait at the bird-room door every night to be let in for the real business of its life. I had another which would keep watch over my garden aviary, and chase away any of its kind which ventured into the garden. These felines deserve to be immortalised for their virtues.

To my letter the Editress has replied as under. We can only wait for the information promised:—

> Dear Sir,—I am obliged for your letter of to-day's date, and am making enquiries with a view to getting the exact dates of the prosecutions I mentioned in my previous article. When I have done so, I will write again, and can assure you I will leave no stone unturned to prove that I had absolute authority for what I stated.

"Bird Specialist" or What?

A letter to the London "Daily Mail" of Saturday, May 17, throws a light upon the origin of the outrageous slanders upon birdkeeping to which evidence is so readily given by extra sentimental people, who are ready to believe anything which tallies with their one idea that cruelty is a necessary corollary of bird-keeping. A reader of the "Daily Mail" sends to that paper an account of a pet Starling, which had as a young bird been rescued from the jaws of a cat. The letter concludes with the statement: "We were told by a bird specialist that if his tongue were slit the bird would talk, but we refused to have such a cruel thing done, and he certainly talks very well without it."

I shall be quite prepared to see it put forward by and by as a plain statement of fact that the slitting of Starling's tongues is advised by bird specialists as a means of improving their talking powers. Of course, no bird specialist would advance any such method, but it will be sufficient at some future time that someone said that a "bird specialist" did advise it, and it will be taken as gospel truth that the practice is quite a common one among bird-keepers. Many of the atrocities laid at the door of bird-keepers have had a similar foundation for their building up. I have written to the writer of the letter in question asking to be favoured with the name of the so-called "bird specialist."

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Singing Contests.

LEIGH.

Third club contest of Globe Inn Linnet Club held May 17. 25 birds sang for six good prizes. Quality: 1, Holcroft; 2, Jones; 3, Toppleg. Time: 1, Statham (221); 2, MacAllister (120); 3, Banks. Consolation contest will be on June 28. Open contest for time and quality, May 31, at the Globe Inn, Leigh, for 8 good prizes.—R. Holcroft.

KIPPAX.

Open sing, held at Commercial Hotel, May 17, when we had a record entry of 46 birds to sing for four good prizes. 1, copper kettle, given by Mr. Gutteridge, Liversidge; 2, Smith; 3, Nelson; 4, Plows, 5, shared by Collison and Wallis. A few words of advice to the novices from Mr. Nelson, of Pontefract, were gratefully accepted by those present.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

WHEATLY HILL.

Contest held at Wheatly Hill Club, May 12; 60 birds competed; the prizes were divided between the Linnet King, of Murton, and Stockdale, of Wingate. Judge, Joe Adams, Wheatly Hill; 200 spectators witnessed the singing.—J. Adams, Sec.

[Kindly note that matter intended for publication must be written on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.]

WITTON GILBERT.

Linnet sing held at the Half Way House, May 17, 38 birds competed. 1, Hutchinson; 2, Aston; 3, Hewitt; 4, Welsh; judge, Geo. Reed, Brandon. Next contest, Victoria Inn, Langley Moor, May 24; trams pass the house every 10 minutes from Durham. 1st prize, silver cup; 2nd, copper kettle; 3rd, case of carvers; entrance 1s.; 3d. refreshments. This is the best cup ever offered for a Linnet contest in the County of Durham, so give us a bumping entry; first pair up at 2.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Big Whitsuntide sing held May 10, 51 birds entered for 5 good prizes and 15 specials. 1, 7, Sweeting; 2, Piper; 3, Brindley; 4, Wainwright; 5, Parnell; 6, Smith; 8, 14, Morley; 9, 12, Nelson; 10, Caddy; 11, Smith; 13, Kirk; 15, Archdale. May 11, 15 birds entered for 3 good prizes. 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Caddy. May 13, 49 birds entered for 4 good prizes. Nelson, 96; Morley 89; Nelson, 57; Wainwright, 64. May 17, 31 birds entered for 3 good prizes. 1, 3, Sweeting; 2, Williams. May 18, 16 entered for 3 good prizes. 1, Archdale, 118; 2, 3, Nelson, 88, 79.—Walter Dobson.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 13; 32 birds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, 3, Butler; 2, Sissons; 4, Clark. Judges, Smith, Wood. Also May 17; 24 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, Sissons; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Ward; 4, Wigfield. Judges, Lacy, Farrar, Naylor. May 18, 27 birds sang for 4 good prizes before a crowded house: 1, Wigfield; 2, Sissons; 3, Stead; 4, Hardcastle. Judges, J. Thompson, Butler, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 10; 17 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Fishwick, some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, 2, Clarke; 3, shared between Sellers and Connor. Judges, J. Smith and G. Clayton. Also May 11, 28 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction, and the birds gave us some of the best singing of the year. 1, Ward; 2, Sellers; 3, 4, Green; judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton. Also annual sing, open to the world, on May 12; 18 birds sang for eight good club prizes. 1, Ward; 2, Green; 3, Smith; 4, Blackburn; 5, Connor; 6, Tomlinson; 7, Sellers; 8, Ward. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton. Mr. Ward's bird got 1st at the King's Head, Shannon Street, the same day. Two more sings held same day; Mr. Butterey got 1st and Mr. Green 2nd in the first contest, and Mr. Sellers 1 and 2 in the last. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton. Also May 18, 19 birds sang in heats for 3 good prizes, and some extraordinary good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, 3, Ward; 2, Green. Judges T. C. Summers and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, May 18th. 25 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, Soloman; 2, Cellars; 3, Bangfield. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and C. Lorriman. Also annual contest, May 12. 28 birds contested for 6 excellent prizes. 1, Nevinns; 2, Soloman; 3, Towers; 4, Playforth; 5, Ward; 6, Brabiner. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and C. Lorriman.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

HUNSLET.

A grand Skylark singing contest took place at Red House, Hunslet, May 10th, there being a very good muster of birds; the singing was splendid. Mr. Cawood's bird, "Skylark," sang the allotted time, 10 minutes; this bird is a splendid songster, gaining first prize. Then came Mr. Wilson's "Capt. Scott," singing 8 minutes in round and 9¾ in time, a most consistent singer this season. Mr. Cadman's "Dan" (Castleford) was next with 4½ in round and 9¼ time; he has gained a few firsts this year; also "Bell Isle" gained a prize for Mr. Parks, an old vet., 76 years old, and very interested in Skylark singing yet. On Whit Monday we held our jubilee at Wellington Hotel, Hunslet. This being our big sing of the season, we had a splendid entrance, in which we had birds from Lancashire, and we had a large crowd to hear them. Mr. Toothill, of Red House, won, doing 7½ round, 9½ time; this good bird can be heard any time, at home, always singing to a good company; 2nd, Mr. Cadman's "Dan," 5¾ in round, 9 in time; 3, Mr. Cawood, 6 in round 8¾ in time; 4, Mr. Stead's "Stump," 5 in round, 8½ in time, a most promising youngster and a very good talent singer; 5, "Darky," also a young bird, 5¾ in round, 8 in time, very good for his first time out. "Cigar" and "Capt." were next, doing over 8 minutes in time. After the contest we had a very jovial evening. Mr. Cawood entertained us with his English concertina; Mr. Earnshaw accompanied him on piano. On May 10 a contest took place at Belmont Hotel. Skylark singing was extraordinary, Mr. Wilson's "Capt. Scott" singing the full ten minutes; also Mr. Park's "Bell Isle" sang the ten minutes; then came Mr. Toothill's "Come on a bit," 7½ round and 9¾ time; Mr. Cadman's "Dan," 7 round, 9½ time. Our old friend, Mr. Atkinson, the old pigeon racer, was most delighted, promising to give a gold medal to best bird on a later date. Hosts, Mr. Wallbank and Mr. Toothill, were highly delighted with our contests.—E. Dodsworth, Sec.

[Kindly oblige by condensing reports as much as possible, and please write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.]

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate

W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

I thank you for the reproduction of my pet Yorkshire cock on front page of your last issue. It certainly does your clever artist, Mr. Norman, great credit. I may say the bird has been in the money each time shown, but never looked better than at the last Windsor Show.—A. Turner, Windsor.

Societies wishing for the patronage of the Northern Border and S.F.C.C. should apply at once to Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. The classification required is as follows:—Clear or ticked yellow cock, ditto buff, marked cock or hen, clear or ticked hen, Green or Cinnamon Yellow cock, ditto Buff, Green, or Cinnamon hen, novice cock, novice hen.

The coloured plate in the May issue of "The Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, is from a painting by Mr. Goodchild, portraying a pair of Blue Niltavas, the cock bird being drawn from the unique specimen lately belonging to Mr. H. D. Astley, who contributes an article on the species. Mr. Astley writes also of the Pied Chat or Wheatear, and contributes a chapter "Hints about Aviaries." Other articles are on birds in Chile by Mr. F. E. Blaauw, "The Endurance of Wild Ducks" Miss I. Dorrien Smith, "For Love of Birds" Mrs. K. Currey, "Notes on the Mild Winter and the Birds" Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, and "Bird Notes from the Zoo" Mr. D. Seth Smith. A very interesting number.

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Twitterings.

Mr. F. L. Gibbs, secretary, writes that the Ilfracombe F.A. will hold an open show on November 13th.

We hear that Borth (Cardigan) Show will be held on August 5. Mr. J. O. Williams will judge cage birds.

Mr. H. W. Battye will judge our open show on Nov. 15, writes Mr. H. Mathers, sec., Selby and Dist. C.B.S.

"Estimates": A diverting competition for advertisers. See announcement this week under "Exchange Miscellaneous" advertisements.

Mr. T. H. Inmar hon. sec, 43, Derby Rd., Bradford, would like all societies wishing for patronage of the Yorks. and Lancs. British Bird and Mule Club to apply at once.

Mr. J. N. Jeffrey, hon. sec., Torbay O.S., writes that the Torbay O.S. ramble will be to Dittisham on the Dart, June 4, and that the first Feather Show will be held June 24.

We hear from Mr. A. Thomson, sec. Larkhall C.B.A., that the judges for the Annual Club Show, Oct. 25, will be Mr. Wm. Haddow, Hamilton, Canaries; Mr. R. V. Raine, Cathcart, British.

We are in receipt of a very nice sample of marking rings from the British Aluminoid Co., of Hanworth (see advt.). These are of the open kind, extremely light and excellently made, while, of course, being very easy to apply.

Our Young Bird show takes place June 14, writes Mr. E. Jaycott, hon. sec., Crewe, O.S., and there promises to be very keen competition for the valuable cup P. V. Williams, Esq., Hinstock Hall, has given to our society. Cage Birds Annual for 1913 is par excellence.

We have decided to hold our next annual show on November 19, writes Mr. F. Thomas, sec. Ramsgate C.B.S. Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge. We hope our brother fanciers will support us as many did last year. It will be an open show, so we shall be looking forward to a bumping entry.

I should be pleased, writes Mr. W. H. Blythe, Bacup, if you would announce that I am retiring from the Fancy, owing to having made arrangements to work in Manchester during the summer. This would prevent some of my friends being disappointed when visiting.

Will members and friends of the Bradford East O.S., writes Mr. Horatio Hill, sec., who desire to join the deputation arranged by J. T. Windle, Esq., president of the Horton Green Men's meeting, to Esholt and the Bradford Sewage Works, kindly meet in Foster Square at 2.30 prompt, May 24, by the terminus for the Idle Car? The party will be conducted by Alderman Richard Johnson. Mr. H. Hill extends this invitation on Mr. Windle's behalf.

We have on many previous occasions referred to the remarkably extensive business built up by Mr. W. Rudd, the great bird specialist, of Norwich, and received bulky bundles of testimonials from him conveying the thanks of delighted clients with his birds, his goods, and his business methods. This week, however, Mr. Rudd has surpassed all records by forwarding a huge batch of 475 testimonials received by him, the postmarks showing that they cover a period of not quite three months past: further, they do not include the numerous testimonials published in his advertisements, nor those received on picture postcards (which he gives to a collector) nor those received from abroad. Such a marvellous collection of unsolicited testimony reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Rudd and his methods.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Mr. F. Handley, hon. sec., 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool, asks that secretaries desiring patronage in champion section of Green Canary Association apply as soon as possible. Those secretaries who have not received particulars, etc., of novice classes within about a twenty mile radius of Liverpool, please notify.

Unfertile Eggs at Bournemouth.

Our members complain very much of many unfertile eggs in the first round, writes Mr. J. A. Crawshaw, hon. sec. Bournemouth C.B.A., and are wondering how it can be accounted for. I wish still greater success to your splendid paper Cage Birds.

Robin's Nest in School.

A Robin is interesting the scholars of Brabourne School, in Kent. It has built its nest upon some books in a school cupboard, which is used every day. One boy's seat is just below, and his head is not more than 4ft. from the nest during school hours. The eggs have hatched, and the Robins are bringing the young worms, caterpillars, and bumble bees, among other animal food.

A Labour of Love.

Hard indeed must a pair of wild birds work to keep their every hungry nestlings supplied with food. From dawn to dark it is one continuous labour. When the glow of the setting sun has faded from the west and soft blue shadows gather in the land-scape, the little workers snatch a few brief hours of sleep before the first glimmer in the east shall rouse once more their hungry brood.

Fatal Search for Birds' Eggs.

Mr. G. R. Wade, an engineer, was recently killed by falling over the cliffs on Ramsey Island. He was a native of Newport, Mon., and rowed with some friends from Portstinian lifeboat station to the island in the afternoon. With a friend named Deane he started to search for birds' eggs along the cliffs, and, despite advice, Mr. Wade ventured down the dangerous cliff to secure a Shag's nest. Mr. Wade slipped, and fell on to a ledge of rock below, where he was probably instantly killed. The body bounded on to another rock, and thence into the water. Later it was cast up on the beach.

A Young Hen's Great Record.

I got quite a surprise, on opening my Cage Birds this week, to see my ticked buff hen depicted therein, writes Mr. W. Grewar. She was bred in 1912, and won the following prizes last season: 1st Lochgelly, cup best young Norwich, members' cup and gold medal for best young bird in show, S.P.C. medal and spl. for best Norwich, 3rd City of Glasgow, 2nd Brechin, 1st and medal Forfar, 1st Cowdenbeath, 3rd Glasgow and dist., 2nd Musselburgh, 1st and S.P.C. gold medal Aberdeen, and 1st Scottish National. I notice that there is a mistake in the name of town, as I have now been in Lochgelly close on eighteen months. I thank you for your delightful portrayal.

A New Carrying Case.

There should be a big future for the vulcanised fibre carrying case, for show, etc., cages, made by Messrs. Baron, of Bacup. We recently inspected a sample case for two Roller cages, and our opinion is that so far as weight, durability and neatness are concerned, Messrs. Baron's production is just the thing. This sample is of remarkable lightness and exceeding neatness. Weighing only 2¾lbs., yet the material of which it is made is very tough, and calculated to stand any amount of rough usage, without even cracking. Brass bound, and fitted with strong straps and handle, and with a natty arrangement for fixing the address card. The case seemed to us in appearance and utility all that the exhibitor could wish for. There is no time unsuitable for consideration of a good thing, so we would advise all exhibitors to turn to Messrs. Baron's announcement under "Appliances," and to write for a quotation. Their vulcanised fibre cases have come to stay.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley; Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; Yorks and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford; Yorkshire C.C., J. Greaves, 279, Hollings Rd., Bradford (closing date May 24); Northern Counties Plainhead Club, Mr. W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle; Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick Rd., Liverpool. Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts 52, Falmouth Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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The Common Bunting.

The Common or Corn Bunting is the largest of the family. The second name is easily understood, for this bird loves the edges of cornfields, but why did it get its name of the Common Bunting? It is not nearly so common as the yellow bird, and the writer has never yet found a place where the bird is really common, although such a spot may exist.

A Beginner's Success.

I began Canary breeding last year, writes Mr. H. St. John Rumsey (Uckfield), when I had two pairs and bred fourteen birds. This year I have eight hens and six cocks, and I have 28 young birds already doing well, out of 37 eggs laid. I may mention that two others were hatched and died. As a constant reader of your valuable paper, I venture to write this, as it may encourage other beginners.

Too Much of a Good Thing!

There are many places in England, says a "Times" Paris writer, where Nightingales are numerous enough, but none where for miles together the air so continuously shrills to their music as on the banks of the Seine.

Talk not to me about the Seine
  Where Nightingales do congregate
Till river bank and leafy lane
  Are in a quite congested state,
And each sweet songster small and brown
Attempts to sing his fellows down.

Give me my rural home where I
  May hear a solo rare and sweet
Ascending to the midnight sky,
  Just as Caruso's strains might greet
My ears and set my heart aglow,
But thousands of Carusos!
No!

C. E. B., in the "Evening News."

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: National British Bird and M.C., May 24, to Epping Forest, from Liverpool Street; morning party 9.36 train to Chingford; afternoon 1.35 train to Loughton; City and Suburban A.C.B. to Epping Forest with N.B.B. and M.C.; London and Provincial O.S. to Epping Forest with N.B.B and M.C.; Preston O.S., May 25, to Brock, train to Longridge from Preston 9.40, Deepdale 9.44, Ribbleton 9.49; Watford C.B.S., June 1, to Ivanhoe, train to Berkhampstead, 9.30 from Watford; Doncaster C.B.S., May 31, through Edlington Woods, meet at Balby tram terminus, 2.30; Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S, May 25, to Box Hill, Dorking and Holmwood Common, train leaves Peckham Rye 9.20 Leith O.S. June 14, to Raith, train leaves Edinburgh 2.15; Torbay O.S., June 4, to Dittisham; Clydebank C.B.C., May 31, meet at Erskine Ferry, South side 3.0; Halifax O.S., May 24, to Bell Hole Cragg, meet at top of King's Cross 2.15; car to Mytholmroyd.

Wild-Bird Life.

About Linnets.

It has been stated by several writers that the Greenfinch is the commonest of our British Finches, but one is inclined to think that the popular Linnet runs it closely for this position. Although the Greenbird frequents and builds in the same fields and hedgerows as the little brown bird, it is what one might call more a bird of semi-domestication, often nesting in our gardens, hedges, and bushes, near buildings, and therefore more frequently coming under observation. Linnets love the open fields and the breezy common, nesting among the furze and heather, and the quickset hedges adjoining. So plentiful are they in some districts that almost every bush contains a home of these little songsters, and although all wild birds' nests are good to look upon, and to admire for their architecture, the home of the Linnet has a delicate beauty quite unlike that of any other bird. Here is as near as words can give it a description of one seen upon the downs, snugly ensconsed in a furze bush. Externally a few sprigs of tough heather, a little moss, and some grass stems, also a trace of sheep's wool; the cup beautifully rounded, and neatly finished with hair, vegetable down, and a few feathers. In this snug home were deposited four pale bluish-green eggs, spotted and freckled with reddish-brown, the whole making a most delightful picture of chaste colour and beauty.

THE LINNET.

Upon carefully watching the Linnets all around, one could see here and there birds much more backward than others, both in actions and depth of colouring; one pair came within two or three yards of the writer, and proceeded to feed each other in the usual Finch fashion. These two birds were both very dull in colour, the cock showing scarcely a trace of crimson, so unlike another seen later, whose breast colour was almost so gorgeous, as to be hardly recognisable to the uninitiated as the singing Brown Linnet of the winter. In building their home, both cock and hen work at the structure, collecting and placing the materials, although the hen appears to finish the interior.

ACCIDENTS IN THE BIRD ROOM.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

How to Prevent them; and How to Deal with them if they arise; with a few words on Parasites and their extermination.

THAT accidents may happen anywhere or everywhere when least expected, is a trite truism. In a well-ordered bird room or aviary, however, they should be few and far between and present but little variety. Probably the most serious likely to arise are broken legs and wings. With careful attention to the beaks and claws to prevent them becoming overgrown, and the latter impeding movement, and seeing that all perches are of a convenient size for the bird using them, fixed securely and well-placed, and that all other cage fittings are likewise well-fitting and properly placed, the more serious accidents should be avoided altogether. Loose jagged ends of binding wires, bent and projecting ends of the loop wires for water-vessels, etc., and unstable, wobbly perches, in combination with long, hook-like, overgrown claws, are fertile causes of more or less serious accidents. Many a fractured limb or sprained joint (though in such a small creature as a cage-bird it would doubtless be more correct to term it a wrench) may be clearly traced to these causes. To take in alphabetical order the chief troubles we will deal with.

Distressing, but Fortunately Uncommon.

Anal Prolapse.—This is more in the nature of an accident than a disease. It occurs chiefly amongst weakly hens, and is often brought about by violent efforts to expel a shell-less or abnormally large egg, but may also be induced by any condition of the bowels causing excessive straining. The one unmistakable symptom is the protrusion of a portion of the intestine from the vent. Remedial measures are rarely of any permanent benefit, as the condition frequently recurs, time after time, in an aggravated form, and ultimately proves fatal.

If the bird appears fairly bright and lively, catch it and bathe the protruding part in a cold astringent solution; then gently "coax" it back into place (a blunt bone pen-holder, or the blunt end of a bone knitting-needle, is a useful implement; smear it with carbolised vaseline) and insert a tiny pellet of gall ointment. Repeat the operation if a relapse occurs. Cage the bird alone, and regulate diet and green food supply, so that the bowels are kept in a free condition—free from any strain in evacuating. One of the very best solutions for the bathing is made by mixing a teaspoonful of extract of wych hazel in a teacupful of water. If this is not handy, a solution of common alum, or even strong cold tea, will answer the purpose tolerably well.

Beak.—The mandibles sometimes get more or less broken from various causes. Whether nature will repair the damage depends upon its position and extent, and somewhat upon the health and vigour of the bird. If the cause of the damage exists in the cage it should be discovered and removed. Painting on the damaged portion a little of the strong extract of wych hazel is excellent, and ensures it being in the best condition for natural repair, if such is likely to take place. Failing this it may be painted once with Friar's Balsam. If the use of the beak is impaired for feeding, the bird should be caged alone and given sufficient soft food to prevent starvation until the beak is again strong enough to perform its proper functions.

When the beak gets overgrown at the tip, the excessive growth should be nipped off with a pair of sharp nail scissors. It is a very simple operation, and one can scarcely go wrong with any hard-billed bird having mandibles of practically equal length. With such birds as Parrots, however, it is necessary to be careful not to shorten them beyond a normal length, and to avoid cutting right back to the "quick." It will be judicious to swathe the latter bird in a towel before operating. Giving the Parrot tribe a good supply of wood to cut up, and other species a piece of cuttle fish, or piece of old mortar, or a cube of sugar, in the wire will help to prevent the beaks getting an abnormal length.

Some Cases of Breakage.

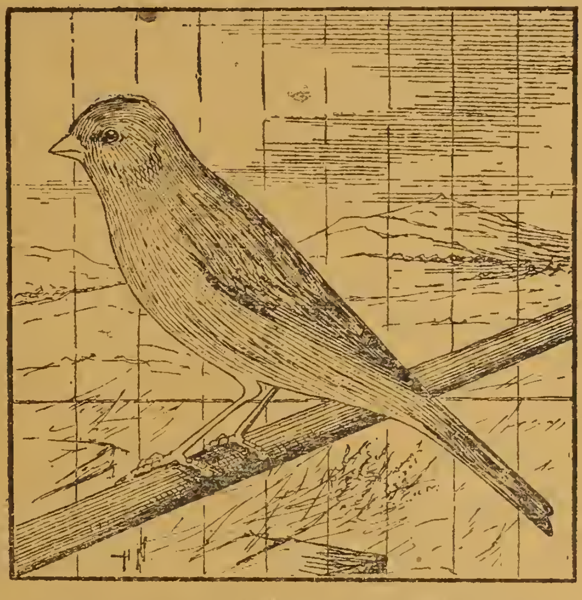
Broken Feathers.—Broken tail and flight feathers are always a disfigurement, more or less, and, with birds flying loose in aviaries or large flights, seriously hamper them. If near the moulting season, the damaged feathers may be left for nature to replace in the ordinary course. In other cases it is best to allow time for the stumps to dry a little, and then carefully extract them one by one, when new feathers will quickly replace them.

Broken Leg.—Fractured legs are not uncommon. In the great majority of cases the negative treatment of leaving them severely alone is by far the best. If the break is high up, in the fleshy part (the so-called thigh) this method should be invariably adopted. When it occurs in the lower part, or shin, it affords opportunity for a display of amateur surgery, but as this is frequently a failure, it may be better when the fracture is extensive, to either chloroform the bird or get a veterinary surgeon to amputate or otherwise deal with the limb.

In attempting to "set" a leg, a suitable sized quill makes an excellent splint. It should be cut to a proper length, slit open, and trimmed to make it fold nicely round the shin. Place the edges of the bones neatly together, pad the leg with a little cotton wool, put on the quill, and bind it firmly but not too tightly with fine thread. Leave splint undisturbed for three or four weeks, so that a firm union be made before attempting to remove it. In all cases keep the bird in a moderate-sized cage, in a quiet place; place perches low down, and keep food and water within quite easy reach of the bird. In all cases it is imperative to act promptly.

Broken Wing.—In no case whatever do I advise amateur attempts to "set" a fractured wing. It is sometimes believed possible to assist matters by binding an injured wing in a natural position against the body, but this does not by any means insure the fractured ends of bone being brought together in the proper position, and the risk of the bird pulling the bandage out of position is very great.

The only rational treatment for a broken wing is to leave it severely alone, and place the bird in a moderate-sized cage, with low perches arranged in a most convenient position, and place food and water where the bird can get at them with the least possible effort. Then keep the bird in a very quiet place, and throw a light cover over the front of the cage for the first fortnight. The object is to keep the bird as quiet and still as possible until nature has repaired the damage in her own way. Keep bird so until it begins to move, and preen its wing. Watch the droppings during this method of treatment, and if they show that the bird is getting constipated, give a little extra green-food.



A NOTED CINNAMON BORDER FANCY.

This bird is one of the well-known winning team of Cinnamon and Green Border Fancy Canaries, owned by Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Hamilton, N.B., and secured a 1st prize at the Crystal Palace Show.

Bruises.—Any serious bruises, or bleeding wounds, that occur from fighting, or wild fluttering about, should be painted once or twice with Friar's Balsam. If serious abrasions occur, bathe them once or twice on consecutive days with a diluted solution of wych hazel extract and anoint afterwards with lanocyllin or boracic ointment.

Claws.—Properly speaking, these are the toe-nails, and not the toes themselves, as they are often misunderstood to be. When the claws become overgrown and very long, they should be trimmed back to a normal length with a small pair of nail, or embroidery scissors. Wash the feet clean, and hold the claws up to a strong light, when (more particularly in the case of Canaries) it can be seen how far the vein extends down the centre of the claw. Cut a little outside the end of this vein. Should a claw be cut too short, and bleeding occurs, touch it with Friar's Balsam; if this does not stop the bleeding, touch the point of the claw with a red hot knitting needle to slightly sear the claw. With ordinary care, however, neither bleeding nor the slightest pain or inconvenience will be caused.

A Breeding Season Trouble.

Dislocation.—A dislocation is a forcible displacement of a joint. Such is probably very rare in birds, but more likely to occur in the feet or legs than elsewhere. The displaced joint would almost, or quite, invariably be self-apparent and unmistakable. The only remedy is to replace the joint in proper position by manipulation, and as this is a job requiring some skill and knowledge of the anatomy of the part it should be placed in the hands of a veterinary.

Egg-Binding.—This distressing trouble can scarcely be termed a "disease," and as it is not infrequently due to some accident of weather it may well be included here. The usual remedy of relaxing the parts by steaming is very useful, and frequently all that is required. Get a jug with a narrow top half-filled with hot water, a little olive oil which has been just warmed, and a tiny camel-hair pencil brush, or a flight (wing) or tail feather. Some prefer these latter to the camel-hair brush, as being less liable to cause accident by breaking the egg. Hold the bird for about three minutes with the vent over the neck of the jug, then dip the brush into the oil, insert it gently into the vent, turning it carefully round so as to well lubricate same. The moist steam and the oil usually bring about the desired result a few minutes after the hen is returned to her cage; indeed, sometimes the egg will be dropped into the jug, unless one has taken the precaution to tie a piece of gauze or fine muslin loosely over it. Handle the hen very carefully. The remedy of giving a drop of castor oil in the beak is harmful. What is required internally is a stimulant and not a purgative. Inwardly a few drops of equal parts of gin and water will be the best treatment.

An "Old Hand's" Remedy.

An old fancier, writing in Cage Birds concerning egg-binding, said: "It is a thing that I have not experienced for seven years. I have not had a single hen go egg-bound by giving them this simple treatment. In the first place, about two or three weeks before I put my birds together, I give them egg food, mixing with one egg and the usual biscuit one teaspoonful of tasteless cod-liver oil. I give Parrish's chemical food twice a week, also a little niger seed. When the hen begins to build her nest I put about six drops to eight drops of gin and glycerine in the drinking water every morning until the hen lays, which should be after three or four days. Mix the gin and glycerine in equal parts." This, of course, need only be followed out with the first nests, or in case of unfavourable weather during the early part of the season.

Fractures.—See under "Broken Leg" and "Broken Wing."

Lice.—When birds get in a low condition of health and suffer from great weakness, they are often troubled with these pests, which worry them considerably and increase their ill-health. These are not the well known red mites, but grey-coloured lice, which live constantly on the bird, and cause great irritation by gnawing the skin on which they subsist. The best method to exterminate them is to wash the bird as though preparing it for exhibition, adding some creolin—a teaspoonful to each pint of water—to the first two basins; or, better still, sulphuretted potash to the last rinsing water—about a teaspoonful to a pint. Repeat the process once or twice at intervals of four or five days. Of course, if one is not a very skilful washer, he should procure the aid of a fancier friend. The cage should also be well washed at the same time with insecticide.

(To be continued.)

SOME ADVICE FOR FOREIGN BIRD KEEPERS.

By A. W. TIMMS (Henley).

EXPERIENCES with foreign birds start the moment you leave the bird dealer's shop with your box or boxes of tricks, for that foreign birds are tricky, there is no doubt. It is in acclimatising these beautiful birds that annoyance and disappointment are brought to many would-be foreign bird fanciers, and if my humble attempt should be the means of saving some good fancier from loss and disappointment with these beautiful little creatures I shall be well satisfied with my efforts.

I will tell you some of the things experience has taught me, and will start from the time of entering a foreign bird shop, to make a purchase. First, do not be in a hurry, but have a good look round for the particular kind you want, then pick out those which have keen sharp eyes, and make sure they are not showing any signs of disease.

Having gone so far, pick out the fattest, even if they are not in quite as good plumage as the rest, for I have found that they nearly all go back a little during the first week, and if they are in spare condition at the start there is always more risk of losing them. It frequently happens that some of the birds you want have been bathing, and are wet through, and if you take a bird out of the shop in that condition it will most probably get a chill and die.

Again, never get into a smoking compartment should you happen to have to travel by train home, and never turn them straight into the aviary, but keep them in a warm box cage for at least 24 hours. Mid day, I think, is the best time for putting them into the aviary, as this gives them time to find the food and drinking vessels, and settle in their new home.

Taught by Experience.

It is always advisable to bring back a little of the food they have been having to tide them over the critical time and whilst getting them on to your own particular diet. Once over the first week, a good bit of the danger is past, though, of course, care must be taken even after that. Many beginners are undecided which of many species to take up, which is not surprising, for they are all so beautiful and interesting. To such I advise the seeking of a little advice in the foreign bird query column of Cage Birds.

Experience has taught me to pay strict attention to the following items:—To avoid draughts, to keep them free from insects, to constantly change soiled drinking water, to be careful that their food is sweet and wholesome, with plenty of grit always before them, green food, and fruit, should of course always be supplied. I have found that for seedeaters, a good brand of foreign Finch mixture, besides the usual diet of canary and millet, is very helpful, whilst for insectivorous birds I have found nothing better than a mixture of the following:—Equal parts dried flies, ants' eggs, meat meal, scraped carrot, and ground sweet biscuit, with a few mealworms occasionally. By paying attention to their ways and habits, foreign bird keeping can be made a delightful hobby.

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Our Hobby Week by Week.

Breeding Yellows from Two Buffs.

I SEE that Mr. T. Johnson, whose contributions I always peruse with interest—as I do those of other practical fanciers—doubts the possibility of producing a yellow Canary from the mating of two buffs, a possibility also questioned by Mr. J. Robson. I can assure Mr. Johnson, however, that Mr. Garner's contention that it is to be done is absolutely and unquestionably correct. Like Mr. Garner, I have also bred yellows from two buffs; and had I permission to introduce their names, I could mention two other breeders who to my own knowledge have done likewise. The secret (if it be reasonable to term it a "secret") lies in the mating of two buffs, which themselves have been bred from the mating of two yellows. Probably it is also a sine qua non that the strain (i.e., ancestors for several generations back) shall be full of yellow blood. The story of how I came to breed yellows from two buffs may not be without interest. In the process, too, I bred jonque Mules from buff Canary hens; a thing I had been told was impossible, and which I believed to be so, though puzzled to understand the why and the wherefore. I will look up my records and give the details in my next week's contribution.

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Are we Really The First?

Last week I had something to say about a fresh variety of white Canary—to wit, the Crest. Reflecting upon the whole circumstances surrounding the introduction of this new breed—if I may so term it—the white Canary, I am irresistibly led to wonder whether we really are the first bird-keepers privileged to gaze upon this truly lovely and fascinating creature. In other words, is it not probable that in years gone by other keepers of Canaries found all whites amongst the birds they bred? Maybe they would think but little of them, or even consider them "unhealthy freaks," and in any case would let them "waste their sweetness on the desert air," and die and be forgotten. Just consider what has happened in the past five years—no fewer than four separate and distinct instances of the breeding of white Canaries have been put on record; one in Glasgow, two in London, and one in New Zealand. Surely it is very odd, to say the least of it, that we should have four separate pairs of Canaries in the short space of five years throw white plumaged young, yet not a single couple in the whole previous recorded history of the hobby which condescend to do so!

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Easy when the Birds are Willing.

It is so easy, too, to breed white Canaries. The only (!) thing one needs do (I wish I *could* do it) is to find two birds of opposite sex filled with a determination that their young shall be garbed as others of their kind have never been before. What I wish to convey is that the introduction of the present-day white Canaries has come about in the most haphazard way imaginable. They are, of course, freaks; but the variation is such a marked one that it is possible to "fix" it—make of the white colour a heritable quality, i.e., one that may be transmitted from generation to generation. The white Crest and white Crestbreds to which I referred in my last contribution were bred from birds which were strangers to their owner. He had invested in three Crestbred cocks from a fancier in North London, and finding himself short of a Crested hen, he bought one from a fancier in the East of London. This hen and one of the trio of Crestbred cocks were the parents of the white young!

Whites Were the Limit!

I shall never forget the story this fancier told me; how I laughed! He has been a bird breeder for a long period—well into the teens of years—and keeps Norwich Plainheads as well as Crests; and keeps them very well, too, be it said. His "veracious history" ran something like this: "I've never had much luck with Crests (never bred anything worth looking at), and when the youngsters were feathering, I said to myself, 'what kind of perishers are these?—they're the limit, no blooming colour at all.' But after a bit I could see they were white, and I said to my old lady, 'I believe I've bred some white Canaries'—you see I'd read about them in CAGE BIRDS. She wouldn't credit it, so I fetched her in, and got out the nest, and my word, they did look pretty, lying in it like balls of snow!" Yet this fancier thought so little of them in reality that when the white bird with the black crest and even-marked (black) wings died—probably the only one of its kind ever produced—it's body was allowed to find its way into the dustbin. What an odd thing that two green-marked birds (one rather heavily-marked) should throw white young in this way!

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A Problem of the Egg.

There are many interesting problems connected with eggs, and certain of these I hope to touch upon from time to time. A particularly interesting one at this season is: How long a period may elapse between the fertilising of an egg and its being laid? This question, be it noted, may have an important bearing upon some of the many cases of "Mules which are not Mules"—those aggravating creatures which the judges say are merely clear (or marked) Canaries, but which the owners vow cannot be anything else except Mules. I well remember Mr. H. Norman (CAGE BIRDS popular artist) telling me some two years ago of an experience he had had in his birdroom which he dared not relate to others, as he feared he should never be believed. A Border Fancy hen of his was rearing young. Before they were ready to fend for themselves she started to go to nest again. Her mate, however, was putting another hen to nest, and Mr. Norman did not return him, hoping that this would keep the hen with the young back a bit. But she commenced to lay in the old nest, then started to sit, all the time feeding her first brood. After about a week Mr. N. went to remove her eggs, and to his great astonishment discovered one of them to be fertile. This hen, mark you, had not had a cock bird with her for a period of about five weeks prior to the laying of these eggs—the act of copulation had taken place before or during the laying of her previous clutch of eggs. Now towards the end of last season a fancier Plymouth way had a letter in our correspondence columns relating a precisely similar experience. So it is quite clear—is it not?—that a hen mated for one round with a cock Canary might in the next round when mated with, say, a Goldfinch, lay an egg which had been previously fertilised by the Canary—hence a clear "Mule."

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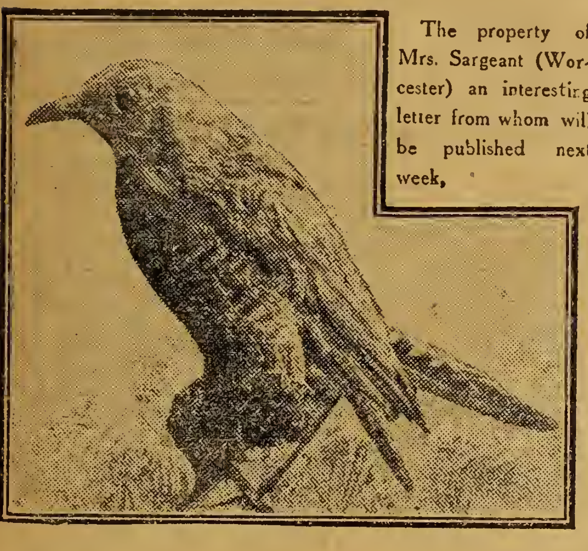
Little But Good.

At this season of the year, when the countryside and its feathered inhabitants appeal with special force to all who love birds, and the days of "country rambles" are upon us, a mention of a tiny book I lately met with may be welcome. It is not far removed from being the ideal little volume to pop into one's pocket when setting out to visit the birds at their own homes. As will be surmised, it is entitled "British Birds"; it will not be so readily guessed, however, that it costs but one solitary sixpence! Yet this is the case, for it is No. 110 of the fine series of "The People's Books," now being published at that price by Messrs. Jack, and obtainable at most bookshops and stalls. It is astonishing how much information the author has skilfully managed to compress into the 96 pages of this little guide; and although it is necessarily "potted information," it is yet not inadequate, while it is in every particular absolutely up-to-date, even to the ugly trinomial system of scientific nomenclature. Details are given of plumage, haunts, nests and eggs; and ofttimes other useful items. Lovers of our British birds in a state of nature should certainly get this handy little volume. The illustrations are its one drawback; some are excellent, but others are surprisingly crude and might well have been omitted. G. E. WESTON.

The Wall Creeper is a charming Continental relative of our own Tree Creeper, but very difficult to keep for any length of time in captivity. Specimens have on several occasions been on view at shows in London, exhibited by Mons. R. Pauwels and Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

Captive Cuckoo which Lived 5 Years.



The property of Mrs. Sargeant (Worcester) an interesting letter from whom will be published next week.

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The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

By R. MORSE. (Hitchin).

THERE must certainly be many bird-keepers who have at least a small plot of ground which they would willingly devote to the cultivation of plants which are of proven worth in the bird-room and aviary. True, plants and seeds may be bought, or gathered wild, but to both of these ways of procuring the foods there are distinct disadvantages. Those bought in the shops are frequently unsatisfactory in many ways, which every breeder knows, whilst in large towns the gathering of wild plants and seeds is oft-times rendered almost impossible. The man who has a plot of wild plants at hand, from which may be gathered in a few moments fresh, clean specimens for consumption, has a distinct advantage over his neighbour who has to wait until the opportunity offers before he can take his walk abroad in search of food-stuffs. It was considerations such as these which led to the writing of the present article, the purpose of which is to describe suitable methods of rearing certain wild plants, some parts of which are in almost constant demand in the aviary.

Almost any spare piece of ground is suitable for the growth of at least a selection of useful wild plants, but before definitely deciding on the plot certain considerations are advisable. If the plant is to be reared solely for its seed, then in most cases a densely shaded spot—such as under fruit trees—would be quite unsuitable, for the plants would in all probably become weak and straggling, and under such circumstances few flowers would be produced and few seeds would ripen. If, therefore, nothing but a very shady spot is available, only such plants as are used in the green state (e.g., dandelion and chickweed) should in most cases be grown thereon. Those, however, who have at their disposal a plot of ground which receives a moderate amount of sunshine can easily grow practically all that will be required, though, generally speaking, the more open the spot the better the crops will be.

Intending cultivators of wild plants should be on their guard against richly manuring the soil in the hope of securing larger crops. In nine cases out of ten manure would most probably exercise a distinctly prejudicial effect, for many weeds when grown in a very rich soil produce large, coarse foliage, and comparatively few flowers and seeds; whilst in some cases the plants grow very rapidly, and then wither and die before attaining maturity. For general purposes nothing but common, every-day garden soil is necessary, and is indeed the best that can be had. The bed should be forked over, levelled, and then trodden down so as to be moderately firm. None but the very largest stones should be removed, for they are of great use in keeping the soil open, and ensuring proper drainage.

As regards the sowing of seeds, there are two methods in general use, each of which has its own advantages and disadvantages. Some growers prefer to make shallow drills with a hoe, and thus grow their plants in rows, whilst others merely scatter the seed broadcast over the plot, and then lightly rake the surface in order more or less to cover the seeds. In writing these notes it will be assumed that the former is the method chosen. Plants grown in rows are not so likely to be overcrowded; they are far more easily gathered, for any mature specimen can readily be reached without injuring the others by treading them under foot; and the seeds, being covered with soil, are not nearly so likely to be devoured by Sparrows and other pests of the garden.

(*To be Continued.*)

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds.")

The following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A CRAMPED LEG (R.A.M.C.).—It is not very uncommon for a hen to be affected in the way you describe whilst sitting, and during the early stage of rearing the young, when they are, of course, sitting in the nest for a large proportion of the time. It is undoubtedly due to the cramped position of continuous close sitting which affects some hens much more than others. The trouble will pass off, and no treatment is necessary. When these hens begin to sit their next clutches, see that they have well-shaped and comfortable nests of proper size.

BEAK BITTEN OFF (Constant Reader).—It is a great mistake to return a cock that has been removed during incubation stage to a hen with chicks five days old, unless you are absolutely certain of his character and temperament, and that he is trustworthy with young chicks. Only time will prove whether the mandibles will grow again; but considering the extreme youth of the bird I should say they will do so, though the chick's ability to feed itself properly will undoubtedly be deferred a few weeks. If this is so, when it leaves the nest keep a supply of soft food and also seeds in cage in small rather deep vessels, into which the bird can thrust what beak it possesses far enough to get a grip on the food. This is, of course, assuming the mandibles are bitten off rather than "torn out" as you describe it. In the latter events I doubt the hen's ability to feed the chick, as you say she continues doing. The possibility of beak growing again naturally depends solely upon the extent of the injury.

INJURED LEG (Referee).—The bird's leg is broken and the only treatment of any use at all was to have placed a miniature splint, made out of a match stick, or the quill of a feather, upon it, after bringing the fractured bone into juxtaposition and padding carefully for the bird's comfort. This requires some deftness of fingers and skill to do properly. When this is done the bird should be kept in a moderate sized cage, with perches placed low, and seed and water as easily get-at-able as possible, and the bird kept perfectly quiet and undisturbed for a month, by which time a good union of the fracture should be made, and the splint may be removed. In your case the delay in treatment will probably have resulted in a "false joint," or even loss of foot by sloughing, by this time. If this has not occurred, you may still try above treatment, or, better still, get a vet. to attend to it. You should have given the eggs to another hen to hatch and rear. It was quite useless expecting this hen to complete the business in this condition.

NOT MATING (F.W.B.).—The fact that the hen only recently ceased dropping feathers is sufficient to account for hen not mating. You have really been losing much valuable time by trying to force the hen into breeding condition by high feeding instead of treating her to cure the moulting. Now the moulting has ceased naturally she will probably come into breeding condition in a short time, and only patience is really necessary now. Still, after so much high feeding it would be as well to treat as follows for a week: Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of soaked or scalded rape, and each day two small dandelion leaves and a spray of chickweed or groundsel. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, in the water every second day. At the end of the week resume your usual feeding and add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel to the water for a day or two.

JAUNDICED BORDER HEN (R.S., Hull).—See that the position occupied by hen is well ventilated and of comfortable, but not heated, temperature, and avoid cold draughts, extreme fluctuations, and fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape. On the alternate days give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained and sprinkled with maw seed. On the first occasion, only, slightly dust the bread and milk with flowers of sulphur before adding the maw seed. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily—either chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, or dandelion. Limit the diet solely to these items for a month. Do not give bath except in quite warm weather. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. It is doubtful if hen will be fit to breed with this season.

A TRIO (Amateur).—(1) Yes, it is certainly time now that any healthy robust bird should be in good breeding condition, yet notwithstanding this general assertion, it is useless putting birds together unless they show some signs of desiring to nest. If the cock sings fairly well, even if his performances are limited to the early morning, and appears to feed and hob-nob with the hen during the day through the wires at bottom of partition, you may, if the hen is also active and responds promptly to his "calls," try mating them. You may also treat for a fortnight or so as advised to "Old Subscriber" last week. (2) Individualism may be, probably is, the sole cause of the cock singing only in the early morning. All male birds do not sing with the same freedom, but practically all do sing more in the morning than at any other time. Possibly you have the cage in such a position that it is brightened by the rays of the rising sun, which would go far to incite the bird to sing at that time. I suppose these birds are not "antiques?" (3) With a double-breeding cage your best method of running two hens with one cock is to keep a hen in each compartment of the breeder, with the wooden slide in position. Cage cock separately in small cage. When the first hen is ready to go to nest place the cock with her and let him remain until she has laid her third egg. Then remove him and run him with the other hen. When this hen has laid her eggs remove cock again, and cage him alone until hens are ready for the second rounds, when you repeat the same tactics. Both hens are left to hatch and rear their broods alone. Should both hens appear equally forward, run cock with each hen for one half of each day, changing him from one to the other at mid-day each day, and remove him whilst hens are sitting as before.

WHAT TO DO (J.M.).—Really, you can do nothing with the hen to make her sit—such creatures are not amenable to reason. It is more to the point to know what to do with the eggs. Your only plan is to place them under a hen or hens just commencing to incubate, or keep them a few days—not more than a week if it can be avoided—in a small box of bran, giving the box a half-turn morning and evening until you have a hen ready to start incubation, and add this hen's eggs to her own clutch. You might treat the hen for a fortnight, the same as advised to "Old Subscriber" last week to tone her up, but give chickweed instead of dandelion for green-food. When she is again going to nest add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water every second day, and also smash up a little old mortar, and strew on sand on cage floor. I take it you keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage. If not you must do so as long as hen is breeding. Keep a dummy egg in nest next time during period of laying.

EGG-EATING HEN (M. M. O.).—If a common hen of no particular value I should get rid of her—a strong whiff of chloroform is quite a humane method. If she is a valuable hen from which it is particularly desirable to breed, a specially constructed nest in which the eggs pass out of reach as soon as laid is the best method of saving the eggs, which should then be given to a more reliable hen to hatch and rear. Such a nest is illustrated in Part VII. of "Our Canaries," and the text relating to it is in Part VIII. Or you might try the effect of keeping two or three dummy eggs in the nest for a time and place one or two on the sand tray for the hen to peck at until she becomes disgusted with her failure to break them. It is said to cure some hens, but I cannot speak from experience.

MAIDEN FOSTERS (H .G. Mooney).—It is not at all unusual for a hen which has made a nest and taken to sitting in it constantly without laying any eggs to hatch a clutch of eggs of another hen and rear the chicks. Indeed, the practice of giving such a hen a clutch of common eggs to hatch and rear is a good one, and often tends to bring about a normal cycle of reproduction in the hen in future. Many hens which have never laid or made a nest have also been known to adopt a clutch of eggs or a brood of chicks and complete the upbringing of them. The usual course, however, in dealing with foster pairs is to mate up the hen and endeavour to get them going to nest in a normal manner on their own account at the same time as the hens whose young they are expected to assist in rearing. Their own eggs are sacrificed for the sake of those that are more valuable, or they may be given to the better-class hens to take their chance.

YOUNG BECOMING MOPY (Squatting).—You omit details as to how you are feeding the youngsters since their entire separation from parents, and I fancy the cause of the trouble lies there. Try the following dietary, and if there is not a great improvement in a week or so write again, and repeat particulars. Give an unlimited supply of canary in the seed hopper, and place a small teaspoonful of dry summer rape on top of it each morning. Give a teaspoonful of egg-food—two parts bread crumbs to one part egg—sprinkled with maw daily, and towards evening throw out any remnants of this and give a small teaspoonful of freshly cracked hemp. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and give a seedy spray of chickweed, dandelion, seed head, or small truss of flowerhead of groundsel every second day to find them occupation. Keep supplied with fresh pure water daily, and offer a bath in the morning on fine days. You may give a teaspoonful of soaked or scalded rape instead of the hemp, as a change, twice a week, and vary the egg-food by giving an equivalent quantity of bread and milk occasionally. If birds improve under this regime sufficiently, continue it for three weeks, then miss the egg-food for a day now and again; the hemp ditto; and gradually bring them on to same diet as the old birds.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border ancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

ABNORMAL MOULTING (A.W.H.).—Surely the moulting, if such it can be termed, of young birds just turned a fortnight old, before they have even left the nest, must be accounted among the freaks of this freakish season. In all probability the phenomenon was due to a severe chill which the birds received about the same time as you noticed the cessation of feather growth, which seems to coincide with the recent spell of piercing east and north-east winds. Therefore it appears not unlikely that the young were exposed to more or less prolonged chills at that time which checked the growth of feathers by temporarily cutting off the blood supply from the quills—to use an understandable term—and when the equilibrium was restored a new crop of feathers was formed at the base of the old quills, so that the very immature first crop of quills could only be ejected when the second crop came to the surface; hence this very uncommon "moult." I should certainly describe the birds as "unflighted" this season, as the second feathers now growing will be to all intents and purposes nestling plumage, and will not attain adult proportions or quality.

YOUNG DYING (A. H.).—In not saying whether the hens cease feeding the young, or are desirous to begin nesting again at once, you omit the most important particulars. From the facts given I can only conclude that you probably start giving hemp too early, or give too much of it, with the result that the hens are brought into nesting condition again too soon. Try the following method, when I think you will find an improvement. Give only the staple seed diet whilst hens are sitting. When young are hatched give egg food as usual, but when they reach a week old begin to increase the biscuit food gradually, until it is twice the amount of the egg. Give a morsel of green food on the third day—chickweed, lettuce, flower heads of groundsel, or watercress, but not dandelion—and continue afterwards to give a fresh supply twice daily, morning and afternoon, in gradually increasing quantity. Begin giving hemp, cracked fresh daily, when young are six days old, not earlier, and give only a heaped teaspoonful daily for a brood of four to begin, gradually increasing to two or three times this quantity by the time young are ready to leave nest. When eight or nine days old give also a teaspoonful of soaked summer rape daily, but see that this does not become sour.

CANNIBALISM (Yorkie).—Yes, I have heard of quite a lot of hens nibbling and wounding their young, but, thank goodness, I have not yet been personally acquainted with such unnatural mothers. It is impossible to name the cause, which probably varies according to the temperament of the individual. It may be due to nervous excitement sometimes, and, doubtless, some cases are due to unwelcome interference on the part of the owner. Unless parasitic infestation is excessively bad, it is not likely to be a cause. In the case of your hen, which had also pecked her own breast and toes, I should think it just possible that a short stub of hay or thorny bit of moss protruded into the nest and slightly pricked the hen as she sat, and irritated her until this unnatural behaviour resulted. I have heard of hens being cured of the habit by giving a tiny piece of raw meat to peck at. A scrap of rind of boiled bacon fastened on end of perch would answer same purpose. It may be worth trying with this hen when next brood arrives.

THUNDER, OR WHAT? (A.M.J.)—Your experience is yet another example of purely circumstantial evidence in support of the harmful effect of thunder or vibration upon embryos. From your description I should say the embryos in your eggs were at the sixth day of incubation, which, curiously enough, coincides very closely with the thunderstorm. It would, however, require close examination by an expert in embryology to fix the exact stage with any degree of certainty. But assuming that death occurred at or about the time of thunderstorm, it would be necessary to know that the hen sat well through the disturbances before the vibration theory could be established. You say the hen was covered up, therefore, unless you looked particularly, you would not really know whether, in her alarm, the hen left the nest and passed an hour or two, or even the whole night, on the perch or floor, and consequently brought about the death of the embryo by chilling. I remember years ago a lady giving accounts of her success in breeding in close proximity to constant heavy artillery firing practice. We have lots of records of young broods being reared on railway coaches, and similar places, where the vibration is certainly far greater than any thunder clap. Still, it will be interesting to see what other readers have to say on the subject.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULE BREEDING (4-Compartment).—I gather from your letter that you have two hen Canaries feeding young ones by a cock Canary in the end compartment of your breeding cage. While they are doing so I think it would be advisable to let the cock Goldie have the two middle compartments to himself with just a wire division between him and the hens. The reason for doing so is that the hens should get thoroughly used to the Finch, but if they have all been flying together during the winter, as they should have done, this is hardly necessary. He could be placed in the compartment adjoining the hen whose young ones are the more forward of the two, and who will want to go to nest first. If you allow him to have access to both compartments, and he shows a decided preference for one hen, you will have to use a little judgment in your management, or he may refuse to mate with his other partner. It would be as well not to encourage your hens to go to nest by giving them building materials until the young are well out of hand. In the meantime, look after the Goldie; feed him well, giving plenty of wild food, so that he is in ripe condition when wanted. When the hens are fit (flapping their wings and calling) run the Goldie in. If both hens are ready at the same time, change him each evening from one to the other.

LINNET-GREENFINCH HYBRIDS (E. L. Wick, Newcastle).—Upon your postcard you have omitted one very important item, namely, your address (see rules), and I am not sure that I have read your signature aright. Perhaps you will kindly let us have these. The cross you intend to try for, Linnet-Greenfinch, is not particularly difficult, as the two birds selected appear to be as near akin as any of the Finches. They have been bred before. You have, I presume, both birds flying together, and they will do very well upon the following seed to get them up in condition: Equal parts canary, rape, and teazle, half a part good linseed, occasionally a little maw, niger, hemp, and sunflower, and if you can get a good wild seed mixture by way of a change, it will be good for them. Let them have green food, flowering groundsel, chickweed, ripe dandelion heads, and shepherds purse, which are easily obtainable just now. The three feet breeding cage you mention would do admirably. Try them with an ordinary wooden nest box at one end, and a wickerwork German Canary cage, with the interior knocked out, at the other. Be liberal with your supply of building materials; old Greenfinch nests would do capitally if you could obtain them. You should have no difficulty in telling the sex of a Greenfinch at this time of the year. Cocks are rich and bright in colour, showing brilliant yellow wing bars, and on the butts, and in the tail; the hen is quite dowdy compared with the cock. A cock should be in full song now. I presume you have hen Canaries to put the eggs under, as although a Greenfinch hen will occasionally incubate, there is no certainty about her doing so.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Haultan's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

IDENTITY OF BIRD'S NEST (D.P.).—I think there is little doubt that the nest built in the furze bush is that of a Linnet. A Linnet's nest is built of moss, grass and fibres, and is lined with hair, wool, etc. The eggs are small, and greenish-white in colour, marked with reddish streaks or red-brown spots. The nest and the eggs, therefore, coincide closely with your description. Further, a furze bush is a favourite spot with the Linnet for nesting. The eggs of the Greenfinch are very similar in markings and coloration to those of the Linnet, but the nest is a more untidy affair, and is built generally in a high hedge. Moreover, the Linnet approaches nearly to the description you give after what little you have seen of the birds. You would scarcely say that the birds looked something like a Chiff Chaff if they were Greenfinches. They cannot be Chiff Chaffs. Chiff Chaffs do not build in gorse bushes about four feet from the ground, which you say is the position of the nest about which you enquire, nor are their nests built of "roots outside, lined with coarse, light-brown hair." The nest of the Chiff Chaff is built fairly close to the ground, and leaves are generally used in its construction. It is lined with feathers, not with hair. (2) The Linnet is quite a desirable cage bird, in fact, there are many hundreds of fanciers who keep nothing else. The hand-rearing is not a difficult matter, and you will find full particulars of hand-rearing all kinds of British birds in our issues of April 26 and May 10. As a singer, however, a wild caught bird is more likely to prove a success than a hand-reared specimen, and you will be able to buy cocks cheaply enough in the autumn.

THRUSH IN BAD PLUMAGE (Storekeeper).—It is your feeding which is at fault. A Thrush cannot be expected to thrive upon "pea-meal mixed with honey and a little lard." Get some good dog biscuit or poultry meal (without grit). Scald a sufficiency for one day's food and mix with it some good ants' cocoons, dried flies, and meatmeal. When made the food should be "crumbly" moist. Supply also mealworms, small earth worms, gentles, snails, and any live insects you can find. Get our Nutshell No. 26 (The Larger Insectivorous Birds) 2½d. post free from our manager.

A MIXTURE (Avie).—The Shama is the only one of the list you name which would be positively murderous with the small insectivorous British. The Pekin Nightingale would be somewhat too boisterous, and, besides, would do too well upon the high-class food necessary for the others. More than one cock Wagtail kept together would most likely cause trouble. One Wagtail might do all right, but would need watching. Moreover, it would be necessary to have two or three receptacles for food, for a Wagtail will often take possession of a food vessel and starve the remaining occupants of the aviary. All the others mentioned could be kept together with safety. A piece of virgin cork or an old tree stump would be appreciated by the Nuthatch, and the Tits should be provided with a snug sleeping place, the smaller the better so long as there is room for them to get inside. If your sleeping quarters are well lighted, so as to form a shelter for the birds in bad weather, and if they are free from damp and draughts the birds would do well outside all the year round. Otherwise, it would be necessary to take them inside for the winter.

ABOUT A HAWFINCH (E. Baker Morgan). Give a stock food at present consisting of sunflower two parts, hemp seed one part, rape half a part, and canary half a part. Later in the season add some linseed to this. Linseed will help considerably to put a gloss on his new plumage when moulting time comes. Offer the bird any kind of fruit and berries as they come into season, garden peas, insects of any kind, smooth caterpillars, and small mealworms. In the autumn beech mast will be available, and nothing is better at that period of the year. See that his cage is a roomy one and kept scrupulously clean. Afford the bird a bath of a size to suit his bulk—a Blackbird's bath will not be too large. Remember that a Hawfinch will not do well without insect food of some kind, and if you cannot provide live insects for your bird, you must give him mealworms or gentles.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

IDENTITY OF BIRD (Burton Stather).—You give very little data to go upon, but from the little you say I am inclined to think that the birds are Grasshopper Warblers. The Grasshopper Warbler runs about among long grass like a mouse, and its "song" is a continual "clicking," which might meet the description "like the freewheel of a bike," as you call it. It is a greyish brown bird with darker markings, and its tail feathers are unlike those of any other of the Warblers, the centre ones being considerably longer than those toward the outsides. If you can get to see this in the birds you mention, you may be sure of them being Grasshopper Warblers.

QUARRELSOME FINCHES (W. F. D.).—In a mixed collection of Finches there are certain to be occasional "ructions," especially during the breeding season. To introduce hens would only make matters worse. If you were to do as you say, and turn in two hen Chaffinches for the two cocks, it is more than probable that the cocks would both take a fancy for the same lady, and serious trouble would ensue. Besides this, some of the other Finches and Buntings might feel themselves slighted, and would take a hand in the game, and a general melee might result. Hens are better kept out of a mixed collection of birds unless the aviary is a very large one (or the number of birds very small) and unless there are enough hens to go round. You give no particulars as to the size of your aviary and the number of birds in your collection of Finches and Buntings; you are not likely to be successful in breeding when a number of different species are kept together. Even if you were to get as far as nests and eggs, these would be most likely interfered with by those birds which had none of their own. Java Sparrows generally cause trouble sooner or later if kept in a mixed collection although most

British Finches could take their own part. If you have a fancy for breeding you should pair up your Java Sparrows in a roomy cage, and they would most probably rear young. White millet, canary and paddy rice should form their staple food. They do not require the seeds which are necessary for British Finches. The matter to which you refer is in abeyance, and may probably be held over altogether.

YOUNG GOLDFINCHES (A. Price).—At ten days old is the best time to take the young. They are then easy to hand rear as follows: Pass some hard-boiled egg (white and yolk together) through a sieve, or beat it up with a fork, add twice as much powdered sweet biscuit and make "sloppy" moist with hot boiled milk. At first give this every two hours, widening the interval as the birds get older; any small insects, house-flies, etc., should also be given; failing these, very small mealworms or well-scoured gentles. After about a week make the food less moist, and add to it some chopped greenstuff, lettuce, chickweed, or flowering heads of groundsel, etc., giving at this time a drop or two of water between each meal. A blunted toothpick makes a good instrument with which to administer the food. As soon as they are able to feed themselves, supply them with cracked seed—hemp, canary, etc., with dandelion heads, shepherd's purse, thistle, and any wild seed you can gather, and at this time offer them some best quality ants' eggs which have been steamed. You will find full instructions as to the proper keeping and feeding of Goldfinches in our Nutshell No. 1 (post free 2½d. from our office). You would not be likely to succeed if you caught the old birds, for it is not to be expected that fresh-caught birds would feed young. Hen Canaries are not to be depended upon as fostermothers for Goldfinches, as they would not give them the insect food so necessary for their up-bringing.

WAGTAIL'S EGGS AND A CANARY (W.B.).—Is it possible that you do not know that the Wagtail is strictly an insectivorous bird? The Canary would probably hatch out the Wagtail eggs in due course, but she certainly would not feed the youngsters properly if any resulted. As for pairing up Wagtails with Canaries, this is a query which should have been sent to our Mr. Norman, but I may save him the trouble of a reply by telling you at once that results from such a union would be absolutely hopeless. As well try to mix oil and water. The stock food for a Wagtail in captivity should consist of a mixture in equal parts of ants' cocoons, dried flies, and yolk of egg, made up to double as much by adding an equal quantity of powdered sweet biscuit. A portion sufficient for one day should be slightly moistened by the addition of grated carrot or boiled potato, and a little chopped green stuff added. Or get a good brand of "insectile" mixture such as advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and add some extra ants' cocoons and dried flies. Besides the stock food, you must supply living insects and grubs of any kind you can procure—house flies, spiders, small smooth caterpillars, mealworms, and well-scoured gentles.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

CORRECTION: GOULDIAN FINCHES AILING (H.V.S.).—In this reply in our last issue, I am made to say "two tablespoonfuls of condensed milk," it should be two teaspoonfuls.

THE END OF THE CHAPTER (Gould).—I am sorry to hear of such a termination, but the bird has probably exhausted itself with egg production. I shall watch the P.M. col. to see cause. It would appear that something was seriously wrong internally—possibly a ruptured egg in the oviduct.

BUDGERIGARS (H. G. Mooney).—Three to five weeks, and are usually able to tend for themselves within a week of leaving the nest, but they generally importune the old birds for food as long as they will supply it; the period during which the old birds are willing to do this depends upon the stage the next brood are in. Give old and young as much flowering (seeding) grass as they will eat till frost comes again.

DOVE AS PET (L.G.).—I do not see why a single bird should not do well in any cage roomy enough to give it space for exercise, and it also could be allowed a fly round the room when convenient, once it was thoroughly tame and steady. A White Java hen would, I think, best meet your case. The Canary-winged, Tovi, and Tui Parrakeets are all pretty birds, and no more trouble to attend to than a Dove, and if you got a youngish bird its becoming finger-tame is only a matter of time. Value from 10s. 6d. to 21s. each. Cockatiels do not become tame as readily as other Parrakeets, but if you get quite a young bird and attend to it only yourself, and see that nothing occurs in its vicinity calculated to scare it badly, it should ultimately steady down and meet your requirements. Nevertheless, if you can run to the cost, either a Canary-winged, Tovi, or Tui Parrakeet is what I advise. All are beautiful, engaging, and but little larger than a Lovebird.

A BADLY BEHAVED MYNAH (Mynah).—The Mynah is practically omnivorous, and in a state of nature its dietary would consist mostly of fruit, berries, insects, small reptiles, etc., and though, of course, it is really very bad form of Mynah to refuse so orthodox a preparation as insectile mixture; nevertheless, there is nothing very terrible about what it is getting. After all there is very little "didn't ought to have" about it, the proper diet being insectile mixture, fruit, a little meat (cooked for preference), and live insects. The egg portion and the bacon is the only part of its present dietary I should try to curtail, but as it gets so varied a menu "of its own choosing," little harm is likely to come of it, especially, as I take it, so self-willed and naughty a bird gets ample exercise—pity it is not a reasonable being, or after all else had failed it might be spanked into submission! The bird has done well for eleven years; let well alone.

AMAZON PARROT (W. Shearn).—Cover the cage grating with half-inch mesh wire-netting, and keep a watch and see that the grating is kept quite clean; while the grating is so covered you must supply grit in a tin. I should put this bird on a course of Dinneford's Magnesia and byno-phosphate for a couple of months—one teaspoonful of the former in the drinking water sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, yet without any appearance of diarrhœa, and half a teaspoonful of the latter in the water when not giving the former, supplying clear water one day a week. You give me no idea of how you are dieting the bird. Are you giving a sufficiently varied diet? This should consist of dry seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and a little boiled maize twice a week—the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. Grit and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. Keep the netting on the grating for some little time after all signs of the habit has been given up—observation alone can tell you this.

GREY PARROT PULLING ITS FEATHERS (Mary).—The bird ought not to be fed on sunflower seed and fruit alone; the latter it cannot well have too much of, but the former as its sole seed diet is too heating and feeding. You should get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our Manager; it would give you full details of feeding and general treatment. At present for this bird keep a tin of canary and white millet in equal parts in its cage, and another of oats, hemp, wheat, paddy rice, and sunflower, also in equal parts; also supply ripe fruit (as much as it will eat), pieces of plain biscuit and nuts—when in season green peas may be given. Give every fourth day for a month, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. Spray the bird twice weekly with a dilute quassia solution. If the bird will permit you to handle it, rub a little clean vaseline over the bare areas once a week till the plumage is renewed, but it must not be made as it were wet with grease, only a little must be used. Report progress a month hence.

RIBBON FINCHES (C.G.B.).—There is not the least reason why the Canary should not hatch out and rear the young Ribbon Finches. Give the Canaries a mixture of canary and white millet seeds, chickweed and seeding grass as green-food, and add a few ants' eggs to your soft food. Incubation period, twelve to fourteen days. As soon as the young birds leave the nest keep a small tin of steamed ants' eggs in the cage. When the young permanently leave the nest, take it down, burn all the old nest material, and scald out the nest, so as to keep down insect pests.

CATBIRDS (Mew).—You would need to make up a mixture of ants' eggs, sponge cake, and sweet biscuit in equal parts, and a little grated raw carrot, moisten with boiling milk, and feed every hour from sunrise to sunset. Also you must give as many small insects, smooth larvæ of any kind, live ants' cocoons, flies, spiders, etc., as you can get; give these by the aid of tweezers, and pinch the heads of the insects before supplying to the chicks. Well scoured maggots can also be given, but they must be white right through before you supply them to the birds, and their heads should be pinched with the tweezers before dropping them into the gaping throats of the young birds. A single drop of chilled water should also be given each chick about three times a day. Pleased to note you find this column helpful, and shall be glad to hear you get on with the Catbirds.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." A l thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

LOVEBIRDS (D. Craig).—The treatment for Lovebirds is identical with that of Budgerigars, with the exception that with one or two species, leaves, strips of thin bark, and coarse grass stems must be supplied for them to line their nest with. Your birds are Madagascar (Grey-headed) Lovebirds, and are one of the species which line their nests with leaves and other rubbish. A roomy barrel, say, 9 by 12 inches, is a good nest receptacle for them, and gives them ample scope to exercise their architectural skill therein. As you have the book I need not give dietary: in all respects (apart from nesting accommodation) feed and treat them as described for Budgerigars. If they hatch out any young, you might supply a few pieces of plain sweet biscuit and a stale crust or two of household bread, slightly moistened. Grit and cuttlebone and green food should be continuously supplied.

WILL CANARIES REAR ZEBRA FINCHES, ETC.? (Experiment).—I think Canaries would easily rear Silverbills and Zebra Finches, but the latter when out of the nest have a habit of backing away from their parents, finally twisting the head over the back and turning up the opened beak sideways for food; this performance, with the fledglings' wild yelling for food, may prove too much for the Canaries' composure. But really both these species are such excellent parents as a rule that the experiment is of no moment, and is not worth trying, unless you happen to get hold of an unnatural pair that will not incubate, or unexpectedly lose one of the birds. I should only use Canaries as foster parents for neglected or deserted eggs.

BIB FINCHES (Dwarf-finch).—Silverbills and Bib Finches would agree well enough in a cage, but would not be very likely to breed in a smaller cage than, say, 3½ by 1½ by 2ft. high. However, either species would be very probable breeders in a cage, not smaller than a double-breeder, with all partitions removed, such cages only to contain one pair of birds. They have no song worthy the name. Their requirements are very small, viz.: Canary and white millet seeds, millet sprays, greenfood, with a little soft food when they are feeding young. They like a small box for a nesting place, with a round hole in one side for entrance, but they have also used small husks and Hartz travelling cage as a domicile for their brood. Seeding (flowering) grass is the best greenfood, while it is obtainable.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (Cardinal).—If you can give them a cage not less than 3½ft. long, 1½ deep, and 2ft. high, there is a probability that they may nest and rear a brood, but if any young are hatched out, you must supplement the ordinary dietary (seeds, greenfood, fruit, and live insects) with soft food and live insects ad lib. I should not give all mealworms, but supply variety—e.g., mealworms, properly scoured gentles, live ants' cocoons, beetles, spiders, small cockroaches, and smooth caterpillars. As a nest receptacle, give a rather deep box or basket, say six inches square or round, by three inches deep; supply hay and long grass as nesting material. The fledgelings are fed for the first week almost entirely on live insects, and you must supply such every two hours, as well as keeping soft food and usual foods in the cage. From the demeanour of your birds it would appear that you have a true pair and likely breeders.

PARROT LOSING PLUMAGE (R.M.G.).—It is something more than a moult which has caused so complete a shedding of the plumage, but from its apparently otherwise healthy condition there may not be very much wrong. As you have had the bird for so long a period it will be quite tame, and will allow you to handle it; take a piece of soft linen, saturate this with paraffin, and wipe the bare areas over with it, but do not grease what plumage it has got. Do this twice a week for a month, and in between (also twice a week) spray it with quassia solution. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water. If the bird will eat it, a piece of stale crust, slightly moistened with tepid water, and dusted with flowers of sulphur, will be a help. Diet: Seed mixture as follows: One quart each canary and white millet seeds, and oats; one pint each hemp and paddy rice; half a pint each sunflower, dari, shelled nuts, and wheat; well mix the whole and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, greenfood, grit and cuttlebone. A little raw carrot or dry boiled potato may be given, also madeira, sultana, or sponge cake for variety, but do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give the bird rotten wood, cotton reels, etc., to cut up and play with, and keep it as interested and occupied as your convenience permits. Wandering about out of its cage will certainly be a help, and it will go to the cage for food as required. Report progress in three or four weeks, unless unfavourable symptoms develop, in which case write again at once.

BOURKE'S PARRAKEETS (J.C.).—I congratulate you on your success, and hope the young birds will be fully reared. At this time supply unlimited greenfood, a saucer containing some dry pieces of sweet plain biscuit, in addition to the usual seeds; fruit, of course, if they will eat it. Sop is not necessary, and even in aviary these birds are better without it. Groundsel may be offered with other non-poisonous weeds, but supply flowering (seeding) grass ad lib. As regards seed, supply one mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and another mixture in a separate receptacle of two parts each paddy rice and crushed oats, one part hemp and a few sunflower seeds. Supply the greenfood fresh at least twice daily.

DOUBLE-FRONTED AMAZON (F.H.). — Give Dinneford's twice a week, and in between continue the "squills mixture" for a time; also spray the bird's nostrils daily with dilute glyco-thymoline; it will not do any harm if the bird swallows a little. You make no mention of fruit; it will certainly be the better for some if you can induce it to take it—orange, banana, sweet apple, or grapes, are all good for it. If you have a good supply of oats, the absence of wheat will not matter. In lieu of supplying canary and millet with the mixture, keep a small tin of it in the cage, and the bird can then take it or leave it alone—this will prevent waste. You can leave the dari out. While the bird should be kept in some light and airy position, it must not for some time be subjected to either draught or cold winds. The byno-phosphates can be used as a tonic after the present symptoms have yielded to treatment.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (A. R. Coe).—If you have not a shelter attached to your flight, you must make a wood and glass shutter for the front for nights and very cold days. The following are all cheap and pretty foreigners and probable breeders: Zebra, Bib, and Grey Singing Finches, Silverbills, Cutthroats, Avadavats, Bengalese; others less likely to breed, but would agree with the others in your aviary are: Gold-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Red-billed and Madagascar Weavers. You could keep one pair each of the above in your aviary. Weavers are very shy breeders in captivity, even in large and roomy natural aviaries, though they weave many nests. Still, it is not impossible, though, judging from precedent, improbable. They are worth a place whether they breed or not, not only because of their beautiful summer plumage, but also for the many quaint and interesting nests they weave.

AMAZON ILL (J.T.D.).—It is a pity you did not write earlier, as a four months' illness is quite a long one, and the trouble has either become very pronounced, or has partially passed and left the bird very weakened, and with probably some developing throat affection. Do not give more sop than is necessary to provide the bird with sufficient to eat, and it should be prepared so: Stale pieces of household bread, sprinkle with sugar, soak in half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates, then pour over as much boiling water as the bread will absorb, and when cool supply to the bird. Also supply boiled maize, ordinary seed mixture, ripe fruit, shelled walnuts, and pieces of any kind of plain cake and biscuit. Cuttlebone and grit must be regularly supplied. Get a box of honey and borax and give the bird a little twice or thrice a day. Most Parrots can be induced to take this from the end of a wooden skewer. Put a little on the end of the skewer, and when the bird is wakeful and inclined to notice things, if the skewer is pushed against the beak, the bird will attempt to bite and play with it, and thus secure what honey and borax was on the end. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on intervening days put half a teaspoonful of this mixture—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, in the drinking water—i.e., on such days as you are not giving the magnesia. Keep the bird in some light, airy and sunny, yet warm room, quite free from draught. It will be advisable to remove the voidings as promptly as convenience permits. Treat as above for fourteen days, and then report progress, continuing the treatment till you get a later reply.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. C. S. Gibbons.—You might try "The Gouldian Finch," one of the Nutshell series, price 2½d. per post, or "Foreign Birds for Beginners," by Mr. Wesley T. Page, price 1s. 1½d. by post, both obtainable from the offices of "Cage Birds," which will give you all the information you desire. Pneumonia was the cause of death. They can be, and are, successfully bred here; probably your birds were not well acclimatised.

E. G. Davies.—Pneumonia. Artificial heat is advisable during the early summer months. These birds easily feel fluctuations in temperature, and are readily susceptible to pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

T. E. Wheatley.—Many thanks, but we have already illustrated a similar peg holder.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—May 29, Headquarters, 8. General business; annual subs. overdue.—Robt. Foster.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—May 24, Mr. Hannighan's, 7. Table show, Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Siskin, and Twite, A.O.V. Brit. Judge, W. H. Butler.—R. Peart.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 27, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. Fixing of judges for open show; classification for nest feather show. Subscriptions now due.—Robert Aitken.

Birtley C.B.S.—May 29, Station Hotel, 7. Fanciers welcome.—S. Lindsay.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—May 28, Y.M.C.A., 7.30. To arrange classes and date for nest feather show, and other important business.—R. Elliott.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 24, Victoria Hotel, 8.30. Special meeting.—H. Bryant.

Chester C.B.S.—May 27, Boot Inn, Eastgate Row, 8.30. Nest feather show, etc.—R. L. G. Simpson.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—May 24, J. Waugh's, Dun Cow Inn, 7. Annual and nest feather show business; questions; table show; subs., etc.—Robt. Ward.

Cin. Marked Y.C.C.—May 24, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7. Arranging competition patronage, and other very important business.—R. Garnett.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—May 31, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. To pick date for open show and judge.—A. Smith.

Craghead C.B.S.—May 23, Punch Bowl Inn, 7. Business very important. Mr. J. Elliott, of Blackhouse, will give a washing lesson on birds.—Alf. Dawson.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—May 21, Headquarters, 7.—E. Jameson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 28, Headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting; very important business.—W. Curry.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S.—May 29, Brunson's, 7.30.—H. Mason.

Grimsby O.S.—May 29, Slatter's Rooms, 8. First nest feather show and British classes, and other important business. Members please bring up birds.—H. Towl.

Hackney Stoke Newington F.A.—May 27, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Special general, called by Chairman. Urgent business.—C. L. Hatchett.

Halifax O.S.—May 24. Ramble to Bell Hole Cragg; leader, Mr. F. Greenwood. Meet at top of King Cross at 2.15, and take car to Mytholmroyd. All friends invited.—Harry Clegg.

Hanley C.B.S.—May 28, George and Dragon Hotel, 8. To arrange for nest feather show, and judge for open show.—C. J. Robinson.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.—May 27, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Business important.—A. Roberts.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—May 26, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Paper on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. H. Bell, preceeded at 8 by committee meeting, to prepare schedule for young stock show, and other important business.—J. Hyde.

Hyde C.B.S.—May 28, St. George's School, 8. To discuss first feather or table shows.—T. Allsop.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—May 24, Universal Club, 7. To take subscriptions and enrol new members.—James Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 26, White Hart Hotel, 8. Open discussion.—A. Lawford.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 31, Y.M. Halls, 7. Arrangements for young bird show, etc.—Allan Thomson

Llanelly C.B.S.—May 24, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important.—Daniel John.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 28, at Railway Hotel, 7.45. Fixing date and place for annual drive.—R. Charleson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 2, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Middleton C.B.S.—Monday, May 26, Old Boar's Head, 8. Young bird show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Motherwell N.P.B.F.C., and B.B. Club.—Saturday, May 31, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30.—F. S. Brannigan.

Musselburgh O.S.—May 31, Cossar's Tea Rooms, 7.30. General business.—A. Hoyle.

National B.B. & M.C.—May 29, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—J. P. Carr.

New Stevenston C.B.S.—May 29, Masonic Hall, 7.30. Selecting and appointing judges. Last meeting for new members joining.—Jas. Lamb.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 27, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Show business; very important.—John Davey.

Norwich Plainhead Club.—May 24, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, 3.30.—F. Cunliffe.

Oldham C.B.A.—May 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Arrangement for ramble; closing of all pools for shows.—Jas. Cope.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—May 28, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. General business.—Robert Heggie.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 28, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meet; important business; urgent show.—Wm. Adams.

Sheffield O.S.—May 27, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Committee meeting. Business very important.—E. C. Job.

Sale C.B.S.—May 26, at 8. Lecture by Mr. T. Harrison, "Seeds and other Foods: Their Uses and Abuses."—G. F. Hardcastle

Scottish Metropolitan Derby.—May 31, in Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, 7.30. Election of judges, etc.—R. Lile.

Wombwell B.F.S.—May 31, Wesleyan School Room, 7. Nest feather show business; time of judging, etc.—J. W. Dean.

Wood Green F.F.A.—May 27, Headquarters. Committee meeting.—T. Callegari.—(No time stated.—Ed.)

Welsh C.B.C.—May 26, Ship and Bell, Merthyr, 4. Annual general meeting. Please note that I do not wish to be re-elected as sec., or to any office.—A. E. Brown.

Warrington C.B.S.—April 29, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

T. McMillan.—We doubt whether your notion would appeal to many bird-keepers.

G. L. Weaste.—Mealworm breeding is dealt with in "Nutshell" booklet, No. 26 (post free 2½d.).

Constant Reader.—Fumes from either oil or gas are very harmful to birds. You do not state what kind of lamp it is you refer to, but if an ordinary type of paraffin oil lamp, then there is always an element of danger in leaving it alight and unattended in the bird-room.

J. M. Holland.—Shepherd's purse grows on practically all rough (poor) ground, and may be very readily recognised, the seed being in heart-shaped pods, which run up the stalk. There is a bunch of very tiny white flowers at the top of the plant. If you can't locate it now, forward a stamped addressed envelope and we will post you a spray. An illustrated and full description appears in our book on "Wild Seeds."

Correspondence.

Banishing the Red Mite.

Sir, In regard to getting rid of the red mite, the only thing I do is to get a pound of flowers of sulphur at any chemist, at the cost of 2d., and sprinkle it slightly over the sand tray. The red mite will never come again. I have used this successfully for the last eight years, and have never known it fail. I wish your paper every success.

W. H. Kingdon.

The Breeding of Yellows from Two Buffs.

The Secret of Success.

Sir, Mr. Johnson's letter prompts me to explain what undoubtedly Mr. Garner has up his sleeve, and that is, the "right material." I thought at the time of reading Mr. G.'s remarks on Mr. Robson's lecture that he might just as well have given his fellow fanciers the knowledge that he certainly has, i.e., that to get yellows from double buffs, these buffs must have been bred from double yellows.

Kent County.

Young Bred from a Hen Linnet Mule.

Sir,—Respecting your Mr. St. John's answer to "Novice," in which he tells him not to try and breed with a Mule hen, I wish to tell you that I have in my possession a Mule hen (Linnet-Canary) which in 1911 I paired with a Yorkshire cock. Her first nest she laid four eggs; she hatched one youngster, and fed it for two or three days, but I think her claws were a bit long as she pulled the young one on to the cage bottom, and it died. The other three eggs were addled. Her second nest was of four eggs. Two were addled, but the other two hatched to time. I have the youngsters in my possession at present. One is a cock, with Linnet markings, the other is a clear hen. I have this hen paired with a Yorkshire, and she has laid an egg this morning. The Mule hen (the mother) had nested, but had only two eggs, one of which has hatched, and I am expecting the other to-morrow. The one hatched is a bonny little thing. I have been told by a lot of fanciers in the neighbourhood that it is a rare occurrence, and that is the reason I am writing you. I am in great hopes of obtaining a lot more from her yet. I may tell you that I have only had my birds two years, so I am only a novice.

A. Shaw.

Bootle.

[Several instances of Mules having bred have been from time to time put on record in our columns. One case, at Sunderland, was well authenticated, the Mule concerned being a cock Linnet-Canary. Such occurrences, however, are extremely rare. We hope that Mr. Shaw is absolutely certain that his bird is really a Mule, and not a Green Canary. Has any experienced fancier seen it?—Editor.]

Do Invisible Ticked Birds Handicap the Clears?

The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's Classification.

Sir,—Mr. Rowe's efforts to whip up an agitation on this subject appears, by his own confession, to have fallen very flat. He did not intend to continue the subject himself, he says, but his object apparently was to have a tilt at me, throw the whole thing into the melting pot, and stand idly by and watch what would follow. This may have been "smart," but it is neither clever nor courageous. It is a kind of "there's a bone, you bounders, fight over it." Well, fanciers are not so soft as Mr. Rowe takes them to be, and they are simply smiling at the antediluvian garments in which he has wrapped himself. He is not even a member of the S.N.P.C., whose classification he criticises. The argument put forward was sound, and I still stick to it, says Mr. Rowe. This reminds me that there is in Mr. Rowe a little of the fire of the old lady who "wore the breeches" at home. "I'll have the last word if I die for it," she said to her hubby when that worthy ventured to question her arguments. Mr. Rowe sticks to it, notwithstanding the fact that the Fancy does not think it worth while to help him in his mission. Yet fanciers generally must be amused at Mr. Rowe's ludicrously ingenious description of the invisible tick—those "heavy ticks, although invisible, that come red hot." All this was trotted out and demolished years ago. But the best joke of all is the suggestion that handling show birds to sort amongst their feathers for ticks would be a good thing, as it steadies them! It is like brushing your hair the wrong way to make it look smooth! Mr. Rowe must really be bluffing when he invites me to go for two classes only, and for him to suggest such a thing rather points to insincerity on his part. Who would be so foolish (pardon me) as to suggest two classes only as a satisfactory classification for a good show? Mr. Rowe tells us also that he really thinks that if all the members had voted at our (Plymouth) meeting he should have carried his motion. How innocent he is! If everybody had supported him he would have won. He forgets they might, if they had voted, have gone against him. He ought to have tried the plan of the boy in the raffle, and kept on raffling until he did win. With regard to Mr. Rowe's reassertion that colour decides the issue, I would point to the S.N.P.C. standard. He will there find that "shape," which is given as head, neck, back, chest, and body, is awarded 50 points, wings, tail, legs, and feet (all part of the shape of the bird, as a Norwich breeder views the thing) count another 20 points; quality comes in with 15 points, making 85 out of a possible 100, and leaving for Mr. Rowe's hot-colour crusade 15 points only. No wonder his appeal to fanciers was not responded to. I tell him again, that colour does *not* play the part it used to do in the decisions of 90 per cent. of our judges. The "also rans" are the birds which lack shape and quality, not those which lack colour. Will Mr. Rowe kindly tell us why, if colour carries all before it, we hear the judges pulled up so quickly, if they only seem to deviate from type? He will find they are watched closely on that point. We are not advancing backwards, friend Rowe; we are going forward, and we ought not to let any temporary disappointment experienced in not securing a majority at our club meeting lead us astray. We will not adopt the policy of old Methusalah, even though it enables us to beat Spillman. No, the wireless and the 'phone are here, and the fig leaves have gone; and if men love breeding from two buffs, it is quite certain they are not breeding for colour alone, even though they preach its virtues. I thought friend Rowe loved double buffing. Does he do that to get colour? If he does not, why not, if colour is the chief point?

W. Spillman.

The Birds that Migrate.

Sir,—I should be glad if some reader could tell me if birds that migrate to this country breed in another after they have left our shores, making two breeding seasons in one year, and what time of the year they moult? I never remember reading anything respecting these questions.

Migratory.

Robin Nests Indoors.

Sir,—I thought the following extract from the "Western Mail" would interest the readers of Cage Birds:—A Redbreast which has been in the habit of making itself at home in the kitchen at 11, Penylan Place, Roath Park (occupied by Mr. John Phillips), has now built its nest in the conservatory of the same house and laid four eggs in it. The nest is an ideal one, constructed between two flower-pots, and the little visitor gains access to its abode through the ventilator. After partaking of a meal, which is placed for it on the window-sill, the Robin goes on the nest, from which it can see all the movements of the occupants of the kitchen. It is a remarkable case of tameness, and the Robin often takes a walk round the kitchen and picks up crumbs thrown to it. The family think a lot of their non-paying guest, which allows them to go right up to the nest and inspect it, and makes no attempt to fly away.

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Five Birds from Four Eggs.

A New Experience After Being 38 Years a Breeder.

Sir,—On the 24th of April I sat a Yorkshire hen on four eggs, and on the 5th of May I put in a clean nest-pot and nest, and taking the four eggs one by one, placed them in the new nest. On the 7th of May I saw the hen off, and I took out the nest, and to my surprise I saw five young birds! Not bad, is it? I may say that they are doing well, but one is a small one in comparison with the others.

W. Brotherton.

Rotherham.

[We have on several other occasions had the pleasure of putting on record cases of "twins" (i.e., two birds hatching out of one egg) for lucky fanciers.—Editor.]

Rearing the Young of Cordon Bleus.

Sir,—May I be permitted to crave the assistance of such of your numerous readers as are breeders of foreign birds. I had the sickening experience of breeding ten young Cordon Bleus during 1912, and then having them deserted at from four to ten days old. So this year I have left the pair in an aviary in a spare room, instead of turning them outdoors as I did last year. Apparently the cock "gets tired" and wants to nest again, so I thought that if I could take away all material when the nest is built, and keep a nice varied diet under their noses, they might rear the young to pass the time away! I have heard of giving malt extract to the birds; is this done? The aviary is a punched-bar structure 4ft. 6in. by 2ft. and 2ft. high. Despite the fact that they have only had it to themselves since Saturday last, and have been moved upstairs, they have already lined the nest box with grasses. They are being fed on egg food and millet (red and white). Any hints would be most gratefully noted (and acted upon). Has the experiment ever been tried of hatching out the eggs of the Cordon Bleus under Canaries?

Aviculturist.

Does Thunder Kill Young in the Shell?

Sir,—I should like to thank you for advice I have received at various times, and also to say I think your book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," is excellent. I knew absolutely nothing about birds or breeding when I took over the pair of birds belonging to a nephew. Since then I have improved the stock, and some experienced breeders have complimented me on their condition. I have had four young die in the shell, and should be very glad if you would tell me at what stage of incubation they died. The fore part, viz., head, beak and wings, can be seen plainly in three of them, but no legs, and the back part of the body was not developed. The hen started sitting on a Wednesday night, and the following Tuesday night we had a bad thunderstorm. The birds were covered up and asleep when the storm occurred, and the hen is a very close sitter. The male bird feeds her on the nest, and she only comes off for a drink of water night and morning. Would the storm kill them, or must I look elsewhere for the cause of death? How many days would it take to develop so far? This hen hatched every one of her eggs last year, ten in all, first clutch two, second three, third, five.

A. M. Johnson.

[Mr. Claude St. John deals with the above letter in the query columns this week. The opinions of readers will also be welcomed.—Editor.]

Special Prizes at Elgin New Year Show.

Sir,—I had forward six birds at the Elgin P.P.C.B. and R. Association Show, held at Elgin on New Year's day (Messrs' Garden and Sinclair secretaries), winning four 1st and three special prizes, two 2nds, and cup for best cage bird in show. The cup and prize-money duly arrived, along with a note from one of the secretaries, asking for numbers of special prize-cards sent me. I sent them these on (I only received two cards) and pointed out that I had at least one other special to come, as per marked catalogue sent me. As I received no further word from them I again wrote reminding them that I had got no specials yet. One of the secretaries again wrote me, putting the blame on to some of the committee, in not getting the specials collected. Receiving no further word, however, I again wrote politely asking them to send on the specials I had won. This letter they ignored. I once more wrote on April 26, and enclosed a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. Still no answer. How very different their treatment from that of any other shows I have exhibited at? Their show being nearly five months past, they surely cannot say they have not had time to collect and forward the specials. What is the use of promising specials if they do not intend to let exhibitors have them who have honestly won them in open competition? Have other exhibitors at this show received their specials yet? If so, I wonder why I am singled out for this treatment—treatment which is the reverse of encouraging to exhibitors to again support any show where such treatment is meted out to them. When running a show it is easy to make a mistake, I admit, but what have these secretaries done to rectify their mistake? I consider they have gone rather beyond the limit, or I would never have thought of lodging this complaint in your valuable paper, Cage Birds.

A. Ironside.

A Mule Left an Orphan at Ten Years Old.

Sir, —An old Patriarch (a Goldfinch) of 11 years passed away last week, leaving a son ten years of age (a Canary Mule) to mourn his loss. Up to the time of his death he was in the best of health. He was the property of Mr. W. T. Dunlop, of Milltown Lodge, Londonderry, whose good wife cared for him most assiduously. The above may be of interest to your readers of whom I am one.

Robert Glenn.

Yorks. and Lancs. B.B.and M.C.

An Appeal to Yorkshire Union Shows.

Sir,—I should like to see classes given at all the Yorkshire Union shows for British birds and Mules and Hybrids. I know they have been a failure in the past at most of the Union shows, still they might apply for patronage again. Seeing we have a trophy in view now we have got Lancashires in, we should have some good shows. We have made about a dozen new members lately, which will mean at least twenty to thirty more birds exhibited at each show. I do earnestly hope it is not too late for the Union shows to give us a trial. I think our sections are the finest attraction to any show. Look what we had at our Bradford National show! Some of the best British Mules and Hybrids of the day. I was very glad to see the letters of Mr. Towers, Mr. Chittenden and Mr. Fairhurst. I trust this will meet the eye of the Yorkshire Union men. Cage Birds has given good prizes to our club for many a year now, which I think is very good.

T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec.

The Use of Standard Show Cages in Ireland.

Sir,—Mr Stewart's letter clearly proves that my criticism of the Norwich show cages was founded on fact. He admits the Belfast Norwich Crest and Y.C.C. rules read that the cages must not be less than 11½ inches long and 11 inches high (but may be more) blue inside and black outside, it being immaterial what shade of blue is used or what make of perches or drinkers. He informs us the rules of this club, re cages are binding. I fail to see it on his own statement. Re the N.P.C. of Ireland, it is so many years since it held a show that I have no doubt the Norwich exhibitors have completely forgotten the description of their adopted show cage. I have heard they are to hold a show this season, hence my reference to the cages. I am surprised at Mr. Stewart denying that many exhibitors put their names on the backs of their cages, and it will take a lot of salt to make me swallow that Mr. Stewart has not seen these names, as at the Northern shows before the award catalogues were on sale, those interested were taking down the cages to see who owned the birds by the names on the backs of the cages. Several fanciers could support me, but perhaps they will "grin and bear" what at present seems to me a great injustice to the honest exhibitor. I do not see, Mr. Stewart, that the judges that come from England are above suspicion, and anyway I think there are as competent judges in Ireland who could be had at a third the cost if they were only given the chance, and perhaps have a greater reputation at stake. Belfast has always led the way, and I am glad to see this season they have engaged an Irish judge.

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More Bird Freaks!

Sir,—On Sunday, May 11th, I had two young Canaries (Yorkshires) hatch from one egg. Each young bird was minus the right wing, and the left leg, but the birds were quite separate one from the other. They both lived after hatching only for a short while. The egg was, of course, a deal larger than ordinary.

Robt. Wm. Smith.

Brighouse.

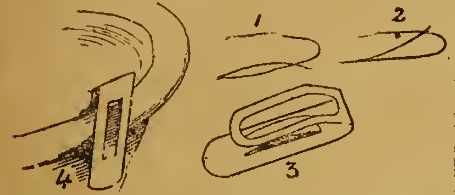
A Hen Goldfinch that Always Comes Home.

Sir,—A neighbour of mine living in Caithness Road, Brook Green, owns a hen Goldfinch, which about six weeks ago escaped from her cage, and flew out of the window. She was seen some time after in some tall trees in the garden, then went out of sight, and was given up as lost. But to her owner's surprise at evening she returned and re-entered her cage. After this the bird was allowed to go and come as it pleased. On a few occasions it failed to return at dusk, but returned early in the morning. At other times the window sash at top was left open two inches, and though the blind was drawn, it managed to get in over the blind roller. The hen now has entire liberty, and has been seen in company with another Goldfinch several houses away, but regularly returns home. I commend this to the notice of the R.S.P.C.A.

E. Sharratt.

To Prevent the Nest-pan Lining Being Torn Out.

Sir,—Procure a couple of old tie-clips (Fig. 2), and bend the tongues as in Fig. 1, until they appear as in Fig. 3, then press them firmly down in to the nest-pan rim as in Fig. 4. It is very annoying to be continually having the linings pulled out, but I have found that this completely prevents it.



M. Haworth Booth.

Whitsuntide Amongst the Wild Birds.

Sir,—At Whitsuntide I had what may be described as a series of rambles in a very favourable district for bird life, especially small birds, such as Warblers, etc. Nightingales were singing strongly, one in a tree still nearly leafless at the side of a public road. Cuckoos were calling continuously, one might say, and one pair was seen, also in a Hedge Accentor's nest a Cuckoo's egg was found. A Garden Warbler was seen and heard singing strong; Blackcaps were also seen and heard. A Gold Crest's nest was found; this beautiful little nest was suspended in the usual position on a fir tree, and at no great distance from my bedroom window. The Long-Tailed Tits' nest, probably the most beautiful of all, was also found, after a hint from a friend as to where it was. A Green Woodpecker's nest was also located, with about half a bushel of wood chips at the foot of the tree. Nests of Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, Linnets, Chaffinches, Water Hen, and others were also found. Stone Chat, Yellow Hammer, Tree Pipit, Snipe, Coot and Goldfinches were located, and Chiff-Chaffs and Willow Wrens were not infrequent. I saw Swifts, Spotted Flycatchers, and Turtle Doves for the first time this season. I had in all 49 species on my list.

Observer.

The Keeping of Birds in Captivity.

New Views Upon How Birds Die!

Sir,—My attention has just been called to recent paragraphs in Cage Birds League columns, referring to some remarks of mine on the subject of cage birds, and the writer pointedly states that everything I wrote is false, or, perhaps it will be more courteous to say, is the outcome of a morbid sentimentality. In reply, allow me to state that within the last twelve months there have been at least two cases tried in London Police Courts, and convictions secured against men who blinded singing birds with red-hot needles. The last of these two cases occurred at Deptford the very week I wrote my article. I am sorry that after this lapse of time I cannot give more definite date, but at any rate it was reported in the leading London papers. The remainder of your charge is really not worth replying to. If you, in your large experience of cage birds, have not found that at least three-fourths die of starvation or thirst through neglect, or pneumonia through being left in draughts, or red mites or kindred pests, or meet a violent death at the hands of the domestic cat from whom their cage prevents their escaping, all I can say is that your circle of acquaintances are not to be judged on the same level as the average bird owner. Your remarks assure me that you will allow me space in your journal for this reply, and for that courtesy I am obliged.

Isabel Thorne
(Editress "Dainty Novels.")

[Mr. Fulljames, the secretary of Cage Birds League, has replied by post to the above letter, asking the writer to be kind enough to give the date of the article in question, in order that enquiries may be made as to the allegation that one of the two cases occurred in that particular week. That any conviction has been secured during the past twelve months against anyone accused of the barbarous practice mentioned is news to us. We thought, and are still of opinion, that the idea that the song of a bird could be improved by blinding it was as extinct as the superstition that the talking powers of a Starling or Magpie could be improved by slitting its tongue. See also the League column this week.—Ed.]

Hawfinches and Dandelion Seed

Sir,—Will any reader of your valuable paper be kind enough to let me know how to get the seed out of dandelion heads; also where is the best place to "set" for catching Hawfinches, and how to feed and tame same?

M. Williams.

A Golden Oriole Caught in Ireland.

Sir,—I have received for mounting a specimen of the Golden Oriole, which was caught by a dog at Coalisland, Co. Tyrone, on May 11. The bird was very much emaciated, and proved to be a female. The plumage was in perfect condition.

Jas. Shields.

Belfast.

Proposed Junction of Darlington Clubs.

Sir,—Will you kindly announce in Cage Birds that a meeting of all the members of the Darlington Canary and British Bird F.A., and the Darlington C.B.S. will be held at the George Hotel, Bondgate, Darlington, on May 28th, to form a new society absolutely of both clubs, and with the intention of running one good society in the town. Any new members will also be welcome, as it is the intention of the present members of both societies to make one good strong society.

A. Walker,
Sec. Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
H. Todd,
Sec. Darlington C.B.S.

Grass Seed as a Green Food.

Sir,—Please accept my congratulations on your new series of articles by Mr. Weston. These promise to be mines of useful information, as I am sure there is much that can be discussed weekly, helpful alike to us (who are but novices as far as the interesting hobby of bird keeping is concerned), and to the old hands. I was particularly interested in that portion of this week's article mentioning grass seed. I may say that even in my own limited experience I have found this to be absolutely the safest and cleanest green food it is possible to use, and it is what I rely on in that direction. It is also a strange fact that grass is practically never used by most fanciers (except those interested in foreign birds), and when to one or two I have recommended a trial, the idea has been somewhat ridiculed. I am sure now that Mr. Weston has pushed its merits forcibly home many fanciers will have good cause to thank him. It is very gratifying indeed to find one of your own pet theories backed up by the experience of an expert of no mean standing.

Geo. S. Woodark.

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An Expert's Views on Mule Breeding.

By J. MADDISON (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

A well-known North Country judge and exhibitor tells how he breeds light and dark Mules. A lecture given before the West Stanley C.B.S.

At the West Stanley C.B.S. meeting on May 17th, there was a good turn out of members to hear Mr. J. Maddison, of Newcastle, give a lecture on Mule Breeding. Mr. W. H. Butler, the chairman, in introducing Mr. Maddison to the meeting, said he was sure that whatever the lecturer said to them would be based on his experience as a mule breeder, and not merely copied from books.

Mr. Maddison, on rising, said: "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I don't know how many of you may have tried your hands at Mule breeding. If there are any who have not, let me advise them to hesitate no longer, there is still time to make a start this season. Dark Mules are comparatively easy to breed, and good exhibition birds are very valuable just now. I will point out to you what I consider the best way to breed a good exhibition bird. The principal factor is a suitable hen Canary, and of all the Canary tribe the Norwich type is undoubtedly the best. A big yellow hen, bred from big Norwich birds, is what is wanted. I know good big yellow hens are difficult to get, but it is not necessary to have an exhibition bird. Get the biggest that you can; never mind so much about show points, so long as you know that it is bred from good and big parents.

The Procedure which Brings Success.

I will give you my method of Mule breeding. When I am in want of hens for breeding dark Mules, I procure them as soon as possible after they are moulted; there is more choice then than when it gets near the breeding season. I use the three-compartment breeding cage, and during the winter I let two or three hens have the run of two compartments, and put one or two Finches in the other compartment. By Finches I mean Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Twites, Siskins, and Redpolls, and about once a week I draw the slide and allow Finches and Canaries to run together for an hour or two. This allows them to get accustomed to the sight of each other, and is better than keeping them always together, as some Finches will not thrive on the Canaries' diet, nor would it be advisable to allow the Canaries to have the Finches' diet all the winter.

But there is another reason why I don't approve of keeping them always together; some Finches, when kept too long with one hen, are very vicious when put in beside another hen. I have also had hen Canaries which, after being kept too long with a Finch absolutely refused to pair with a cock Canary afterwards. This can be avoided by keeping them together no longer than is really necessary. By adopting this plan I have many a time run one Finch to five or six different hens in one season. I do not pair them till the hens are ready to nest, and I never under any circumstances leave a Finch with a hen while she is sitting. I keep him away till the young can feed themselves, which they are well able to do when three weeks old.

If the hen, however, should start resting again and looks as though she would lay before the young are fit to remove, I put in the Finch, and if I see them pair (which they often do as soon as put together), I then remove the Finch and repeat the process in a day or two. This ensures the eggs being fertile, and avoids the risk of getting the youngsters damaged by the Finch, which sometimes happens if they get in his way.

The Food for Rearing the Mules.

The food for rearing young Mules need not be different from that used for rearing Canaries. For the first few days I give yolk of egg with just a sprinkling of finely-crushed arrowroot biscuit. Afterwards I give both yolk and white, two parts egg to one of biscuit, and a little sugar. In a separate dish I give crushed hemp or soaked rape, whichever the hen prefers. For green food I prefer well seeded chickweed.

When the young are taken from the hen I reduce the proportion of egg and give equal parts of egg and biscuit, with a little crushed hemp added, and in a separate dish soaked rape. I also give a small quantity of chickweed, shepherd's purse, plantain, etc. This treatment I continue till they are well on hard seed.

My stock food for Mules is three parts canary seed and one part each of teazle, rape, and linseed, and any of the other seeds I give occasionally as a change.

About the Finches: Size being such an important point in a dark Mule, the Siberian Goldfinch is better than the Britisher, although it neither breeds so freely nor lasts so long. The other Finches, Greenfinches, Linnets, etc., should all be selected for size and colour, but I would prefer a medium-sized bird which is a reliable breeder, rather than a larger bird which is a doubtful breeder, as there are some Finches which will have nothing to do with a hen Canary. Finches which have been caught when young usually make the best breeders.

Getting the Finches into Fit Condition.

As to the feeding of the Finches, my experience has been that Goldfinches which are content to live without hemp seed, live longer and "die happier" than those which resort to the "hunger strike," when the hemp is withheld. There being such a variety of seeds on the market, there is plenty to select from without resorting to hemp. My stock food for Goldfinches is two parts each of Canary and teazle, and one part linseed. I also give niger, maw, and cracked sunflower, as an occasional change. Siskins, same as Goldfinch, with one part German rape added. Greenfinch, the same, with about a teaspoonful of hemp and sunflower seeds on alternate days. For the Linnet, Twite, and Redpoll, equal parts of English rape, German rape, teazle, canary and linseed. I also give a half teaspoonful of a mixture of niger, maw, and hemp occasionally as a change.

During the winter all the Finches are given a piece of sweet apple once a week, and in the spring and early summer the tender leaves and seeded white tops of the dandelion are given freely. I don't know of anything better than dandelion (and warm weather) for bringing all the Finches into breeding condition.

I carefully examine all my Finches in February, and if any appear to be very backward in condition, I give them a mixture of hemp and niger seed one day and a mixture of dandelion seed, lettuce seed, and maw seed the next day, a half-teaspoonful to each bird. This I continue till the fresh dandelion is ready, which generally soon puts them all right for breeding.

Interesting Answers to Questions.

The Chairman, after making a few remarks, invited the members to ask questions in connection with the lecture, which were soon forthcoming, as follows:—

Question: Does Mr. Maddison take a nest of Canaries from the dark muling hens before pairing them with the Finch?—Answer: No; I pair them to any of the Finches which are most forward in condition. By this means I get the Finch tested, and should the eggs be clear, the hen may come in useful as a feeder for the young of some of the other hens.

Do you prefer Cinnamon hens for breeding dark Mules?—I have never tried Cinnamon hens, but I think a good big stout-made yellow Cinnamon should breed a good Mule.

Has the Finch or the hen Canary most influence in the production of light Mules?—If anyone relies solely upon the Finch, I'm afraid their light Mules will be few and far between. My experience has led me to rely upon the Canary. For the last ten years in succession I have bred a good number of light Mules (including six Clears, bred from four different hens and five different Finches), and I never select my Finches for any particular peculiarity; the only things I look for in a muling Finch are that it is of good size and a reliable breeder. I leave the rest to the hen Canary. As a test, I paired one hen Canary to a Goldfinch, a Greenfinch, and a Linnet. To the Goldfinch she bred a clear Mule, and to the Greenfinch and the Linnet she bred very lightly marked, in fact, only grizzled Mules.

I bred a variegated Mule from a heavily-variegated hen, full of green blood; how do you account for that?—I had a similar experience myself last year. I bred a variegated Mule from a nearly green hen, and the latter hen was bred from a green hen. I paired the same Finch to two clear hens, and they bred nothing but dark Mules.

It now being time for Mr. Maddison to leave for his train, he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his practical and instructive lecture.

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Club Reports.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 6 at the Staffordshire Knot. Mr. Hathaway presided over a good muster. Decided to hold the summer show July 19. The principal item for the evening was Mr. Hathaway's paper on moulting and colour feeding, which proved instructive and very interesting, the number of questions asked by the novice members proving the interest taken in it.—A. Wood, Sec.

STIRLING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 3, in McDonald's Temperance Hotel, Mr. W. Bishop in the chair. Letters from the judges read, and met with satisfaction. They are Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow, Nor.; Mr. J. Hamilton, Hamilton, Bord.; Mr. C. Sykes, Musselburgh, Brit. and For. Two Norwich classes were added. Subs. were raised to 3s. 6d. Prize cards will be settled at next meeting, held June 7, in McDonald's Temperance Hotel, at 8.—Wm. Clubb.

GAINSBOROUGH C.B.S.

On May 17, Mr. C. A. House gave a most interesting lecture on in-breeding, which was greatly enjoyed by the members present. The way in which the lecturer dealt with the various animals and birds to prove his arguments was a treat, and then he dealt with Canaries, and with diagrams showed the members how to form a stud. There was not a dull moment from beginning to end. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. House, to which Mr. House suitably replied. —J. E. Conway, Hon. Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Imperial, Richmond, May 30, Mr. W. Phipps chair. An extremely interesting and instructive lecture was kindly given by Mr. J. Shepherd on Norwich and Yorkshires, which was greatly appreciated by an unusually large number of members and friends. Mr. Shepherd afterwards invited questions, and his answers were very helpful to young members. All members are particularly requested to attend the next meeting, May 28th, at 8 sharp, in view of very important business to be transacted. Any fancier wishing to join the above society can obtain full particulars from Hon. Sec., W. Nicuols, 34, Beaconsfield Road, St. Margarets, Twickenham.

CLYDEBANK C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 15, at 81, Kilbowie Road, Mr. McGown presiding over a good attendance. Decided to drop Rule 12. Agreed to get new rule books printed, and Sec. was instructed to see this carried out. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Chalmers, regretting we could not have the use of West U.F. Church Hall for annual show. Agreed to appoint a small committee to look after a suitable hall and fix it up, and also to make arrangements about judges. Messrs. Robb, Kane and Chambers were appointed. Also agreed to have two judges, Canaries and British. The names of several gentlemen were proposed and seconded, and the secretary was instructed to write to them and report to committee appointed. Agreed to hold ramble on May 31. Meet at Erskine Ferry, South Side, at 3 p.m.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Meeting held May 17, T. Wildridge (pres.) in the chair. In a general discussion on how to popularise the club, it was agreed that some of the rules could be altered with some advantage. Also something could be done for novices. Mr. T. Wildridge at once promised a trophy to be held yearly by the novice who scores most points at the patronage shows with three nominated birds; Mr. W. Spence gives a medal to winner of above trophy; Mr. P. Langan, 2/6 to runner-up; and Mr. A. Strachan, 2/6 for 3rd most points. A novice to be one who has not got more than one 1st prize with cage birds at an open show. Following were elected members:—A. Watt, Dunfermline; J. Gold and G. Cooper, Methil; J. Watson, Kinross; A. Strachan, W. Duff, A. McDonald and Mr. Kirk, Lochgelly; and J. W. Holmes, Cowdenbeath. Now novices, here's a chance for you. Do something for those who do something for you. 2/6 is the membership; particulars from me. —A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held May 7, at headquarters, J. Ridal presiding over a well-attended meeting; five new members were made. Principal business was arrangements nest feather show. Judge is Mr. G. Brownlie, Rotherham. Show opens 4, closes 8. Birds to be staged by 2. Prize money 3s., 2s., 1s. Four classes in members' Yorks., members' Norwich, and novices: four British, two Foreign, A.O.V. Canary 1, selling 1. Several specials were promised. This should draw a record entry. After transaction of business, questions by ballot occupied the board, and a good half-hour was spent. Many questions were gone thoroughly into. What was considered by the officials to be the most interesting part of this was the way some of the novices came out of the ordeal and distinguished themselves. This is very encouraging to us. Let us hope for more of these nights, as they are instructive and beneficial; often a novice can put you some question and another give an answer to it that some older fanciers might have missed. Novices, don't forget next meeting, June 12. Table show, 11 classes, for point specials and novices' cup. Bring your birds and make a good show.—C. Thomlinson, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held at Maskell's Hotel, Mr. Whetton presided over a small meeting. Mr. E. J. Davies reported he had interviewed Mr. Maskell in regard to the hall for the open show. We have paid a deposit on the Queen's Hall, which is one of the finest halls in the county for a Cage Bird Show, being a modern hall, and also in the town centre. A discussion took place re Mr. E. J. Banks' offer to give a £5 5s. cup for open competition providing that we get two more, and secretary was instructed to write several local gentlemen; also to get books for those who would care to help the cup fund. I shall be pleased to forward a book to any member. Resolved that we fix date, also elect judge for the annual young bird show, and arrange classification at our next meeting, June 19. Mr. W. Jones, Richmond Road, was enrolled as a member. I appeal to members who do not attend our meetings to do so in the future, as it is very disheartening to the officers to find they are not supported as they ought to be. At the next meeting I am willing to place my resignation in the hands of the chairman, and will still continue my membership, and do all I can to help any member who cares to take my place. Please take this in the spirit that it is written, as I want to see our society make progress, and this cannot be done unless members take a more active interest in the society's work. E. Thomas, Sec.

BLANTYRE O.S.

Meeting held May 3, Mr. Gavin Taylor chair. First feather show to be held July 5, in Mr. Blackley's Hall, at 4, and smoker at 6, tickets 1s. each. Annual show was fixed for Nov. 1, in Mr. Struther's hall; judges, Mr. A. Allardice Overtown, and Mr. R. Davidson, Mossend. Next meeting, May 31. Electing judges for first feather show. This being the closing meeting for the year, I shall be pleased to hear from fanciers in the district wishing to become a member.—D. Berry, Sec., 129, Main St., High Blantyre.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Roe Buck Hotel, May 6. We gathered a nice lot of specials at this meeting. We are putting one special of 5s. each to the best young Yorkshire bred by a member, best young Norwich, best British; we have a silver medal promised for the most points by a member who has never won a first prize in any of our three shows. Carried that all the other specials be allotted to most points in every class. We made two new members. Those who join now have a good chance of either winning the cup or the beautiful medallion; besides, there are 20 specials to be competed for.—Philip Ed. Barker, Hon. Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at White Lion Hotel, May 10, a fair number present. Mr. A. Leech, chair. The schedule for our N.F. show, July 12, was adopted, Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, judge. Decided to run annual show as last year on November 29; nominations for judges will be on at next meeting, June 7, when I hope to see all members present. There seems to be a fair number of young bred first round in the district and as our friends from Hetton and Dubmire are invited to show at the young bird show, I have no doubt of putting up a good show. We have a good schedule of 24 classes—5 Norwich, 2 Cinnamons, 2 Borders, 2 Crest, 4 Yorks, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule, 5 Brit., 2 For.—so I hope members will stick in and invite fanciers to join. Fee, 2s. 6d. per year. Further information from R. H. Dixon, Sec., 26 Gilpin Street.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

That eminent Norwich Canary specialist and judge, Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, read two papers before the members and friends at the last meeting, held at the Quadrant Restaurant. One, on the Norwich Canary, its type, quality, and general usefulness to the new beginner, both for show purposes and profit, gave very instructive advice as to procedure in feeding, mating, etc. The second paper mentioned a variety of Canaries, their different characteristics and value, especially mentioning the Yorkshires and the Scotch Border as utility and paying birds to anyone taking up this hobby. For close on two hours Mr. Payne kept his audience in rapt attention, and replied to a lot of questions asked by fanciers present. A vote of thanks was given to the lecturer, who, in response, said it was a pleasure to come, and, having taken a drive with Mr. Jones (the Chairman) before the meeting, expressed his delight at the beautiful surroundings of Bournemouth.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held May 16, Vice-chairman, Mr. George Jones, chair, in absence of chairman, Present, Hon. Treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards, Messrs. J. W. Jones, J. Pritchard, E. Jones, R. Green, and R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec. Decided to accept Spratts' estimate for printing stationery for show, and Mr. H. W. Jones's tender for printing schedule. Letters read from Mr. J. Kershaw, the judge of members' show, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Mr. A. Wyne Williams, Bodwyn, agreeing to act as one of the Vice-presidents; Mr. Owen Jones, Messrs. Fattorini and Sons, Ltd., re badges for Presidents and committee. Decided to order badges from above firm. Sec. handed over 17s. 6d. cash to Treasurer as membership fees. Schedule will be ready shortly, and only paid members will receive schedule of members' show. We have 20 classes, with 3 money prizes in each, also twenty specials, and a challenge cup for most points for 1913 Canaries. Membership is only 1s. for the year. The judge is a specialist in British Birds and Mules. Next committee meeting May 23rd, at 7.45, at above rooms.—R. E. Griffith.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held at new headquarters, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, May 17. Mr. Plank presided over a good attendance. All were highly pleased with the new headquarters. Decided to change the meeting night to the third Thursday in each month. Show dates were fixed—nest feather show June 28, young bird, July 19; and annual, Nov. 15, Mr. Norman to be asked to judge the nest feather, and Mr. Robson young bird and annual. Two extra classes to be added to the Border section, and a foreign class was put on; it is hoped that a few more foreign bird lovers will join us. Messrs. Edwards, Ward, Mower, Ground, Jeffries, French, Peg, Freeman, Clark, and Mrs. Mullie were elected members. Mr. Frank Easterling very kindly offered two silver medals—one champion and one novice—for most points gained by birds fed solely on his colour food. Decided that the schedules and catalogues be printed, and that admission to first and second young bird shows be sixpence, including catalogue; and at annual show sixpence, catalogue threepence. Intending members should join at once to be in time for first show. —F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction.

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WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 17, Mr. Butler chair, with a very large turn-out of members. Chairman introduced Mr. J. Maddison, of Newcastle, who came to give the first of his lectures on Mule breeding, and was given a very hearty welcome He spoke for a long time on dark muling, and touched upon all the most suitable Finches to pair up, also the different seeds for each species. At the finish of his lecture a good many questions were put, which Mr. Maddison kindly answered. He was given a hearty vote of thanks, which was well responded to.—W. Elliott.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held May 14, Mr. E. T. Willmott chair, before a splendid muster. Mr. Turner, Sparkbrook, was nominated as a member, total 71. Special rules for silver cups competition were passed, also an additional silver cup for British, Mule and Hybrid section was agreed upon, to be purchased. Rules relating to the young bird shows in June and July were passed. The allotting of the specials takes place at the June meeting a week or so before first date, judges Messrs. G. H. Russell and J. Roe. The season promises to beat all records, all members agreeing that with such a splendid attraction for competition everyone will be keen on showing.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Liberal Club, Hope St., May 10. President, Mr. J. Lumsden, chair. Sec. read replies from judges for annual show, Nov. 8, viz., Scotch Fancies, Mr. Allardyce, Wishaw, and Mr. J. Hendry, Govan; Norwich, Mr. J. Winter, Edinburgh; Borders, Mr. T. Arnott, Hawick, and Mr. J. P. Baxter, Broxburn; British and Mules, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Mr. D. Sayers handed over to the society a beautiful silver cup which had been presented to the society by an anonymous donor for the best Softbill, the cup to be won three times before becoming the winner's own property. It was agreed to have a ramble to Raith Estate, Kirkcaldy, on June 14, leaving Edinburgh by train at 2.15. Mr. Wm. Lister, of Kirkcaldy, has very kindly placed his services at the disposal of the members, so it is hoped that as many members as possible will turn out to make this outing a success. No meeting will be held during June, July and August. Meetings will be resumed on the second Saturday of September.—George W. Brown, Secretary.

NORTHERN BORDER AND S.F.C.C

Monthly meeting, held May 5, Mr. W. Smith chair, with a good turn-up of members. A hearty welcome was accorded to our vice-pres., Mr. A. Parkin. The following were elected members: Messrs. W. Browell, Blaydon; Armstrong, Perry Main; Stobbs, Wallsend; W. Tallantyre, J. Nixon, J. Wray, J. Heslop, W. Howe, and G. W. Wray, all of Haltwhistle. Decided that first feather table shows be held in July and Aug. Balance sheet shows a balance of 9s. 3d., which was considered not bad after paying nearly £6 for prizes. Winners in the year's competitions: Marble clock and bronzes for most points over the selected shows, Mr. J. Johnston; gold medal for most points in novice section, Mr. W. Affleck; silver medal for most points gained by three highest birds at each patronage show, Newcastle, champion section, Mr. J. Nicholson; novice, Mr. J. G. Greason; Blaydon, champion, W. Espie, novice, W. Affleck; Haltwhistle, champion, J. Johnson, novice, W. Pape; Gateshead, champion, T. Chapman, novice, J. Brown; Sunderland, champion, A. Montgomery, novice, W. Stephenson. For the table shows, Mr. J. Johnston won the horns for most points in champion section, and Mr. T. Smith silver medal for most points in novice. At next meeting Mr. W. Harvey has promised to give us a lecture on "Lessons we learn from our Birds."—M. C. Potts.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held May 14, vice-chairman (Mr. Pettersson) presided in the absence of Mr. Holden. Letters were read from Bournemouth C.B.S., H. H. Towers, and F. Hammond, enclosing the following sums towards our funds, viz., 10s. 6d., 5s., and £1 1s. 6d., and from Mr. Carl cheque value £7 10s. 4d., the result of CAGE BIRDS' collection. Decided to have nest feather show July 26. Messrs. R. Tindale and J. Maddison were appointed to judge same. The following classes were decided: Norwich, clear yellow, clear buff, ticked or variegated; Yorkshires ditto, Borders ditto, Crest or Crest-bred, A.O.V. Canary, Mule, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Linnet, A.O.V. Finch or Bunting, Softbill, Foreign, Cardinal and larger, A.V. smaller. Decided to hold show in same hall as last year. An egg-food-making demonstration was given by Messrs. R. Tindale, H. Wellsbury, and J. Scott, and a very interesting item it proved to be. Mr. Tindale was the first to take his place at the table, and he said that he preferred bread to biscuit, the same to be at least three days old; he used the crust as well as the soft, as he thought it was the best part. For the first week he only used half slice of bread, adding a little caster sugar and maw seed. After a week he used one slice of bread (fairly thick), two spoonfuls sugar, same of maw seed. He thought the sugar was the means of saving the food from going bad. He advised that the egg be boiled for twenty minutes. After putting the egg and bread through the machine, he mixed it by rubbing it well through his hands, and if he found any of his hens that were not feeding well, he added some scalded rape. Mr. Wellsbury started by saying that he used bread a week old, putting in the oven first, cutting same in slices, and leaving it until it was well dried; then he put it through a machine, and stored it in a stone jar, and he used one cupful of powdered bread to one egg, putting both through his sieve twice, as by doing this he got it thoroughly mixed, and he added one spoonful of moist sugar. Mr. Scott was the next to try. He only used his machine to put his egg through; he also used bread, but only the soft part, which he crumbled through with his hands, about equal parts of egg and bread. After the foods had been handed around for inspection, the demonstrators were questioned as to the results they had had. Mr. Tindale said that in his second year he reared 104 young birds on similar food to that which he had just made. Mr. Wellsbury said that he had good results in past years. In regard to Mr. Scott's food, most members thought it would be very expensive if any fancier had a big stock up for breeding. But in regard to the other two, it was the opinion that they were both good and cheap, seeing that they used the crust as well as the soft part of the bread. A vote of thanks was accorded to these gentlemen for their most interesting and instructive demonstration. Committee meeting will be held May 28; business important. Subscriptions are now due.—W. Curry, Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE R.C.C.

Special meeting held May 17, at Evan's Cafe, High Street, Newcastle. Mr. Leese presided. The meeting expressed sympathy with Mr. Hemmings in his illness, and hoped for a speedy recovery. The use of club room has been obtained on very favourable terms; payment to commence from next meeting, 2nd Saturday in June. A members' show will be held in the autumn. Young birds competing must be rung with the B.R.C.C. rings. These can be obtained from Mr. Tomlinson. Members are requested to bring birds to the meetings.—J. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, May 7th, a fair number of members being present. Mr. A. Breadhurst, chair. All new members proposed at last meeting were elected. The judges for the nest feather show were nominated: Mr. Rae, Handsworth; Mr. G. Baker, Perry Barr; and Mr. Wills, Birmingham. Mr. J. Burke kindly consented to give a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary at next monthly meeting Mr. De Maillet read a lecture on the Roller Canary, kindly lent by Mr. Harper, of Bilston, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Breadhurst proposed votes of thanks to Mr. De Maillet and Mr. Harper, also that the Secretary should write the latter thanking him for his kindly effort.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., per R. Tipper.

The Shows.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Table show of British birds held at Sycamore Hotel, May 17, open to the district; entries, 2d., the club to add 4d.; no member to take anything but the card. Prizes to go to non-members only; visitors free. Mr. D. Holliday judge. 1, Gomersall, a beauty of a Yellowhammer, lovely col.; 2, Liscoe, Linnet, grand markings, h.m.; 3, Foster, Linnet, h.m.; vhc, Burnell; hc, Cockrem; c, Grayson. After judging we had more visitors than I can remember. The following were elected members: H. Licence, T. Burton, W. Grayson, J. Tipling, T. A. Botterill, G. Charlesworth, and C. Brown. It was proposed that we have a Linnet singing contest in a few weeks' time, on the same lines.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Monthly show, held at headquarters, May 14th, but owing to the breeding season and holiday week very few entries were staged. Messrs. J. Gravett judged Canaries, and S. Sparks British. Special best 1913 Canary, given Mr. H. James, Mr. F. Dandridge, nice clear yellow Yorks.; special for member previously out of cards in Yorks., given by Mr. C. Pearson, Mr. F. Pelling. Yorks., 1st, sp., Pelling. Yorks. 1913, 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Dandridge; hc, c, Morrish. Nor., 1, 2 Wall. Brit. hen, 1, Absolon. Brit. F.M., 1, Bignell; 2, Absolon; 3, Wall. Cage Moulted, 1, Wall. Points in Judging Competition, Pearson, 42; Holley, 40; Dandridge, 39; Absolon, 33; Wall, 32; Bignell, 29; Goble, 24. Monthly competition: Dandridge 15; Wall, 4; Absolon, 3; Bignell, 3; Morrish, 3; Pelling, 1.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

PORTMADOC.

Twenty-ninth annual show, held Portmadoc Park, May 14th, in connection with the Horse, Dog and Poultry. Quality in general exceeded that of former years. Classification is very meagre at this fixture, still the entries mustered well. British were the best filled classes throughout the show, special for best bird being awarded to Mr. R. E. Griffith (Hon. Sec.), Carnarvon, with a good field-moulted Bullfinch. Local special, Mr. O. Jones, Harlech, nervy yell. Yorks. Pres., Mr. Randal Casson; Vice-Pres., Mr. A. P. Percival; Chair., Mr. W. Morris Jones; Treas., Mr. W. Jones. Mr. D. R. Evans held the secretarial duties once more; everything seemed to be in apple-pie order through the day, and birds were despatched in good time. We hope to see the classification extended another year. Mr. J. R. Owen was steward in charge of section, ably assisted by a competent staff. Mr. Clem Watson, Watford, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NORWICH (6): 1, 2, W. H. Williams, two well-known cl. yellows, grand type and qual., rare head and neck, short flights and tail, rich level col., good depth of chest, clean cut, very little between them, former a shade heavier, latter unflig.; 3, H. S. Davies, yell., good type, col. and qual., wants bit more subs.; vhc, Muscott, varieg. buff; hc, D. Jones; c, R. E. Griffith. YORKS. (4): 1, J. O. Williams, cl. yell., lengthy and stylish, wings well folded rich col., full of qual., well-known; 2, John Richards, cl. yell., nice length, good pos. and feather, wings inclined to cross at times; 3, sp, O. Jones, cl. yell., showy and leggy, good type and qual., fair col. and condition; vhc, W. D. Jones, cl. buff, medium length, good col., position, tight feather. MULE or HYB. (7): 1, 2, H. S. Davies, former four-pointed buff Goldie-Can., rare size, good type, grand condition, exquisite feather; 2nd, Goldie-Bullie, good size and col., grand type, qual. and feather; 3, c, Hughes Bros., Linnet-Can. Jonque, lustrous col., medium size, good quality, well shown; hc, R.E. Griffith, Goldie-Bullie, good size and qual., close up. GOLDF. (11): very good class: 1, Hughes Bros., rare size, good type, rich expansive square blaze, well defined bars, good tan and markings, well polished; 2, vhc, W. H. Williams, good typical Finch, nice size, rare tan and undercol., markings well defined, square blaze, very rich, beaten in with of skull, grand polish, vhc, field-moulted, good size and col., beaten blaze; 3, Evan Hughes, very taking exhibit, good blaze and body col., grand feather, beaten size; hc, J. O. Williams; c, Edward Jones. HARDBILL (11): 1, sp, best in show, vhc, R. E. Griffith, a grand Bullie, field-moulted, good dense black cap, distinct markings, rich breast col., faultless condition; vhc, well pencilled Linnet, grand type and quality; 2, W. J. Green, Siskin, neat, good col. and feather, very steady, nice condition; 3, vhc, hc, W. H. Williams, immense size Bullie, steady as a rock, good condition, beaten colour, good Yellow Bunting, rich col., A1 condition, very steady, and a good Bramble, very fit. FOR. (5): 1, Muscott, good Blue Sunbird, rare col. and condition, 2, John Eames, Amazon Parrot, good size and feather; 3, Griffith Edwards, neat Parrakeet. BRIT. GOLDF. NOV. (4): 1, Hugh Williams, nice size, fair blaze, good condition; 2, J. E. Evans, fair size, good bars, neat feather, not so rich in col. of blaze; 3, hc, J. B. Lewis, good col., size small. CAN., NOV.: 1, sp, O. Jones, described in open; 2, R. P. Williams, Nor. Yell., nat. col., good condition, wants bit more substance; 3, D. Jones, Norwich, already noted; vhc, J. E. Evans, buff Yorkshire, fair stamp.

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GIVING up. Exhibition cock Goldfinch, will make a crack, 30/-; large buff Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; two yellow Norwich hens, 1 Sib.-bred hen, 10/- the three; 2 house-moulted Bullfinch hens, 4/-; 6 double breeding cages, 9/-, or the lot for £3; approval for cash: Roberts, 22, Clarke-st., Carnarvon. (700)

ADA CHAPMAN, Sheffield.

Largest importers of foreign birds and talking Parrots in the county. Largest and finest selection of singing Yorkshire, Norwich and Roller Canaries in the North. We specialise in cages: 24, High-st. (next to "Daily Telegraph"), Sheffield. Prices as on Birmingham list. (491)

WANTED.

WANTED anything alive: Pearson, Royal Menageries, Greenwich.

WANTED Canaries, any quantity, cocks or pairs; also 1913 birds: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (709)

WANTED, Canaries and anything alive; purchase, or exchange other varieties: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (708)

WANTED Yorkshire or Norwich cock, exchange pair new trousers, value 7/6, any size: Clothing Stores, Hulton-st., Hanley. (703)

WANTED birds and cages, any variety, exchange splendid rough Airedale bitch, 2 years: Cranfield, 152, Hills-rd., Cambridge. (705)

WANTED, Canaries, large young birds, also speaking Parrots and British birds: Mrs Martin, 94, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (665)

WANTED Grey Parrot, in exchange for Borders and Norwich, good pairs; approval: 3, Chapel-st., Penygroes, Carnarvonshire, N.W. (707)

WANTED cock Blackbird, also pair of Pekin Nightingales; particulars to T. Birchmore, 1, Gillingham-st., Victoria, London, S.W. (701)

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Ducklings, chickens, Toy-dogs, etc.; cash immediately; state price, etc., to: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (690)

WANTED, rare and curious coloured birds, specimens preserved by me, moth proof, specimens for sale: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham. (670)

WANTED offers singing cock Canaries for cash or exchange tea, suit length 25/-, blankets, or dress lengths: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas. (707)

WANTED offers in Yorkshires or Rollers, full song, exchange gent.'s new cape macintosh, made by Anderson, or sell 25/-: R. S., 17, Lucas Avenue, Upton Park. (696)

WANTED, surplus stocks all varieties Canaries for cash; also Mules, Foreign, and British birds; cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (673)

WANTED birds, any description, or anything useful in exchange for breeding; flight or other cages, or loose fronts, any size: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd., South, Liverpool. (703)

WANTED Foreigners, exchange perfect Kodak daylight developing tank, with all appliances, cost advertiser 21/- (or sell 12/6): Clifford Heal, Grocer, Paulton, Somerset. (705)

WANTED for cash, singing Canaries, any variety, any quantity, also Pigeons, Bantams, and Rabbits; state price: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalist, Argyle-st., Glasgow. (710)

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Booklets." These quick-selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WANTED British, caged previous to closed season; will give 2/- cock Bullfinches, 3/- Goldfinches, 1/- each Larks, Linnets, Chaffinches; 6/- Goldfinch Mules, in full song; Jays, Jackdaws, Magpies, Guinea Pigs, Pigeons, Owls, etc., bought; state prices: Manager, Bird Stores, Wakefield. (704)

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; and common hen Canaries, give 1/4, Norwich 1/8, Yorkshires 2/- each, old or young ones. Wild birds wanted. Nice Indian green and white talking Parrot and new cage, sell 12/6 or exchange: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E.

WANTED FOR EXPORT

400 Canaries, 1912 or 1913, Yorkshire Plainhead, Norwich or Crests, good prices given: Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. (708)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE hand-reared Thrush, nicely in song, for common Pigeons, or offers: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs. ([illegible])

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, full song, nice cock Greenie, 5/-, or exchange: Allison, 70, Lancaster-rd., West Norwood. (704)

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, from 3/- upwards, or exchange hen Canaries, British show cages: Tupholme, Union-rd., Bourne. (704)

GOLDFINCH cock, muling condition, beauty, 7/6, or exchange Norwich cock; yours first: Barber, Westgate, Southwell, Notts. (702)

OFFERS wanted for two cock Brown Linnets, both singing, caged ever since last August: Collinge, Bankside, Bacup, Lancashire. (704)

LARGE birds, cock Siskin, finger tame, Norwich hen, cock Greenfinch, 7/- lot; offers: H., 19, Waddon New-road, Croydon. (708)

COCK Linnet, hen Canary, for muling, 4/-; grand yellow Greenfinch cock, 1/6; offers: W. Conie, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingboro'. (709)

EXCHANGE Linnet, excellent singer, and tame cock Greenfinch, for Roller hen or muling hen: Gibbens, 95, Peel-terrace, Stafford. (708)

H.M. BRITISH Redpoll, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, exchange good Goldfinch or offers: Thomas Cole, 77, Butcher's-lane, Cradley. (705)

WILL exchange cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and Linnet, for pair good Norwich Canaries: Ayres, 35, Tower-st., Fletton, Peterborough. (707)

THREE cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; will exchange Norwich Canaries, breeders; approval; yours first: Davison, Crows Nest, Haddenham, Bucks. (704)

EXCHANGE two cocks, one hen Goldies, cage moulted, for cobby unflighted Norwich cock, yours first: Farler, 29, May Croft-road, Weymouth. (705)

FOUR Greenies, one Chaffinch, one Twite, caged 6 months; yellow hen Canary, exchange Goldfinches or cock Canary, full song: H. Huish, Pound, Chard. (706)

FOR sale or exchange, two F.M. cock Greenies, in splendid plumage, will take cock Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite: Apply, Neilson, 5, Bank-place, Kilmarnock. (706)

HOUSE-MOULTED cocks, Linnet, Redpoll, two large Greenies, sure Mulers, exchange, offers Canaries: D'annatt, Tower Villa, Irthlingboro', Northants. (706)

CLEARING aviary of British. Some grand specimens, almost all hardbills, including nearly White Linnet, sell or exchange acclimatised Foreigners; callers preferred: Coe, 18, Caldervale-rd., Clapham. (703)

FOR sale or exchange, moulted Linnets for contests, call birds for field work; proud, fierce singers, and can win at contests, all in; will exchange for any kind of British birds, or one dozen pigeons, or will sell for 12/-; class singers from 15/- to £1: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terrace, Leeds. (704)

FOR sale, or exchange anything useful, hen Bullfinch, laid in cage, 3/-; cock Greenie, H.M., breeding condition, 3/6; cock Chaffinch, grand colour and steady, 2/6; cock Blackbird, singing, 7/6; pair Redpolls, 2/- a pair; drawing wagons for seed, 2/- each, with cage, 4/-; Norwich or British show cage, good as new, 1/6 each, all guaranteed as stated: Hopkins, 40, Walnut-st., Blackburn. (706)

Mainly Canaries.

WE will give 5/- for an estimate. See "Exchange Miscellaneous" heading.

HENS for sale, untried, exchange cock Canaries: Sims, Pitshanger-lane, Ealing. (705)

A PAIR of good Yorkshires for a Whippet or Manchester dog pup: A. Carter, Star-st., Ware, Herts. (703)

EXCHANGE 1 cock Roller, 1 Yorkshire hen for Goldfinch, Linnets, etc.; yours first: H. Glenton, 13, Walcott-st., Hull. (705)

LONG yellow Yorkshire cock, double breeder, good order, 9/-; exchange March chickens: Wilson, 6 Kempton-rd., New Ferry (70[illegible])

THREE Yorkshire cocks, one hen, 27/-; exchange anything useful for home, yours first: Willis, Park View, Rothwell, Kettering. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE Leipzig Roller cock, two hens, breeding condition, anything but birds, 15/- each: Houlder, Pontefract-rd., Knottingley. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE, one Norwich cock, one Crested hen, and one Norwich green hen, or sell, 12/- the three: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (70[illegible])

WILL give monster variegated buff Norwich cock for good Goldfinch Mule Finch, note, used to catching: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. ([illegible])

CHAMPION Norwich cock, two hens, 30/-; three D.B. cages, 9/-; exchange sewing machine, useful offers: 18, Stephen-st., Warrington. (70[illegible])

BORDER hen (clear), winner three 1sts, two 2nds, 1911 bred, 15/-; exchange silver chain, anything useful: Riddell, Cycle Agent, Corbridge. (701)

MULER, 3 years cage-moulted cock Goldfinch and yellow hen Canary for Roller cock, or offers: M. Lamacraft, Middletap-house, Liskeard. (70[illegible])

BUFF Norwich cock, full song, guaranteed breeder, 5/6; exchange cock Linnet Mule, wild Linnet song; yours first: Dixon, Nelson-st., Scarborough. (709)

EXCHANGE house-moulted Linnet and Lancs. Norwich unflighted buff hen, for pair of 1912 Rollers, sell 8/6: Hollows, 23, Littledale-st., Rochdale. (70[illegible])

LARGE variegated buff Yorkshire cock, exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch; approval willingly: Wm. Wearmouth, 4, Westcroft, Stanhope, Co. Durham. ([illegible]03)

MASSIVE 1911 clear yellow Norwich hen, cost 25/-, breeding condition; exchange for long yellow Yorks. cock, or sell 10/6; appro.: Drew, 27, Oxford-st. Manchester. (70[illegible])

LARGE Green Crested cock, Cinnamon, Green Norwich cock, good stock birds, £1; exchange carvers or electro-plate; offers: Riddington, Mafeking-terrace, Newmarket. (705)

THREE good Yorkshire, two fine Norwich hens, mostly clears, 10/6 lot; exchange ducklings, chicks, value 12/6; offers: Macklow, Ivy House, Little Wakering, Essex. (704)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 17/6; useful exchange; no postcards; only seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terrace Hyde Park, London. (706)

CLEARING, pair Borders, 7/6; 3 hens, 7/-, nesting; H.M. cock Skylark, 2/6; cock Greenie, topper, 1/6; Chaffinch, mad in song, 3/6; exchange: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (709)

CHAMPION singing Roller cock, grand notes, 12/6; six good cages, 5/-; exchange for gent's new boots, 8's, or phonograph records as wanted: F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable. (708)

EXCHANGE Cinnamon, Norwich, Yorkshire Canaries, muling Goldfinch, cages, for stereoscopic views, dress material, anything considered; sell cheap: Bennett, Quorn, Loughborough. (707)

EXCHANGE 1912 cock Goldfinch, 2 Norwich hens, good feeders, for a good yellow or buff Yorkshire cock; yours first; no rubbish: Walker, 6, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare, South Wales. (702)

NOTICE! What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, 12/6; any colour or pattern can be had: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (673)

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, 8/-; two good Norwich hens, 3/- each; fine cock Linnet and muling hen Canary, 4/6; useful exchange; nothing alive: F. Hotchin, 38, Belmont-st., Lincoln. (709)

EXCHANGE two hen Canaries, untried, one splendid cock Greenfinch, for good cock Canary, or what offers; also good flight cage, 33 x 30 x 20, sell 5/-, or offer; yours first: H. Lock, Rayne Lodge, Braintree. (703)

EXCHANGE few pair high-class Yorkshires, also African grey Parrot, talking, finger-tame, with new cage, for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.; carriage paid: H. Dean, 573, Leeds-rd., Shackley, Yorks. (709)

RETIRING from Fancy; seven real good Roller hens, B.R.C.C., 1912 birds; 4 Walton's strain direct; quantity nest-pans, cages, utensils; exchange; no birds; inspection invited: Blythe, Plane-st., Bacup. (70[illegible])

CHAMPION cock Linnet and hen Canary, 7/6 cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, 8/6; also two Golden Lizard hens, and cock, nesting; exchange foreigners or offers wanted: Weedall, 281, High-st., Winsford Cheshire. (708)

TYPICAL pair Borders, yellow cock, buff hen, nesting, 10/-; pair Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen 12/6, or exchange any of above for exhibition Britishers, field-moulted; approval: yours first: John Waddell, Kimberley Buildings, Bathgate, N.B. (709)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage for Pom. bitch, any colour, or sell £2: J. Percival, 29, Pimlico Walk, Hoxton. (703)

HANDSOME pair Pekin Nightingales, 4/6; exchange Mule or Canary songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (708)

ROSEBREASTED Parrot and cage, intelligent young bird, 15/-; exchange Yorkshires or Crests: 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (706)

WILL exchange two pairs of breeding Budgerigars for Canaries or British; yours first: Pearson, 47, Wellington-st., Old Hill, Staffs. (707)

WHAT offers flight cages, for Indian green Parrot genuine talker, sell 25/-; no postcards: H. Clemence 151, Lordship-lane, East Dulwich. (710)

BLUE-FRONT Amazon Parrot, very tame, acclimatised pet, says few words; approval, 35/-; exchange Burgess, 60, Taybridge-rd., Battersea. (704)

PAIR Red-crested Cardinals, cock Java, hen Lavender-headed Lovebird; exchange other varieties talking Parrot, anything: 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff (704)

CRESTED Cardinal, Pekin Robin, Wood Lark healthy cocks, various others; overstocked; offers cash or useful exchange: Canale, 23, South Park-rd., Wimbledon. (704)

Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE Bulldog collar, 2¼in. wide, value 5/-, for large flight cage: 8, Theresa-st., Blaydon-on-Tyne. (704)

TWO Black Magpie hen pigeons for sale cheap, 5/6 one a 3rd prize; or exchange: Bond, Saddler, Bulwell (703)

GENT'S cycle, 24in. B.S.A. frame, new tyres, 35/-; exchange large Norwich: Lane, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (709)

RACING Homers, young and old, offers wanted suit dealer: Walker, Bootmaker, Bingfield-st., King's Cross. (706)

EXCHANGE pair of prize Dutch rabbits for 26 x 1¼ covers or inner tubes: E., 38, High-st., Thornton Heath. (701)

EXCHANGE cabin trunk, never used, cost 25/-, for Canaries, or sell 16/-: Cox, 100, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (706)

WHAT offers in exchange for Bull Terrier dog, good pedigree; approval: Watts, Grocer, Albert-st., Merthyr. (708)

EXCHANGE pair white Cricket Flannel Trousers, as new, cost 13/6, for good cock Canary: 130, Alderson-rd., Sheffield. (705)

WHAT offers in birds for large shepherd bitch, 15 months, or sell 10/-: T. Chawley, 6, Orchard-terrace, Wellingborough. (706)

HOPPLE breeder 5/6, Crested hen 6/6, pair boots (fours) 8/-: offers: Miss Elliott, Shadycombe, Salcombe, S. Devon. (706)

VIOLIN, bow, case, genuine old instrument, also 10/- worth music; 35/- lot; offers wanted: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (707)

GOOD magic or enlarging lantern, 4in. condenser, iron case, good lens, complete: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-terrace, Bradford. (705)

VIOLIN, bow, tutor, and 200 Hobbies' fretwork designs for sale, 10/- lot, or offers: James Webb, Cockfield, Durham. (707)

TWO Parrots' round cages, hardly used, 5/-, 6/-; silver Waltham watch, excellent order, 15/-: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (708)

EXCHANGE large breed mealworms for large house-moulted cock Siskin or Goldfinch, offers: Ball, 66, Kimberley-st., Coppull. (703)

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk lined case, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: John Curtis, 20, Dover-st., Sheffield. (710)

GENT.'S cycle (Swift), in running order; exchange talking Parrot or Canaries to value £2: Muggeridge, Albion-terrace, Horsham. (706)

GENT'S free-wheel cycle, 25/-; exchange Canaries, 10in. records, poultry, anything useful: Turtill, 29, Northgate-st., Colchester. (707)

EXCHANGE good mandoline in case, cost £2 15s., for Yorkshire cock and hen and breeder, value £1: Fox, 6, Darlington-st., Bath. (707)

EXCHANGE nearly new Loxley pigeon basket, hold 12, for Siberian or British Goldfinch: J. Barsley, 9, John-st., Worksop, Notts. (709)

48-KEYED English Concertina and tutor, £2 2s., or exchange petrol, gas, or oil engine, or Rollers: R. Lawton, Fleming-st., Barnsley. (703)

BOOTS, Suits, Curtains, Quilts, Sheets, Drapery, Carpets, Cutlery, in exchange for Canaries: Exchange Co., 155, London-rd., Sheffield. (705)

WHIPPET bitch, 9 months, very handsome, 25/-, or exchange Yorkshires or Ferrets: Gange, Branksome Hill, College Town, Camberley. (701)

PAIR cycle wheels, 24 x 1½, free wheel, good tyres, exchange pair yellow Budgerigars or two cock Canaries: Criddleford, Honiton. (703)

FOX terrier bitch puppy, smooth hair, 12 weeks old, sell 7/6, or exchange anything useful: North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (709)

HOMING and fancy pigeons, 2/-, 3/6, 5/-, 10/- pair; approval before payment: exchange birds: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green. (657)

EXCHANGE half-plate Camera, tripod, bag, all accessories, for Canaries, offers; approval both ways: Evans, 48, Amos-hill, Penygraig. (701)

OFFERS in exchange, for 6 single and 3 double cages, used one season, or sell 12/6 complete: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-terrace, Bradford. (705)

GOOD wire-haired Fox Terrier bitch, kill anything, and clean in habits, etc.; exchange, or sell 10/-: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs. (706)

PAIR hand made clapnets, 10 yards, take 4ft. 8 poles, all utensils, exchange Canaries, Mules, fowls: Tomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green. (708)

EXCHANGE Black Leghorn cockerel for yellow Yorkshire cock Canary, on full song: E. Cannock, Greet, nr. Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. (707)

MEMORIAL monuments made, lettered, and decorated, from 5/-; photo. on application (returnable): Hughes, 44, Wellington-rd., Stoke-on-Trent. (706)

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, plain talker, 45/-; also gent's cycle, 25/-, good order; exchange either for birds; yours first: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (705)

SILVER double-cased hunter watch, in perfect order, 15/-; or part exchange good cock Canaries: George Roberts, 13, Padley-st., Bulwell, Notts. (707)

EDISON Gem Phonograph and eleven records, 17/6; exchange good Norwich cock and hen Canaries; approval; yours first: Gregory, 15, John-st., Bolton. (705)

FOX Terrier dog, fifteen months, fond of children, 15/-; also two 1912 hen Canaries, 6/-, or exchange: Baggott, 9, Nadyr-rd., Llandaff North, nr. Cardiff. (708)

EDISON Standard Phonograph, 56 records, nearly new, perfect order, accept 70/-, exchange Canaries; birds first: C. Norris, 41, Lawson-st., Dewsbury, Yorks. (703)

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives, and hollow-ground razor, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield. (710)

SPLENDID pair Norwich with eggs and breeding cage, sell 14/-, or exchange gramophone; also C.P. aviary, mahogany, 7/6: 108, Jedburgh-rd., Plaistow, E. (703)

EDISON Gem Phonograph, 28inch horn, stand, 30 records, perfect condition, exchange pocket camera, offers, sell 30/-: Fairey, Colenso-st., West Hartlepool. (708)

FREE.—Two full-sized tins of washable cage enamel, any colour, to all sending 6d. for the postage and packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (695)

CAMERA, folding, 3½ x 2½, films or plates; cost £2 2s., as new; beautiful little model: offers high-class Yorkshires; both approval: Uttley, Hope-place, Liverpool. (702)

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, five Norwich Canaries and cages, sell cheap or exchange early-hatched chickens: Wilson, 18, Pelham-rd., South Tottenham. (703)

FIVE well-bred beautifully marked Wire-haired Terrier puppies, dogs 12/6, bitches 10/-; hand-reared Larks [illegible] each; all on approval: Hanmer, 5, Church-rd., Rhos-on-Sea. (704)

ONE new Douglas aviary and two new Crystal Palace aviaries, also gramophone and disc records, and large metal aquarium for sale cheap: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (707)

PAIR [illegible] boots, long white tops, worn few times, size 9: cost £2 5/-, exchange for anything useful, no rubbish offered or wanted: E. J. Allen, Pen[illegible], Brierley Hill. (Q)

BEAUTIFUL gent's keyless watch, "John Forrest, London," champion timekeeper: 5/6 patent lever, [illegible] timekeeper: or exchange: Parratt, 127, [illegible], Bradford. (766)

"CANARIES, Hybrids and British Birds," new, cost [illegible]; exchange big unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, good head, bird first or sell 15/-: Fellows, 16, St. Margaret's-rd., Coventry. (705)

GENT'S cycle, nearly new, splendid condition, Dunlop tyres, [illegible], value £4; exchange good cob harness, Canaries, Poultry, joiner's tools, anything: [illegible], 59, Edward-st., Dowlais. (708)

TWELVE Guinea Pigs, sale or exchange; young adult sows in young: Haddrell, South Godstone. ([illegible])

EXCHANGE good single-barrel breech-loading gun, 410 bore, for two pairs of good Canaries, or sell £1: Dickson, 21, Sheppard-st., Pontypridd. (705)

YELLOW cock Siskin, two hen Mules, 10/-; three fine Canary songsters, 7/- each; room wanted; useful exchange entertained: Robert Baty, 1, Upper Conran-st., Harpurhey, Manchester. (708)

GENUINE bargains; Edison's Standard phonograph, with 100 records, £2 2s.; half-plate camera, with instantaneous shutter, three-fold stand, £1 5s.; write: Parcell, 32, Sidney-rd., Waltham Cross. (707)

GRAMOPHONE, fine tone, 25/-; 15 double records, 12/6; lot 35/-; Gamage ½-plate hand camera, waterproof carrying case, 10/-; exchange Canaries: Kempsell, 63, Maydwell-st., Camberwell, London. (707)

GREYHOUND bitch registered in stud, "Sudden Death"; best offer in cash; warranted to catch hare or rabbit; or exchange Parrot and cage, or other fancy; approval: Brown, Station-rd., Radlett. (705)

TYPEWRITER (cost £25), Barlock, in excellent working order, as good as new; exchange army bell tents, kitchen ranges, with hot-water apparatus, or anything useful: The Grove, Penygroes, N. Wales. (Q)

BROWNIE camera, and No. 2 developing box, and all accessories, as new; also Canaries, Hybrids, and British birds, cost 25/- recently; exchange Canaries or anything useful: Edmundson, 16, Wall-st., Blackburn. (709)

400-DAY large size brass clock under globe, £1 5/-; gent's gold-plated lever watch, 4/-; gold-filled curb double Albert, warranted 25 years, 3/-; all as new, exchange anything: Cottam, 13, Thirkill-st., Bradford. (705)

A Prize of 5/-

will be given for a correct estimate of the number of advertisements which will appear under the "Exchange Miscellaneous" heading in our next issue.

SIMPLE CONDITIONS.

Each estimate must be accompanied by a prepaid advertisement not less than 6d. in value, and which may be correctly placed in the "Exchange Miscellaneous" section.

RATES—18 Words, 6d., and 2 Words 1d. after.

Just enclose your announcement along with remittance and a slip of paper bearing your name and address and the number you estimate.

N.B.—Advertisements for this heading should offer *Articles or Animals* for sale or exchange, or, if birds, these must not be of one variety. For one variety of bird we have other headings.

Closing Date—Tuesday Next, MAY 27th.

These Figures will Help You.

Advertisements appeared under "Exchange Miscellaneous" last year as follows:—

May 18, 67; May 25, 47; June 8, 60; June 15, 56.

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THE ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER,
"Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

YORKSHIRE Terrier stud dog, good pedigree, accept £3 or exchange Canaries; birds first; also old print by J. E. Ogle, Church of Jesuits, dated 1859; what offers: J. Sheard, 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (703)

SPLENDID pair boots, 7's; muling pair; bred Mules this year; exchange good breeding cages or good Norwich buff hen; also gent's bicycle, 10 months old; exchange tailor-made suit; sell £3 10s.: Jones, Glan-y-Morfa, Talsarnau. (706)

TWO cock Linnets, singing, 1/6 each; 3 Greenfinches, cocks, 1/- lot; cock Lark, grand songster, bow-fronted cage, 3/6; violin, wants stringing, 12/-, worth double; exchange Canaries, useful: J. Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (705)

SELL or exchange anything useful, 18 Pathe discs, in good condition; also pair White Javas, pair Nuns, pair Cutthroats, all winners, show cards sent: or sell 40/-, or part exchange for anything useful: John Gawith, 11, Birtwhistle Yard, Skipton. (702)

TWO hand-reared 1913 Thrushes, just started singing, 4/- each; 1 cock Linnet and hen Canary, bred and reared 8 Mules last year, including even-marked and light; now ready to nest, sell 10/-; exchange Rollers or offers: Gaute, 4, Queen-st., Maidenhead. (709)

BARGAINS. 21 2/6 double-sided 10in. gramophone records, good condition, 1/6 each; one new 12in. double-sided, 2/6; fine tone accordian, 3 acting stops, new, value 15/-, take 10/-; muling Linnet and Canary hen, 5/- pair: King, 19, Leslie-rd., Dorking, Surrey. (703)

SELL 7 fine Yorkshire hens, ready for nesting; 3 ditto cock birds, some winners; 3 large double breeders, 2 single ditto; wrought-iron stands for same; all bird-room accessories; hot-water apparatus; copper tubular boiler; riding bridle and real pigskin saddle, wants relining; must sell; going away: Cymro, 20, Lessingham-avenue, Upper Tooting. (704)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

2 WORDS 1d. THROUGHOUT

is the rate charged for all advertisements not relating to birdkeeping. The following headings are available: Aquarium; Cats; Clothing; Cycles; Garden; Household; Kennel; Mice; Musical Instruments; Natural History; Photography; Pigeons; Rabbits; Sport; and Various.

Aquarium.

GOLDFISH, AQUARIUMS, fish globes, grottos, etc., stamp for price list: British Goldfish Breeding Co., 61-3, St. George's-rd., Elephant and Castle, London. (670)

DE VON & CO.

Sunfish, 4d.; Dogfish, 6d.; Catfish, 4d.; Newts, 1d.; Tritons, 2d.; Dragon Fly Larvæ, 2d.; Silkworm eggs, 3d. 100; Snakes, Lizards, Frogs, etc.; Goldfish, 1d. to 2/6 each; Frogbit, 1/- dozen roots; price lists: De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. Trade supplied.

BUSINESSES.

FOR disposal, double-fronted shop, one side birds, other side seeds, sundries, cages, and dog requisites, good class trade; for further particulars write or call: The Aviaries, High-rd., East Finchley. (687)

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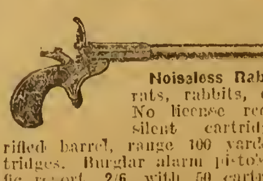

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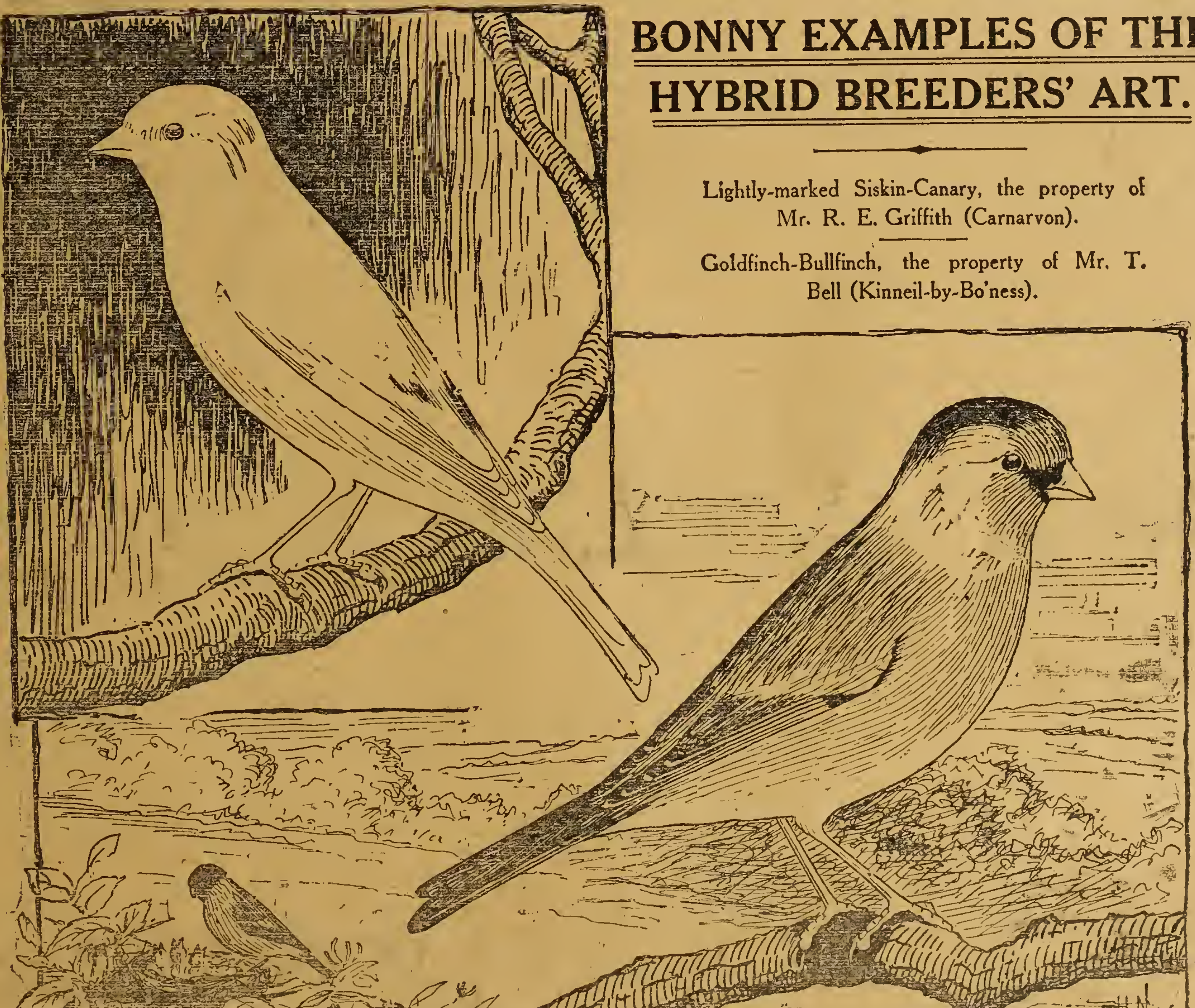

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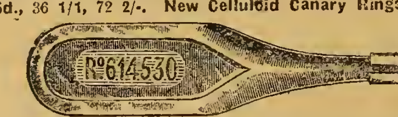

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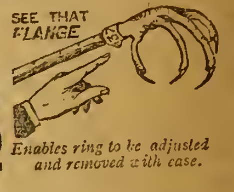

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WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Ducklings, chickens, Toy dogs, etc.; cash immediately; state price, etc., to: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (690)

WANTED, rare and curious coloured birds, specimens preserved by me, moth proof, specimens for sale: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham. (670)

WILL give 4/9 large fed cock Canaries; 1/9 hens; 4/6 large matured cocks; 1/6 hens; 5/3 pairs; others; stamp: B. Soanes, Merchant, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (719)

WANTED, surplus stocks all varieties Canaries for cash; also Mules, Foreign, and British birds; cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (673)

WANTED, young and old hen Canaries; any kind; also good singing cocks: anything alive bought; state prices: Manager, Bird and Poultry Stores, Wakefield. (714)

WANTED, pair gent's second-hand shooting boots size 8; exchange cock Blackbird, on song, and cage, or sell 8/-: Bliss, 12, Collins-st., Blackheath, London, S.E. (716)

YORKSHIRES wanted, give 5/6, cocks, singing; also 1913 young, state price; cash deposited: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (695)

WANTED, cocks and hens, Canaries, Mules, Bullfinches, prompt cash or exchange pullets, chicks, puppies, pigeons, rabbits; state wants: offers: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London. (715)

WANTED Linnet or Goldfinch, or Magpie, or offers; will give a good gun metal watch and a new Sheffield razor, a strong pair nail boots, size 8, 5/-; no rubbish wanted, or give birds first: R. Rolfe, 35, Shepherds-lane, Bucks. (716)

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Booklets." These quick-selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

TWO pairs Chaffinches, 6/-; 2 cock Linnets, Mule breeders, 6/-; exchange offers: Seapens, 31, Drysdale-st., Hoxton Street, N.

EXCHANGE lovely cock Bullfinch and Linnet, in song, for three Norwich show cages: Brown, 10, Plas-ter., Fleur-de-lis, Cardiff. (713)

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, for one cock or three hen Canaries: Harry Royko, 262, Beet-st., Sheffield. (713)

EXCHANGE house-moulted Welsh cock Goldfinch, splendid muler, for 1912 Norwich cock, for stock: Clarke, 5, Clifton-rd., Fleetwood. (714)

TWO variegated cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, pure Finch note, 5/6 each; exchange cock Goldfinches: John W. Devaney, Knaresborough. (716)

GENT'S 8-day silver Hunter watch, engraved cases, good timekeeper, 7/6; hand-reared cock Blackbird, 3/-: Rose, 38, Wellington-st., Ipswich. (718)

EXCHANGE two grand cock Goldfinches, one muled last year, both house-moulted, for good singing Roller cock: Hill, 54, Clifton-st., Lytham. (713)

NEW 5/- hollow-ground razor for cock Canary, cock Goldfinch, cock Mule, or large yellow hen Canary; mine first: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke. (718)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, and cock Linnet, both in grand song, for good cock Roller Canary, 1912: E. Tonge, 20, Meredith-st., Gt. Lever, near Bolton. (716)

COCK Hawfinch, steady and large, and good plumage, 7/6; Red-breasted Redpoll, 2/6; white dog ferret, good worker, 5/-; or exchange: Prior, Dickinson's-place, Woodside, S. Norwood. (718)

SALE or exchange, 6 British, for Hybrids, cock Greenfinch and hen Chaffinch, cock Chaffinch and hen Bullfinch, cock Redpoll and cock Goldfinch: E. Smith, Oakland-st., Alfreton. (714)

BARGAINS; white-legged cock Goldie, 4/6; Greenfinch, topper, 1/6; Chaffinch, singing mad, 3/6; three hen Canaries, 7/-; exchange, Border show cages wanted: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (718)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE untried variegated hen Canary, for Thrush stock cage: 98, Martins-rd., Shortlands. (716)

PAIR Yorkshires, 12/6; crested hen, 6/6, cages; useful exchange: Miss Elliott, Shadycombe, Salcombe, S. Devon. (716)

EXCHANGE one Yorkshire cock, two hens, double breeder, for fly fishing tackle: A. Crapper, 20, Bilton Drive, Harrogate. (717)

EXCHANGE, pair of Norwich for Seifert Roller cock, sell 12/6; what offers; Willis, 13, Lower Bailey-st., Wattstown, Glam. (712)

EXCHANGE 1912 Norwich songster, for common hens, to value, 10/-; Norwich or Yorks: D. Roberts, 11, Woodfield, Blackwood, Mon. (714)

FOR sale, grand buff Norwich cock, crested hen, Goldfinch, winner, full song, bred mules: Welch, 14, Cavendish-st., Chorley, Lancs. (717)

TICKED buff Yorkshire hen, typical, lengthy, 10/6; also yellows, reasonable; exchange one for big cock: Jeans, Hendford Station, Yeovil. (716)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, for useful household furniture, or sewing machine (useful offers considered): Foulkes, 61, Upper Medlock-st., Manchester. (715)

EXCHANGE good cock Linnet Mule, for good pair St. Andreasburg Rollers, or sell 8/6; approval; yours first: Jordan, No. 4, Ellerhayes, Hele, Cullompton, Devon. (715)

TWO fine buff Norwich cocks, Lawson's strain, good breeding condition, good green Border hen, lot 14/-, or anything; approval: Postman, 6, Colville-ter., Carlisle. (714)

NOTICE! What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, 12/6; any colour or pattern can be had: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (678)

EXCHANGE few pair high-class Yorkshires, also African grey Parrot, talking, finger-tame, with new cage, for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.; carriage paid: H. Dean, 573, Leeds-rd., Thackley, Yorks. (709)

SELL or exchange, two splendid Norwich cocks and one hen, untried, for men's and boys' boots, sizes 8 men's, and 13 boy's; or sell £1; yours first: George Larmouth, Philipson Buildings, Flint Hill, Diptou. (712)

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Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held at the British Oak Hotel Whit Tuesday, when some of the best birds in Sheffield sung for 3 prizes: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Watson; also May 18: 1, 2, Watson; 3, 4, 5, Robinson. Also May 25: 1, Robinson; 2, Watson; 3, Thompson.—E. Robinson, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Linnet singing contest held at the Shakespeare Hotel, May 17, for three good prizes; 23 birds entered, and some good singing was heard before a poor attendance. 1, Harrison; 2, Devine; 3, Appleton. Open contest every Saturday until further notice.—M. Devine, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held May 24; 27 sang for three prizes. 1, Pugh; 2, Nelson; 3, Proctor. Also May 25 we had another good day; we had some very good singing. 28 birds sang for three prizes. 1s, Williams; 2, 3, Piper. Don't forget that we still hold our weekly open contest open to everybody; come in crowds.—W. Beard, Sec.

Contest held at the Woodman Inn, May 17. 1, Jones; 2, Proctor; 3, Piper. Also weekly open contest, May 18, 31 birds entered for four good prizes. 1, Proctor; 2, Nelson; 3, Jones; 4, Piper. —W. Beard, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Second club contest for quality, held at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, May 24; 26 entered for seven prizes and cup. Cup was won by W. Barnes; having won it twice before, it becomes his own. There was some very good singing. 1, Barnes; 2, Jones; 3, Statham; 4, Dobson; 5, Smedley; 6, Hayhurst; 7, Bentley. Consolation contest will be held June 14, when there will be some very good prizes given, and I hope to see all our members.—T. Hayhurst.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held Butchers' Arms, Union Street, May 17, for time; 24 sang for three prizes:—1, Edwards; 2, Green; 3, Hickman; timekeepers, Messrs. J. Talbot and J. Syddall; minutes, G. Bate; birdman, T. Jolley. Usual fortnightly contest will be held May 31, first pair up at 2.45. Second club sing, June 7, for members only, when six good prizes will be given, first pair up at 2.45. Those members who are in arrears with contributions will be expected to square up a bit before contest.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 24; 19 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Ward; 2, Wigfield; 3, Clegg; Judges, Lacy, Naylor. Extra contest same day, 10 sang for 2 prizes; 1, Farrar; 2, Ward. Also May 25, 30 birds sang for 4 prizes; 1, Sissons; 2, Wigfield; 3, Farrar; 4, Chadwick. Judges, J. Thompson; A. Butler; W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor.

Linnet singing contests for quality, held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 25; 19 birds sang in heats for 3 prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick; some very good singing was heard before a crowded house: 1, Ward; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets, held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, May 25; 28 sang for four prizes: 1, Soloman; 2, Playforth; 3, Chippendale; 4, Towers. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns, H. Inson; timekeeper, T. Chippendale.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

WINCHBURGH P.P. AND C.B.S.

Meeting held May 23, Mr. Haig chair. Decided to hold annual show November 22, also to hold a meeting on the first Friday of every month until the show. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.—A. Bishop, Sec.

(Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

AINTREE, FAZAKERLEY F.S.

Quarterly members' show will be held at the society's new headquarters, St. Mary Hall, Walton Church, June 10th. Second annual nest feather show held in conjunction with this event. Mr. V. H. Deacon invited to judge. Usual classes will be provided. Entrance fee, sixpence each exhibit. All stock to be penned by 3 p.m. Entries close June 8. New members wanted.—Hon. Sec., J. A. Anderson, 53, Long Lane.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 15, at headquarters, Horse and Jockey, Mr. Hibberson chair. After the usual business a very important item was our Nest Feather Show, it being finally decided to hold it this year at our club house, June 21. Judges were nominated; their names will appear in due course if they accept. Hoping all members will try to attend the next meeting, when a treat is promised, viz., a lecture on "British Bird Life," by Mr. Darlow.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.H.C.

Annual general meeting, held May 21. Mr. Topping presided over a fair attendance. Balance-sheet showed an income of £2 15s., and expenditure £2 9s. 11d., balance 5s. 1d., and was passed as correct. After the rules had been gone carefully through, it was carried that they remain as they were. Decided to hold a meeting on June 14, in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, near Monument, to allot patronage for the forthcoming show season. Societies desiring same must have their application in by then, time 7.30. It is hoped that those members who live in the country will try and attend, as this meeting has been specially called on a Saturday to give them a chance to have a say in the allotting of our patronage. Decided to ask Mr. W. H. Butler to stand for Presidentship; vice-presidents, Mr. J. Mackenzie, Mr. Tindle, Mr. Crawhall, Mr. Cracknell, Lady Patron, Mrs. Crosby; chair, Mr. R. Topping; vice-chair, Mr. Lawson; committee, all local members, with the addition of Messrs. G. Dobinson, Seaton Delaval; E. Cowling, Morpeth: Thos. Fletcher, Rowlands Gill. Auditors, Messrs. A. Holden, J. Pierson; sec., Mr. R. Laidlaw, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle, to whom all future correspondence must be sent, I having resigned, owing to not having the time to look after same, since taking over the secretaryship of Gateshead Society. A vote of thanks was given to the late secretary for his past services, and to one and all I extend my most sincere thanks for their kindness to me while I have been secretary. Mr. Hodson Birtley was elected a member. I appeal to Norwich fanciers in the following counties: Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland to join us, as this society was formed to look after the interests of their favourite, and to see that proper classification and equal prize-money was given. Societies desiring our patronage must give not less than six classes, and one or more novice classes, and state name of judge, and apply by the date mentioned herein. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d.—W. Curry, late Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Drill Hall, May 23, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Several new members were put forward and accepted. Secretary intimated that the schedule for this year would show an increase of 9 classes, making in all 88. Ramble takes place on Monday to Raith Estate. All fanciers are heartily invited to join in the day's outing.—R. Muir, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held Oldham Hall, May 22, Mr. G. Green, chair. 25 new members were elected. The following were proposed: Messrs. Higham, Lomax, Redpath, Fawcett, Rushton, for election next meeting. Applications for patronage were read from Preston, Manchester, Bradford, Halifax, Newcastle, Scottish National, and Sheffield. It is proposed to hold a nest feather show July 19; see advertisement later. After a very interesting time, meeting closed.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting held May 24. Business re Nest Feather Show. was settled; also chairman and sec's report re hall for annual show was heard, and it was decided to leave that over till next meeting. Table show, held same night. Mr. R. Wilford judged with satisfactory results. GREENF.: 1, Redpath; 2, Davidson; 3, Wild. BUNTING: 1, vhc, Davidson, Yellow and Corn Bunting respectively; 2, hc, Wild Yellow and Reed Bunting; 3, Forster, Yellow Bunting.—R. Ward, Sec.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Meeting held at Oddfellows Hall, Plymouth, May 20. Mr. C. Dart presided over a very good attendance for the time of the year. Arrangements were made for Nest Feather Shows for cup competition, June 4, June 25, and July 15. Judges for June 4th show; Yorks., Mr. C. Large; Norwich, Mr. J. E. Rowe; Crests, Mr. C. Hoar; Cinnamons and A.O.V., Mr. F. Snell; Mules and British, Mr. G. Pridham. The evening was spent in discussion on questions relating to the breeding season, some very interesting queries as to difficulties in the breeding room being propounded and answered.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH C.C. OF ULSTER

Meeting held May 3, at Headquarters, Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Mr. Adams, and as Mr. Barclay, our sec., is still unable to be present, Mr. J. Stewart again kindly took his place. Specials referred to in our last report coming to hand all is now satisfactory. Six new members nominated: Messrs. A. Vernor, F. E. Wheatley, J. Woods, G. McKeown, J. Bradley, W. Kane; next meeting in above hall, June 7, and as all members should be clear on the books a good muster is requested to attend, when some very important business will come forward, and as some of our members are using closed rings we shall be pleased to have their opinion of them. A hearty welcome to the Fancy and their friends is extended.—Walter Connell, Asst. Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Monthly meeting held Guildhall, Wandsworth Rd., May 22, Mr. H. Norman presiding over a good attendance. The rules as drawn up by the committee were submitted, and after being carefully read and a few alterations made, were passed. Decided that the club's patronage be given to societies providing four champion classes and two novices, as follows: Champ cl. cr tkd. buff cock, ditto yellow, A.V. hen, A.O.V. cock or hen, novice yellow cock or hen, ditto buff. The society will give a silver spoon at each show held under the club's patronage. Mr. R. A. Newley very kindly offered a marble clock, value £2 for champion section, and there is a cruet for novice section. Mr. J. Robson and Mr. F. Burton were elected auditors. The following members were elected:—Messrs. Allen Silver, Willis, Earwaker, Green, Wall, Dr. Lawrie, Hands, junr., Burnell, Bobberts, Woods, Jopling, Maycock, Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Aitken. Mr. R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, was appointed cage maker to the club, and has promised a percentage to the club on all cages sold. A cup fund has been opened, and was well supported, and as it is hoped to get a £10 10s. cup, all members and friends are earnestly requested to subscribe to the fund. Subs. are now due, and members would greatly assist the committee by forwarding same as early as possible.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Bradford, May 17, before the largest gathering of members this year, over 40 being present; Mr. Morement, chair. After we had made two new members, sample show prize cards were handed round for inspection, business here being curtailed in order to proceed with the debate on the breeding and feeding of Canaries, as announced at last meeting. Mr. Chittenden should have been asked to open the debate, but, unfortunately, through an error, was not notified, so our hon. sec., Mr. W. Helliwell, kindly consented to act in his place. In opening the debate, he said he believed the best plan was to run birds in pairs and not sets, as a great many of our members ran their birds in sets. One or two questions being asked as to the quantity of birds he had reared in one year on his method of pairing, he said he usually used about 13 or 15 hens, and for the last eight years he had never missed rearing 100 young. Green food he strongly recommended—watercress, fresh every day if possible, and egg-food fresh daily. Where anyone had the opportunity of making his egg-food twice a day during the feeding period, this plan was the better. For birds in the nest their best meal was first thing in the morning. Cages should be cleaned once a week, and when the young were ready to be taken from their parents no one need be afraid of having drinking water in the cage, because, if the water be clean and pure, it could not possibly harm the youngsters. Mr. Helliwell brought his remarks to a finish to allow a little time for questions and general discussion, after which a vote of thanks to Mr. Helliwell was unanimously carried.—P. N. Jenkinson, Asst. Sec.

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ARBROATH C.B.S.

Meeting held May 21. It was gratifying to see the membership increasing, also the funds coming up. It was arranged to have a ramble on Sunday, June 1. Meet at Tower-Nook at 10 a.m. Other minor matters were considered, and the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. Gray, Sec.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting held May 21; Mr. J. G. Bescoby presided over a good meeting. Decided to hold members' F.F. show, June 7th. Classes:—Buff Norwich, yellow Norwich, buff Yorkshire, yellow Yorkshire, A.O.V., Linnets, Mules, and Goldfinch or Bullfinch. Birds must be staged by 6.30. Special for best bird in the show. Anyone wishing to become a member before the show may do so by writing for particulars to the secretary.—J. Griffiths, Bridge St., Clay Cross.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Silver Grill, Tredegar, May 22; Mr. J. Griffiths, chair. Messrs. J. Harding and D. J. Vaughan were accepted as members. Decided to hold table show of first feather birds, June 10. Birds to be staged by 7; judge, Mr. Evan Powell; entry, 3d. per bird; money to go towards open show fund. Secretary instructed to obtain ornamental prize cards, same to be awarded at above show. I hope members will bring all their young birds and so help on the show funds. A hearty invitation is extended to all fanciers. Admission free.—W. B. Watkins, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Second evening show held May 22; judge, Mr. Forse, Leyton C.B.S.; a splendid entry of 183. Silver spoons, specials and cards presented next meeting, June 12, 8.30, Workman's Hall, by Mr. Forse. Mr. G. A. Parker won special for best bird in show with a fine Yorkshire, also special for most points.

CANARY: 1, 2, 3, Parker; res, vhc, Sherman. GOLDF.: 1, Parker; 2, Sherman; 3, res, Lafbury; vhc, Hawkes. LINNET: 1, Hawkes; 2, Lafbury; 3, Sherman. SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, Sherman; 2, Parker; 3, res, vhc, Lafbury. GREENF. or CHAFF.: 1, res, Lafbury; 2, vhc, Parker; 3, Sherman. BULLF.: 1, Parker; 2, Sherman; 3, Hawkes. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, Sherman. MULE: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Lafbury. SOFTBILL: 1, Hawkes; 2, Lafbury.—A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

On May 21, at Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, the above association held an interesting egg-food mixture competition. Eight members entered, and the various ingredients and methods adopted by them were fully explained during the process of mixing, which in each instance was done with great care and precision. There was little to choose between the various mixtures, which was proved by the even distribution of votes by members present, who were requested to place them in order of merit. First prize was awarded to Mrs. W. J. Salter, the only lady competitor, and second to Mr. H. Neightown. There was a fair attendance, but I am hoping for a record at our next meeting, June 18, when we hold a young stock table show. Members and friends are cordially invited.—P. W. Jeffries.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, May 24; Mr. Towers, chair. There was a good attendance. Decided that there be ten patronage shows only, and full patronage be given to each show; members to show separate birds for the separate competitions, three birds to count in each, and competing birds to be marked as follows:—For the Ogden trophy, Y.C.C.O.; Ramsden cup, Y.C.C.R.; amateur competition, Y.C.C.A.; the junior novice competition, at Yorkshire Union shows only, Y.C.C.A. Mr. J. Bailey offered a cup value 3 guineas as 1st prize in the amateur competition, which was accepted with thanks. The following were granted the club's patronage:—Great Horton; Windhill O.S., Halifax; Bradford East, Carlisle; Sheffield O.S., Blaydon-on-Tyne; Bradford City; Bradford West; and Bradford Nat. Messrs. P. Taylor, J. Bushey, Marshall Bros., and J. C. Beaumont, were elected members.—John Greaves, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.C.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, May 17; chair, Mr. W. A. Wilson, Leeds. Resignation of Mr. S. Dean was accepted with regret. New members elected:—Messrs. J. Wilson, C. Parks, T. Proctor, J. Livingstone, E. Hattersley, J. Smith, F. Hodgson, Pickup and Son. Letter read from Mr. J. W. Ramsden; the club to thank him for special prize offered. Decided to let members' show with closed ring birds if they wished (except at Yorkshire Union shows, where the club's patronage is given). Sub-committee appointed to transact any business of minor importance:— Messrs. Cowgill, Simonett, Fortnam, Hammond, Chittenden, Wilcock (Sam), J. Roe. Decided to give patronage at ten shows. Owing to clashing of dates, we are open to accept applications for shows held on Oct. 14th, Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 13, 20; these are open dates. Patronage was granted to the following:—Oct. 10-11, Leeds C.B.S.; Oct. 17-18, Halifax O.S.; Oct. 25, Bradford East O.S.; Oct. 29-30, Border City (Carlisle) O.S.; Nov. 7-8, Sheffield O.S.; Nov. 22, City of Bradford O.S.; Dec. 5, 6, 8, Bradford National C.B.S.; Dec. 31-Jan 1, Scottish National. It is hoped that the few members in arrears for 1912-13 will forward same on to me as early as possible. Intending members send in your names early.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Adjourned annual general meeting, held at New Headquarters, "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, May 20th; president, Mr. R. L. Crisp, chair, with a good attendance. Balance sheet was adopted and passed as correct. Votes of thanks were accorded to officers for services rendered during the year 1912, and to the dinner committee, Messrs. Trower, Shepherd, Boxall, and Wallington. Mr. Trower replied on their behalf. President presented a silver-plated teapot to Mr. Marley as special prize for most points in the British section during 1912, two similar teapots and a silver cup were there to be presented, but unfortunately the winners were not in attendance. Proposed to ask Mr. Pickard to take charge of the silver cups, etc., belonging to the association, and that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Pickard for his kindness in taking charge of same for 1912. The following were nominated for membership:—Messrs. Brownlie, Stevens, Johnson, Clark, and Shearman. Letter from the London Federation was read, also a proposal for the reconstruction of the Federation, this having been previously discussed by the committee, who recommended the adoption of same; the proposal was carried. Decided to hold young bird show, June 21; Mr. John Robson, judge. Schedule as last year; birds staged by 2 o'clock. Mr. R. L. Crisp kindly gave a silver-plated teapot for most points in the Canary section at three shows. Mr. John Robson had kindly prepared some most interesting questions on Canaries; these were handed to the members, and some most useful information was obtained in the discussion of same. Owing to the late hour it was decided to close the meeting and to take the remainder of the unanswered papers at next meeting, when it is hoped that every member will endeavour to be present. A committee meeting was held after the meeting, and the following were elected members:—Messrs. Thurley, Hall, Nicholls, Brownlie, Stevens, Johnson, Clark, and Shearman; officers and committee please note, the next committee meeting will be held at the "El Vino," June 3; no further notice will be sent.—Jas. Bray, Junr., Sec.; F. Knight, P.C.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN (Confined) O.A.

Monthly meeting, held May 5, in the Grand National Halls, S.S. There was a fair turn-out of members. A record was taken of the number of young birds (Scotch Fancies) each member had to report. Pres. Fulton topped the list with 16; Messrs. Gray and Orr reported 11 each, Mr. Fleming 6, Mr. Renwick 4; total 67 young; a much better report than on the same date last year.—R. Jolliffe,

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The following are additional members for 1913:—F. Strathearn (South Alloa); J. D. Maxwell, P. Maxwell, J. Carlaw (Falkirk); L. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill); J. Morrison (Helensburgh); J. D. Brown, J. Brown (E. Kilbride); R. Johnston (Musselburgh); G. C. T. Hope, P. McNiven, Jas. Tait (Edinburgh); Wm. Hunter (Wishaw); W. Wilson (Blantyre); M. Frew (Neilston); R. Thoms (Dundee); W. McClure, J. Muir, Jas. Orr, John Orr, J. McMahon, W. Lees, W. Gray (Glasgow); J. Y. Millar (Cardonald); G. Fulton (Partick); A. Clark (Rutherglen).—A. M. Baird, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held May 23, at Assembly Rooms. Present:—Chairman, Mr. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Jones; hon. treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards; Messrs. G. W. Jones, E. Jones, E. Hughes, and R. E. Griffith, sec. Letter read re badges for presidents and committee, and the committee decided to have these. Letter read from Mr. A. Wynne Williams, enclosing a cheque of 10s. 6d. to the funds of society. The following have been enrolled members for 1913 and 1914:—Miss Violet Boxer, Bangor; Messrs. Daughty, Holyhead; Hughes, Beaumaris; Gallishaw, Menai Bridge. Decided that the sec. put show posters in printer's hands. Those wishing to join in order to compete at our record members' show, held July 5, please enclose p.o. 1/-, to sec., Mr. R. E. Griffith, 5, Balaclava Road, Carnarvon, who will send a membership card and schedule of show.—R. E. Griffith, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Cairns Memorial Hall, May 20, Mr. A. W. Watson, chair, a good turnout of members being present. Classification for F.F. show:—3 Norwich, 1 Crest and C.-B., 4 Borders, 2 Scotch Fancy, 1 each A.V. Can., Hybrid or Light Mules, Dark Mules, Lizards. Mr. J. F. Dewar, judge. Birds staged by 3; date, Aug. 2. The members were then entertained to a lecture by Mr. A. W. Watson on "Mule and Hybrid breeding." The same gentleman explained the different ways in which to bring the Finches into condition, also the various crosses with which he had been most successful, not forgetting to mention those that he had been unsuccessful with, but he was still looking forward to the day when he could produce something out of the common. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Watson brought the meeting to a close. Subs. are now due, and should be paid at once. Mr. Wm. Watson, and Mr. J. D. Robertson were elected members.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C.

Committee meeting, held at Market Tavern, Bradford, May 24, Mr. P. Dick chair. The principal business was the arranging of our competition prizes and allotting patronage. Only six societies applied, and patronage was given to the following: Gt. Horton, Windhill, Manchester, Sheffield, Bradford National, Shipley. Any society willing to comply with our rule regarding classes, and applying to me may have our patronage, but please apply as early as possible, as I want to get year book printed. Specials are far more valuable than ever before, owing to the generosity of Messrs. H. H. Towers and Mr. A. Brown, a trophy, value £10 10s., to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, along with £3 3s. trophy is first prize in open competition; 2nd prize open £1 10s.; 3rd prize, Mr. Morrison will give, value one guinea; 4th, Mr. T. Sandiford, North Road, Preston, will give case of silver dessert cutlery; amateur competition, 1st, value £1 1s.; 2nd, value 10s. 6d.; 3rd, value 7s. 6d.; 4th, value 5s. These prizes, along with CAGE BIRDS' prizes for amateurs, make a total for this competition of nearly £5. Novice competition, 1st, Mr. A. Cooper, if possible similar to last year; 2nd, Mr. Morrison; 3rd, Mr. Brown, value 10s. 6d., costume length; 4th, value 7s. 6d.; 5th, 5s.; this novice competition runs through Y.U. novice classes, and it behoves all Y.U. novice members to join our club. Last year our entries dropped to just under 11 per class; let us make a better show this year. Mr. J. W. Ramsden gives two silver plated cruets or teapots, one in the open and one in the novice. Mr. A. Brown, Mr. P. Drake, and the Sec. were appointed to meet the representatives of the Y.C.C. and G.M.Y.C.C., to try and form some scheme of amalgamation.—R. Garnett.

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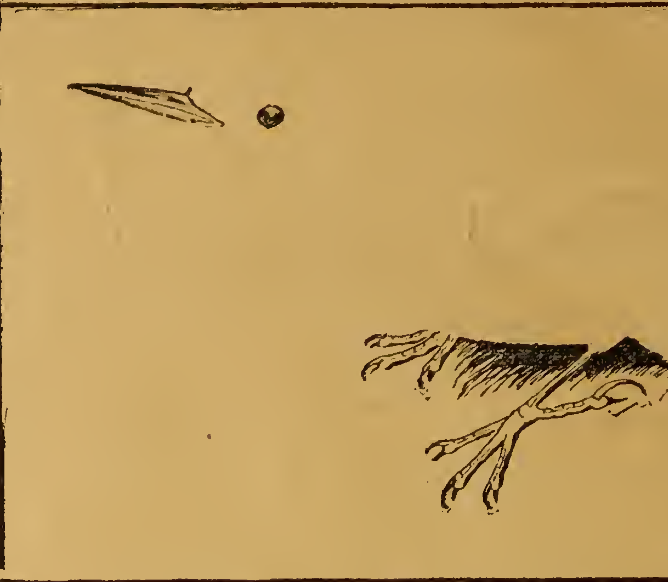

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Points in the Breeding of Yorkshire Canaries.

A lecture given by Mr. Hulme before the members of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

On May 14, Mr. Hulme gave a lecture on "Breeding the Yorkshire Canary," before a good attendance. Mr. Taylor took the chair, and said he was glad so many members were attending these lectures, but he was very sorry that we didn't get many outside fanciers present, he was sure there were a lot of fanciers in Leigh that only wanted rousing a little to get them to join the society, and he was also sure that they wouldn't regret it, once they joined. Mr. Hulme then rose and said, Mr. Chairman and fanciers, having been asked to give you a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, I will do my best to tell you the methods I adopt in my own bird room. It being my first attempt to give a paper, it will well repay me for my trouble if I say anything that any of you may benefit by. There are several different methods, used by different fanciers to obtain certain results, so it must be borne in mind that what will do for one will not do for another, and my advice is to use your own discretion, providing you know anything about birds at all. I have devoted my time solely to breeding Yorkshires, and I leave it to you to choose whether you follow on the same lines that I have done or not, but if any of you differ from me, I shall only be too pleased for you to speak.

The Cages and their Fitments.

First of all, you want the cages, I like the double breeding cages with sliding partitions, so that you may construct them into small flights, about 3ft. long, 18in. high, and 10in. deep. I limewash them twice a year. The reason I use limewash is that I think it lets more light in, and it is better for the birds to peck at than distemper, as it helps to shell the eggs. Keep the crevices well dosed with paraffin, keep your seed hoppers and glasses perfectly clean, and don't forget to use plenty of paraffin in the nest pan before putting the lining in, for this will help to keep down red mites. I use swansdown linings, which you can make at a small cost, as I think they allow more room for the young ones, and let more air through than the ordinary thick felt ones.

All through the winter I feed my birds on plain canary seed, with a spoonful of rape seed twice a week, and a bit of apple or carrot occasionally. When February comes in, I give them a little inga seed, and add a little egg food, as the breeding season comes on.

I pair up the first week in April, placing the wire slide between for young birds. I think it is not needed for old birds that have been together before. For nesting material I use moss and cow hair.

The birds I advise you to go in for are those with short, silky feather, about 6¾in. long. I like the cock and hen to be as typical as possible, with a small beak, nice round head, neck nicely filled in, back to be nicely rounded, showing very little shoulder, long evenly carried wings, a neat waist, tapering down to a wedge shape, breast to be round, showing no frill whatever, and cutting away clean under a long compact tail. The legs should be long, showing plenty of thigh with erect and firm position. I like to have a bit of Belgian blood in my stock birds, because if you want position you will have to breed for it, and it is the one thing that plays a prominent part in a good Yorkshire. I also like a bit of green blood in, so as to get colour and quality from it.

Training and Feeding the Young.

When the young are hatched, I feed on egg and bread, watercress, hemp and soaked rape seed. When they get three weeks old, I place them in a Yorkshire show cage, which I find makes a good nursery cage, and I hang them in front of the cage occupied by the parents till they can pick for themselves. Then I place them in a small flight cage, giving them a spoonful of cod liver oil food for each bird, and a little soaked rape, gradually bringing them on to hard seed.

You must not forget to hang a show cage in front of them so that they can pop in and out at their own leisure, run them in as often as you can, and let them have plenty of handling, as it is only by so doing that you may expect them to know what the show cage is for. Now I will conclude by thanking you for your kind attention, hoping to be of more service at some future time. Several questions were asked, to which Mr. Hulme suitably answered. We concluded a very pleasant evening by moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Hulme for his lecture.

R. CHARLESON, Hon. Sec.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Ancient History Quoted.

The Editress of "Dainty Novels," in reply to my letter of last week, challenging her statement that two convictions at least had been obtained during the past twelve months in cases of blinding Chaffinches with red-hot needles, writes as follows:—

May 23rd, 1913.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged for your courtesy in inserting a portion of my letter in your issue of May 24th, and am glad to be able to give you part of the information you require. I am still tracing the particular case to which I referred, but the other one (you will remember I said there were two) was heard at Lambeth Police Court on the 25th October, 1909, before Mr. Hopkins, when a labourer named Frederick Collins, of Sultan Street, Camberwell, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for blinding two Chaffinches, severing the artery at the back of the eye by inserting a needle. A very steady hand is required for this operation, and in this particular case the defendant said he had had to be a teetotaller for that reason—a fact which makes it plain that he was not guilty in an isolated case. Your editorial remarks assure me that you will print this statement in your paper.

The above case was fully reported in Cage Birds of October 30, 1909, and a column was devoted to editorial comment, in the course of which appeared:—

It might be gathered from the opening statement of the prosecuting solicitor that this diabolical blinding process is quite commonly practised—in fact, an essential to success at the contests. If it was the intention to urge this view, then we meet it with an emphatic denial. . . . In short, it is only among certain of the "old hands" that the practice of blinding contest birds now obtains. And this abomination ought to be put down with a strong hand. We welcome the efforts of the R.S.P.C.A. to this end, and we will gladly aid the society to attain this consummation. We only hope that every person found to be in possession of a Chaffinch (or any other bird) which has been so cruelly and shamefully ill-treated may be brought within the pale of the law and prosecuted. That the sentence of three months' hard labour was richly merited none can question, and we are sure that the actions of the R.S.P.C.A. and the magistrate will be endorsed by every reader.

Confirmation Still Pending.

I sent a copy of our paper containing the report to the Editress who had made the statement referred to above, with the remark that I knew quite well of the occurrence which she now quotes as confirmative evidence, but I said that it was not fair to instance a solitary case as showing that the brutal practice was a general one, and that in any event it was quite outside the allegation that *at least two convictions had been recorded within the past twelve months*. I have received a reply as follows, and am waiting for the promised details:—

Dear Sir,—I am obliged for the copy of your paper, dated October 30, 1909, but I am still making inquiries with regard to the other cases, and hope to be able to write you further in a few days. I was very glad to read your editorial.

Yours truly,

Isabel Thorne.

Mrs. Sargeant, an enthusiastic bird-lover, whose account of her pet Cuckoos appears in our columns this week, refers to the 1909 case, and says: "All readers of Cage Birds must know that you are the first to give publicity to cases of cruelty which come under your notice, and properly condemn them in your columns. This lady evidently thinks that such exceptional cases make the rule, instead of proving it, as the saying goes."

I shall be obliged if our member, Mr. W. H. Grant, late of Woking, will kindly let me know where a letter will find him.

An Industrious Associate.

Among the letters this week from readers wishing to be registered as associates of Cage Birds League is the following. It shows the true fancier's spirit:—

Dear Sir,—I have been a long time in getting five of my friends to sign a pledge coupon. But I managed it all right. I had to give two of them a pair of Canaries to start with. I am very glad I did, as one of them has built a very fine aviary in his yard, and has also got a good few birds in his house. I have also got them to take Cage Birds in every week. I would sooner go a day without anything to eat, rather than I would miss having my Cage Birds. I have been in the bird fancy ever since I could walk, and I knew a few things by the time I started on my own, but I have learnt things out of your paper which I think I should never have known. Wishing Cage Birds every success.

Alf. Wellings, jun.

Hockley, Birmingham.

Our Bird Dealers' Certificates.

I am gratified to hear of the pleasure with which our Certificates have been received by those entitled to them, and practically all those to whom certificates have been granted have applied to have their names kept on the books of Cage Birds League, so that their shops may be visited from time to time by representatives of the League with a view of granting renewal certificates every six months. Those bird-dealers who are willing to accept inspection visits from a member of Cage Birds League, duly appointed for the purpose, have only to convey their wishes to me, and certificates will be granted at the end of six months if the reports are favourable. Among the acknowledgments received is the following from Mr. Geo. Bousfield, of Derby: "I thank you very much for the 'Certificate of Inspection,' which came to hand a few days ago, and can assure you I am delighted with it, and when framed shall be proud to exhibit it in my window, hoping by doing so to obtain more recruits for our army."

More Abuse of Bird Dealers.

An article by Mrs. K. Curry, in the May issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," is extraordinary as coming from one who is herself a keeper of birds. With a paragraph which reads as follows no bird lover will disagree. Mrs. Curry writes, "I for one should be inexpressibly thankful if a law against the wanton and indiscriminate capture and improper caging of birds were put into force; a strict supervision of dealers' shops made compulsory, and bird traffic relegated to those dealers who recognise their duty towards the inferior creation, and understand the nature and needs of the birds they sell."

Of course, some of us know that there are already laws against the "indiscriminate" capture of wild birds, for their catching during the close season is prohibited everywhere in our country, and also that there is a supervision of bird shops exercised by the officers of two humanitarian societies; but these are details.

In a paragraph inveighing against bird dealers as a body, and without making any exceptions, Mrs. Curry uses language which might have been taken bodily from a "Humanitarian" pamphlet, and says, "This is no fanciful fiction, but a stern and hideous reality." If Mrs. Curry knows of any individual bird-dealer who practises the horrible cruelties she alleges to be general, what was she doing not to take steps to have that individual punished? If she does not know of such an individual case, then she has no right to use the language employed in her wholesale denunciation of a trade which numbers no more delinquents among those carrying it on than are to be found in any other profession or occupation that may be named.

The Associate Coupons.

Among the large number of coupons being received, I am still getting some which in one way or another are not being sent in accordance with the very simple rules stated above each coupon. Some come without a postage stamp, some sets are obviously filled up by the sender himself, and not signed by separate people, some are without the addresses, and this week several readers send *one coupon only*. May I ask all who wish to become associates of Cage Birds League to be kind enough to read the conditions carefully, and especially to note that it is not sufficient for a reader himself to fill in the names and addresses of his friends. The friends themselves must sign the coupons with their full names and addresses.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is to sign the coupon herewith, get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of Cage Birds League, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the League. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

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BIRD SERVICE AT HALIFAX.

Song Birds in Cages Decorate a Chapel.

In association with the Hanover (Halifax) U.M. School recent anniversary, there was a "bird" service on the Sunday afternoon. Cages containing several varieties of birds (including songsters) were hung between the pillars supporting the gallery, under the pulpit, and, by means of cords, across the body of the chapel. A large number of flowering plants, palms, etc., were happily introduced in association with the idea. The hymns had also been specially chosen for the occasion, the "Song of the Lark" and "O little birds that all day long," being among the number, and Miss Blanche Stott rendered appropriate solos.

Mrs. D. J. Macaulay, who presided over a crowded congregation, spoke of the pleasure that children could derive from a close acquaintance with the birds—even with the sparrow, of whom everyone seemed to think so meanly. She suggested to the scholars that they should persuade their parents to allow them to have a board put out from a window, or at least a window-sill that they could call their own so that they could put crumbs out each day and watch the birds from behind the window. Another plan was to place the half of a cocoanut in the tree or fence and fill that with food for the birds, which would soon become good friends.

The "Naughty Boy" & Three Others.

The Rev. John Naylor, who had previously spoken of St. Francis of Assisi and read his sermon to the birds, pleaded for the birds in a charming address. First, he asked that they should be given more freedom, and not confined in small cages with just a perch or two. They should have companionship, too. If they had only enough money to buy one bird instead of two or three, let them buy none. The birds that did not sing, such as the Crow and the Eagle, were the solitary ones; the singing birds needed company. "A bird," he said, "would much rather sing to another bird than sing to you."

Mr. Naylor asked for protection for the birds against four persons. First, "the naughty boy." Never was he so angry as when he saw boys mercilessly robbing nests and even killing the young. The extent to which the sin and robbery was carried on in Halifax was a scandal and disgrace. Secondly, there was the good-natured farmer, who did not know his enemies and his friends. He should study the list of each which had been drawn up by the Government, and then he would know which were the useful birds in the farm and garden and orchard. Then there was the sportsman, who took his gun and shot the prettiest birds so that they could be stuffed and put in a case. Lastly, there were those ladies who were not satisfied with silk ribbon and artificial flowers for the adornment of their hats and bonnets, but would like some lovely bird's feathers or a wing from a Bird of Paradise. He did not object so much to the Ostrich feather, for the bird did not suffer much, but the Osprey was killed for its feathers, and for the same cause the Bird of Paradise was dying out rapidly. He was glad to see that there was very little of this kind of desire in Halifax.

The collections amounted to £38 2s. 2½d., an advance of over £5 on last year.—"Halifax Weekly Courier."

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

G. EDWARDS, 15, West-st., Leominster. Judge of Cage Birds, specialist Crests, Mules, Norwich. Terms moderate. 30 years' experience.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

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R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

JEFFERY JEFFERIS, "Beck Lodge," Hayes, Middlesex. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms very moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester.—Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. Clubb, sec. Stirling C.B.S., writes that the increase in subscription was to 3s., not 3s. 6d., as reported in last week's issue.

We hear from Mr. A. Wood, sec., that Mr. J. Pitchford, London Road, Stoke, will judge the Burton-on-Trent Nest Feather Show on July 19.

Mr. J. Burdett, sec., writes that Wingate and Dis. F.S. intends holding its 2nd annual show on January 1st, 1914. Mr. J. Stanger will again judge cage birds.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street, Sittingbourne, that I have been elected secretary to the Sittingbourne and Dis. C.B.S. All correspondence should be addressed to me.

The following societies have been granted the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club for their open shows, writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, sec., Bolton, Burnley (Club Show) Manchester, Preston and Bradford National.

We hear from Messrs. Heseltine and Lambert, hon. secs., that the First Nest Feather Show of the Hull C.B.S. will be held at Oddfellows' Hall, June 2. Birds staged by 8 prompt. Judges, Messrs. W. T. Pepper and H. H. Frith.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., that owing to the date fixed for the annual show of the Metropolitan C.B.A. clashing with the City and Sub., we have changed our date to Nov. 8th. Mr. H. Norman will judge.

We hear from Mr. J. R. Meikle, Sec., that the judges for the Scotch Fancy section at the next Scottish National Show will be: Messrs. J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), J. Carson (East Houses), and J. Hogg (Oakley).

Societies wishing for the patronage of the Southern Border Fancy Club should apply at once to Mr. F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, London. The classification required is champion, clear or ticked buff cock, ditto yellow, A.V. hen, A.O.V.; novice, A.V. yellow, A.V. buff.

Mr. W. J. Moran, 2, Brunswick Street, Swindon, forwards the rules of the Swindon F. and F. A., with a programme for the year showing dates of papers on various subjects connected with the Fancy, dates of shows for the year, and a lantern lecture on Cage Birds, November 26, by Mr. J. T. Edmonds.

The programme of the Walkley and Dis. C.B.S. is to hand from the secretary, Mr. C. Tomlinson, 95, Winter Street. Twelve interesting items are included in the syllabus, comprising four lecture nights, question night, 4 table shows, a nest feather show, a washing exhibition, and the annual show for November 15.

The balance sheet and rule book of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club have been received from Mr. F. S. Matthes, hon. sec. and treas. The balance sheet shows a balance in hand of £5 15s. 3d., an increase of 10s. 2½d. upon last year's amount, and there are assets (cups, etc.) to the value of twelve guineas. The rule book contains the usual information, and has on its cover a map showing the district covered by the club.

We have received from the hon. sec. of Windhill C.B.S. the list of members' shows for 1913. There are two First Feather shows, June 14 and July 19, with ten classes each, and two winter shows, Sept. 27 and Dec. 27, with 28 classes each, of which ten in each show are for novices. The judges for the F.F. shows are June 14, Mr. Broadley, Windhill; July 19, Mr. J. Greaves, Manningham. For the winter shows the judges are: Sept. 27, Mr. W. Mundell, Manningham, and Dec. 27, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Manningham. The hon. sec. is Mr. J. A. Taylor, 36, Airville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Mr. W. G. Andrews, hon. sec., writes that West Bromwich C.B.S. has fixed November 21 and 22 for the annual open show; will secretaries kindly note to avoid clashing.

I think your new departure "Our Hobby Week by Week," is an excellent idea, and you have a capable man in Mr. G. E. Weston. I wish Cage Birds continued success.—A. Ward (Deeping St. James).

Societies desirous of the patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead C.C. on Oct. 4, Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 13, 20, kindly send in application as early as possible to F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Bradford.

Our annual ramble to Broadbottoms and District, writes Mr. J. Cope, sec., Oldham C.B.A., will take place on June 1. Train leaves Clegg Street station at 9.35. I shall be pleased to see a good number of fanciers and friends; all are welcome.

Will you please make it known in Cage Birds, writes Mr. Jeffery Jefferis, Sec. and Treas. Middlesex O.S., 40, High Street, Southall, that we are offering our patronage to three or four shows this coming season, competition will be for one cup each for Norwich, Yorkshires, and British, to be won outright this year. Societies desiring our patronage, please apply to me, stating judges and number of classes, etc.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Taylor, Oldham.

It is with regret, writes Mr. J. Cope, Sec., Oldham C.B.A., that I have to report the death of one of our oldest and most esteemed members, in the person of Mr. John Taylor, who passed away on Tuesday last, May 20, at the age of 68 years, and was interred at Saddleworth on May 23. Mr. Taylor had been ill for a considerable time, but up to a fortnight ago, I am sure he fully expected to be with us again, and we were hoping the same, as he was one of those fanciers that societies can ill afford to lose. Although he had got so far advanced in years he was a regular attendant at our meetings, and always a familiar figure at our shows. The sympathy of each and every one of our members is with Mrs. Taylor and family in their sad bereavement. Our society was represented at the funeral by Messrs. Jas. Hampshire, F. Steeple, W. Hardy, and Mr. Geo. Fitton, who acted as bearers.

Would you kindly state in Cage Birds, writes Mr. E. Mitchell, hon. sec., that the Radius Show of Wadebridge and Dist. F.A. will be held on Nov. 19?

We hear from Mr. A. McCagherty, hon. sec., that the judges arranged for the show of Banbridge C.B. and P.A. are: Scotch Fancy and British birds, Mr. J. Kean; Norwich and Yorks, Mr. J. Trengove.

The Rule Book of the Norwich C.C. of Ireland has been received. It contains the rules of the club and the club standard of the Norwich Canary.

All members and friends, writes Mr. G. Hunt, hon. sec. Doncaster C.B.S., are invited to attend ramble on May 31. Meet at Balby tram terminus at 2.30 prompt. I hope all members will bring their wives or sweethearts.

Mr. R. Bamber, sec. of Ealing and Hanwell F.S., forwards the rule book of the society. Besides the list of officers and committee, and the rules, the book gives particulars of the challenge and other cups and the names of members in each section, together with the variety shown by each individual one.

I am anxious that fanciers around Abertillery should join our society, writes Mr. George Broome, hon. sec. (30, Powell St., Abertillery). There is a silver rose bowl to be won outright at our first feather show, also a number of cash specials allotted for novices only. I give all a hearty invitation to our next meeting (see club and society notices).

The members of the Sunderland C.B.A., writes Mr. G. Davison, hon. sec., intend having a ramble to Corbridge and Hexham on May 31 (weather permitting). A hearty invitation is given to all fanciers and friends in the district. Meet at Central Station at 12.30; train leaves at 12.45; return fare 1s. 9d. Hoping to see a good turn-out and a fine day.

Arrangements are now completed to hold the annual ramble of the Dunfermline C.B.S. on Saturday, June 7th, to Pitreavie (permission kindly granted by Henry Beveridge, Esq.), writes Mr. R. T. Campbell, Sec., 7. James Pl., Dunfermline. Members will meet at car terminus (top of New Row), at 1.45; then by car to Halbeath, where they will meet Mr. Oswald, head Forester, who will conduct the party over the ground. We have arranged to have tea at Mastertown about five o'clock. Members who intend being present on that date should notify us at earliest, and not later than Saturday, May 31st. District members could join the party at Halbeath at two o'clock. We welcome all fanciers and friends. In view of the ramble there will be no meeting held this month.

Allow me to congratulate Cage Birds upon the new feature, "Our Hobby Week by week," writes Mr. Thos. Pope (Plymouth). It is quite up to date and very interesting.

Novice members of the Sheffield O.S., writes Mr. Woodall, are asked not to forget the table show of Canaries on Tuesday next; 3 classes, prizes 4s., 2s., 1s., and no entry fees. Fancier friends will be welcomed at the meeting.

Mr. W. Curry writes that he has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club, and that correspondence should in future be addressed to the new hon. sec., Mr. R. Laidlaw, 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

It was a pleasant surprise for me to see my hen. greater Spotted Woodpecker depicted on your front page last week. She has been caged now three years, and was formerly in the possession of that well known aviculturist, Mr. O. Millsum. She is to-day in the pink of condition. Wishing Cage Birds every success, which it well deserves.—James Yealland.

We hear that highly favourable reports have been received of success met with in the rearing of young birds by users of Ramsden's new food, "Lacphos" (note advertisement under "Foods") which is a preparation of milk, in powder form, combined with phosphates. A number of fanciers have used it as a substitute for hard-boiled eggs, with the best of results, judging by the fertility of the eggs laid by their birds, and the way in which the young have thrived and grown.

Leaving for Old England.

I am leaving Canada for England again on May 22nd, writes Mr. J. Nicholson, and my address for the present will be 3, Ellenborough Place, Maryport, Cumberland. If you will kindly notify this, it will save me writing each fancier friend.

Sparrow's Cross Channel Flight.

A Sparrow which was found in the garden of a house in Hartington Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, had a thin sheet of paper carefully wrapped round one of its legs, bearing the following message: "Liberated in France, May 18, 1913.—J. R."—"Daily Express."

Lucky Llandrindod.

Mr. G. M. Hand, the proprietor of the "Kino" Cinematograph Theatre, Llandrindod Wells, is kindly running his theatre on Friday night, June 6, for the benefit of the Llandrindod Wells F.A. We, as an Association, would like to thank him through the medium of your valuable paper, writes Mr. F. Beard, Hon. Sec.

A Question of Rivalry.

We occasionally hear that the Nightingale is being heard further than usual to the west of England, but that his song does not equal the peerless melody of a brother performer in the Surrey lanes or the Hertfordshire woodlands. Possibly there is not the keen rivalry in the Devonshire Coombs there is in the Home Counties where the finest singer is brought to the front.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Watford C.B.S., June 1, to Ivanhoe, train to Berkhampstead, 9.30 from Watford; Doncaster C.B.S., May 31, through Edlington Woods, meet at Balby tram terminus, 2.30; Leith O.S., June 14, to Raith, train leaves Edinburgh 2.15; Torbay O.S., June 4, to Dittisham; Clydebank C.B.C., May 31, meet at Erskine Ferry, South side 3.0; Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., June 1, to Alderley Edge, meet 2.15, at London Rd. Station, Manchester; Oldham C.B.A., June 1, train leaves Clegg St. Station 9.35; Bolton Woods C.B.S., May 31, to Esholt, meet at Victoria Hotel Corner 2.0; Arbroath C.B.S., June 1, meet at Tower Nook 10.0; Lochgelly C.B.S., June 2, to Raith; Sunderland C.B.A., May 31, to Corbridge and Hexham, meet Central Station 12.30, train leaves 12.45.

Captain Trench's Pet Canaries.

Captain Trench, one of the three Englishmen who were sentenced in Germany for alleged espionage, and who has just been pardoned by the Kaiser, has given a dramatic account of his life in a German fortress, writes "J. B. W.," and it will doubtless interest readers of Cage Birds to know that the gallant officer is a great lover of the Canary, whose merry song and engaging ways helped him to bear up during the period of his incarceration. Captain Trench says, inter alia: "Soon after I came to Glatz the Commandant suggested that it might cheer me up if I had some birds to look after. He presented me with a pair of Canaries, which soon increased and multiplied. They sang and flew about my room or rested on perches I had fixed up near the windows, and were a source of great delight to me, and good company, too." Any true fancier can quite believe this, and, although the Captain naturally appreciates his liberty, there is no doubt his mind will often wander back to his merry little birdie companions in the lonely fortress.

RESULT OF OUR "BEAKS AND TAILS" COMPETITION.

Our first "Beaks and Tails" competition has proved immensely popular, and though admittedly not easy, yet among the many attempts at solution three were absolutely accurate. These came from Messrs. E. Dobson, Clapham; A. Woolley, Balham, and J. Dudley Morley, 84, Cornford Road, West Hill, East Putney. In accordance with the conditions these names were placed into a hat. The first one drawn proved to be Mr. Morley, and the prize of five shillings has been awarded accordingly to him. Will Mr. Morley therefore let us know whether he prefers cash or books, etc.? A curious feature in connection with this competition is that quite a number of attempts were hopelessly wrong through competitors ignoring our statement that the beaks and tails were those of British birds; they allotted some of them to various kinds of Canaries. Quite the funniest of all of these was the guess of one competitor who thought that tail No. 7 (Jenny Wren) belonged to a Scotch Fancy! One competitor coupled up the beaks and tails, thinking that each beak had a corresponding tail, and in doing this added to the Kingfisher's beak (No. 2) the tail of the Swallow (No. 9)! Two competitors, besides giving beak No. 5 as that of the Bullfinch, agreed also in allotting tail No. 6 to a "Wagstaff." This name for the Wagtail is quite new to us. The competition has proved so attractive that we shall publish shortly a second one of the same kind. The correct solutions were: Beaks—1, Greenfinch; 2, Kingfisher; 3, Jackdaw; 4, Blackbird; 5, Goldfinch. Tails—6, Wagtail; 7, Wren; 8, Shrike; 9, Swallow; 10, Blackbird.

The annual ramble of the members of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., their wives, and friends, will take place on Sunday, June 1, to Alderley Edge, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. Our Mr. A. Taylor will act as guide to the gentlemen, and Mrs. Taylor will accompany the ladies, and take them a shorter route, when we all meet for tea, to be provided at 1s. per head. Fanciers and friends welcome, meet at 2.15 p.m. London Road station, Manchester.

The May issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an account of the Blue-rumped Parrot, by Mr. L. W. Hawkins, with a coloured drawing by Mr. Goodchild. Major Perreau continues the interesting details of the wonderful consignment of Indian birds he has recently imported. Mr. Wesley T. Page's, "Some Interesting Birds," contains this month an account of Amherst and Elliot's Pheasants, with photographs, by Mr. H. Willford. Mr. Page also writes of "The Breeding of Grey and Guttural Finches." Mr. Otto Puck concludes his "Keeping of Softbills in Cages." There are Editorial Notes on members' aviaries, and a list of the Indian birds recently brought over by Mr. Frost for Major Horsbrugh. A "British Bird Calendar" is commenced, and the number contains Reviews and Correspondence as usual.

Some splendid samples of color-food for the 1913 season have reached us from Mr. J. W. Ramsden (11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.). "Ramsden's Pepper" has already achieved a wonderful reputation as a valuable agent for producing that "red-hot" colour and beautiful sheen so necessary to the plumage of most modern exhibition birds, and this season's peppers are assuredly better than ever before. The colour of the tasteless pepper is marvellous—very deep and rich—while it is ground to just the right grade, and free from all deleterious husk and foreign matters. It should be noted that Mr. Ramsden guarantees it under the Food and Drugs Act as absolutely pure and unadulterated, and as it is merely "powdered ripe fruit," so to speak it cannot be harmful to birds. Those colour-feeding should make a point of seeing Ramsden's 1913 tasteless pepper. The hot (Natal) pepper is also very fine, and will no doubt have a big sale amongst those who favour its use.

The First "Rung" Eagle.

A Golden Eagle was taken from its nest in the forest of Glendoe, in Inverness-shire, last year, and brought up in captivity by the head keeper. The bird has thriven well, its food being chiefly rabbits, and it is now to be released. In order to furnish proof of the migratory habits of Eagles, a migration ring from the Aberdeen University has been affixed. This is believed to be the first Eagle that has been "ringed" in this country.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual.

So far as our offices are concerned, Cage Birds 1913 Annual is quite out of print. We have not a single copy left of the large edition published, which should be good news to the advertisers therein, as it is gratifying to ourselves. We have had to refuse orders for the last fortnight, and if any secretary of a society (or any agent, in fact) should have unsold copies on hand, we shall be glad if he will return them to us at once; we will dispose of them for him.

THE 12 BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR.

In order to stimulate public interest in the keeping of Cage Birds, and to promote still further the circulation and influence of our Paper "CAGE BIRDS," we have devised the appended colossal scheme.

"Cage Birds" Championship Competition

Open to the World.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

£200 Worth of Prizes.

The main idea of this Competition is to ascertain which are the 12 Best Birds of the season. Prizes will be offered at a large number of Shows all over the Country, the winners of these Prizes subsequently taking part in a Grand Finale at the Crystal Palace Show, 1914

The Competition will be open to every Show appearing in "Cage Birds'" List of GUARANTEED FIXTURES, provided application is made by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

THE PRIZES.

TWO PRIZES OF 10/- each, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered under certain conditions at each guaranteed show accepting our conditions.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, to each guaranteed show taking part in the competition, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES
(2) NORWICH
(3) CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES
(6) BELGIANS
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas to have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Crystal Palace Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

THE GRAND FINAL.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Crystal Palace Authorities, "CAGE BIRDS" offers the following HANDSOME CASH PRIZES in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show.

1st Prize £3 0 0
2nd " 2 0 0
3rd Prize £1 0 0
4th " 10 0

THE FOLLOWING CASH PRIZES WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR COMPETITION AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW;—

£10 10 0 for the best Coupon bird exhibited in our Champion Sections.
£10 10 0 for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section.

We propose also offering A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

HOW TO WIN THE PRIZES.

The foregoing handsome prizes will be offered under the following conditions:—

We intend issuing coupons at a cost of 6d. each, to be purchased from us before the end of August 1913. Each such coupon will entitle the purchaser thereof to enter one bird in the competition for the diploma and special prize of 10s. at any show which accepts our scheme, provided, of course, that the usual entry fee is paid to the show authorities for such entry. An exhibitor may purchase as many coupons as he pleases, provided he does so before the last day of August, 1913.

When making an entry or entries for our competition at a "diploma" show, the exhibitor must have fixed to his entry form a coupon for each bird he wishes to enter, and he must put the initials "C.B." against the entry of each bird he wishes to compete.

No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the diploma shows.

No winner will be allowed to enter more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections in the final competition at the Crystal Palace show, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

SOME IMPORTANT CONDITIONS.

1.—One coupon—one bird—one coupon show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of August, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—No bird entered for this competition may wear a ring, or have any distinguishing mark, apart from its natural characteristics.

5.—The Judges will be instructed to withhold diplomas should the merit of the competing birds not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat altogether, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition.

8.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

9.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

10.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

NOTICE TO SOCIETIES.—All Societies desirous of availing themselves of our Championship Competition should send immediately for our conditions.

The above is merely a rough draft of our intentions, and is open to revision and alteration. We invite and are open to receive and consider suggestions for the improvement of this scheme, but all letters concerning it should reach us by June 10th at latest.

Bird Dealers, Corn Merchants, Secretaries of Societies and others desirous of retailing our coupons should apply for wholesale cash terms.

Address all letters: The Editor,

"CAGE BIRDS," 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who receive letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A FEATHERED AMAZON (J.M.).—If not too late—that is, if the variegated hen has not already laid her eggs—place the Norwich cock with her and leave them to take their chance together. The quarrelling is probably more apparent than real, and is not likely to do any material damage. If the hen has laid, allow her to sit the eggs the full time. You may very probably have a pleasant surprise if you do so.

UNFERTILES (Aviary).—Clear eggs among those produced in the early part of this month are by no means a novelty. In the vast number of cases I'm afraid the weather-clerk may be justly blamed. In your case, however, I am not clear whether the "moulting out" of the colour-fed plumage you mention has occurred recently during the spring months, before or since the birds were mated. If this has been the case, then the moulting is certainly the cause of the eggs being unfertile, and it was quite useless mating the birds, so long as the cocks were in this condition. You do not even say whether any feathers are still being lost. If there are, treat birds as advised to "F.W.B.," in last issue.

A DUET (Roller).—(1) It is difficult to prevent some hens coming into breeding condition again before young are out of the nest, but the fact of all your hens doing so, even with the cocks removed, suggests something wrong with your method of feeding, which I might have detected had you gone into details of feeding whilst young are in nest. Possibly you give too much hemp, or begin it at too early an age. Try feeding next broods as advised to "A.H." last week, but reverse the times of starting to give hemp and soaked rape—thus, begin with rape at six days old—watch it closely if weather is warm to prevent it remaining after becoming sour, which it does very rapidly—and start giving the hemp when young are eight or ten days old. If you notice hen begin to flag, add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water for one half of each day for a few days, and after a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved—just enough to give water a slightly saline taste. If you find hen will feed on green food, keep her supplied with fresh crisp young chickweed and groundsel. (2) Seifert Rollers, which would be more correctly termed Hartz, which you can procure at 7/6 a pair, are as hardy, prolific, and easy to breed as any variety you could get.

A TRIO. (F.S.D.).—(1) Of the two kinds of grass you enclose, the one you term a spray is the best to offer Canaries. The coarser kind, which is one of the rye grasses, is, in my experience, ignored by Canaries. However, you need not limit yourself to any particular kind of grass. Collect a truss of any or every kind of seed heads you come across, and throw in cages, and leave birds to choose for themselves. (2) In sending a sample of seed it should be carefully wrapped in tough paper to prevent loss in transit. Only the merest pinch of your sample reached us, not enough to warrant us expressing any definite opinion. It seems a tolerably well proportioned mixture of second rate seeds, which as a mixture should be quite wholesome for all ordinary use. But I do not consider any elaborate seed mixture "the best diet that could be given." A staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape only, and all other extras and tit-bits given separately, would be better. For these "extras" see these replies the last few weeks, or get No. 10 Nutshell booklet. (3) Yes, the size of perch you sketch is a nice size for Roller, and quite thick enough. But if two perches are in cage, make one a trifle thicker or more oval on top to give variety of grip. The length of claw you sketch is not excessive. If they impede bird's motion at all, assuming you have sketched the actual length, you may safely snip off with small sharp scissors a length equal to height of capital letters forming title of this reply.

YOUNG AND OLD (C.B.A., S.O.).—(1) Your feeding is probably the cause of your young birds going thick at five weeks old. At this age they do not require egg-food in the morning, and bread and milk in the afternoon, in addition to groats. Soft-food once daily is sufficient, and the supply of groats is best limited. For full details of feeding from this age onwards, see reply to "Nosey Parker," on May 10. (2) Give the cock a diet of plain canary only for a fortnight, varied only by a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, niger, millet, and teazle, at intervals of four days—that is, three times during the fortnight. Give a liberal supply of fresh crisp green-food daily—chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, dandelion, or watercress. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the alternating days ten drops of lemon juice and six of glycerine.

REFUSING TO FEED (H. Hall).—See first part of reply to "Roller" in this issue, and reply to "A.H." last week, and act on the advice in these replies, making the same variations as advised to "A.H." On the first day only after young are hatched give a little pure egg-food; after this mix with it bread crumbs or powdered biscuit, as usually advised. You might, if this does not have the desired effect, make up egg-food of equal parts of egg, bread crumbs, and crushed sponge cake, and dust a tiny pinch of maw over it. Give a little fresh crisp young groundsel flower heads once daily from time of hatching, and twice daily after young are three days old. Also keep a little rape soaking in cold water, changing water every morning and evening, and begin giving this as soon as the hen flags in feeding—from the second or third day if necessary.

WILL NOT BATHE (Anxious, N.B.).—It is an idiosyncrasy of some birds that they totally refuse to bathe. It is really of no great importance to them, beyond removing their inartistic grimes, and sometimes, but by no means always, slovenly plumage. If a bird refuses to follow the cleanly example set by other birds, the best way to deal with it is to remove the drinking water for an hour or two daily, and, meantime, hang on the bath. To offer an extra inducement to it to enter the bath, place a small tempting spray of green food in it, and withhold any from the cage for the time being. If bird does not enter bath in a day or two, continue same tactics, but when hanging on bath, give bird a light blow over with a spray, to just bedew the plumage. If this fails, get a small earthen saucer, such as a flower-pot saucer, half full of water—with spray of green stuff in—and place inside cage for an hour or two daily. Any time that you notice it starting to bathe its head in the drinking vessel, remove the drinker for an hour or two, and try either of the above methods immediately. If all these plans fail, the bird is incorrigible, and you can only rely upon spraying and hand-washing.

A CLUTCH OF SEVEN (F. O. B.).—You have done quite right to allow all the eggs laid to take their chance, though it is not altogether fortunate that two of the eggs are of such a size as to suggest "double yolks." If this is so, there is a risk of some freakish monstrosity being produced from them. It is certainly quite possible for the last four eggs, laid after the cock has been removed, to be fertile. With a hen possessing only average reproductive vigour, it is very probable that the last two would have proved unfertile, but with a hen possessing exceptional vigour in this respect, as your hen undoubtedly does, there is every probability of their being fertilised. It would be a wise plan to try to get a foster hen available to take over the charge of a portion of this brood, if necessary. Should be pleased to hear result in due course.

TROUBLED WITH SNEEZING (Bird Lover, Staveley).—It is not unlikely that the birds are exposed to occasional draughts; perhaps from an open window since the weather has been tolerable, or is the situation damp or dusty? In either of these cases you should remove these conditions as far as possible without disturbing the birds. You cannot properly treat them whilst breeding, but as the cases are at present just simple catarrhal colds they may, under the influence of warmer weather, come all right with the following treatment:—Give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed daily for a week, and add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. Stick the bread and milk in the wires at end of seed box for the hen that is sitting.

A POOR BEGINNING (W. H. B.).—It is not so very uncommon for a hen to starve her first brood as yours has done, and then bring up the next and subsequent broods quite satisfactorily; but I confess to having a preference for the hen that gets through her first family duties successfully. You may with advantage follow advice given to "A. H." last week, when the hens go to nest again. It will certainly be advisable to try removing the cock next time, and in this event it will be quite permissible to run him with a second hen whilst the first hen is sitting and rearing a brood. Keep both hens in separate cages, and when cock is not engaged putting either to nest keep him caged by himself until hens are again ready to begin nesting.

NOT SINGING (H. R., Beginner).—Considering the time of year you left the bird in charge last year, it doubtless ceased singing prior to dropping into moult. That it has not sung since may be due to many causes. Its moult may have gone wrong and left it in a broken state of health, or it may be kept in an unsuitable place, or not correctly fed. Try the following treatment for a month and if bird still shows no signs of coming in song, write again and give full particulars how and where it is kept, and what condition of health it exhibits. Examine cage closely for red mites, and if any are found, thoroughly overhaul cage and exterminate them. See that cage does not hang in a direct draught, nor high up near the ceiling, or near or over burning lights in the evenings. Let it be in a bright, healthy, well-ventilated position, but hanging in a window is the worst possible place. Keep floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition, give separately twice a week a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every third day. On the intervening days give one day a pinch of a mixture equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, and the next a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle. Give a fair-sized spray of green food, or a few ripe dandelion heads daily, and offer the bath daily as long as weather is warm. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

HAND-REARING YOUNG (E.C.D.).—At seven days old about every hour would suffice to feed the young. As they grow older, and take more food at each meal, the intervals may be lengthened to two hours. It should be remembered that the youngsters have their natural feeding hours, as it were, during which they will feed oftener, and dispose of considerably more food than at other times. Thus in the early morning, and again towards evening, they are, or should be, exceptionally keen "on the feed." The best plan is to commence feeding somewhere about 5 a.m., and feed every half-hour or so, giving only a light meal each time, for two hours. After this uncover them (a light fold of woolly material should be kept over them until they are getting nicely feathered) every hour to see how they are, and if they "rise" promptly and gape for food, feed them. Otherwise, cover again and leave them alone. Keep nest clean, and at each meal give only as much food as they readily gape for. Do not try to incite them to over-gorge their crops. As regards food, the ordinary egg-food, or any good substitute, made into a moist paste with a little water, is most suitable. In the early morning, and again in the afternoon, for a few meals, finely mince a little fresh crisp green-stuff and mix with the food in the proportion of about a fourth part of the bulk. As the birds get older you may also add a little mashed soaked rape now and again. To avoid the risk of it being given, in a sour condition, this addition should only be made to sufficient food for one or at most two meals. In mashing rape, reject the bulk of the husks. The particular food you name will answer quite well, but needs a little green food all through the day to counteract its constipating tendency.

HENS NOT FEEDING (E.H.).—There are several little points where you are going wrong, which, in combination, may be of sufficient moment to cause your trouble. You should not give salts in the water the day before hatching. This is only called for when there are indications of the hen going off feeding, which cannot be the case before the young are hatched. Even when something of the kind is necessary, sulphate of soda and not Epsom salts should be employed, and for not more than one-half of any one day. Then you should not begin to give hemp as soon as young are hatched, and you should strictly avoid giving dandelion to hens behaving in this manner. Now, avoid these things for the rest of the season. Try removing cocks when hens are put to sit with next nests, and keep them caged alone until young are reared. If weather keeps warm offer hens a bath with a little common salt in it on the second and third days after hatching. If hen shows signs of flagging, only, add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece to the water for one-half of each day for two or three days. For the rest follow advice given to "A.H.," in last issue, but in your case you may give a small spray of groundsel on the second day, and start giving the rape on the sixth, and the hemp on the tenth day, instead of vice versa. This should end your losses.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

BREEDING IN CRYSTAL PALACE AVIARY (W. Stanley).—The aviary is really only a moderate sized cage for a single pair of birds to breed in. It will be quite possible for you to breed Canaries in it with success, and you should have no difficulty at all in doing so if you limit your breeding stock to a single pair—cock and hen. Being open wire, you should see that the nest is not in a direct cold draught, and if cage is where people are constantly passing to and fro, it would be judicious to fix up some sort of shield over a portion of the wires where nest is placed to ensure a little more privacy for the hen when sitting and rearing young.

CAUSE OF CLEAR EGGS (Songster).—I also am inclined to think the very long claws and coarse scaly legs of the cock have something to do indirectly with the clear eggs, but certainly not in the way you suggest. The idea of correct and sharp claws being essential to ensure fertility by giving the bird a good grip is a mere superstition. The real cause is, undoubtedly, that the bird has lost its virility from age, and the condition of its legs and claws, beyond being indicative of age, have nothing whatever to do with the matter. It is quite true that a cock may be expected to fertilise eggs as long as he remains healthy and vigorous, and some will do so up to quite a great age, but others lose their powers quite early in comparison, even whilst remaining in apparently perfect health and vigour. Even in the best cases you cannot expect general or constant virility, except in the most exceptional cases. Your best plan to succeed in getting a brood from this cock is to mate him with a lusty well-breeding hen, not older than 1911-bred, which has hitherto produced full normal clutches of fertile eggs to any ordinarily healthy cock, and leave them together permanently until your hopes are fulfilled, or despair enters your soul.

SNAPPING BEAK AND LOSING FEATHERS (H. M. V.).—See that the bird is kept in a fairly equable, but not heated, temperature, and is quite free from cold draughts. Do not hang cage near or above burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape only. In addition, give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days twice each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a little green food daily. Continue this feeding for a month. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel, continuing the latter until feathers cease dropping.

FOR THREE WEEKS ONLY (Mrs. W. Grady).—You say nothing about the movements of the hen after she ceases to feed her young at three weeks old, so I can only assume that she probably comes forward for laying again about this time, and forthwith goes to nest again and forsakes the young. Some hens would continue feeding also, but not all of them. Most cocks also should take over young at this age and finish rearing them, and the young should, in fact, be practically ready to leave the nest, and in every case should be quite forward enough to place in a nursery cage, which should be hung on the front of the breeding cage, when both parents should complete the rearing even whilst engaged with preparations for another brood. Perhaps, had you given details of your method of feeding, I might have detected some weak point. As it is, however, I can only suggest that you follow the advice given in detail to "A. H." in this issue, when the next brood comes along.

PARENTS GOING BALD (And. R.).—As the birds are now engaged in parental duties, you had better let matters slide until the end of breeding season, unless you find on closer inspection that the birds are badly troubled with insect pests. Grey lice, which live upon the birds, are the most likely pest to cause this effect. But in any case, keep nests as clear of insects as possible by dusting freely around the edges with freshly ground pyrethrum powder, or Keatings, and add a few drops of quassia essence to the bath, and allow birds to make daily use of it. Should the skin appear unhealthy or scurfy, it would be advisable to slightly anoint it twice a week for a time with Lanocyllin, beginning when the young brood are able to look after themselves. If the skin looks healthy and parasites are not the cause of the bareness, you need not fear the trouble infecting the other birds.

SEED SAMPLES (Rugby).—The hemp marked "Liverpool" is a very good all-round seed of excellent quality. "Manchester" hemp is excessively hard in the husk, and would be most difficult for some birds to negotiate; otherwise the quality is very good, but inferior to the first-named. The "Liverpool" rape is a very clean and a good sample of summer rape, Better samples may be obtained, but still this is quite good enough for all ordinary purposes. "Manchester" rape is probably a mixture of "bird rapes," and is much inferior to the last-named in quality.

DESERTION AT 14 DAYS (C. H. H.).—It is not very unusual for the hen to "ease off" a little when the young reach a fortnight old, and from this stage, when both parents remain together through all stages, the cock should really take over the business of feeding the young, and by the time they leave the nest he will be doing the major portion of the feeding. So you see it was little use taking him away at this age to try to get the young fed. Assuming the chick was healthy and "gaped" for food (you say nothing on this point), your best course was to offer a saline bath. Add to the water as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for one-half of each day for two or three days, and offer a variety of food, especially green food, giving preference to lettuce, groundsel, or chickweed in the order named. Occasionally one comes across a pair of birds which will not persevere to the end in rearing a single chick, and possibly yours are of this type, in which case they are not likely to repeat this performance if more than one chick hatches out in the next brood. If they do, you can only try the above method, and if it fails make another attempt at hand-feeding. With young a fortnight old hand-rearing is a very simple matter, requiring only patient perseverance to get birds to "gape" for you. A little "tweeting," and very slight touches of down on head, or tip of beak, practically never fails to make them gape. After the first "meal" it is nearly all plain sailing. The two eggs you name would probably have hatched out had you immersed them in warm water for a few moments twice on the 13th day.

VARIOUS (Daisy).—If you had other hens with eggs about the same age, it would not be worth while allowing her to sit on one egg, which could be added to any reasonable clutch. But as you have no other hens, then you should allow the hen to sit six or seven days, and then test the egg by holding it in front of a strong light, when, if it appears transparent it may be discarded as unfertile. You do not mention what book you refer to, but if it had been "Canary Breeding for Beginners," you would have seen full details and illustration of testing eggs therein. Give the hen a staple of three parts canary and one part rape only. Otherwise treat for a fortnight the same as advised to "Old Subscriber" last week, except that you may give chickweed or flower heads of groundsel instead of dandelion. Keep a piece of cuttlefish-bone in cage for hen to nibble at and get material for the shells of her eggs. You must provide a nest-bag, or a little soft moss and cow-hair, for the hen to add an inner lining of this material to the lined earthenware pan.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CANARY-BULLFINCH (J. E. W.).—To successfully breed Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids is no light task. You may try for years and not succeed. On the other hand you may "strike oil" first time; it is this uncertainty that makes the game so fascinating. (1) It would be impossible for any one man to give you the proportion of pairs put up for breeding, producing fertile eggs, and although I have been personally acquainted with dozens of pairs I am unable to say which were and which were not fertile, one cannot remember over a number of years. For your encouragement I might tell you that one fancier has had only two Bullfinch hens breeding during the last four years, and each has produced fertile eggs. (2) The Goldfinch-Bullfinch cross is the more fertile of the two, and it is not necessary to have house-moulted nestlings for the purpose although, of course, these are always desirable in any branch of Hybrid breeding, if obtainable. (3) An "addled" egg is an unfertile one that has been sat on for some time. In the case of ordinary fowl's eggs a single

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1). "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.): "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

acquaintance with a nice "high" one is sufficient. You will easily detect them ever after. (4) As a rule it is not necessary to trim a bird's beak at the sides, this is generally kept in a normal condition by the mere act of shelling seeds, but if your birds beak is over grown so that it interferes with its feeding, you had better carefully trim a little off. Most Linnets will run the beak along the wires, especially if particularly healthy, and in high condition. It is as well to remove the eggs, as soon as possible after being laid to prevent accidents, but the fact of the hen sitting on one for several hours, or even a whole day, does not interfere with its freshness for hatching purposes.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

A QUESTION OF VALUE (Rara Avis).—It is not possible to say what "would be the value of a White Thrush, male and female." The value depends upon many circumstances. Some owners of such birds would require a pretty stiff sum, but a willing seller would probably ask anything from a pound up to five pounds, so much depends upon the quality of the bird. Many so-called "White" Thrushes are far from being spotlessly white in plumage, and as the only extra value attaching to the abnormality of coloration is in respect of the quality of the bird as a show specimen, there is here again a wide margin. I have paid £5 for a really White Thrush upon more than one occasion, but then the birds have been fit for immediate exhibition. Speaking with the reservations above mentioned, I should say that a young bird in good plumage and health would be worth a sovereign.

HAND-REARING LINNETS AND BULLFINCHES (L. T. G.).—The best age at which to take young birds for the purpose of hand-rearing is from ten to twelve days. For Bullfinches take some hard-boiled egg, white and yolk together, rub it through a sieve, and add about twice as much powdered sweet biscuit, make this fairly "sloppy" with boiled milk, and give from the end of a blunted piece of soft wood or a quill toothpick. You would need to feed every two hours at first, increasing the intervals gradually. Do not give too much at a meal; "little and often" is the secret. Give also house flies, spiders, and any small insects you can get. Nothing is better than "green-fly" (rose aphides), but it is rather early yet for these garden pests to be plentiful. As the birds get older, make the food less sloppy and add some chopped greenstuff, and give a drop or two of water into the beak between each meal. Linnets may be treated similarly, excepting that the live insects are not so essential in their rearing. You will find a helpful article on hand-rearing in our issues of April 26 and May 10. The feeding and proper treatment from the nest onwards is also dealt with in the "Nutshells" No. 2 the Linnet, and No. 11 the Bullfinch (2½d. each, post free, from our publisher).

HAND-REARING YOUNG PIED WAGTAILS (J. W. Seekings).—The young Wagtails which you say were about a fortnight old when you wrote will be about three weeks old by the time you see this reply, and if you have not already got them on to some sort of food, they will be fully old to take in hand. After a fortnight, at the outside, young birds frequently refuse to "gape" for food offered them, and if you have not already taken them you had better not undertake the task of rearing them. Further, Wagtails are so easily tamed when caught as adult birds that it is really not worth while troubling to hand-rear them. Should you determine to do so, however, give them at first as many living insects and small grubs as you can find; live ants' cocoons are a splendid food, and you can get these now from advertisers in our columns if you are not able to find them yourself. Make a mixture of equal parts of silkworm pupae, dried flies, dried ants' cocoons (ants' eggs), and preserved yolk of egg; double this mixture by adding powdered sweet biscuit, and you will have a "stock food" which will keep good indefinitely if kept dry. Moisten a portion of this to a fairly wet consistency and administer to the young birds by the aid of a blunted quill toothpick, or a small piece of soft wood, and give a drop or two of water or milk between "meals." They should be fed every two hours at first, gradually lengthening the intervals as the birds get older. For subsequent treatment see Nutshell No. 25 (post free 2½d. from our manager), which gives full particulars as to the hand-rearing and proper feeding of small insectivorous birds. (2) Your "aviary," 1ft. 3in. by 2ft. 4in., is practically only a fairly sized cage. The ground space is not quite three square feet, and it would not properly accommodate more than two or three insectivorous birds, or three or four small Finches, such as Siskins, Redpolls, or Linnets. Your foreign query has been sent on to our Mr. Page; this should have been written on a separate sheet of paper.

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should consult Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GOULDIANS (Gould).—Regret to keep you waiting, but I will give you a reply in our next issue.

REASON OF DEATH (E. E. Taylor).—This is a case in which only a post-mortem examination could have definitely enlightened you, but I may say all the details you describe point to a chill and pneumonia. It probably was an aviary-bred bird, a young one, just completing the coming into adult plumage.

CALIFORNIAN QUAIL (T. Tomlinson).—As a rule there is but little difficulty in rearing these birds, if a good supply of live ants' eggs and well scoured gentles be given frequently during the first ten days after hatching; after the first seven days they soon begin to pick up seed and soft food. I have reared a number of these birds, and leave mine to run about with their mother. A good many are regularly reared by foster parents, usually silky hens are used, and dieted as above, they are somewhat easily reared. There are some species of Quail that require more care, but Californians are quite a robust species. Another method is to keep the hen in a coop, to which a small run is attached for the chick, the hen being confined to the coop in the usual way, and the live food scattered about the run for the Quail. The coop and run being removed to fresh ground almost daily, the run is of course small, about a yard long, and the chicks are easily screened from too fierce sun or undue wet. Some give minced egg and custard to the Quail chicks. They have been hatched out in an incubator and reared by a foster mother.

BULBUL (A. L. T.).—It is a Madras or Red-vented Bulbul, and an advertisement in our columns would probably secure you a mate for it. They are hardy birds, handsome, and full of character. It was the prostration following importation that caused your White-cheeks to die, I expect, as these also are hardy once that trouble is passed.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY CAGE (J. W. Seekings).—The wording of your query makes it quite clear that you greatly over-rate the accommodating capacity of such a cage, and if I were attempting to breed birds myself I should only put one pair in. Again in such space you must not mix Budgerigars and Finches, such would only spell disaster at no distant date. Here are several selections (1) 1 pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars; (2) 1 pair each Budgerigars and Madagascar Lovebirds; (3) 1 pair each Budgerigars and Blue-winged Lovebirds. In either case you must manage to cram in four husks somehow, or the birds will be quarrelling over nesting sites. It is just possible that a pair each of White Java Sparrows and Budgerigars might live amicably together, and each breed in due course, but at the same time I can accept no responsibility in the latter case, the risk must be your own.

MOULTING OUT OF SEASON (Perseus).—Your query tells its own tale, the bird is quite out of condition. At the same time, many Parrots do moult just about the present time or a little earlier. Cease giving table snacks and diet as follows: Seed mixture: canary, white millet, and oats, one pint of each; hemp, maize, wheat, paddy rice, shelled nuts and sunflower seeds half-a-pint of each. Well mix and keep a supply in cage; also supply ripe fruit, greenfood, pieces of plain biscuit, or stale crust of household bread. If the latter has to be moistened, use only a little tepid sweetened water. Grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage. Throughout the summer and early autumn, spray it twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, keeping it out of reach of chill winds or draught till dry. Every fourth day (for a month) put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water; on other days put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

COCKATIELS (E. W. C.).—I cannot give a reason, only suggest possible causes, such as unsteady incubation, unfavourable weather conditions, birds not in best condition. In addition, there is the individualism of respective pairs, but if the cause is due to the irregularity of your pair of birds, this will probably pass away with later attempts. This has been my experience on more than one occasion, and one must pass through the annoying experience of possessing oneself in patience till this comes about. Some pairs are prolific beyond expectation, others very indifferent breeders and rearers. I should say the young bird died because its parents did not feed it. Perhaps if you repeat query and tell me how and where you keep and feed them, I can be more helpful. Are they in best of health and feather?

GREY PARROT (H. A. H.).—You give me no clue as to food and treatment, so I can only say confine its dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts, with, of course, cuttlebone, grit and water. A stale crust of household bread may also be given, either dry or moistened with a little tepid water. Twice a week for a month put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. After a month of such treatment report progress with full details. Now the weather is genial and warm, spray it twice weekly with a dilute, tepid quassia solution, keeping it out of cold winds or draught till dry. The irregular casting of the downy feathers need cause you no anxiety; this will practically cease as the bird recovers tone. If you send 2½d. to our Manager for the Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," you will get fuller details of food and treatment than space permits in this column.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (H. V. Starke).—(1) I should give boiled water so long as the Gouldians are kept in cages and indoors. If possible, arrange the supply in your outdoor aviary to be either running service water, or better still, soft water. In the outdoor aviary almost any kind of water will meet the case, so long as it is fresh and sweet. (2) Keep a close watch, and then remove any species which are in the habit of paying surreptitious visits to nests other than their own. All the Weavers, Cutthroats, Green Singing Finch, and Saffron Finches are possible culprits, but there is so much individualism among birds that your must observe the species named as far as possible, and remove any of suspicious demeanour. You will realise the difficulty when I state that I have kept all the species you name together without mishap; yet happenings such as have occurred in your aviary are by no means uncommon.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (W. H. B.).—"Up to the present" does not give me any idea for how long the birds have failed to go to nest. However, I can say this, some pairs take much longer to settle down than others, but usually once started, they breed practically all the year round. Yours may be youngish birds, only just donning mature plumage, or not yet in breeding condition. At the present time you can give them nothing better than flowering (seeding) grass, as much as they will eat. All they require is grit, cuttlebone, canary seed, white millet, millet sprays, green food, and once or twice a week a teaspoonful of crushed oats per bird. Put them on a course of Byno-phosphates, half-teaspoonful in daily supply of drinking water; if the voidings are at all hard, make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, as often as may be required to keep the bowels moving freely. Of course on such occasions omitting the phosphates for the particular day.

BIRDS FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (High Barbary).—You can put in the following pairs:—Zebra, Ribbon, Spice and Bib Finches, Silverbills, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, and Grey Singing Finches. The above selection, half of which are quite small species, are the utmost you can keep with any chance of success in breeding. You should get some breeding successes each year, but each pair will not breed annually. Put in some small nest boxes, rush nests, a couple of Hartz travelling cages, and one or two coconut shell nests, about fifteen to eighteen in all. Line the brick back, and wood end and front, thickly with twiggy branches; pea or bean sticks answer well for the purpose, and I should grow grass, canary seed, etc., under open netting part of roof. Your book will give you the main lines of treatment, etc., and our "Nutshells" on respective species give fullest details.

COCKATIELS (F. L. Howell).—For your first season, it is not much use troubling about time they start, etc. Your birds will start when they are thoroughly fit, and have quite settled down. Some—nay, most—of the Parrot tribe, to which Cockateels belong, take some little time to settle down, but once they settle, then they practically breed all the year round, only stopping for the moult. I know many aviaries in which they are incubating or feeding their second broods, but there is much individualism, and the productiveness of respective pairs is very variable, some surprisingly prolific, others moderate, others only rearing an occasional youngster. Their nest receptacles should have concave bottoms; many eggs are spoiled by rolling about on flat-bottomed nest boxes. The book is right. Their value is 10s. to 15s., according to condition or whether they are newly imported or acclimatised birds.

CLEANING A COCKATOO (G. L. Weaste).—It all depends on the individual bird. If it is tame and can be allowed out of its cage, some will take a bath with "great gusto" in a large shallowish dish; others will not take a bath, but are very tame and familiar with their owner, and will permit their plumage to be sponged, first with tepid soapy water, and then with clear; others that will neither suffer the sponging nor take a bath must be sprayed with tepid water twice weekly during the summer and once a week during the winter. At all seasons of the year birds must not be subjected to chill winds or draught while their plumage is wet, but at any time chill winds and draught are very bad for them, wet or dry.

FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (Roller).—The value you name, added to free breeding, strictly limits me. If you are interested in Hybrids, cock Green or Grey Singing Finches, Alario Finch, and Cape Canary pair fairly readily with the Canary. Zebra Finches, Silverbills, and Cutthroats are all striking and pretty birds, but they are not gorgeous, and they are free breeders. Avadavats are very beautiful when in colour, and are probable breeders Gold-breasted Waxbills may almost be termed gorgeous and are also probables; Bib Finches are small pretty birds, and are very likely breeders. You cannot introduce fresh birds into an aviary without some confusion, but I do not think it would be sufficient to cause the Canaries to desert unless your aviary is small and crowded. Supply a mixture of white and Indian millet in equal parts; this will do the Canaries no harm, and the foreign species will also take some of the Canary mixture. Keep one or two millet sprays hanging in the aviary. Green food liberally, particularly flowering (seeding) grass; grit, cuttlebone, and water. Soft food when feeding young, and a few dry ants' eggs.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Fry.—Congestion of the lungs.

Mrs. J. G. Hughes.—Ptomaine poisoning.

J. C. Reynolds.—Enteritis was the actual cause of death, probably due to ptomaine poison. A few drops of oil, salad oil in preference to castor oil, to get rid of poisonous products, followed in an hour or so by the administration of 5 drops of compound syrup of glycerophosphates, B.P.C., 1907, to overcome prostration resulting from absorption of the toxins or poisons.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Miss M. E. Brown.—Thanks for the negative, from which we hope to secure a pleasing picture for a future number. We will return it as soon as possible.

F. J. K.—In the case of fig. 4 the fresh-air would come in through a suitable ventilator and fall to the floor in front of the cages. In fig. 5 the air is carried to near the floor, behind the cages, either by a ventilating shaft or pipe, or by a space left between the outer wood-work and the inner lining of match-boarding.

H. E. Pace, Tom James, E. S., and others.—We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings forwarded us.

A. J. Garlick.—Many thanks; shall be pleased to utilise the contribution.

James Miller.—Any reference to this challenge must be made in the advertisement columns. We cannot entertain any discussion or dispute on such matters in our ordinary news columns.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual picnic, held on Whit Monday, to the residence of J. Knott, Esq., Close House, Wylam. Through his kindness, the whole of his grounds were thrown open for us, but what would have been a most enjoyable day was spoilt through the recent heavy rainfalls, the ground being too wet to allow us to venture into the beautiful woods to see what bird life was to be found. When we arrived, 72 all told, it was decided to have an early tea, and through the willing help of some of the ladies, namely, Mrs. W. Mackenzie, Mrs. Pettersson, Mrs. Smith, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Thompson, and Mrs. Curry, this was soon ready. To all these ladies we tender our best thanks for kindly help. This over, and Mr. Knott having allowed two of his gardeners to act as guides for us, we were taken on a round of inspection, including the kitchen garden, the beautiful greenhouses, vineries, etc., where we saw some fine plants, to say nothing of the ripe strawberries and various other fruits; the piggeries, where some fine pigs were seen, amongst them was a big winner at the leading shows. Near the house there were housed a Peacock and Peahen, and a fine pair they were. We now made our way to the poultry farm, and this proved of great interest. It consists of various kinds of stock pens, roosting houses, and a large piece of meadow, where the chickens and growing stock were housed, but the place of most interest was the incubator house, where we saw a great number of newly-hatched chickens, in all we saw over 600 chickens of various sizes and kinds. We finished up by having a look over the potting sheds and mushroom beds.—W. Curry.

Country Rambles

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S. Members Spend a Pleasant Day at Harden Beck.

On May 17th the ramble took place in connection with the above society to Harden Beck. Eight members turned up—Messrs. C. Pickles (pres.), E. Crossley (treas.), A. Sutcliffe (sec.), J. Hardy, W. Wild, E. Sutcliffe, S. H. Jeffreys, and C. Crabtree. The morning was rather dull, the afternoon brighter and warmer. We started our ramble from Cullingworth, and in crossing Cow House Bridge, under which passes a little stream, one of the party said he had seen a trout; the rest came to see this, and it created much amusement, as it turned out to be a water vole. In a few minutes we passed into the wood, starting into business right away; within ten yards of entering, a glorious sight met our eyes. Built in the wild gorse, a Blackbird's nest was seen. Off flew the old birds, with the usual call notes. All of the party came upon the scene to see a beautifully shaped nest containing four eggs of a greyish colour, and well on in incubation, as they showed by their dark cast that young birds were in the shell. The Pied Wagtail was seen, the Cuckoo and the Chaffinch heard. We next came across the Whitethroat in a low bushy hawthorn tree, sitting as if it fairly wanted us to admire it, so still did it keep; we were only two yards from it. A Thrush's nest was found, not quite finished building. On we plodded steadily out of the wood without further find, except the gamekeeper waiting to inform us that we had not followed the path, and as we did not see one, he must have been right; however, we had a little conversation with him, and he proved a very interesting and pleasant person to talk to. After leaving him we came across a Blackbird's nest, too high for us to see into; the old bird was sitting with eyes fixed. A little further, and we were at our destination, "Harden Beck." Here was the "Malt Shovel" Hotel, so in we trundled. I asked our host if he could provide us with tea; he said "Ah think we can; we hev a reight goid crop o' beef, or yer can hev ham an' eggs. Go inter kitchen an' arrange with missus yer sen" (in right good Yorkshire dialect) This I did, and when she showed me that beef it made me feel hungry. All went well until the sweets were reached, and one of the party was going to have some prunes, as he thought, but to his amazement they were pickled walnuts. Two of the party who had not finished their beef were glad that the discovery had been made. Our return journey was started up a rough road and along a lane to the wood top, where we found the nests of the Blackbird, Thrush, Chaffinch and Greenfinch. I should think we found some forty nests. All had been visited previously, and every egg taken except one Blackbird's; this nest was situated in some ivy closely binding a tree trunk. The songs of the Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Skylark were heard in passing out of the wood. A short walk, and we sighted the railway, tracks were made for the station, to miss our train by only three minutes, 45 minutes to wait. We arrived at Halifax at 8.5, and made for the "Plummet Line" Hotel, the headquarters of the Halifax O.S., where we met a few members and had a little talk; afterwards we made for King's Cross by car, where we dispersed at 9.30, having had a grand and enjoyable outing.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBACOMBE F.A.

Quarterly show held May 14, in St. Anne's Hall. Cage birds were quite the feature of the show, Yorks. predominating. The young bird class contained eleven, mosmtly promising youngsters which with a good moult should be heard of at the autumn shows. Special for best in show fell to Mr. J. H. Sanders with a neck-marked yellow Yorks. of splendid type and in good fettle. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged, and gave satisfaction.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Berry, varieg. C.B. and a clear. YORKS., CL., COL. FED: 1, 2, Berry; 3, Sanders. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, sp, Sanders; 2, 3, Berry. NAT. COL.: 1, Clay; 2, Sanders; 3, Berry. 1913 BRED: 1, Sanders; 2, Bishop; 3, Berry; 4, Clay. A.O.V.: 1, Berry. GOLDF.: 1, Perry. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Cribbet.

Correspondence.

Grass Seed as Green Food.

Sir,—In reference to grass seed as a green food, advocated by Mr. Weston in his notes, I wish to say that I am a great believer in this. It is an invaluable food for rearing young Hybrids—coming next only to Shepherd's purse in my estimation. I believe in giving it ad. lib. as soon as young are hatched.

(Mrs.) G. Christie.

An Amalgamation at Nelson.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me to announce that owing to Colne having broken up their society, most of their members joining our society, it was passed at our last monthly meeting that this society change its name to Nelson, Colne and Dis. C. and C.B.S. We hope to make this society a very strong one. Anyone wishing to join please send their name to me.

J. Speak, Sec.

11, Princess St., Nelson.

Three Chicks from Two Eggs

And the Twins Doing Well.

Sir,—Reading in Cage Birds of Mr. W. Brotherton hatching five chicks from four eggs, I thought it would be interesting for some of our fanciers to know that I have had three chicks hatch from two eggs, the twins are green in colour and at present are doing well, but I have had the misfortune to lose the single chick through the hen dragging it from the nest the day after hatching.

G. M. Davey.

Remarkable Egg Laying.

Eleven Eggs in Eleven Days.

Sir,—I have a Border hen which laid 11 eggs in 11 days. Does this break all records of egg laying? It is the second nest; there were five the first time from which I have four young in my flight, so you will see my birds are cock and hen, and not two hens as some may suggest. I might also state she is a young hen. Wishing everybody a good season; also continued success to Cage Birds.

C. Ellison.

The Use of Mules for Breeding Purposes.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. A. Shaw, seems to consider a solitary experience of his own of supposed fertility in Mules sufficient to warrant recommendation of the mating of Mules to those anxious to breed birds. I certainly do not. In the case he refers to where I definitely advised a querist not to try to breed with a hen Mule, the person was particularly anxious to obtain some success in rearing young, and to advise such a one to pin faith to a solitary hen Mule would, in my opinion, not only be most misleading, but wholly indefensible. I do not by any means wish to discourage the mating of Mules, but in every case it should be with a full knowledge that the mating is purely experimental, and infinitely more likely to prove barren than otherwise—never with the expectation of obtaining early and certain results. I have come across numerous records of supposed fertility in Mules, extending back over the last forty years, at least, and in a few cases the evidence is certainly strong in favour of the claim. A case came to my notice this spring, the veracity of which I can scarcely doubt. Yet even this would not justify me in advising a person desirous of producing some young birds quickly to rely upon a hen Mule, or a cock Mule either, to breed them.

Claude St. John.

Plucking the Young Birds.

A Bitter Lesson for "Ma."

Sir,—As your correspondence column begins to show, many fanciers are being troubled once again with that wretched habit of hens plucking the feathers from their young, either just before, or just after leaving the nest. I had such a hen cause me trouble three weeks ago—four nice birds just feathering when "Ma," discovering how nice that little bit of "marrow" is that lies at the end of the quill in tail and wing feathers, set herself out to have a good time. It occurred to me that, as she must of necessity have access to her young, the only way to cure her was, if possible, to make her "tit-bit" distasteful to her. Having in mind a "bitter" experience which occurred to me when I was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years old, I purchased a pennyworth of bitter aloes, and, dissolving a small piece in warm water, applied the liquid with a camel-hair brush to the basis of the wing and tail feathers of all four young birds. As soon as I replaced the nest, "Ma" promptly returned to the fray. After one feather had been sampled, it took her quite ten minutes to find out what had occurred, during which time she was very busy rubbing her beak on the perch. However, like ourselves, when youngsters, she was not to be broken first go, so she had another try, but, the result being the same, she decided that egg food was more to her taste, and resolved to let feathers alone. It quite broke her of the bad habit, and the four young are now on the sticks with only a few main feathers short. Bitter aloes has not, I believe, any injurious effect, and some fanciers who may be troubled with plucking hens may like to try the treatment I have found serve me so well.

H. Morgan.

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The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's Classification.

Sir,—I thank Mr. Spillman for his sarcastic letters, but thought he would have kept to a higher level. My writing on this question was with the best of intention, and not to have a tilt at him. If I answered Mr. Spillman I feel sure I should hurt his feelings, which would be a pity, so as far as I am concerned I shall not reply.

J. E. Rowe.

Birds Burgled at Boston.

Sir,—I should be glad if you would mention in this week's issue that some one, early this morning, May 26th, broke into one of my aviaries and cleared me of my stock of fine British birds, including Bramble cock, Chaffinch hen, two Greenies, Goldie cock, two Linnet cocks, Redpoll hen, Bullie hen, Linnet Mule, Pekin Nightingale cock, and two immaterial birds. This might enable me to trace the thief by coming to the notice of someone to whom they may have been offered. The police have the matter in hand. Many thanks in anticipation.

Thos. Charleton.

Are Hatching Eggs Affected by Vibration?

Sir,—I see several readers of our valuable paper. Cage Birds have been asking if vibration has any effect upon eggs. Perhaps it will interest them to know that at a colliery, where I am employed, an aviary has been erected in the winding engine house. This aviary contains about a dozen Canaries and two British birds, and in it, this year, have been bred about eight young ones, two of which are now flying about. I am sorry to say, however, that we have lost the others. We have also had about a dozen addled eggs; this, however, I think is due to having only one cock Canary with about eight hens, as I do not think the Britishers (Siskin and Redpoll) are mulers. The nests are hung round the walls, and these are constantly vibrating, owing to the movement of the winding engines, which are practically constantly working. One hen has built a nest on a pan hung on the wire netting, and every time this is touched the pan jolts violently to and fro. However, one young one has been hatched in this nest, so I do not think that vibration will stop the young from hatching. I hope to send photographs later on, but if there are any fanciers who would like to see them I will obtain permission from the manager (who himself breeds a few Rollers) to show them round.

N. Pollitt.

Swinton.

[We shall be very pleased to receive the photographs.—Editor.]

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More White Canaries.

Seven White Norwich Bred at Yarmouth.

Sir,—In Cage Birds of May 24th I notice Mr. Weston states that no fewer than four separate instances of the breeding of White Canaries have been put on record. Will you please inform Mr. Weston that I exhibited a pure white Norwich Plainhead at Gorleston in January, 1911, which secured first prize. Further, in 1912, I bred two pure white Norwich Plainheads, and in 1913 I have bred four pure white Norwich Plainheads up to the present time. I wish Cage Birds every success.

G. Pye.

Wren's Curious Nesting Site.

Sir,—The following may interest some of your readers, and possibly, amongst others:—Mr. Weston, whose weekly notes I eagerly look forward to. In an open cart-shed belonging to a farmer, there are a lot of thick iron and wire rings, to slip over the tops of wood hurdles when sheep-folding, to save ticing. There are about three dozen, making a series of over-lapping circles, very irregular. They hang from a nail attached by a bit of rope about a foot or so long. A pair of Wrens have built in the rings, and the young are now about half grown. The nest is entirely in the rings. You can unhook the rope and carry the nest where you like. I did so this morning, as it hangs rather high, and I wanted to see how they were getting on. I then rehung the nest and departed.

N. A. C. Boycott.

Diss.

Bird-catching in Lincolnshire.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me a little space to ask brother catchers if they would kindly tell me in what month Lincolnshire opens for bird catching, and where is the best part to go for Linnets and Goldies, and nearest railway station. I should like to have other catchers' views from other counties; also as to what size of net they prefer. I shall be greatly obliged for any information given me.

W. L.

Bullfinches Breeding in Captivity.

Sir,—Will you let me know if Bullfinches have ever been bred in captivity, because I have bred some this year, they hatched out on Sunday, May 18, and are going on well so far.

F. W. Skett.

Erdington.

[Bullfinches have frequently bred in aviaries, but not many cases have come to our notice where they have bred in cages (i.e., hatched and reared their young). Perhaps Mr. Skett will kindly give fuller particulars—size of cage, or aviary, food, etc.—Editor.]

Remarkable Experience with Chaffinch Eggs Put Under Canaries.

Sir,—It may be of interest to other beginners in the Fancy, like myself, to know of an experience I have just had. A friend of mine brought me two Chaffinch eggs on April 29, which had been laid on the two previous days. Having no hen ready at the time, I kept them in bran until May 8, when I set two hens, putting a Chaffinch egg in each nest with the Canary's own eggs. After they had been sitting a week, through carelessness on my part, I omitted to give seed to No. 1 hen, with the result that she left the nest, and the eggs were cold when I found it out. I took the eggs away, put them on a table, and left them there for at least two hours, then, thinking that she might take to the nest again, after having food, and perhaps would be useful to me to help rear some of No. 2 hen's young, I returned the Chaffinch egg, which was fertile (her own eggs were all clear). I also took the Chaffinch egg from No. 2 hen, and put it with the other one with the result that on May 20, 12 days from the time of sitting, she hatched out the two Chaffinches, but they both died when two days old. I was given to understand that Chaffinch eggs took the same time to hatch (under ordinary circumstances) as those of Canaries.

Wm. Stockin.

The Breeding of Yellows From Two Buffs.

How the Quality and Colour of Canaries may be improved in the Process.

Sir,—Thanks to Mr. G. E. Weston for backing my argument that it is possible to breed yellows from two buffs. I never even had the idea that I was the only one; others must surely have done it. Mr. Weston is quite to the point. I will give this method of quality breeding in detail to all young fanciers, as was my intention after all doubts had been cleared away. Some years ago I had the pleasure of a peep into a high-class Norwich Canary breeder's room. What quality I saw; I shall never forget it, and I have been in many since that time. Hens were even better than cocks. The grand salmon undercolour had a kind of a net or curtain of silver frosting hung over. This salmon tint was in all the buffs I saw, both cocks and hens. I thought to myself there must be a secret here to get them all like this. I had to be very careful, as my intention was to buy two hens—I had nothing to approach them. I said to the owner, you have a nice yellow hen here, a real good one, and another one there. He said he had bred them from two buffs. I asked him if this was the way he got good quality like this throughout his stock. He replied, yes. I then asked the price of the two hens, but, alas! my poor pocket would not stand the figure asked. My only way out of it was, I thought, to go home and put two buffs together, and breed myself some yellow hens. I did so, but with no success. Like Mr. Johnson, I met with utter failure. I might have tried until Doomsday and never got one that way. It was a case of gaining a little size and losing colour—I was going to Newcastle to get to London, as it were. I then retraced my steps and bought a pair of Norwich from a breeder who had introduced the Cinnamon and Crest-bred into his stock a few years previously. Here is the "secret," if I may term it so. I worked these into my stock. The following year I put up a deep yellow-marked cock to a buff hen, and a buff-ticked cock to a yellow-marked hen. The following year I paired up two yellows bred from these two pairs, both ticked. These yellows bred buffs. The buff cocks so bred I paired up to buff hens, bred from the yellow-marked cock and buff hen. Here I got a profusion of yellow blood, and the result was I bred yellows from buffs. It was here I found out the golden rule for quality. Take care of both the buff and yellow hens bred from these double yellows and work on them. You will want very little colour-feed to bring the young from them up to concert pitch. It is more particularly for the benefit of young fanciers that I have penned these few lines. Just a word to the Cinnamon breeders before I close my letter:—Is it not possible to breed buffs with a red throat and breast, like a newly-caught cock Linnet, in place of those washy pale throats you so often see, and which are so often commented upon at the shows? I think it is. The yellows will then take care of themselves.

J. Garner.

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Sir,—Through your valuable paper, Cage Birds, I would like to state that I have bred two Siskin-Twite Hybrids in an aviary, in which there are two hen Siskins also. I would like to know if this is uncommon, and if they have been bred before?

James Lindsay.

Carluke.

[Siskin-Twite Hybrids have been previously bred, but are rare. It is not, we think, a cross that is often tried.—Editor.]

Were there White Canaries in Years Gone By?

Sir,—In reference to Mr. Weston's notes about white Canaries in years gone by, he and others might be interested to hear that fourteen years ago I well remember a sister of mine kept a pair of common Canaries which had a nest, and duly hatched out four youngsters. The eggs having been left in as laid, the birds came out on different days. The three eldest were variegated birds, but the youngest and smallest was quite white. Unfortunately, possibly because it was the smallest, it did not thrive, and to our great disappointment it died before leaving the nest, but it was practically fully fledged, and was certainly white without a mark of any kind. It was not an albino, as its eyes were of normal colour. We certainly looked upon it as a "freak" and much regretted its demise. The father was a clear buff, and the hen was probably the same, but I cannot now remember.

(Mrs.) G. Christie.

Elgin.

The Use of Standard Show Cages in Ireland.

Sir,—The first letter was about Yorkshire cages, and "Advocate of Uniformity," answered it in a few sentences, and then broke off about the Norwich cages, proving clearly that it was the Norwich fanciers that he wanted to get at. Now Mr. Stewart has answered, and has denied the statement that some fanciers put their names on the backs of their cages. I may say that I have been attending shows for the past 20 years, and I have never seen a name on a cage yet. I am glad to see "Advocate" advocating the claims of Irish judges, but I am afraid that until we cultivate the spirit of taking a beating in the proper way, then it is a case of "pity the Irish judge." Surely an Irish judge will be more found fault with than an English one, if the names are on the cages. Does "Advocate" really think that the fanciers here would stand the latter kind of thing?

A. Creighton.

Sir,—Would it be any information to "Advocate of Uniformity" to know that it was not for holding shows on its own account that the N.P.C.C. of Ireland was formed; also his is the first information I have received of a show being held under the auspices of this club this year. It is not a lifetime ago since it was in active existence. So late as 1910, at six or seven shows the cups were competed for and won a second time by the holders, who ungrudgingly gave them up this year to be competed for afresh. Further, I think the Norwich exhibitors are not so absent-minded as "Advocate of Uniformity" would have his readers believe them to be. The members of this club, who are the principal Norwich exhibitors here, have been showing in the same N.P.C.C. show cage since 1910. I suppose it will take some salt to make "Advocate" swallow this, too. If there are so many shapes, makes, and colours of cages as you say, "Advocate," why trouble to put a name on at all—would every exhibitor not know his own cage well enough? Yet you say they have to lift them down to see whose they are before the award catalogues are on sale. You say you are surprised at me denying that many exhibitors put their names on the backs of cages. I still emphatically deny it, and say it has not been done since I joined the Fancy, and I challenge you now to name even one exhibitor that has put his name on either back or bottom of cages. In your first letter you say a fancier who had his name on all his cages won 12 specials in open Norwich classes at two of our shows; this I say is not correct either, and I challenge you to name the fancier. I unhesitatingly say there are judges come over from England to judge our shows, who are above suspicion, and who judge the birds on their merits—every man is not a rogue as "Advocate of Uniformity" would have us believe.

James Stewart.

Sir,—In your last issue "Advocate of Uniformity," I think, has overstepped the margin in saying the judges that come from England to judge our shows are not above suspicion. I quite agree with him, however, re the names on the backs of the cages, although personally I believe they are there for the fanciers' own convenience when lifting their birds at shows. There is not the least doubt that steps must be taken to stop exhibitors putting their names on cages. It is the amateurs that swell the classes, and they must get encouragement if they are to continue exhibiting. A uniform show cage would do away with a lot of grumbling and suspicion re distinguishing marks, and it is the duty of the N.P.C.C. of Ireland to take the matter up. "Advocate of Uniformity" has no doubt raised a point which show committees would do well to consider, and that is, the appointment of Irish judges. A judge from England costs a show £3, whereas in Ireland equally good judges could be had for £1 or £1 5s. I know some will say that you cannot get a man in Ireland to judge all varieties. If so, why not have two, one for Crests and Plainheads, and another for Yorks and British; or at shows where the Yorkshires were in the majority have one judge for Yorks, and the other for Nor., Brit., etc.? The advantages of having two Irish judges instead of one English judge are: (1) It saves the show committee from 15s. to 20s. in judge's fees. (2) The judging would be over in half the time, therefore the public could be admitted earlier. (3) The award catalogues could be printed earlier, doubtless with an increased sale. (4) In many cases where a two-day show is held one day would suffice owing to the foregoing advantages, thus saving £1 or £1 10s. hall rent. In my opinion it would greatly benefit such shows as Derry, Cork, Larne, Bangor, Kingstown, and Newtownards. At present it takes them all their time to keep afloat, and few have a balance on the right side. What do the officials think of Irish judges? Their opinions I am sure will be welcomed by Irish readers.

John Gray.

Is Insect Powder Injurious to Young Birds in the Shell?

Sir,—I should be glad to know (and I think it would interest breeders of birds in general) if there is any danger in dusting the eggs and nests of Canaries, etc., with insect powder, a practice I see constantly advocated. One of the largest and most successful poultry breeders in England, says it should never be done with fowls' eggs when hatching, as it is possible for the whole lot of eggs to be spoiled, and the chicks in them killed through the powder (which is, of course, very fine) getting into the pores of the shells, and thereby suffocating the chickens. I well remember once I had a valuable sitting of eggs within a day or so of hatching, and to make quite sure the chicks should not be troubled with insects I dusted both hen, nest, and eggs, well with Keating's powder. Only about two eggs hatched, and on breaking the others I found five fully developed chickens in them, but dead. I could not at the time in any way account for it, but on being told the above I fully believe the cause was the powder. In the book on Canaries, by Mr. House, you are told always to well dust the nest and eggs when the bird begins to hatch and again just before the eggs are due to chip. I should very much like to know if any breeders who are in the habit of following this advice ever find the young ones fully developed, but dead in the shell without being able to account for it.

H. M. P.

The Ramble of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

An Apology.

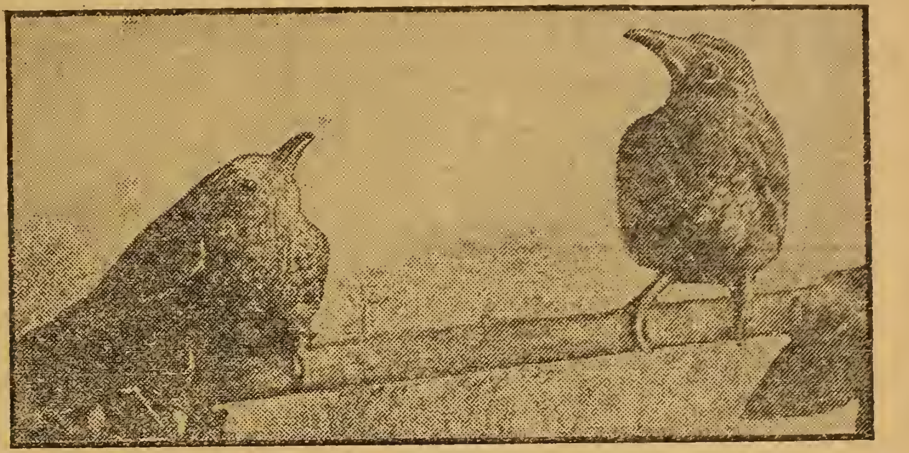
Sir,—I feel I owe an apology, not only to the members of the above club, but particularly to the members of kindred societies who joined in the afternoon ramble, for the disappointment caused by the curtailment of the afternoon arrangements, owing to an unpardonable blunder on my part in fixing the hour for luncheon at 5 p.m., instead of 1 p.m. I assure them that nobody felt the disappointment more keenly than I did. It was most mortifying to me to discover at the very last moment that a slip of the pen had upset the intended arrangements, and that those members who had tramped hard all the morning in the broiling sun were deprived of the looked for repast. I most sincerely tender them my apologies, and beg that they will not put the mistake down to carelessness unworthy of one who presumes to give advice on the keeping of softbills, and declares regularity to be one of his mottoes. Fortunately the outing was favoured with fine weather, otherwise the consequences of the delay might have been felt more acutely, but I trust the digestive organs of the "bread and cheese" party were not seriously upset, but thoroughly "Meated off" by the late tea, and that their angered spirits were softened by the melodious strains of Philomel on the way back to the station. Five o'clock tea is conventional, but hot luncheon at 5 p.m. unique—certainly so in 1913. I never did believe, but do now, that thirteen is an unlucky number, and trust one and all will take the same view.

Otto Peck.

Captive Cuckoos and their Little Ways

Mrs. Sargeant writes again concerning her uncommon pets, in the Keeping of which she has had an unusual amount of success.

Sir,—I am now, according to promise, sending you photographs of my old Cuckoo (the one that recently died after nearly five years of captive life), as mounted by Mr. Jones, and my two young ones. Mr. Homer had to photograph them under somewhat difficult circumstances, as it was too cold to venture out of doors with them, and the weather was also against taking them indoors—we waited in vain for a ray of sunshine. I think you will agree with me, however, that they all look remarkably well. The two young ones you will see are still changing feathers; the elder of the two (by a fortnight) is showing fight in his (or her) usual aggressive way.



Photograph by] [*Homer, Worcester.*

THE TWO YOUNG CUCKOOS "SPOILING FOR A FIGHT."

The photograph of Mrs. Sargeant's 5-year-old bird appeared on page 445 last week.

They are, like all the other Cuckoos I have had, friendly with most other birds, but show a deadly hatred towards members of their own species. The old one, who looked most lifelike as he was posed for the photo, was instantly known by the two young Cuckoos, but the other birds took no notice of him. Mr. Jones says that had he lived he would have been in far finer plumage this summer, and he failed to find any reason for his death beyond that of chill, his body being properly plump and in good condition. I am afraid I was too venturesome with him, the winter being so mild. He was in and out his cage all day long. Mr. Homer suggested that the two young ones should be photographed together. I said: "Oh, no, they could not be taken together; if both were at liberty they would fight like anything. However, I placed them both on the same perch, and sure enough they seized each other by the beak. It was my dividing hand that sent them both to the far ends of the perch, looking defiance at each other, and turning up a corner of the eye to see if that hand was still there to part them if they had another round! Mr. Homer seized the happy moment, and we were both glad to get them safely back into their cages. I said I would try and relate a few things about Cuckoos, but I find so much has been said about them in Cage Birds since their arrival this spring that I have little left to tell. Cuckoos are birds that appeal to all poets in the spring—Shakespeare and Wordsworth amongst the rest. They have been birds of mystery at all times, and taken for omens of good and bad (bad mostly). In the very early days they were considered to turn into a species of Hawk, and change their plumage in the winter. I quote from Mr. John's Natural History, which says these birds evince so much animosity towards each other that should two males meet, they will fight in mid air, wheeling and attacking each other like birds of prey. This gave rise to the idea at one time prevalent that they were the only birds of the Hawk species that preyed on each other. They were also thought to hibernate during the winter. Mr. Wood, in his Natural History, says that weodmen sometimes came upon them in a hole in a log of wood. A woman I was talking to only this morning said that her father was a woodman, and told her he came across several rolled up in their feathers in holes at the roots of trees, and that on waking them they quickly changed their feathers into spring plumage. So there are still some believers in this phase of a Cuckoo's life. It is well known now that they migrate. How long they live seems rather unsettled, as those specimens that are shot are rarely over two years old, and often not that. It appears that in Devonshire there is an old adage, still believed by the little ones, that the Cuckoo comes in the spring to eat up all the mud, and make the lanes passable for their little feet, that they may gather the spring flowers. In captivity Cuckoos are most intelligent and affectionate birds, and have a certain amount of reasoning power. One I had always knew when my neighbour (who was in the habit of speaking to him as he passed the window at dinner time) was coming. Up would go his head fully a minute or more before he passed. I used to think he must hear his footsteps long before I could, but after noticing him a few days I found he started to watch out as soon as Williamson's rung the men out of work. As soon as Mr. Roberts had passed, down would go his head, satisfied. One of the young ones I have now is by the side of the fire, farthest away from the window. He sits and watches all things that pass. I am sometimes between him and the window, but when he hears a cart or motor coming, he stretches his neck, peeps on one side, then the other, looks at me, and presses his chest against the bars. When I move away from him his eyes brighten. Their eyes change colour, like their feathers, but very gradually, at least, that is, in captivity. This bird is in all ways like my old Cuckoo. The "fighter" is different in many little respects, so possibly they are male and female. Should they live to another spring, I will let you know. I have more Bullfinch eggs, under Canaries this time, but I am not expecting any luck. I have two Greenfinches sitting steadily, and another nest complete, also a good few young Canaries.

(Mrs.) E. M. Sargeant.

Sir,—Mrs. Sargeant, who is sending photos and particulars of her tame Cuckoos, wishes me to also inform you that the Cuckoo photographed stuffed was five years old and a chill caught during moulting was the cause of death. It was very difficult to stuff, being covered chiefly with quill feathers. She took every care each moulting time but it only had a partial moult; this time it appeared to be a full moult, but the bird was not able to get through it.

T. Jones.

New Secretary for Boldon Colliery F.F.S.

Sir,—I have taken over the duties of secretary to the Boldon Colliery Fur and Feather Society, owing to the resignation of Mr. A. Widdowfield. Will those sending communications to the society please address them to me.

Alfred Hirons.

119, Charles Street, Boldon Colliery.

A Homing Chaffinch.

Sir,—About the middle of March I had a small Chaffinch hen, field-moulted. I had no use for her, so I gave her her liberty. I was surprised to find that she had returned three days later, and I hung a show cage out. She immediately took possession of this. I then kept her until May 16 when she this time flew out of the window, and again returned on the 19th, I put the cage out again, and in less than five minutes she entered. On Saturday last I rung her, and again gave her her liberty. Next evening she returned to her habitation, and she is in my birdroom at present. I should like to know if any reader of your valuable paper has had a similar experience.

Henry Webster.

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LEYTON C.B.A.

The members of above association went for their annual ramble through Epping Forest, May 17. There was a good muster at Loughton Station, and, owing no doubt to the glorious weather, everyone was in the best of spirits. Dozens of nests were found, with eggs and youngsters, including Linnet, Chaffinch, Whitethroat, Greenfinch, Blackbird, Thrush, and Bullfinch. We have never found so many Linnets' nests in the Forest; quite seven or eight were found, with eggs, one with the old bird on, bearing our inspection bravely for some time. It was found when she did move that there were five eggs. Another interesting thing was the way a Lesser Whitethroat left her nest, just hopped out and along a small branch, as unconcernedly as possible; of course this was probably owing to the care we were taking. Only one Bullfinch nest was found, and that with the hen sitting, and what a lovely specimen. Arriving at the "Owl," the whole company were photographed, to the great amusement of a party of young ladies. Curiously enough one of them exclaimed, "Look for the dicky bird." Surely they did not know we were "birdy men"; anyhow, the remark was the cause of a spoilt plate. We next adjourned to the hall at the rear, where Mrs. Langdon (the hostess) had a splendid meat tea ready for us, to which we did full justice. Having satisfied the "inner man," music was the order of the evening. Photographer Talbot presided at the piano, and there was no lack of volunteers for songs. We had a very jolly time.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

A DAY IN EPPING FOREST

Spent by the N.B.B. and M.C. and other London Societies.

In their annual ramble, the members of the National British Bird and Mule Club were joined by the L. and P.O.S., City and Suburban, North London, and other Societies to Epping Forest on Saturday last, May 24th. About 28 turned up in the morning, and the ramblers were favoured with the best of weather, dry and warm, with the sun not too oppressive, and the Forest could not have looked better. A start was made from Chingford, and Starlings, Rooks, Sparrows, all ubiquitous (are all vermin?) were soon located. Then in quick succession followed the Wren, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Missel Thrush (pair), Robin, Song Thrush, Blackbird (young), and then a Blackbird's nest. This was rather out of reach, but Mr. Askew saved climbing by an ingenious contrivance (a small round looking glass tied on to the point of his stick, which, held in the right position above the nest, displayed to one and all the contents, viz., 3 eggs). This idea of Mr. Askew's proved very useful throughout the day. The Forest is rich in Warblers, and the Nightingale was the next to display his vocal powers, followed by the Garden Warbler, Willow Wren, and Whitethroat. Then we came on a Thrush's nest, with four eggs, then a Chaffinch's nest, and the mirror displayed young ones just out, and one egg. Then in quick succession came Blue Tit, Great Tit, Chiff-chaff, and several Blackcaps. Then we came on young Robins, and after that a deer was seen scudding through the thickets. Then Green Woodpeckers and Cuckoos were heard. Up to this time we had been mainly amongst high trees, where the bird life could not be called plentiful for the distance travelled, but now we came to the plain below the "Owl Inn," and Mr. Law flushed a Willow Wren and found the nest with 7 eggs. Nightingales were heard here, and deer again seen. Jays seemed to be abundant, and Mr. Robson saw four young ones on the wing. On our way to the "Owl" the first Martin came in sight. At the "Owl" we found a Pied Wagtail's nest and four eggs, and Swallows and Swifts, and Wood Pigeons were seen. After a rest and refreshment a few of the ramblers, headed by Mr. Silver, wandered over the brow of the hill, and Tree Pipits were distinctly identified by their characteristic flight and song. The afternoon party of about 15 then joined us, and after starting away from the "Owl," we located another Willow Wren's nest, with eggs, and several Whitethroats' nests, and a Blue Tit's nest, with 7 eggs. About this time the Nuthatch was heard calling. Then Mr. Carr, who was very enthusiastic and industrious, found a Lesser Whitethroat's nest with five eggs, and he spent some time in trying to find a Blackcap's nest, but did not meet with the same success, although the cock kept singing lustily in about the same spot all the time. The cover was very thick. When we got to the "Robin Hood" a Coal Tit's nest was found amongst rockwork, with three holes in the rockwork for the hen to go in and out at. Tea was partaken of at this hostelry, and afterwards one or two short speeches were made (chairman, Mr. Robson welcoming the visitors, and Messrs. Law (L. and P.O.S.) and Jeffries (N. London C.B.A.), responding. Mr. Lott, the popular one-time secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C., also being called upon for a few words. Mr. Puck, who organised the outing, was heartily thanked for his services, the opinion of all being that a most pleasant day had been spent, despite an unfortunate hitch over the luncheon arrangements. After leaving the "Robin Hood" for Loughton, on the homeward journey, a few birds were seen and heard, but no new species. On the whole it would seem that the district is not so full of bird life as it was a few years ago, and probably the "tripper," who is now poured into the Forest by train, tram and motor bus, is responsible for this; he reminds one of the Starling and Sparrow, which oust everything else when once they take possession.—G. Crabb.

As a youngster it might possibly be rather 'leggy.'
But would no doubt have grown into a fine specimen
Amusing its owner with its merry antics
It might even have been trained to beg
And could easily spare a leg to scratch its ear
Later it would no doubt settle down to the more serious duties of life.
L S D
Causing a great sensation when the young enter the Palace and help to fill the money bags.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

The photograph we published of Mr. Baker's four-legged Norwich Canary has stimulated the imagination of our artist, Mr. Norman.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. — June 3, St. Thomas School, Ardwick, 8. First feather show business.—J. Spencer.

Arbroath C.B.S.—June 4, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, 8. Arrangements and judge for F.F. show.—John Gray.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—May 31, Harmonic Hall 7.30. Nest feather show; subscriptions; enrol new members.—W. Hall.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—June 3 P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Colour-food; young bird show; and other business. —J. R. Colville.

Abertillery C.B.S.—June 7, Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, at 7.30. Fixing schedule for open show and orders for colour-food; other business important. —Geo. Broome.

Barnet F. and F.S.—June 4, Headquarters, 8.30. Lecture on Poultry, by Mr. C. Mead.—W. J. Cartwright.

Bolton C.B.S.—June 3, Star and Garter, 8.30. Arrangement for bowling match.—J. Gerrard.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Distribution of schedule and syllabus; arrangements for members' show.—F. Gelder.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—May 31, Social Club, 7. Special meeting to arrange for nest feather show.—D. Reavley.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 31, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Schedule for nest feather show and other business. —Wm. Knowles.

Blaydon C.B.S.—June 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. To consider schedule for next annual show, and other important business.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Visit to Esholt Sewage Works and ramble round the estate, May 31; meet at Victoria Hotel corner, at 2 p.m. prompt.—H. Bryant.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—May 31, The Institute, 6. Important business; fanciers invited.—A. Hirons.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 4, King's Head, 8.15. General meeting.—John C. Bell.

Bradford (City of) O.S.—May 31, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Important business.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford National Show Committee.—June 4, Market Tavern, 8. Election of sub-committee and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—June 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arranging classification for the annual show, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—May 31, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Monthly meeting.—W. H. Steel.

Bristol C.B.S.—June 4, City Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for outing, June 14, also for F.F. show, June 21.—B. L. Pool.

Bromley and West Kent F.A.—June 3, Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8. Monthly meeting; arrange classes for first feather show.—W. Foxen.

Burslem C.B.S.—June 5, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Nest feather show arrangements, etc.—Leonard James.

Burton-on-Trent.—June 3, Staffordshire Knot, 6, Summer show business.—A. Wood.

Crewe O.S.—June 3, Brotherhood Institute, 8.—E. Jaycott.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 4, Lamb Hotel, 8. Table show foreign birds and British other than Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet; judge, the President.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—June 4, Crown Hotel, Hill-st., 8.30. Election of judge for nest feather show, and lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. J. Burke. Fanciers invited.—J. H. Jones.

Chorley C.B.S.—June 4, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Lecture on "Colour-feeding," by Mr. Netherwood, and further important business.—H. A. M. Gregg.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 3. 8.30. Arrangements for young bird show.—T. J. Hose.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—June 7. Members' first feather show, 6.30. Nor. Buff. do. yell., Yorks. buff, do. yell., A.O.V., Linnets, Mules, Goldf. or Bullf. Judge, Mr. A. Wilson. Special for best bird in show.—J. Griffiths.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 2, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Mr. J. Barnes will lecture on colour-feeding.—J. Southworth.

Coventry O.S.—June 4, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Arrangements for young stock show.—A. J. Barratt.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—May 31, Arcade Hotel, 6.30. Final arrangements for ramble, June 3, through Raith Estate, kindly granted by the Right Hon. M. P. Munro Ferguson. A full turn-out expected.—J. W. Holms.

Doncaster C.B.S.—June 14, Black Bull, 4. Purchasing cups; orders for colour-food; decide judges for open show; and other important business; subs. now due.—G. Hunt.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 3, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham 8. Lecture on the Yorkshire, by Mr. F. Easterling.—W. Hodson.

East Bowling B.F.A.—May 30, St. John's School, 8. To arrange for June show; also combination show.—L. Booth.

Edmonton F.A.—June 12, Headquarters, Charity School, Church-st., Edmonton, 8.30. Papers and discussion on cage birds. All fanciers invited.—W. H. Jackson.

Falkirk C.B.S.—June 5, Oddfellows Hall, 8. Table show, A.V. British; first feather show, business, etc. —R. Rennie.

Felling F. and F.S.—May 31, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Last meeting before show; also election of stewards, etc.—G. Garbutt.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—June 3, J. H. Seinor's, 8. General and first feather show business.—A. Berry.

Grangemouth O.S.—June 4. Rechabite Hall, 8. Arrangements for first feather show and allocation of trophies for annual show.—Jno. Woodhouse.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—June 4, Johnson's, 353, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Lecture on colour-feeding, by Mr. Geo. Gardner.—P. Brooks.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—June 3, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Business important.—Wm. Cottingham.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—June 7, Rutland Hotel, 7. Classes for open show and first feather show.—T. Smith.

Islington F.A.—June 2, Congregational Schoolroom, Warlters Road, Holloway, 8.30 p.m. Very important meeting, re first show for the season.—H. A. Brown.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—June 7, Council Schools, Sawley Road, 7 and 7.30. Open meeting. Will all members who did not attend last meeting, make a special effort to attend above?—G. T. Wall.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 3, White Swan, 8.30. Postponement of annual outing.—A. Freestone.

Loanhead C.B.S.—June 7, Masons' Arms, 7.30. Replies from judges and arrange for ramble to Arniston Estate.—Walter B. Smart.

Laisterdyke B.Y.A.—June 4, Railway Hotel, 8. First feather show and combination schedules.—J. E. Hudson.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—June 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. First feather show business. —H. Boothman.

Middlesex O.S.—June 5, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Arrange schedule for young stock show and other important business.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Morley C.B.S.—May 31, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—June 5, Daybrook-st. School, 7.45. "How to Colour-feed," by the secretary.—F. Broadhurst.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—May 31, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7. Committee meeting; patronages, competitions, and other important business.—J. Chambers.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—June 5, 65, Grainger-st., 7.30. Question night.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—June 5, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, S.E. Young stock show; judge, Mr. Tringham; all fanciers invited; admission free; show opens 8.30.—Burton Bros.

Nelson, Colne C. and C.B.S.—June 3, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30. Final arrangements for young show.—J. Speak.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—June 2, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Mr. Harvey will lecture on "Lessons learnt from our birds."—M. C. Potts.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—June 4, 65, Grainger-st., 8. Table show, nest feather; 4 classes; judge, Mr. T. C. Crawhall.—R. Tindale.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—June 2, Church House, 8. Paper on "British," by Mr. Walker.—T. H. Tiffen.

Oxford C.B.S.—June 5, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. First feather show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Partick C.B.C.—June 6, Foresters' Hall, 294, Dumbarton Road, 8. Annual show business.—Wm. Priest.

Perth City and County O.A.—June 2, Laidlow's Rooms, Leonard-st., 8. Nest feather show.—John L. Smith.

Preston O.S.—June 3, Tokio Cafe, Fishergate, 8.—T. Barton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 31, Old Boar's Head, Corporation-st., Manchester, 6. Very important business.—Andrew Percival.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—June 2, Fleece Hotel, 8. Members' show business; schedules now ready.—Hugh Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—June 5, Granby Hotel, 7.45. Arrangements for first feather show and other important matters.—H. Myers.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—June 4, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Minutes of last meeting and business for first feather show.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—June 4, Palmer Hall, 8. Moulting and colour-feeding, by F. Dearlove. Arrangements for outing.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 4, Temperance Club, 8. Urgent show business.—Wm. Adams.

Rossendale C.B.S.—June 3, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Young bird show and general business. —H. Wantling.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 31, College Inn, 8. Half-yearly contribution due, also arrangements for nest feather show.—B. Bailey.

Redhill C.B.S.—June 4, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. Table show for Bullfinches, and to arrange specials for young bird show.—A. W. Bacon.

Runcorn B.B.A.—June 5, Headquarters, 7.30. Nest feather show.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—June 3. Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Table show young birds, novices only: Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest or C.B.; prizes, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; no entry. Bring all birds you can and make a record for table shows. Fanciers and friends invited.—E. J. Job.

Shipley O.S.—June 4, Victoria Hotel, 8. Half-year subs. due.—E. Grange.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—June 3, Liberal Club, 8. To complete arrangements for first feather show.—J. Hird.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—June 2, Red Lion Hotel. Final arrangements young bird show; elect new members.—J. Pitchford.—(No time stated.—Ed.).

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Papers on Norwich, and nest feather show business.—A. Hobson.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—June 2, at Headquarters. Monthly meeting. Special business.—W. Broadbridge.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—June 2, Headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Garside-st., 7.30. General meeting; show business; election of stewards and door-keepers, etc. —J. T. Cheetham.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 2, Headquarters, 8.—J. Bamford.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—June 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. W. Lowes.

Stockport B.F.A.—June 3, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Urgent business.—W. Stafford.

Thatto Heath O.S.—June 2, Railway Hotel, 8. Show business.—H. Cuttler.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—June 3, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Lecture, "British Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. Andrew Wilson, Glasgow. Last night for receiving annual subs.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—June 2, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Walsall C.B.S.—June 4, White Harte Hotel, 8.30. Lecture, "Moulting and Colour-feeding," by F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton).—F. Price.

Wandsworth F.S.—June 12, Sutton's Hall, Spread Eagle Yard, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

Watford C.B.S.—June 4, Headquarters, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.15. Schedule of young bird show.—W. Rackley.

West London F.A.—June 5, Hampshire House Club, 3. Usual business and lecture.—J. Dewhurst.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Classification for open show, and other important business. Don't forget F.F. show, June 14.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wallasey C.B.S.—June 5. Business important. W. Hodgkins.—(No time stated.—Ed.).

Wimbledon C.B.S.—June 2, 6, The Broadway, 8. General business. Judging competition; birds bred 1913; final judge, Mr. R. A. Newley.—H. Smith.

Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland.—July 2, Central Hall, Dublin. Young bird show. Schedules will be ready shortly. C. Lattimore.

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The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

By **R. MORSE.**

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WHENEVER possible, it is better for the rows to run from north to south than from east to west, for in the former case the midday sun shines directly up the rows, whilst in the latter it is obvious that, especially with tall plants, one row must to a certain extent prevent the sun's rays from reaching that situated immediately behind it.

Arranging the Plants.

The plants dealt with in this article have been arranged in two groups, chiefly for the benefit of those whose plot of ground is in a somewhat conspicuous position, and who therefore would perhaps rather grow only those useful wild plants which are more or less ornamental when in flower. The first group, then, will consist of plants the flowers of which possess at least a certain amount of beauty, whilst group two will contain plants which are for the most part inelegant, but none the less useful.

In each case the approximate height of the plant is given. This should be useful in planning the bed, for growers will be able so to arrange their crops that the smallest plants will not be unduly shaded by those of more robust habits or of greater height.

It will be noticed that practically all the plants dealt with in this article may be sown during the present month, so that those who decide to cultivate at least some of their own bird foods will be able to commence operations immediately. It is obvious, however, that the later the seeds are sown, the later will the crop be ready for use. For this reason it is impossible to state definitely when each individual species will be ready for harvesting. But, of course, many of the seeds have great value for birds during and about the moulting season, as well as during the breeding season.

Some Ornamental Weeds.

The Cornflower (Centaurea Cyanus) commonly attains a height of about two feet, but may be anything from one to three feet, according to soil and situation. The flowers are usually of the richest blue, and are distinctly ornamental. The seeds may be sown at any time from March to June in shallow drills, and should be covered with rather more than a quarter of an inch of moderately fine soil. The rows should be from nine inches to a foot apart, and the plants should be thinned out so as to stand about nine inches asunder in the rows. When only a small space is available, smaller distances may be allowed, but the results will not be so satisfactory; a similar remark would apply to all the plants dealt with in this article. The Cornflower thrives best in a dry soil and sunny situation, its natural habitat being, as indicated by its name, the cornfield.

CORNFLOWER, WILD OATS. SCARLET PIMPERNEL.

The Wild Oat (Avena fatua) grows to a height of about two feet, and from an ornamental point of view is extremely useful for associating with flowers. A vase of Cornflowers and Wild Oats is equal in beauty to many of the most expensive treasures of the garden. Seeds may be sown at any time during spring, the drills being about an inch or so deep, and nine inches to a foot apart. The plants should be thinned out to the distances of about three inches, or rather more if space can be spared. A dry, sunny situation is best.

A Beautiful Acquisition.

The Common Poppy (Papaver Rhaeas) usually reaches a height of about eighteen inches, and a bed in full bloom is decidedly beautiful, though the flowers are of little use for cutting. The seeds may be sown from March to June, great care being taken that they are not covered too deeply, or with soil of a very coarse nature. The best plan is to cover very lightly with a small quantity of finely sifted soil. A sunny aspect is the best, and the plants should finally stand about four inches apart, the rows being six inches from each other.

The Scarlet Pimpernel (Anagallis arvensis) is a dwarf plant, seldom growing more than a few inches high, but frequently trailing more than a foot along the ground. The flowers, though small, are very pretty, and varieties with pink, white, or blue flowers may sometimes be found. The seeds, being very small, must be covered lightly with fine soil, as recommended above for the Poppy. They may be sown at any time from March to June, the rows being about nine inches apart, and the plants being thinned out until about four inches separates one from the next. The Scarlet Pimpernel thrives best in dry soils exposed to the full rays of the sun.

A Mass of Pretty Blue Flowers.

The Autumn Gentian (Gentiana Amarella) rears its pretty blue flowers to a height of about nine inches, and a mass of it in full bloom is a very pretty sight. The seeds should be sown in spring in drills about four or five inches apart, and the plants thinned to about three inches asunder. Only a thin covering of fine soil should be given, or results will be disappointing. A sunny aspect is best, and the plant never does so well as in a dry, chalky soil.

The Common Flax (Linum usitatissimum) usually reaches a height of about eighteen inches, and its stems are surmounted by quantities of delicate, pale blue flowers. The seed (Linseed) should be sown during spring about half an inch deep, the drills being separated by a distance of about six inches, and the plants thinned so as finally to leave them a few inches apart. A light, dry soil is the most suitable.

AUTUMN GENTIAN, CANARY GRASS. WILD POPPY.

(To be Continued.)

Our Hobby Week by Week.

What Others Think.

I NOTICED in my daily paper last week a paragraph concerning a Thrush which had won a "world's championship" in Belgium, its claim to this remarkable distinction being based on the fact that it had sung the opening bar of a certain tune 850 times in one hour! This performance so delighted someone that he (or she) planked down £10 for the bird. That seems a modest sum for a "world's champion," but personally I wouldn't have had that Thrush if I had been offered £10 to take it away. I can imagine the mental torture of listening to those 850 bars of "music" in one hour—the same old bar every time! There would be one of two sad endings—either the sudden demise of the Thrush or the suicide of your humble. How true it is that "one man's meat is another man's poison." I remember a well-known aviculturist expressing his disgust at the song of no less a bird than the Linnet. He considered it "wooden," "jerky," and "tuneless," and altogether sadly over-rated. I thought what an impossible sort of person he must be! The song of the Chaffinch, however, has a deplorable effect upon myself. The "Kiss-me-dear" passage certainly conjures up pleasant recollections; but cannot one have too much of even a good thing? The oft-repeated "pink," "pink," "pink," I confess maddens me, especially when fired from the throat of a lusty male with the rapidity of shot from a Gatling gun, and in a kind of metallic yell that jars one's very ear-drum—at least, that's how it affects me in my own little bird-room.

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Does Dusting Spell Death?

A curious and decidedly uncommon point is raised this week in the correspondence columns. "H.M.P." is inclined to believe that the dusting of the nest and eggs with insect powder may result in the death of the young birds within the said eggs. True, his one and only experience bearing on the point has been with eggs of the domestic fowl; but he backs it up by quoting the advice of one who should be an authority. On inquiring of a friend on the staff of the "Poultry World," however, I am told that the condemned practice is quite commonly in vogue amongst poultry breeders, is recommended by leading experts on poultry matters, and has never, to my friend's knowledge, proved harmful—in his experience, that is. He does not credit it. And neither do I, for I must surely have used in my own career (of course, solely on birds) as much insect powder as would make a decent-sized mole-hill. I have had no appreciable trouble with youngsters dead in the shell, however, though I have dusted nest and eggs with a liberal hand.

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Could Powder "Choke" Them?

Let us examine the matter more closely, as it were. That the shell of the egg is porous we all, of course, know. One of the purposes served by the hen leaving the nest at intervals is to allow the foul air (or gases) generated by the embryo in process of growth to escape, and pure air to enter. But the pores are so arranged as not to allow of insect powder entering the egg, and that the powder could hermetically stop up all the pores, and so "choke" the chick, seems very far-fetched, even (which I cannot answer for) were it possible. The powder placed amongst the plumage is quickly shaken off; that dusted on to the nest very quickly settles down and disappears amongst the nesting material; while the eggs are frequently being moved and "rustled" about by the hen. Anyway, it would be necessary for a series of experimental cases to be undertaken to settle the point, and I have yet to hear of this being done. Nobody would accept the "evidence" of isolated cases, which can only rest on suspicion. And, of coure, supposition is futile. I understand that the shell of an egg, except in a few species, consists of three layers, and that the outer layer (or cuticular layer) extends over and closes the pores, though (except when wet) air can pass through it (vide Dr. Hans Gadow). How, then, can powder "choke" the chick?

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Mother May Be To Blame

Some birds' eggs are hatched under revoltingly filthy conditions (those of the Hoopoe, for instance; vide Professor Newton) yet neither the eggs nor the young come by any harm. There are several reasons which fanciers bring forward as accountable for fully formed young being found dead in the shell. It may be that the chicks are weak, and unable at the last moment to break their way out; or some peculiarity of the shell, of lining membrane (skin), proves an effectual barrier to hatching. Further, some hens seem to develop a "tired" feeling towards the close of the period of incubation, and sit only by fits and starts, being off the greater part of the day, but sitting closely at night. It is easy to overlook such a case when one can spend only a brief time daily in one's bird-room. Last season I spotted a Norwich hen at this little game and transferred her clutch of six eggs (all fertile) to other hens. But I was just too late, as only two hatched; four contained dead youngsters—hard luck!

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And Father Too Perhaps.

One other point which may have some bearing on this matter is the manner in which we treat sitting hens. To my way of thinking it is irrational and indefensible. The under-lying idea seems to be that once the hen commences to incubate the eggs, she is in for an easy, restful time, and must be reduced to "prison diet" to keep her high spirits within bounds—to suppress any desire to gad about the cage instead of attending strictly to business. That the act of incubation involves the hen in a constant physical strain to maintain the necessary heat to ensure the successful hatching of the eggs, does not seem to occur to fanciers. So they proceed to cut out of her diet those very items which enable her most easily to keep up the requisite temperature—i.e., with the least functional wear and tear. I have "argued" the point for years with those of my fancier friends who cared to listen; and convinced not a few. It is a point worthy of consideration, anyway, especially when one has hens sitting during cold unseasonable weather.

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Something We Can't Do.

I had intended dealing with the breeding of yellows from buffs, but consideration of the above interesting topic has run away with my space. I may briefly refer to one other point, perhaps, and that concerns the question of ascertaining the fertility and sex of eggs before they are incubated. To put the matter briefly: it can't be done. The number of erroneous ideas floating about concerning these matters is amazing. Some think the thickened twisted cords of albumen (chalazæ) found in the white are sure signs of fertility —briefly, they are the "tread" of the male bird. The only evidence of fertility in the very early stages of the "life" of an egg is to be located in the germinal vesicle a minute body found in the germ spot and invisible except to microscopes of the highest power. I will return to this subject next week. G. E. Weston.

HOW THE EXHIBITION NORWICH CANARY IS OBTAINED.

The views of Mr. J. Raynes, a former secretary of the N.P.C., given before the members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

General meeting held May 19, at headquarters, Deansgate Temperance Hotel. After general business was over, the Chairman called upon Mr. J. Raynes to give us his promised lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Raynes, in opening, said the system of breeding Canaries generally had been given by many, each lecturer giving his own ideas. It generally was not the lecture that was the most instructive, but the discussion that followed, and he hoped that some of the points he raised would cause a discussion, so that he as well as his hearers would benefit by it.

What constitutes a good Norwich? We will commence with the head, which has so much to do with its general appearance. I like to see a nice rise, from a short beak, over the nostrils, with a nice big round head; the eye in the middle of the head, the feathers pointing to the back of the head and straight. A bird with its head almost in a line with its beak, and quite flat, or a small head on a large body, or feathers over its eyes (called browing) looks bad. These are very undesirable points. The cheeks to be full and thick, and extended well down the neck, giving it a bull-dog appearance; the back to be broad and well-filled in, without showing any hollow, or being hump-backed; the chest to be full and deep, showing a good front; the body tapering off gradually to the root of the tail.

How the Shape may be Spoiled.

A big round lump of fat on a bird's chest is very objectionable, and spoils its shape; it should be bred out and not fed on. Wings to be short and well folded, the points to meet at the top of the root of the tail, but should not be crossed; a great drawback with a number of birds is that their wings overlap the wrong way, as it were, giving them the appearance of dropping down (sometimes called boxy wings); feet should be perfect; legs should be well set back, and clear, and be seen up to the joint of "thigh" or hock, so as not to give the bird either a stilty or squatty appearance. The feather should be of a soft silky quality, and compact; some breeders swear by the Cinnamon to get that nice quality we all desire; I use it from the hen side, and am well satisfied, with the result, it is a peculiar and interesting study, and when once in it crops up again after several generations. The tail should be short, nicely folded and compact, should not be broad at the end, in fact, should be drawn almost to a point without any tendency to droop. Colour should be deep, rich, pure, and level throughout. The bird when shown to be staged in a good, healthy, and clean condition, and not exceed 6½in. in length.

In selecting or buying stock birds for breeding I prefer a clear yellow cock mated to a ticked or marked buff hen, in preference to a buff cock and yellow hen, because by the former pairing you have a chance of getting more yellows, as the colour of the progeny takes after the cock; but whichever way you have them you must have size, and a year older, if possible, on the cock side. I would sacrifice a little extra feather anywhere if he possessed the other good qualities. The hen is by far the most important, as it is from the hen we expect to get type. Get one as good in head and neck as possible, a good typical bird. Never mind if on the small side, providing she is well bred. The man that can breed a few good hens has the best chance of success. If the progeny from any pair does not suit you, change the cock bird for the next round, and hope for better results. To be successful year after year you must know how your birds are bred, and what they are likely to throw, and note in your pedigree book the channel where the best birds come from and keep them.

The Value of Pedigree.

I think pedigree breeding is necessary, but, at the same time, I like a little face value as well, although I would rather breed from a moderate pair with a good pedigree than with a slightly better looking, or face value pair with a poor pedigree. I like to breed yellow and buff together, one of the pair to be ticked or marked; I sometimes use a green hen to a clear cock. By using these marked birds you breed better colour, which tells when put on colour food. I have tried double yellowing, but did not care for the thin and delicate looking progeny, although you get more yellows. I would rather double buff from two short birds, as it has a tendency to thicken the web of the feather, and makes the bird look thicker; I think that is why we get more buffs than yellows.

Some of you might say, quite right and true, on paper, but we cannot always do what we want, simply because we have not got the material to work with; we have not got a suitable yellow cock for our best buff hen, or a hen not good enough for a very good cock, and to make matters worse we cannot buy them, and we have to resort to some of our inferior birds to pair with the better ones, but at the end of the season we may find that we have actually bred a good bird or two from them. This is simply a case of breeding back; the points aimed at sometimes do not show themselves in the first cross, but will appear, perhaps, in the second or third generation.

A Temptation to be Resisted.

Some fanciers who, having had a good season or two, have bred a decent winner or two, are tempted to sell them. We know that money is a great temptation to a working-man, and he still has the parents left that bred these good ones; but he had not reckoned on his drawbacks, and before next breeding season arrives he has lost one or both of the parents that bred him his good birds, and rues his transaction, because he has to buy before he can pair up again.

Mr. Raynes then told us when he paired up, and treatment of getting birds in condition, the care of the young, moulting, and colour feeding; after which a very interesting discussion took place. Time came all too soon, when a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Raynes for his interesting and instructive lecture.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

SOME BENEFITS OF JOINING A CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

And Some Views Upon Exhibiting.

The following remarks have been extracted from two papers in the recent essay competition, promoted by the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S. Mr. Bowers was the winner of second prize; the paper awarded the first prize is printed in full on another page.—Ed.

About four years ago I could not tell a Yorkshire from a Norwich. I started with three pairs of birds, and was successful, thanks to Cage Birds, which has been of great assistance to me. I also joined the Stoke C.B.A., and have received many benefits through doing so. I advise all fanciers to join a society. I should just like to express my opinion that the bona-fide working man exhibitor is very much handicapped in competing on the show bench with the gentlemen exhibitors, or men of means, who buy up as many of the best birds as they can get hold of, to take most of the prize-money. This does not give us working men much chance. I should like to see show committees provide amateur classes, open only to bona-fide working men; or devise some method whereby they would be competing against those whose resources are as limited as their own.—J Bowers.

Things Worth the Gaining.

Social and Practical Benefits: By attending the meetings you get to know your brother fanciers, who I find are always ready and willing to give you advice from their past experiences. In many cases there springs up a lasting friendship. You will get many useful hints, and hear papers read by some old fancier, on subjects always highly interesting, and useful; also watch washing exhibitions by experienced fanciers—quite an eye-opener to those who have never seen a bird washed.

Show and Financial Benefits: Then you have the members' shows, where the new beginner learns how to stage his birds, ready to some day become a full blown exhibitor, and possibly a future Palace winner. You benefit greatly for you get to know whether your birds are good enough to enter in open competition. You can take stock of the birds staged, and compare them with yours, and see where your stock needs improving.

Personally, the first time I showed a bird in open competition I won a first prize, and afterwards sold the bird for a good figure. Here again I must thank a brother fancier for the advice given me respecting this sale. Had I not been a member of the society I might have sold this bird for a quarter of what I did. With shows it is usual for the members to enter at a reduced entry fee; this in many instances is equal to the subscription paid. I think you will agree that I have made out a good case and that real and lasting benefits may be gained and enjoyed by every bird fancier joining a Cage Bird Society.—F. W. Alcock.

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Moulting and Colour Feeding.

A paper by Mr. Hathaway read before the members of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

Gentlemen: Having been asked to give a paper on moulting and colour feeding, I will endeavour to do my best for you. It is a very anxious time for the birds, also the breeder and the exhibitor. As you take your young from the parents at a month old, place them in twos in breeding cages until eight weeks old, then you can place them in flights and commence colour feeding. My reason for placing in twos in breeders is that they keep more quiet, and are not so likely to get plucked. The quieter the young birds are kept from three to seven weeks old the better they grow.

Keep the young on soft food from the time they leave their parents until you have finished colour feeding them, as I think it is a great mistake for fanciers to get their young on hard seed as quickly as they can, and then afterwards place them on colour food. A great many young birds are lost annually in this way, and I am sure there is no need for the breeder to lose his young unnecessarily. If you place your young birds in flights as soon as they leave their parents, you will find when moulted that several of them are patchy in colour. You will say to yourself that the bird has not quite finished its moult. It will not do so that season either, for those feathers were plucked before you started colour feeding. Hence my advice to you to keep them in twos until you do start the colour feeding, and even then it will pay you to keep all birds of promise caged off separately.

When the Young should be Started.

I start colour feeding my young birds at eight weeks old, that is, if they are in good health. I take the hard-boiled egg and a piece of bread twice the size of the egg, put them through the mill, then just sprinkle with maw seed, so that you can just see there is some maw seed amongst it. I put in one teaspoonful of pepper. If this quantity of egg food is too large for you, mix a quantity according to your needs, and put pepper in for a start, so that you can only just tell there is pepper in it. Gradually increase the pepper to six spoonfuls in about 3 weeks time. Don't be in a hurry to get them on full strength, as there is plenty of time. Give one teaspoonful per bird each day. You will have no difficulty in getting the young birds to eat it up; in a great many cases they would eat more than their share if they could only get it. But the amount I have described is plenty for any bird, young or old.

If your birds are in flights and you can see they are plucking one another badly, or plucking at all, you cannot do better than tie some pieces of string to the cage wires for them to pull at; it will occupy a deal of their spare time. If there is one particular bird they are stripping (some they pluck until they bleed), it is far the best to cage them off. The old birds I start colour feeding about the middle of July, and I start them the same as I do my young birds, and get them gradually on to full strength. In odd cases you find some of the old birds will not take the feed the same as the others, and in these cases I take away the seed hopper for a few hours each day, but when you have got them well in the moult, you can then leave the seed hopper on altogether with safety.

The Advantages of "Sheeting Down."

It is as well to "sheet down" your birds during the moult, as it not only keeps the strong light from them, but it also keeps them cleaner. In cases where the "sheeting down" is done, don't forget to look and see that your birds are all right each time you feed them. I am a strong believer in "sheeting down," as it keeps the birds quieter, and I believe forces the moult a little. If you have a bird "stuck" in the moult, or if you want to start them moulting a little earlier, sheet them down, and you will find it makes a difference, as it stops the bird's song; he finds himself in solitude, and will in many cases start moulting. Saffron tea is also good in assisting the moult. You may either use it in the drinker, or in the egg food; I always use it in the egg food, as it does not get wasted so much in this way.

I sincerely hope there may be some item in this paper that may be useful to the novice, and if so, I shall be well rewarded for any trouble I have been put to.

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THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON

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How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

Errata: I regret to note that two errors have crept into my article. In issue April 26th, under heading "Singing Classical Flute Notes," it reads: "in about 4-4 time, 4 quavers to a bar"; this should have been 4 crotchets. In issue May 10th, lines 2 and 3, column 2, the sentence: "It is a merry and lively tour when delivered rising, or rising and falling," refers to the water tour, not the deep bubbling water tour.

By comparison with the human voice another resemblance can be drawn from the voiced fricative Zh, or the inwardly breathed Sh, but the mouth and throat must first be cleared of saliva, or a watery sound will be heard. It will be noticed that the breath is first obstructed by having to pass over the tongue, and as the breath is drawn more forcibly, the mouth will gradually open—in a similar way to the bird's beak when the Aufzug is being sung. This faulty passage is often heard at the commencement of a bird's song, and while it may be useless to write anything in its defence, it will be found that, unlike some of the other faults, which are often prolonged, this one does not extend longer than four or five seconds. Usually the time occupied to produce it is less, and probably it is this one redeeming feature that makes it in any way tolerable.

In comparing the bird's voice with the human voice, reference will be made in the nasal tours to the uvula, so perhaps you will allow me to explain for the benefit of any who might be uninitiated in the construction of the vocal organs that the uvula is situated at the back of the mouth at the point of the nose passage. Its chief duty is to open and close the nose passage. Most sounds, letters or words are produced through the mouth with the uvula pressed back to close the nose passage. In speaking the different sounds, or letters, as ng, n, r—sounds that are found in our birds' nasal tours—the uvula is dropped, and though the breath may not always escape by the nose, yet the sound will echo, so to say, in the nose-passage and produce a nasalised sound.

The Faulty Flute Notes.

I have already described two ways of delivering the Flutes. One is a classical, or very good set, in which the consonant D and the long accented vowel u are heard. The other is a lighter toned set, the vowel in these being changed from u to e, sounding as De, De, De, De; whether these can be classed as faulty must necessarily depend upon the way the bird sings the tour. Should they be delivered in a slow- restful manner, although the tone will be a little higher than in the Du-Du style, they will not be faulty, yet they would not be valued so highly as the deeper toned set. Flute notes that are detrimental to the bird's song will be sung in a high-toned and forced voice, or, again in a sharp-toned and hurried maner, the consonant changing from D to T, sounding like Te, Te, Te, Te.

The nasal flutes are the most objectionable, the consonants, such as t, n, r, g, being heard, and sounding as nar-nar-nar-nar, gnar-gnar-gnar, or tnar-tnar-tnar. In sounding these nasal flutes in the human voice, the uvula is dropped, or partly dropped, the breath escaping by the mouth, and again through the nose, producing a nasalised tone, as is heard in the bird when singing these nasal flutes. It will be noticed that these flutes are generally sung slowly, and the beak will open and partly close as each note is delivered, but in a hurried delivery the beak will remain widely open.

There are other tours that may be nasalised; there is one that is given in the pitch of a light toned schockel and similar as regards the style of delivery—excepting the nasalised tone—and nearly approaching the key we should expect to hear the Bell tour delivered in. If we called it a Nasal Schockel, or a Nasalised Bell tour, well, English fanciers would laugh at the new term. English people always do laugh at anything that is new (the steam engine and the motor, for instance); it is a way we have. But this and any other tours that may be sung in a nasalised tone, would be classed as Nasal tours, or bad nasal tours, according to the voice-power used in their production. The harder and louder the bird forces its voice, the more objectionable will be the tour.

The High Bell tour: Whether there is a high bell tour in addition to the sharp bell tour is a matter of individual opinion, as some fanciers will speak of a High Bell tour when it is really sharp, and vice versa. It may be a fine point, but in the High bell we still get the consonant l, as in the good Bell tour, excepting that it is now pitched in a higher key and delivered more rapidly.

A Flaw that sometimes is Passable.

This tour may be admitted in one bird and yet not in another one. So long as it will harmonise with the rest of the bird's tours and rolls, no penalty should be enforced; for instance, should a bird gradually rise from roll to tour, and so on until it reaches a High Bell tour, to deliver it at a similar length to its other tours, then gradually fall one or two notes (i.e., lower its voice again to a note, or two notes, below the Bell it had been singing) this would not be out of harmony. The tour would be detrimental should the bird sing a few of the lower-toned tours and rolls then skip straight away on to the High Bell tour, and if the latter tour is prolonged the fault is still more objectionable.

The prolonging of either the High and Sharp Bell tours is a very objectionable feature in many birds, as they seem to take a delight in repeating them again and again. In the Sharp Bell tour all sound of the consonant l is lost. The bird uses all its voice-power in producing one straight long tour, and frequently it will not end there, but will follow it by faulty flute notes. This has given rise to the idea that a Bell tour is conducive to faults; whether this be correct or not, it is a tour that is fraught with difficulties, and in some birds it will tax the ingenuity of the expert fancier to keep a Bell tour to, or in, its normal tone. This he will endeavour to do by curtailing the diet; allow only the best German summer rape seed, also limit the amount of light allowed, and remove the bird into the coolest room available.

How the Moult Helps.

Even after taking these precautions one is not always successful, and nothing else can be done until the bird has gone into moult—which will take place naturally in the autumn. It is usual for birds to cease singing while undergoing the process of growing new feathers. While the moult is progressing the bird must not be allowed to hear any other bird that may be singing a faulty bell tour. Additional seeds, such as groats, a good seed mixture and egg food are now provided to keep up the bird's vitality during the trying period. When the moult is nearly completed, the bird will usually commence to sing again; then the diet is restricted to the German rape seed. By taking these precautions the Bell tour may be kept to its normal tone, especially so if the bird has only acquired it by tuition—that is, by hearing other birds sing it; when it is not bred in the bird—as there are many of the Glucke and Water Glucke bred birds that do not sing a Bell tour. But should the tour be prominently bred in, as it were, then, after all the above precautions, it will become objectionable again, as the bird gets vigorous, or in the breeding season.

Faults that are Rarely Heard.

The above method is also employed to moderate, or eradicate any other faulty song-passage, such as high flute notes, a Schockel when pitched a little above the normal tone, or a slight Anfzug, as the Aufzug is termed when it is sung short and low in tone. There are several other faulty song passages, but they are so rarely heard in the high-class Roller Canary that I think just a bare mention of them will be sufficient.

In the Hard Schwirre (pronounced by English fanciers as swir-re) the consonants w. z. and the vowels i or e, can be heard, generally in a high pitched, thin-toned voice, sounding as wizz, or wezz. It is given in one long, straight tone, which often gets louder towards the middle and the close of the song pasage.

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SOMETHING ABOUT MY NIGHTINGALES.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A (Teignmouth).

(Continued from page 427.)

Nightingales at 7s. 6d. Apiece.

About a year ago there appeared in the Correspondence Columns of Cage Birds. a letter from a well-known aviculturist deprecating the purchase of Nightingales at 7s. 6d. apiece, as sometimes advertised, and stating that it was impossible that a tamed and properly "meated off" bird could be sold for such a sum. The intention of the writer was good, but, as a matter of fact, he was mistaken. It certainly seems unlikely that anyone should take so much trouble for so small a reward, but it can be, and is, done. The value of any saleable article is simply a matter of supply and demand. The real reason that Nightingales are advertised so cheaply is, I regret to say, that we are not a musical nation, and that the demand for bird-music is very limited. Just a year ago I myself purchased a singing Nightingale for the sum of seven shillings, and I have that bird, in full song, to-day.

Let me tell you how he came into my possession. After parting with the young Sprosser (which turned out a comparative failure as a vocalist), for a small figure, my orchestra was reduced to a single performer—the illustrious Antony. He had to represent the first violin, the second violin, the flute, the 'cello and the double-bass, and naturally his performance, good as it was, sounded a little thin. So an order was sent to Germany for another Sprosser and to a well-known advertiser in our columns, Mr. J. Fenn, for a Nightingale. I mention the latter's name partly in corroboration of the above statement, but chiefly because I think we should always give full credit to those to whom credit is due—a little matter which is sometimes overlooked by aviculturists, especially by exhibitors! The two birds arrived on following days, the Nightingale first.

It is just possible that what follows may sound a little improbable to those who have not made a special study of these two species, but I guarantee its complete accuracy. For one day the new Nightingale remained mute. Antony shouted loud songs of defiance at him, but he would not accept the challenge. The following morning the new Sprosser came to hand after his very long journey from Berlin—a journey which under the best auspices is never less than three days, and frequently takes four days. I caged and fed him, and turned to leave the room, but, before I reached the door, Antony challenged the Sprosser. Now you must understand that the Nightingale and the Sprosser are hereditary enemies; the mere sight of the one causes the other to boil over, and an insult from a Nightingale is a thing which a Sprosser must avenge or burst. So, although the Sprosser was hungry and thirsty and weary and travel-stained, this was more than he could stand; he squared his shoulders, threw out his chest, and accepted the challenge.

A Wonderful Three-cornered Contest.

At it they went hammer and tongs, and it was difficult to believe that such a torrent of notes and such a volume of sound could possibly be produced by the throats of two small birds. All this time the new Nightingale (whom I have christened "Manx" because his tail is always broken and stumpy) had been getting more and more excited. At last he could contain himself no longer, and, quite oblivious of my presence, broke into full song. Thus began a wonderful three-cornered contest which lasted until the end of June last year. It used to begin at sunrise, and continue with hardly any intermission until mid-day, and was frequently renewed spasmodically in the afternoon. Antony and Manx began again in the middle of January this year, but I notice that Antony and the Sprosser have been getting rather sulky lately, whereas the irrepressible Manx still sings throughout the live-long day.

And please notice that Manx cost me seven shillings! The best pictures, the best yachts, the best motor-cars, the best houses, the best violins, are only for the millionaire; but the best bird-music that the world can give can be obtained by anyone by the expenditure of a few shillings and a little trouble!

Can the Nightingale Talk?

In one of the ancient bird-books you will find an amusing story about a traveller who put up at an inn and said that he could not sleep all night on account of two caged Nightingales telling one another stories about the innkeeper's wife, who (according to the Nightingales) was a lady of somewhat easy virtue. In these days of Cook's Tourist Tickets the traveller has become (comparatively) truthful, but a century ago he used to take a base advantage of his superior knowledge of the world, and his accuracy was very frequently not above suspicion. The only part of the above story, however, which I cannot quite swallow is that the traveller could understand what the birds were talking about, for I am quite sure that the Nightingale can talk.

Only the other day I heard a delightful lecture delivered in the metropolis by Mr. Seton Thompson, in the course of which he said that, though it would be too much to expect that the so-called lower animals had very complex ideas or a large vocabulary, they undoubtedly had simple words with definite meanings. I think that this is a view of the case which will commend itself to every student of Nature. I was once very much amused by hearing a pair of Nightingales carry on quite a long conversation. I had just supplied them with some gentles in an earthenware saucer. They perched on the rim of the saucer and picked up the gentles one by one and, as they did so, they chatted away in a sort of undertone. I was not wise enough to understand the conversation, but it was quite evident that they were discussing the quality of the gentles, individually and collectively.

Couldn't Bear the Sight of Her!

Not long since the maid-servant who feeds my birds told me that she thought that one of the Nightingales had taken a dislike to her, because it always "chattered" when she went into the bird-room. I tested this remark and found that it was based on fact. After the soft-food had been placed in the cages, Manx perched on his china feeder and began to talk most volubly—that is to say, he was not "chur-ring" or "tack-ing," but uttering articulate sounds. Whether he was making caustic remarks on the quality of the soft-food or on the fact that it had not been brought up as early as usual I do not know, but he certainly appeared to be annoyed about something.

Manx never talks to me, however, so I was much surprised when I went into the bird-room one night (to see if some new arrivals had settled down comfortably) to hear him commence to talk loudly and volubly. I held the lamp up to his cage to see if he was talking in his sleep and found that the unfortunate bird was hanging by one foot from the canvas top of his cage. It was a most laughable thing to hear Manx talking away most energetically, evidently he was telling me how the catastrophe had happened and all about it. I found that in some queer way a thread of cotton had become twisted round one foot so firmly that I had considerable difficulty in cutting him free and unwinding the thread, but Manx awaited the result of my efforts with great patience, and the whole time he continued to talk in a confidential kind of way. A similar incident would have put many Nightingales off song for a long time, but Manx only went off duty for a single day.

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EXCHANGE pure Seifert cock and two hens (Johnson's strain), for good pair of boots; offers invited; not rubbish: Bennett, Queensgate-ter., Bacup. (713)

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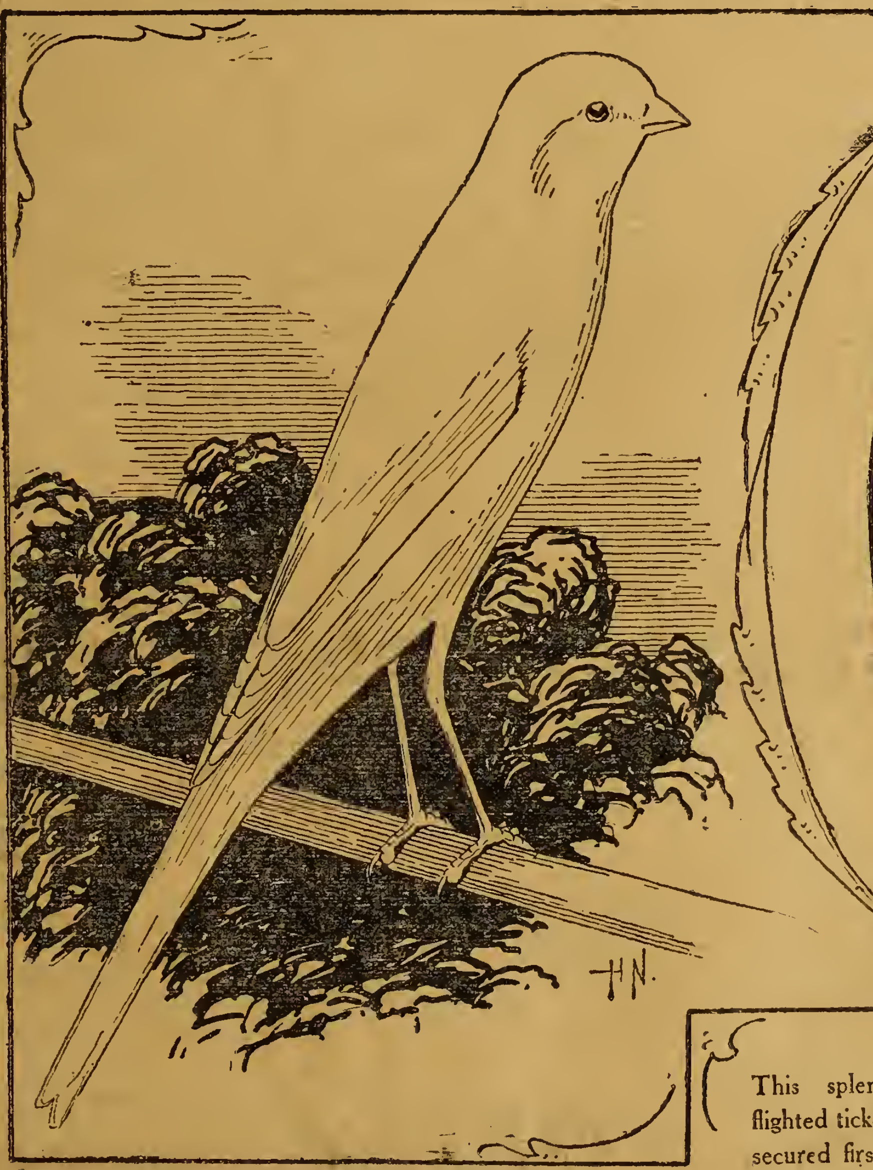

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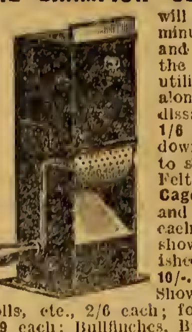

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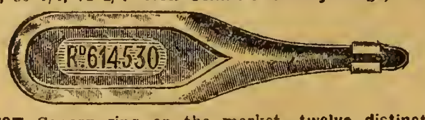

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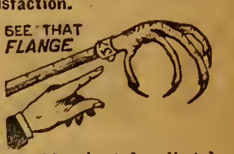

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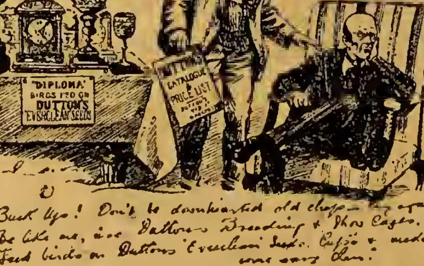
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WANTED square Parrot cage, not less than 16in., must be cheap: Herbert Lees, 6, Abbey-st., Derby. (721)

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WANTED, rare and curious coloured birds, specimens preserved by me, moth proof, specimens for sale: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham. (670)

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EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch Mule, singing, for cock Linnet that has proved Hybrid breeder: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (725)

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Concluded on page 490.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

On May 31 our ramble took place to Edlington Woods, 20 members and friends turning up. The afternoon was rather dull, but we all set off in good spirits with the intention of enjoying ourselves. We took the route along Springwell Lane, and entered the woods at the Edlington pit entrance, where we were met by Mr. Robinson, the woodman. On entering the wood nests were soon found of the Blackbird, Thrush, Whitethroat, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Hedge Sparrow, etc. Hereabouts a thunderstorm came on, which made any more nesting impossible, a friendly yew keeping the thick of the rain off the members. After the storm we all made for Mr. Robinson's house for tea, where all did justice to a liberal spread of country fare, after which the members enjoyed a game of football, when some funny capers were cut. About 6.30 we all set out for Wadworth, where we found the old Fox and Hounds, and after partaking of a little Yorkshire stingo, we set off for Doncaster, arriving tired, but all agreeing to having enjoyed themselves, and being ready for the next ramble the last Saturday in June, when we hope to be favoured with better weather and a district with more cover for the birds.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

A London Bird Dealer Gives His Views on Keeping Birds in "Hop Cages."

Mr. J. H. Clarke, of Sydenham, sends me a cheering letter this week, which I have much pleasure in repeating below. I know that the large majority of bird-dealers recognise that birds look better, keep better, and sell better if they are properly caged while in their hands. It is of course not practicable, nor is it necessary, for the short time a bird-dealer is possessed of any individual bird in his stock, to keep birds in cages of the size they would require as their permanent quarters, but not only is it more humane to stock the birds in cages of a reasonable size, but it is to the interest of the bird-dealer himself to show his stock to the best advantage. Mr. Clarke is a candidate for one of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE Certificates of Inspection, and from his letter there is no doubt that the report forwarded in due course by our inspector will be satisfactory. Many bird-dealers are now in possession of a certificate to the effect that their business has been found to be carried on to the satisfaction of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and now that a start has been made I am sure it will not be long before their number is multiplied.

> Dear Sir,—As a London bird dealer I have done away with the small back cage, or "hop cage," and find the back show cage, not smaller than 10in. high, 8½ long, 6½ deep, with one bird in each cage, is much better. It keeps birds such as Chaffinches, Linnets, Goldfinches, etc., much cleaner than the small back cage, and they do not break their tail and wing feathers, but keep in splendid health and condition. This I have proved for over a year, and, moreover, it not only keeps the birds in nice condition, but it also keeps those that are opposed to keeping birds in cages from commenting on them outside one's place of business, as is often the case when small cages are used. The doing away with the small cage would be the best thing for the Fancy at large, and it would, I know, stop a lot of talk about keeping birds in cages. Why, only the other day a lady came into my shop and saw a Linnet in a small back cage I was using as a travelling cage, as he was just going on rail a short distance, and the remark she made was, "What I don't like is birds being kept in those small cages." This lady was not a faddist, but a great bird-lover, as she has quite a number of birds at her own home. I sold her a good lot only last week. I find it is not only the faddist that kicks against the "hop cage" but the right-thinking person as well.
>
> JAMES H. CLARKE.

All Members of Kippax Linnet Singing Club Sign the Plumage Bill Petition.

I am very pleased to be able to record that a very large number of readers have signed the declaration re the Plumage Bill, given in our issue of May 10, and have forwarded the same to their local Member of Parliament. Mr. A. Tomlin, hon. sec. of Kippax Linnet Singing Club, writes that he has obtained the signature of every member of the Association, and has forwarded the signatures to Sir J. Compton Rickett, their representative in the House of Commons. This is an example that might well be followed by the secretary of every club throughout the kingdom. A message of such a sort would certainly not be forgotten when the Bill is next discussed in Parliament.

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HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only.*

Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Colwyn Bay open show on Sept. 3 next.

Whitby Show will be held November 26. Open classes for cage birds, writes Mr. J. G. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

We hear from Mr. W. Robinson, sec., that Mr. C. A. House will judge the show of the Empire Workmen's Club, West Stanley F. F. and C.B.S. on Nov. 22.

Messrs. W. Barron and Co., makers of the very excellent vulcanized fibre carrying cases for show, etc., cages, inform us that their London agent is J. H. Cressy, 4, King Street, Cheapside, E.C.

Please announce in Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. Bunn, sec., Nottingham Permanent O.S., that we have postponed our members' F.F. Show from June 21 to July 19, members not having bred many young birds in first round.

The Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Smith, are holding a First Feather Show on June 14, at Three Tuns, Eastwood, when Mr. E. Fox, of Long Eaton, will judge. Birds to be staged at 2 o'clock.

Mr. E. Pretty, the well-known Metropolitan fancier (one of the oldest we have remaining with us) has removed from Albany Street to 13a, High Street, St. John's Wood, N.W. Mr. Pretty is by profession a surgeon dentist, and has built up a large connection by his skilful methods.

Will members and friends, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. sec. Wolverhampton C.B.S., kindly note we are holding our first N.F. show and judging competition on June 12, at the Duke of York. Master Judge, Mr. J. Crundell. Any fancier who would like to take part will have a hearty welcome.

The following well-known judges have been appointed for the annual show, of the Ayr C.B.O., October 25: Norwich, Mr. A. Cant, Hamilton; Borders, Mr. Dan Hamilton, Hamilton; Yorkshires, Mr. A. Girvan, Ayr; British and Foreign, Mr. J. Mason, Peebles. We hope to have a record entry this year, writes Mr. R. Aitken, the secretary, as we are incurring a good deal of expense to make the show a success.

All fanciers colour feeding should send a trial order for Ramsden's Pure Pepper. This season's pepper is without doubt the finest ever imported. It has been grown, selected, and ground by specialists, with colour feeding the only object in view. It may be relied upon to produce a splendid colour, and that exquisite sheen so necessary to ensure success on the show bench.—See advt. under Foods.—(Advt.)

The annual show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 4 and 5. We hear from the hon. sec., Mr. W. Hodson, 28, Barry Road, E. Dulwich, that Mr. L. J. Richardson, the well-known Norwich fancier, and the secretary of the society, have undertaken the management of the show. A splendid new hall in South London has been secured for the show, and a guarantee fund against loss has been raised.

We have received from Mr. Allen Silver, 303, High Road, Streatham, the hon. sec. of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, the first list of officers and book of rules of the society. Several well-known aviculturists have become patrons, and the business of the society is in the hands of a strong committee, with Mr. T. R. Trower as chairman. All those who appreciate the treat which is offered to the public by a representative collection of beautiful foreign birds at a bird exhibition will wish a full meed of success for the League.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday t latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

We hear from Mr. E. Richards, hon. sec., that Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, will judge the Upper Rhondda C.B.S. open show at Treorchy, Oct. 29.

This week-end the ramble of the Sheffield O.S., via Wartley, etc., takes place. The officials are looking forward to having a greater success than ever this year. All fanciers and friends heartily invited. Tea is arranged at the Norfolk Arms, Grenoside.

Kindly announce that the annual ramble of the Hull C.B.S. will take place June 7th to Houghton Woods, write Messrs. Heseltine and Lambert, hon. secs. Train leaves Cannon St. Station, H. and B. Rly., at 1.20. Book for South Cave. Members and friends all welcome.

Mr. J. Pitchford (London Rd., Stoke-on-Trent), the well-known fanciers' provider, has just issued a supplementary illustrated list, embellished with a portrait of his champion undefeated Goldfinch of the 1912-13 show season. Mr. Pitchford has some very good lines of foods, appliances, etc., at most reasonable prices.

I have just received my Birthday Number of Cage Birds for 1913, writes Mr. E. V. Clay (Mt. Albert, Auckland, N.Z.), and feel that I must write to congratulate you on such a splendid and useful issue. Your paper is always eagerly looked for each mail by the fanciers here, and I can assure you I have found much valuable information in your columns, and have much pleasure in wishing both you and your paper another year of success.

OBITUARY.

I am sorry to have to report the death, after a severe illness, of the wife of that sterling fancier, Mr. John Dalgleish, of Trinity, Edinburgh. Mrs. Dalgleish passed away May 20, and was buried on May 23. Several fanciers followed the remains to their last resting place. Mrs. Dalgleish was well known and much esteemed by a large circle of fanciers, and will be missed for her pleasant and kindly welcome to all. I am sure we all sympathise with our friend and his family in their sore affliction, and trust that the Great Healer will strengthen them in this their hour of need.

R. Lile.

Samples of Sandiford's colour foods for the 1913 season have come to hand, and we have no hesitation in describing them as exceptionally good—the noted "Royal Red" tasteless feed being a really grand deep colour, while the hot Natal is but little behind it in this respect. They should well uphold the high reputation of these colour-foods. Mr. Sandiford writes:—"The success attained with them last year was a record. At the Crystal Palace in eight champion Norwich classes, seven firsts, eight seconds, seven thirds, championship diploma, L.P.O.S. challenge cup for best, Victorian special, special second best, went to birds which had never eaten anything to colour them, except 'Royal Red,' and every winner in Cinnamons (1, 2, 3) was the same. The N.P.C. challenge cup winner, S.N.P.C. cup winner, O.N.P.C. cup winner, Welsh N.P.C. cup winner, and Scotch N.P.C. special winner all used only 'Royal Red.' By our sales this last week (which exceed a ton) our sales look like being bigger than ever this year."

Rosy Pastor's Rough Reception.

Now and then birds that are not strictly migratory gather in enormous flocks and sweep over several hundred miles of country. Many years ago Turkey and Bulgaria were invaded by enormous flocks of the Rose-coloured Pastor. These birds proved destructive to vineyards and growing crops, and the peasants had to turn out in force and kill them by hundreds. A flock of these birds would strip a tree of fruit in less time than it takes to tell of it, and there were public rejoicings in places after the vast flocks had passed.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley; Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; Yorks and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Counties Plainhead Club, Mr. R. Laidlaw, 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne (latest date June 14); Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd., Liverpool; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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What is the best and easiest method of distinguishing young cock Canaries from young hens?

All that competitors have to do is to write their reply on the back of a postcard, put their name and address at the foot, and send the card to reach the Editor Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., not later than first post Thursday next, June 12. The winning reply will be published in our issue of date June 21. Write your answer clearly, briefly and to the point. Entries are only received subject to the Editor's decision being accepted as final.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Leith O.S., June 14, to Raith, train leaves Edinburgh 2.15; Manningham C.B.A., June 7 to Fewston, train leaves Bradford 8.30, Manningham 8.34; Hull C.B.S., June 7, to Houghton Woods; train leaves Cannon St. Station, H. and B. Rly., 1.20, book for South Cave.

A Dublin Address Wanted.

We have received from Mr. J. Briggs, who signs himself sec. pro. tem., a report of what purports to be the first meeting of the "City of Dublin Cage Bird Society," apparently held May 26, at Iveagh Buildings. Mr. Briggs, however, does not send his address, and until this is supplied we cannot publish his report.

A Hint to the Bird Trade.

Traders should take up the sale of Cage Birds "Nutshell" Handbooks, and other publications. They are wonderful selling lines, and bring a fair profit. The names and addresses of all agents are published frequently (note this week's issue) with particulars of the kind of business they do, this being a valuable free advertisement calculated to bring them local custom.

Our Most Admired Nest.

The sprightly Chaffinch builds a nest which has perhaps been more admired than that of any wild bird. It has one advantage over all, which is, that it is so easily recognised, and cannot be mistaken for any other. The nest is a felted one, easily distinguishable in itself, but the eggs are quite unlike those of any other species, pale bluish-green, with rich purplish-brown markings, not clear and distinct, but shaded, as though smudged, while the colouring matter was wet.

To All Whom it May Concern.

Someone on the staff of our printer sends us the appended rhyming lines. We are not quite sure to whom they are intended to apply—whether members of our own staff or to our contributors generally—so we give them to the world as a message To All Whom It May Concern.

"There is a man the printer loves, and he is wondrous wise: whene'er he writes the printer man he dotteth all his i's. And when he's dotted all of them with carefulness and ease, he punctuates each paragraph, and crosses all his t's. Whate'er he says he says in short, no extra words he uses, the printer treats him as a friend, nor o'er deletions muses. Upon one side alone he writes, and never rolls his leaves; and from the man of ink a smile and mark 'insert' receives. And thus by taking little pains, at trifling care and cost, assures himself his manuscript will not be burned or lost. So let all those who long to write take pattern by this man, with jet black ink and paper white, do just the best they can; and then the printer man shall know, and bless them as his friends, all through life's journey as they go, until that journey ends."

Wild-Bird Life.

Concerning Birds' Nests.

As the summer advances, the hedgerows become so thick with foliage that in some places it is quite a difficult matter to locate the nest, which we know to be securely hidden among the masses of greenery. This is part of the charm and pleasure of wild bird nesting. If we could locate all nests at sight, we should care very little for them; anything that man gets for nothing he does not value. One can recall days spent in the woods and fields with scarcely a find, but the few nests located have given more real pleasure and enjoyment than the dozens seen on some other occasions when birds' homes came to hand in almost every bush. There is an infinite variety in birds' nests that makes the pursuit of finding them a constant source of pleasure. The common Finches' homes are not all of the same pattern, nor constructed of the same material, nor finished off quite alike, while there is variety even with birds of the same species. The Warblers are particularly interesting, and it is among their nests that we find some of the most delicate construction, some apparently so flimsy and so loosely put together that even when the eggs are deposited the nests look as though the builders had still a few finishing touches to put to them to make them sufficiently snug and warm for their purpose.

NEST OF THE GOLD CREST.

Of all nests those of a domed pattern appeal to the writer more than any, there is something about them almost human in their architecture; the little worker not only builds a nest after the manner of most birds, but proceeds to cover it in and make a roof, but whether for security, shelter from the sun's rays and rain, or as an extra screen from prying eyes, one can hardly say, excepting in the case of the Magpie, whose dome collection of thorny twigs is undoubtedly built for security. The writer knows of one which is re-constructed annually, and is quite inaccessible, excepting with a long step-ladder. It is placed in the top part of a thorn bush some twelve feet high, a bush that one can neither climb, nor push one's way into, and here for several years a pair of birds have brought off a lusty brood. Of the suspended nest we have really only one example, that of the Gold Crests; this is slung hammock-wise, from the twigs at the extremity of a branch—a most charming piece of birdwork.

Robin's Nest in a Bed.

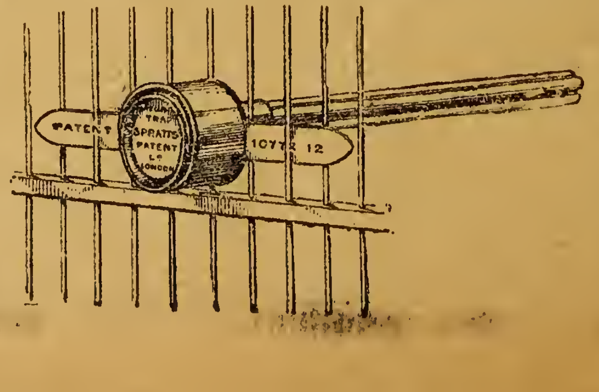
A Robin's nest has been recently built in the fold of a bed, which is one of forty-seven in a dormitory of a large public institution near London. The bed being temporarily unusued, was rolled up, and although beds on either side were nightly occupied and cleaning and bed-making operations were constantly going on in the dormitory, the nest was built in the short space of four days.

A Freak Nesting Place.

For a freak nesting-place the site selected by a daring Sparrow at Llandrindod Wells would surely be hard to parallel, says the "Western Mail." This is the operating-box of a cinema which at present is performing in the town. The hen has laid her eggs, and does not appear to be at all staggered by the dazzling light and humming sound emitted by the machine during the nightly performances, while it is already on the best of terms with the operator.

The Latest Idea for Exterminating Red Mite.

We have just put on the market, write Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd. (24, Fenchurch St., London, E.C.) a red mite trap, patent No. 10772/12, for cage-birds. We are the sole manufacturers. It is very easily fixed to the wires of any bird-cage with the round tin box on the outside. There is a small piece of wool inside the trap, in which the red mite are caught. There should be a large demand for this patent trap by all who keep cage-birds, as there is nothing yet that has been able to rid the birds of this pest, no matter how clean the cage is kept. With Spratt's Red Mite Trap the mites are caught, and this allows the birds to have perfect rest at night, and fits them for song in the day. Directions for use: Push end of fluted perch well into trap, which must be lightly filled with cotton wool, fit perch on cage as shown in sketch. The bird must roost on fluted perch for trap to be effective. Wool should be changed often, and burnt on removal. Price 6d. each (post paid) or can be obtained from any bird dealer, or corn merchant.



Through a Bird-room Window

MY AURORA FINCHES.

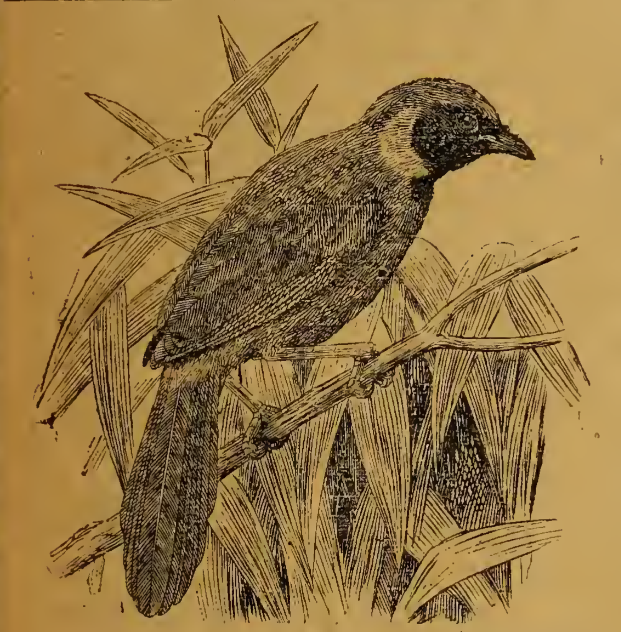
This article on the tiny West African bird, the Aurora Finch, is No. 37 of the new series of personal birdy experiences related by that eminent aviculturist, the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

MANY years ago a great desire entered my soul to get some Aurora Finches. Some people have a gift for finding things; they have a gift for collecting Toby jugs; everywhere they discover a Toby jug. I couldn't find out one if I tried for a year. It was the same with Aurora Finches. Go where I would, write to all the likely dealers, eagerly scan the advertisement columns of Cage Birds, Aurora Finches seemed to have completely dropped out of being. I even went to see the late Mr. Joseph Abrahams, hoping he would be able to help me in my trouble. He told me, in his most impressive manner, that I was seeking a vain thing; and before his reproachful glance I felt like the Sunday-school children, taken to task for having failed to learn the Kings of Israel and Judah.

Gems in a Shabby Setting.

I had made up my mind that it was useless to continue my search. When passing hurriedly through what used to be Seven Dials, but which I believe is now known as Shaftesbury Avenue, I passed a dingy little bird shop. In my young days, every other shop in "The Dials" was a bird or reptile shop. Now, alas, they have all been swept away, like so many other parts of old London. There, in the window, in a shabby little cage, I saw what I was almost sure were some Aurora Finches.

I rushed hastily in, and asked the very unsavoury-looking owner of the emporium the price of the little birds in the cage I pointed out. I must have appeared unduly excited, for he looked at me as unconcernedly as the gentleman in the poem at the peak of Darien, and laconically answered: "Five and a tanner." I closed at once with his offer, for looking back is fatal. The truest thing in Scripture is Lot's wife; she looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. I had no wish to experience her fate. I lose opportunities as people sometimes lose trains; but this time I determined that the train should not go without me.



Drawing by] [H. Goodchild.

A RARE THRUSH FROM INDIA.

This fine species, the Rufous-necked Laughing Thrush (Dryonastes ruficollis) is one of the splendid consignment of birds recently landed by Major Perreau, details of which were given in a recent issue.

The cage in which they were confined was very dirty, and I argued that a bird that could live and thrive under such conditions would live anywhere. I was surprised at their resignation. If we hear that Guy Fawkes was fretful in "Little Ease," we are not pained at Guy Fawkes' lack of Christian fortitude!

A Foolish but Pleasant Pastime.

I began at once to build castles in the air. It is silly, no doubt, to do such things, but the silliness of the inexperienced is a matter for the pity, not the reprobation, of the judicious. If they take the world for their oyster and think, when they open it, they are going to find pearl necklaces ready made, we must not blame them. Rather, let hoary-headed sinners envy them their imaginings. We have all been young once. Even I was. I got the man to catch the birds and transfer them to a travelling box; but when he suggested putting in their seed and water tins, I gently but firmly declined the offer. I thought these birds had run sufficient risks already. I had some doubts about the sex of the birds. Indeed, I had a dreadful suspicion that they were all of what the grammars call the nobler gender. However, to give myself a fair chance, I picked out three, and hoped that one might prove a hen.

I carried them to South Kensington, where I was staying for my holiday, and when I told the housekeeper that I had bought some little birds, and put them in my bedroom, it caused no surprise, as I had done so many strange things in the past. All the same, it required a certain amount of moral courage to take live birds to a swell boarding house. The next day I went out again on the lookout for birds, hoping I might meet with a lady Aurora Finch. It never rains but it pours, and in Covent Garden I found among a lot of other little Finches, what I felt pretty sure was the object of my search. At any rate, I had the confidence to back my opinion by buying the bird on the spot, and taking it home in a new clean cage.

A Simple, Trusting Soul.

The moment I got to South Kensington, I went upstairs to my bedroom, caught the largest and most likely looking of my former purchases, and introduced him to my latest acquisition. He accepted her unquestionably, as the simple Trojan accepted the Olympian lady who appeared to him, clad in grace, but otherwise scantily, from a rosy cloud. I felt so happy that I went down and ate an extra good dinner.

When I got back home, my thoughts at once ran on a nest and a medal. I put the pair of Auroras in my indoor birdroom, and kept the two gentlemen as a reserve in case of accidents. These soon came about, for in less than a week I found the cock Aurora dead on the floor. He was fat and well-looking, when I picked him up, and not quite cold. Years ago, when I was a schoolboy in Sussex, I used to wander over the downs, bird-nesting. I often got into talk with the old shepherds. I was talking to one on a certain occasion, and I happened to ask him if they were a long-lived race. "Why, yes, sir," replied the ancient one, in all good faith; "we doesn't ha' no doctor; we just dies a nat'ral death." I could only conclude that my friend had done the same.

Looks are Not Everything.

I was thankful now for my forethought in buying those two spare cocks. Aurora Finches are not much to look at, unless you enjoy the harvest of a quiet eye. They are quite little birds, of a declicate lavender colour, with a reddish rump, and a patch of red on the shoulder, a rather curved dark beak, and a small black beady eye. The hen is rather smaller, and her colours are much less pronounced.

In my bird room are any number of nest receptacles, to suit all tastes. Cardboard boxes, such as birds are often sent to travel in, find special favour with the little African Finches. Some of these have been up for years, and contain old nests, built when Adam was a little boy. The Auroras selected one of these, and after doing a few necessary repairs, they settled down to the toils of domestic life. Hardly had they done so than a pair of Zebra Finches arrived on the scene. Zebra Finches, as some of my readers will know, are the most inquisitive of birds, and no nest is safe from their impertinent curiosity. No sooner does a new pair of birds select a site for a nest, but Master Zebra suddenly discovers that this is the very box he has been looking for for years, and the new tenants get prompt and peremptory notice to quit.

Masters of the Art of Bluster.

In the case of such gentle little birds as Aurora Finches, there is absolutely no opposition. At the first little trumpet blast they meekly clear out, and Master Zebra having got his own way, suddenly discovers that the site is not all that he thought, and turns his attention to some meek and inoffensive neighbour. But then the harm is done. It was so in the present instance. The Auroras quickly deserted, and you can imagine my anger when I found a finished nest with one egg already laid. Of course, we must expect failures; they come to teach us success. Time is the best of teachers: he not only exposes our mistakes, but shows us how to correct them, and so learn to bear our disappointments like the Irishman, who said that his pig had not weighed so much as he expected, but then, he never thought it would.

Peace after the Storm.

I saw that there was no hope of a successful nesting so long as those Zebra Finches remained about, so I got the net, and promptly caught and caged them out of harm's way. The cock was most indignant and trumpeted defiance like a miniature elephant. With these disturbers of the peace safely out of the way, we started again, like Robinson Crusoe, with a good heart and modest confidence.

Fortune favoured me, as it often favours the first efforts of the gambler, for in a few mornings I found the Auroras busy at work again upon a new nest. I had read somewhere that aloe fibre was the thing to get all African Finches to go to nest with. It is; but there was something else I was not told—the holding power of the said fibre. Let a bird get a bit of the infernal stuff round his leg, and he is doomed to a slow and lingering death. The fibre twines itself round and round the limb with all the power of a live thing, and sooner or later the poor little creature gets hung up on a twig as he flies up to the nest, and there he hangs till, like little Jim in "We are Seven," "Death released him of his pain, and then he went away." These accidents always make me feel sick, for I feel that somehow I am to blame. One morning I found the second cock hung up to a twig and quite dead.

When One and One Made Naught.

Now, like the two little niggers, we were reduced to one. All my hopes were centered in the remaining cock. If anything untoward happened to him, goodbye to my chance of a medal.

I put him in the aviary, and hoped that the hen would accept him with a glad and ready mind, as we are told to accept the admonitions of our pastors. Not a bit of it. She was evidently tired of the constant change of husbands. She had endured two without a protest, but self respect now called for action.

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SOME LOVERS OF LINNET SONG.

The officials of the Langley Moor (Durham) Linnet Club are depicted here. At the top (left to right) are: Messrs. T. Cameron and W. Fairless, joint secretaries. Seated are Messrs. G. Reed, the well-known judge, and J. Walton, timekeeper.

In the cage he had seemed a brave bird. I had even fancied him saying: "Dare to be a Daniel," but it is one thing to swagger behind the bars of a cage, and quite another thing to do it in the presence of an angry little lady. In the cage he had swaggered away; every tone of his voice, every jerk of his tail had seemed to say: *Nemo me impune lacessit.* In the enlargement of the aviary, he quite changed his tone; now his motto seemed to be: Blessed are the meek! It was all no good; the lady would have nowt to do with him.

Seeking Safety from Slaughter!

Was it not Disraeli who said that a politician should have for his wife or his mistress one whom he returned to at night with repugnance, and left in the morning with delight? I am sure these words exactly described the attitude of my miserable cock. He spent his whole day in trying to avoid deady onslaught by the hen, and I firmly believe that if I had not mercifully removed him out of harm's way, his days would have shortly been ended by a violent death.

I felt very sad and depressed that I had failed, but at any rate I had done my best. I consoled myself with the words of, I think, Longfellow:

Store of Truth was vainly set
In the world's wide fallow.
After hand shall sow the seed,
After hands from hill and mead
Reap the harvest mellow.

It is a beautiful sentiment, but somehow I don't like it. I do hate to be beaten. It always reminds me of that lovely old story in the Gospels, of the poor man who went on hoping, year after year, to be healed, but who ended his pathetic tale with these well-known words: "While I am waiting, another steppeth down before me." That poor man always had my deepest sympathy.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

If so, have you grasped all that our World's Championship Scheme means to you? Read carefully page 483 this week.

The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

By
R. MORSE.

Continued from page 469.

Canary Grass (Phalaris canariensis) grows to a height of about two feet, and its greenish yellow heads are distinctly ornamental. The seeds may be sown during spring in drills about half an inch deep and six inches apart, the plants finally being thinned out so as to allow ample sunshine to reach the seed heads. Canary Grass is not really a native of this country, but has probably been introduced from southern Europe, where it is much cultivated to supply the Canary Seed of commerce.

Inelegant But Very Useful Weeds.

Common Groundsel (Senecio vulgaris) is usually found growing to a height of about a foot, though it may be considerably less or greater under varying circumstances. The seeds may be sown from March to June in rows from four to six inches apart, the seeds being very thinly covered with fine soil, and the young plants thinned out so as not to become overcrowded. Groundsel will grow in almost all soils and positions, but if good seed is required, ample sunlight should reach the plants.

Shepherds Purse and Common Knot Grass (also showing lower leaf of the Shepherds Purse, and seed-pod bursting to discharge the seed).

Shepherd's Purse (Bursa pastoris) may be sown during the whole of the spring and early summer. As the seeds are rather small, only a very light covering of sifted soil should be given. The drills should be four inches apart, and the plants, which usually reach about a foot in height, should be thinned out so as to stand two inches or so asunder.

Chickweed (Stellaria media) is usually quite a small plant, seldom growing more than ten inches or so in height. The seeds may be sown from March to June in drills six or more inches apart, only a thin covering of soil being given. If required for seed, the plants must not be allowed to become overcrowded, thinning being continued until each plant has ample room for growth. Chickweed will thrive even in shady spots under large trees, but the crop of seeds is in most cases a poor one, though the plants appear to be healthy and strong.

A Very Useful Weed.

Common Knotgrass (Polygonum aviculare) is a very straggling plant, and requires a lot of room, for a single plant will sometimes measure fully three feet across. This fact should be borne in mind in making the drills, about a foot being allowed between each if sufficient space be available. The seeds, which may be sown from April to June, are quite small, and need only lightly covering. If a good crop of seeds is required, the plants should be thinned out to about six inches asunder.

Flax.

Charlock (Brassica Sinapistrum) may be sown during the whole of the spring and early summer, the drills being made some six or eight inches apart, and about three-quarters of an inch deep When thinned, the plants should stand at least three inches asunder in the rows. Charlock is a very hardy weed, but requires ample sunlight if it is to develop properly.

Corn Spurrey (Spergula arvensis) in its wild state is a weed some ten to eighteen inches in height. It may be cultivated by sowing the seeds (which are very small) during spring in shallow drills six inches apart, and thinly covering with fine soil. The plants should be thinned out so as finally to have sufficient room to develop ample flowers and seeds. A dry, sunny aspect is best.

Gold of Pleasure (Camelina sativa) is not really a wild British plant, and when found apparently so is always to be regarded as an escape from cultivation. The seed may be sown during March, April, May and June in drills from six to nine inches apart, and about half an inch or so deep. As the plants sometimes attain a height of three feet, they must be thinned so as not to become overcrowded. Gold of Pleasure thrives best in an open situation.

Gold of Pleasure.

Corn Spurrey.

Chickweed.

Useful only for One Year.

It should perhaps be mentioned that all the plants named in this article belong to the class known as annuals; that is, they live for one season only, dying completely away after having produced flowers and seeds. It is therefore of no use to leave the roots in the ground (as is done with some plants) in the hope that they will spring forth another year. Some gardeners sow the seeds of annual plants in the autumn, and thus secure earlier crops than those who sow in the spring.

In practice it may perhaps be found that the distances apart of rows and plants given above are either too great or too small, for many of the weeds are so variable in their growth that definite measurements to suit all cases cannot be given. If, however, the plants appear to be over-crowded, more should be thinned out until each one left has sufficient room. The plants removed—unless useful as green food—should be discarded, for if planted elsewhere they seldom repay one for the trouble taken in transplanting them.

Those who wish to cultivate such species as lettuce, sunflower, and other garden plants, can, of course, obtain the necesary information from any seedsman.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By
J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 471)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

The Schnatter (snat-ter) is more objectionable in sound than the Schwirre, but it is not so often met with. The bird, with an open beak, appears to be trying to gobble the consonants s, c, h and the vowel i in a more or less nasalised voice, or again it may be in a gular (throaty) sounding cic, or sich. Our judges have been very lenient on the show bench with faulty song passages, and the idea is gaining ground that faults should be penalised more severely. I will illustrate it in this way: say two birds are singing the Aufzug, and the second bird is bringing it out more forcibly and in a more objectionable sounding manner than the first bird, the idea now is that if the first bird be penalised one point then the second bird should have two points deducted. It seems to me to be a very fair method, as it is far more difficult to breed a bird with good tours, without a fault popping up in some part of the song, than it is to breed good tours combined with faults.

Two Vanishing Faults.

The Zit and the Chop, as far as the contest Roller is concerned, are gone. When I write that they are gone, I do so advisably, for these two faulty notes are far too dangerous to be again admitted into our Roller song tours. Since I wrote about the flat "clattering" sounding Glucke tour, my London friend has very kindly sent me the bird down that I had heard when I was at his home, so that I may study this faulty Glucke tour at my leisure. Many of us made our first acquaintance with this flat Glucke tour at the International show held in London in February last. As new hands are continually joining the Roller Canary Fancy, perhaps it will bear retelling how that enterprising society, the British Roller Canary Club, came to hold its first International show.

A great deal of discussion had always taken place in Roller circles regarding the merits of our birds compared with those belonging to the German fanciers across the North Sea. So our B.R.C.C. decided to hold an exhibition and invite the German people to send their birds for competition. At the same time, a prominent judge of Roller Canaries residing in Germany was invited to come to England and officiate upon our English birds competing in the same classes with those belonging to the Germans. This was decided upon to ascertain how the value of points given by a German judge would compare with those given by our English judges. The result of this experiment was very satisfactory indeed, from our point of view, for there was practically no difference in his opinion on the value of the tours the birds sang at this show from that set by our own English judges.

Advice from a German Judge.

A full report of this show was published in Cage Birds of February 15th last. If those who are interested in this flat Glucke will look up this report, it will be seen that I mentioned that this gentleman, Herr. H. Frisch, spoke strongly on what he termed the Flat Glucke (it is delivered in a clattering, choppy manner), and we are advised not to breed with a bird singing a tour like this, because the youngsters would probably bring out a chop. Unfortunately, only one team of birds arrived from Germany—a team to comprise four birds—and this took the fifth prize.

Charlock, also showing leaf and unripe and ripe seed-pods.

Turning again to the flat Glucke singer that I have had sent to me, I have had this bird in my possession for a week, and I have well studied its Glucke tours. The bird is a very free singer, and each time he opens, or sings, he brings out this flat Glucke in various ways, and as I have sat for hours each day listening to this bird, I feel more competent now to advance an opinion on it. I have already said that I had arrived at the conclusion that the flat, clattering Glucke tour came from the Bell Glucke, and I cannot yet see any reason to alter my opinion. This bird is a valuable one, from a student's point of view. As I have already said, he will bring out this flat Glucke sounding in several different ways. I have heard it delivered as Chalp-Chalp-Chalp-Chalp, with a very flat sounding vowel a.

A Sound Like Sobbing.

When the bird is singing the tour sounding in this way, a faint sobbing, or a faint bubbling, sound, as of Glu-Glu-Glu-Glu can be distinguished, underlying the more prominent sound of Chalp-Chalp-Chalp-Chalp. This is the least objectionable form in which I have heard it sung, for when the bird has raised its voice and delivered the tour more quickly, the faint sobbing of the Glu is lost in a very flat-sounding Chat-Chat-Chat-Chat. The most objectionable feature has been when this bird has, in an excited moment, raised its voice, and delivered a very rapid sounding, yet at the same time a very flat-sounding Chap-Chap-Chap-Chap; towards the latter part of the word the faint sounding of the consonant "I" is discernible to my ear.

What an Enthusiast Will Do.

I should mention that I have had the bird quite close to me; in fact, not more than a couple of feet away, when I have been studying this tour, and at all times of the day—and night, too, for I have been downstairs at one and two o'clock in the morning! I recollect one morning in particular going to bed at 2.30 a.m. for just one half-hour, to be up again at my daily occupation at 3.15 a.m.! I only mention these facts to show that I have left, as it were, no stone unturned to obtain at first hand a knowledge of this tour. It is a bad song passage in itself, and very objectionable; further, in my opinion, it would, without any efforts of cultivation, turn to a chop. It is a true remark, "Look after the deep tours; you can always breed the high ones"; and it can be applied to this flat Glucke tour. It is a song passage that is far from being common, and it evidences the first approach of the Chop coming back again in the high-class Roller.

(To be continued.)

Wonderful Reception of Our World's Championship Competition.

"CAGE BIRDS" OFFER OF £200 WORTH OF PRIZES CATCHES ON.

Exhibitors and Show and Society Officials everywhere evince the keenest interest in our colossal scheme, which will benefit both Fanciers and the Fancy.

We are very much gratified with the hearty and friendly reception accorded our latest and greatest Prize Scheme, preliminary details of which were placed before cage-bird fanciers for the first time last week. Already a large number of requests for coupons have reached us from bird-keepers and breeders, and an almost equally large number of enterprising secretaries have immediately seen the splendid possibilities of the Competition as a magnet for the attraction of entries and interest to their annual fixtures, and have sent in applications for the latter to be enrolled amongst the coupon shows.

One thing, however, has surprised us above all, and that is the entire absence of criticism upon, or suggestions for the improvement of, this great and novel scheme. It will be remembered that in our last issue we specially invited both. It seems incredible that there should not be a weak point somewhere, or some condition or other that cannot be improved upon. We ask our readers to frankly and freely favour us with their views; we will give them full and careful consideration. Write us at once; this week-end, certain.

The Idea; and the Prizes.

The main idea of this Competition (which is Open to the World) is to ascertain which are the 12 Best Birds of the season. It will also stimulate public interest in the keeping of Cage Birds, and, we hope, promote still further the circulation and influence of our paper, Cage Birds. Prizes and Diplomas will be offered at a large number of Shows all over the Country, the winners of these Diplomas subsequently taking part in a Grand Finale at the Crystal Palace Show, 1914. The Competition will be open to every Show appearing in Cage Birds List of Guaranteed Fixtures, provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

Two Prizes of 10/- Each, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each guaranteed show accepting our conditions.

Twelve Diplomas of Honour will be offered, in addition, to each guaranteed show taking part in the competition, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CREST-BREDS.
(4) BORDER FANCIES.
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10 BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas to have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Crystal Palace Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914. It will be noticed that an important correction is made above, an oversight on the part of our printer last week having left an error in the section headings. No. 5 then read Scotch Fancies, and No. 6 Belgians. These should have been as they are now given, viz., No. 5 Scotch Fancies and Belgians, and No. 6 Greens.

The Grand Finale.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Crystal Palace Authorities, Cage Birds offers the following handsome cash prizes in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show:—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD-PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—

£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections.

£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section.

We propose also offering A Ten Guinea Challenge Shield, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

What This Means to You.

Cage Birds Championship Scheme will introduce a new and pleasant interest to your hobby. It will provide you with a fresh standpoint from which to view your birds—as potential winners of diplomas, cash, cups and shield in our coupon competition.

It may bring you lasting fame in the hobby. A fair field and no favour is assured to all. Every good bird will have its chance; and no individual exhibitor can corner all the good things we offer.

That it can benefit you directly cannot be questioned. The winning of a Cage Birds Diploma of Honour will set the seal of excellence upon your stock, and ensure a ready market for your surplus birds.

Our list of guaranteed shows embraces fixtures in every part of the United Kingdom (see page 489), therefore fanciers will be able to compete on their own doorstep, so to speak, as well as at shows at a distance. And please note, that any one fancier can win only one diploma in each section in any one year. Wherefore, every good bird has, as we have said before, a good chance, or chances. The Novice is fairly catered for; he has an equal chance, each and every time, with the champion.

Drawn by] [H. Norman.

A Charming Lesser Redpoll.

This splendid specimen, which excelled in size, chubbiness of build, and colour, and was at the same time well marked, won First Prize in a strong class at the last Crystal Palace Show for Mr. Davidson, of Mossend, N.B.

How to Win the Prizes.

The following are the simple and straightforward conditions under which everyone may compete for the above-mentioned handsome prizes:—

We intend issuing coupons at a cost of 6d. each, to be purchased from us before the end of August, 1913. Each such coupon will entitle the purchaser thereof to enter one bird in the competition for the diploma and special prize of 10s. at any show which accepts our scheme, provided, of course, that the usual entry fee is paid to the show authorities for such entry. An exhibitor may purchase as many coupons as he pleases, provided he does so before the last day of August, 1913.

When making an entry or entries for our competition at a Diploma Show, the exhibitor must fix to his entry form a coupon for each bird he wishes to enter, and he must put the initials "C.B." against the entry of each bird he wishes to compete.

No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows.

No winner will be allowed to enter more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections in the final competition at the Crystal Palace show, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon—one bird—one coupon show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of August, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—No bird entered for this competition may wear a ring, or have any distinguishing mark apart from its natural characteristics.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition.

8.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

9.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

10.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

We shall be glad if Societies wishing to avail themselves of our Championship Competition will write us immediately so that we may send on our conditions.

Bird Dealers, Corn Merchants, Secretaries of Societies, and others desirous of retailing our coupons, should apply for wholesale cash terms.

All letters concerning the above scheme should be addressed to The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street London, E.C.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE.

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I do not offer any advice to the old Roller fancier, as he will know quite well what to do, and how to get rid of it, should any of his birds be inclined to sing it. To the young fancier, or to the new beginner, who has already got birds singing this tour, I would say don't dispose of your stock (unless you can afford it and feel inclined to do so), because, though you will be parting with one fault, you will probably get another of a different kind. Breed with the birds, and on no account let the youngsters hear the tour, if possible, in the breeding room, or, better still, in the training room, for I do not attach much importance to whatever they may hear in the breeding room, as by giving a good tuition by the time the youngsters are nicely through the moult those faults that were heard in the breeding room will be very likely to have been forgotten.

What's Bred in the Bone.

Of course it will be understood that if the fault is in the blood, this would be an inducement for the birds to sing it, and the first time a youngster is heard attempting to sing the tour, it should be removed at once. If you have not heard it sing the fault previously, you may be inclined to think that it was a mistake on either your part, or the birds, and decide to let it remain a little longer with the rest of the youngsters. Probably you will not hear it sung again for two or three days, and then you will get it again, and sounding to you more objectionable than it did the first time, because the bird's voice is gradually getting stronger. So the first time you hear a young bird sing anything faulty that its tutor is not singing, remove it at once, and place it in a position where the rest of the other youngsters cannot hear it, and, further, where it cannot hear the fault being sung. Should the recruit to the Roller Fancy not have this faulty Glucke tour, I would strongly advise him to seriously consider the subject before purchasing birds that sing it; or, if I may put it to you bluntly, take a "Fool's advice, and don't."

Another Faulty Glucke Tour.

In addition to the flat sounding bell Glucke, I have found another faulty, or inferior-toned Glucke tour, a faulty tour quite apart from the one already described; while it is not so objectionable, it is nevertheless a tour that has "Taken the wrong turning." I believe it was Mr. Lester who first wrote about this, and advised Roller fanciers to give more study to the breeding of the Glucke tours. If I may be allowed to "coin a term" for this tour I should unhesitatingly call it a flat, or flat toned, Hollow Glucke tour.

I have only heard it sung a few times, yet there is no mistaking, or confusing, it with anything else. It is heard in a slow, restful manner, sounding as Glak-Glak-Glak-Glak, and delivered in rather a deep toned voice, yet pitched a little higher than we hear the good hollow Glucke tour which sounds as Gluk-Gluk-Gluk-Gluk, or again as the case may be, Gluk-luk, luk, luk (when I described the Hollow Glucke amongst the good tours I should have omitted the consonant c, as it is not sounded in voicing, or singing, the Glucke).

(To be Continued.)

"Our Hobby Week by Week," Notes, are unavoidably held over; an extra instalment will be given in our next issue.—Editor.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3) *Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6) *If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who receive letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Post-cards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CAUGHT A CHILL (J.F.M.).—(1) Your bird needed warmth more than anything else, and protection from draughts was essential. Unless these points have been in some measure complied with, I am afraid it has already left this "vale of tears." If this climax has not happened keep the bird in a warm, comfortable temperature. Give a diet of plain canary as staple, with half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, separately, each day. Also give daily for a fortnight a morsel of bread and milk, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled liberally with maw seed. In the drinking water give 30 drops of brandy and five each of oxymel of squills, ipecac. wine and glycerine, daily for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for two or three weeks. Gradually resume the usual dietary after the end of the first fortnight. (2) The samples of grass seeds you enclosed are excellent for Canaries, or any small seed-eating bird.

NORWICH COCK SLUGGISH.—(A.M.P.).—I suspect the bird has some digestive derangement arising out of its change of quarters and ownership. Try the following treatment for two or three weeks. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every third day give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, inga and teazle, and next a small teaspoonful of soaked or scalded rape. Give a good-sized spray of chickweed or flower heads of groundsel daily, and a few ripe dandelion seed heads at any time. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week, and in the next week substitute four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

IS IT POSSIBLE? (Jack, Watford).—Certainly, it is quite possible, and reasonable, to get another clutch from this pair this season, if the cock is in good health and active condition, on which point you say nothing. If in good sound health they should require no special feeding at this season. You may, however, give a small teaspoonful of egg-food to the pair every third day, and if you have a few fine fat mealworms available, mince three or four and mix in the egg food each time. On the intervening days give first a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame, and next day a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats. Give green food daily and ripe dandelion heads, as advised to "A.M.P." this week. Also give the rhubarb mixture mentioned in that reply for three consecutive days, and the gentian tonic afterwards for a week.

NO RESULTS (G. E. Cox).—It is not clear from your letter whether you removed the cock whilst hen was sitting the first clutch of eggs. If you did not, she has not been fully tested yet, having hatched no young in the second round. Let the birds try once more, treat for a fortnight as advised to "Jack, Watford," in this issue, if they do not appear to be about going to nest quickly, and remove the cock again when hen begins to sit. Also look up a number of replies in the last four issues, which you will see apply to your case, and act upon any of the suggestions you may not have tried already. If she then fails to respond, I'm afraid your only chance of success with her is to have a reliable foster hen available next season to take over and rear her young. Treat the Norwich cock that is still moulting as you will see advised in detail to another querist on same subject this week.

YORKSHIRE MOPY (J. T. D., Clapham).—Treat the bird for a fortnight, the same as advised to "A. M. P." in this issue, and if not then quite well, please write again and repeat particulars.

GIVING YOUNG BIRDS BATH (Frank Tall).—You need not worry about any stated time for beginning to give a bath to young birds. If you provide the adults with their usual bath, as you should do after the young are a few days old, the youngsters will begin to use it on their own account almost as soon as they leave the nest. When the young are separated from the parents offer them the bath the same as you do the adults, but do not allow it to remain on cage too long—say from ten to fifteen minutes—and only whilst you are in the room at the beginning. Also be careful not to put in too great a depth of water until the birds have acquired a little practice. These precautions are advisable, as young birds are apt to overdo the business, and so saturate their plumage that they are practically unable to crawl out of the bath. Apart from these risks, there is no harm in giving the bath just as soon as the youngsters care to use it.

TWO ROUNDS, RESULTS NIL (A. C. H. P.).—The Norwich hen is clearly out of condition, and the cock is not in the best condition, so your results from them are not surprising. Leave them together and treat them for a fortnight, as advised to "Jack, Watford," in this issue. But in your case give the rhubarb mixture for two days, and then every second day for the remainder of one week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and tincture of steel every second day.

LIZARDS AND YORKSHIRES (Brebote).—(1) I confess I hardly understand what the noise is which you describe as a "short, sharp, Robin's long-drawn sigh." It conveys to me nothing definite. In case it is a wheezy noise issuing from the respiratory organs, try giving each bird half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it daily for a week, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a week or so. Possibly the birds contracted a slight cold in travelling to you. You have done right in separating the one bird, and leaving the two that are probably a pair together. (2) I see no necessity for keeping the Yorkshire isolated any longer. As she does not appear to take the Parrish's give her the gentian tonic as advised to "A. M. P." in this issue for a fortnight.

CAKED VENTS IN YOUNG (Constant Reader).—I think your egg food is the cause of this trouble, as it is of a too constipating character, and the addition of sugar is not an advantage in these circumstances. I think you will do better next round if you try making your egg food of crushed plain biscuits and egg, or, better still, crumb of stale household bread and egg, adding only a small amount of bread or biscuit the first day, and gradually increasing the proportion to two parts bread or biscuit to one part egg. Add no sugar, nor any moisture other than what is contained naturally in the egg. Look down replies this week, and I think you will find details for rearing in one. Or refer to reply to "A. H.," on May 16th. Follow these instructions implicitly, particularly with regard to hemp, green food, etc. The samples of hemp and rape you sent are both of very good quality. If any young are now suffering from caked vents, cleanse them with a small camel-hair pencil dipped in quite warm water, but do not wet birds: then slightly anoint them with lanocyllin.

UNDEVELOPED OVARIES (G.F.C.).—These hens are clearly of a type in which the reproductive organs remain dormant for some length of time. It may last only a few weeks, or it may continue for a whole season, or more than one season. They are almost invariably very unsatisfactory cases to treat. Your best course is to give the hen that now sits in the nest a good deal, a clutch of common fertile gegs to hatch out and rear, if she will do so, provided, of course, you can get a clutch of eggs for experiment. If Canary eggs are not available, try a clutch of Finches. This method will often result in bringing about a normal cycle of reproduction in future. Treat the other hen that does not sit in nest the same as advised to "A. C. H. P." in this issue.

IS IT A TEST? (Victor).—I read your letter to mean that you discovered two eggs in the nest on the same day that you returned the cock bird, and that the hen laid three more on the three following days. If this is correct, then, this is my reply to your question concerning the fertility of this clutch. It is "possible," but not at all "probable," that the two first eggs will prove fertile; the third may be fertile if the cock was returned in the morning or quite early part of day (you omit this detail); if not returned until midday or later, this will probably prove unfertile, but there is, of course, the same "possibility" for this as the first two; the last two have the full normal chances for being properly fertilised as if birds had been together some time. As you have marked the eggs, please let me hear result, especially of the third egg, if it is distinguishable. The youngsters doubtless needed feeding by the parents a little longer. I trust you kept a little soft food on with them for that purpose.

VARIED (L.S.)—(1) No, when the cock is removed during incubation it is not advisable to return him when young are three days old. Unless, indeed, one was fully aware of the temperament of the cock, and knew that he was trustworthy with young chicks, such a procedure might be disastrous. If the hen shows no signs of starting to nest again it is better to keep him away until young are ready to leave nest, and could, if necessary, be transferred to a nursery cage with perfect safety. If hen is coming forward again the cock may be returned when young are about fourteen days old, and a second nest pan given when hen wants to nest again. Should plucking occur, the young will still have to go in a nursery and take their chance—still a good one. (2) The period of incubation is 14 days—a few hours less in warm, favourable weather—from the time the eggs are set. If you remove eggs as laid, and return them on the evening of the third day, you may expect all four to hatch, this is assuming a fourth egg is laid on the fourth morning, on the fourteenth day, counting every day from time eggs are set. If eggs are not removed as laid, hatching is usually spread over three days, that is, each fourteenth day from time second, third and fourth eggs were laid. (3) Depends on circumstances. Some hens do much better when the cock is removed, others do better when he is allowed to remain. There is no means of knowing which plan is best in any particular case except the actual test. If a hen does badly when the cock is left with her, remove him next time, and vice versa. Glad you find CAGE BIRDS so helpful. As regards other hen that remains unsatisfactory, treat her for a few weeks as advised to "C.B.A., S.O. (2)" in last issue, and give a few ripe dandelion seed heads anytime same are available.

PROLAPSUS (H.W.).—The bird was suffering from this trouble, or "Anal prolapse," as it is also termed, and it is doubtful if any treatment would have been of any permanent benefit. It is apt to occur in weak and debilitated hens from the strain of laying an unusually large or a shell-less egg. I note you say you have been a regular reader for two years. Why, then, did not you pay a little more attention to the article on "Accidents" in our pages on May 24th, which contained advice precisely meeting your case, and would have helped you to do all that was possible for the bird's relief or cure?

MOULTING FOR THREE MONTHS (W. L., Small Heath).—The first and most essential step towards curing this abnormal moulting is to discover and remove the cause, which is practically certain to be either exposure to cold draughts, or extreme and rapid fluctuations of temperature. Keep the bird in a bright, healthful position, well ventilated, but free from cold cutting draughts, and not over heated, such as by hanging near or over a burning light in the evenings, or high up near the ceiling. Then, in addition to the staple diet of plain canary and rape, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a month. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a spray of chickweed daily, and a few dandelion seed heads at any time these are available. Allow bird to bathe freely. In the drinking water add a quinine tonic the same as advised to "H. Edwards" this week.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

SLIPPED CLAW (A Reader).—Yes, the bird is suffering from what is often termed "slipped claws," and it ought to have been attended to as soon as possible after the deformity was noticed. when, by giving it only thin perches—about the size of a lead pencil—a cure would in all probability have come about naturally by this time. If you notice the bird when resting gradually "work" the hind toes over back of perch, you may still rely upon this method. But otherwise it will be most advisable to leave in the ordinary sized perches and put a rubber band on each claw for a fortnight or so as a preliminary. Make bands by cutting off slightly less than one-eighth of an inch from the end of feeding-bottle tubing. Through the rings thus formed pass the three fore toes of each foot—separately, of course—hold the hind toe back against leg, and pass on ring up leg until near the end of toe, and leave it there. When bird is released the ring will still hold the toe in a far backward position. After wearing these for a fortnight or so remove them and put in the thin perches, which should be kept in for several weeks until the bird has a good strong grip with the hind toes.

A YOUNG FREAK (Perplexed).—From your description I am strongly inclined to think the youngster is an abnormal freak, and that the palpably crippled limbs are congenital, belonging to the same class of freaks as those unfortunates which sport surplus legs or wings. This view is strongly supported, too, by the clearly abnormal character of the eggs laid in the clutch it belongs to. Such freaks are frequently recorded, and whilst not common, are certainly not great rarities. If your youngster still shows palpable signs of being always unable to perch it would be by far the kindest thing to end its career at once. Get a chemist to give it a whiff of chloroform. The thunderstorms which occurred during incubation would have absolutely nothing to do with producing this deformity. Only just try to imagine if thunder produced such effects the hundreds of thousands of birds, both wild and tame, we should see going about as freaks.

SECOND ROUND FAILURES (H. Edwards).—The cause of the second round of eggs being addled after a good first round of young is in all probability owing to the cocks having already started to go out of condition on account of the moult being imminent. Now that the weather promises to be warm and settled, it would certainly be wise to move the birds from the kitchen to an unheated room, but it will be quite useless keeping them mated as long as the cocks are losing feathers. Separate them until the cocks have regained condition, and meantime give them every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion, spray of chickweed, or a few seed heads of dandelion daily. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water every second day until feathers cease dropping.

NOT FEEDING YOUNG (Beginner).—Your method of feeding was certainly very faulty, and doubtless had something to do with the hen's desertion of young. The ordinary staple seed diet of plain canary, or canary and rape, as the case may be, must be kept on regularly after the young are hatched as well as at all other times, so you made a big mistake to remove it and feed entirely on soft food when young were first hatched. You also began giving hemp too early, and the soaked rape would have been better deferred a little longer. When the next brood are hatched keep the seed hopper replenished with good, sound canary seed. On the day of hatching give half a teaspoonful of egg-food in the morning, and a small teaspoonful ditto in the afternoon. Make this with only a small proportion of bread crumb or biscuit powder. Next day add rather more bread or biscuit, and give a small teaspoonful morning and afternoon. Each day gradually increase proportion of bread until by time young are eight days old you have it at two parts bread to one part egg, and also gradually increase quantity given daily as the needs of the growing brood demand more. Feed twice or thrice daily with fresh soft food, and aim at giving each time only about enough to last until next feeding-time. When young are three days old, give a spray of green food, and afterwards give a little, gathered freshly, each morning and afternoon. At six or eight days give a teaspoonful of soaked rape daily, and at ten or twelve days add a similar quantity of cracked hemp each day, and gradually increase quantities of both to double those named.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

A JACKDAW QUERY.—If "H.D.P.," who sends a query as to a Jackdaw, will forward his name and address and comply generally with the simple rules at the head of these queries, I shall be very pleased to give him an answer.

GETTING HAND-REARED LINNETS ON TO SEED (Bird Lover).—You should first add a little soaked rape seed to the egg and biscuit, and, later, add a little dry rape and canary seed. Continue with this until you see that they are able to crack the dry seed, when you should get them gradually on the hard seed diet alone. Some soaked teazle might be combined with the soaked rape, and some dry teazle added to the canary and rape when they are cracking the seed. Afterwards, give in a separate vessel a good wild-seed mixture, and any fresh wild seeds which you may be able to gather for them. When using soaked rape be careful that it is not kept long enough to go sour.

SCREENINGS FROM A THRESHING MACHINE (C. B. Byrne).—Your query should not have been addressed to Mr. St. John. Mr. St. John answers questions relating to Canary-keeping only, not on British birds. The sample sent contains many seeds which would be useful for the keeping of Goldfinches and Linnets, but it also contains a very considerable proportion of dust, which must be somehow cleaned from the seeds before they are offered to the birds. Be careful not to lose in the cleaning the tiniest of the wild seeds, which are in the mixture, as these are quite the most useful. A "hair" sieve would be the proper kind to use in screening the dust from the mixture. In addition to the wild seeds, the birds would require the ordinary seeds so often recommended. The latter should be offered in a separate vessel. Our Nut shells, No. 1, the Goldfinch, and No. 2, the Linnet (2½d. each, post free, from our Manager) would help you as to the general feeding and proper keeping.

IDENTIFICATION OF NESTS, &c. (Novice).—In not a single case do you give sufficient details. So many birds build nests of "moss and grass lined with hair." A Chaffinch nest is unmistakable. It is a very compact cup-shaped structure made of moss and wool tightly woven together. The outside is more or less covered with bits of lichen used in such a way that it is difficult to distinguish the nest from the gnarled branch on which it is generally built. An old apple tree is a very favourite site with the Chaffinch for nest building, although a bush is sometimes chosen. A Bramble would be a most unlikely place. As for the young birds which you say were hatched from "three big round eggs," and are "greeny-fawn" in colour with a "white spot on the head," I am not inclined to make even a guess at them without further details. What colour and markings had the "three big round eggs"? The food you are giving the young birds will do for almost any kind of small British bird as a nestling, but as they get older you will have to feed them according to whether they are insectivorous or seed-eating. If you will let me have more definite particulars I will try to help you.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1);"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.): or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

YOUNG LONG-EARED OWL (J. McCorriskin)—I have had no personal experience in keeping this large and exclusively nocturnal Owl. In freedom the bird lives, like the rest of the Owls, on rats, mice, bats, small birds, beetles, etc., and in captivity it would require such of these as you may be able to procure for it, supplemented by pieces of raw beef, fowls' heads, and such like. It would require a very large cage (the male bird grows to about fifteen inches long, and the hen is larger), and, from the nature of its food, the cleaning out of its cage would be a matter of considerable moment. Of course, it would require water—all birds do.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AMAZON ILL (J. T. D.).—You will have to continue the treatment for some time yet, at the same time apply the different remedies in the manner least likely to distress her, this you only can decide by your knowledge of the bird's demeanour. You must continue the honey and borax, and put it into the mouth, say, twice a week, and in between mix it with her boiled corn. You must keep the nostrils clear by the glyco-thymoline spraying. Carry this on regularly, and the trouble should yield. At present it will be best to continue on the lines of our previous reply, modified by above comments. The trouble has been going on too long to be easily got rid of, continue and report progress in another fortnight. It might make her more amenable if her cage door was left open, and she was allowed to climb about it outside. Then she could be treated, and instead of being put in the cage, placed on the top of it, and allowed to find her way in at will.

A FEATHER PULLER (Chorltonian).—Give the Dinneford's and Byno-phosphates that you have noticed us advise to other correspondents, the former one teaspoonful to the ounce of water, the latter only half a teaspoonful, to be governed by the same conditions, viz., bowels to be kept moving quite freely, but the voidings not to be continually watery-loose; clean water once a week. During such weather as we are now enjoying, spray it with the quassia solution twice weekly, and give it outdoor treatment, say, 10 a.m. till 6 p.m., on all suitable days. Do not stand it in an exposed position; expose it to dull winds, or place it in a draughty position, nor yet where the sun will strike directly on the top of the cage. Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, seed and oats; one pint each hemp, paddy rice, dari and wheat; half a-pint each sunflower seed and shelled nuts—well mix the whole. It can have pieces of plain biscuit, as well as ripe fruit ad lib; cuttlebone, grit, and also wood to cut up should be regularly supplied. Report progress in a month.

ROSELLA IN A BAD WAY (A. D.).—I have read your letter very carefully, and though you have done the best you could for it, and only have kept it alive by your care, it is merely existence and not life, and if it were my bird, loth as I am to take such a step, I should have it mercifully chloroformed out of its misery. You may, however, wish to try for another fourteen days or so, having kept it going for so long. Bathe (thoroughly soak) the legs and feet daily with hot water (of course not hot enough for discomfort), dry with a soft cloth, and then paint with neat whisky. While you have to continue the milk sop, add the few drops of whisky regularly, but encourage it to take seed as soon as possible, and then gradually wean from the milk. I should give the bird five drops of tasteless castor oil, either direct to the beak, or in the milk sop, the former for preference, and repeat the dose regularly once a week for a month. Give the honey and borax daily, and for the present put regularly half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates to each ounce of its drinking water. If there is no improvement in two or three weeks, have it destroyed. If it amends sufficiently for you to continue treating, report progress in about three weeks. If it dies, as is not improbable, do not use your cage for another bird till it has been well sterilised. I should advise the prompt removal and burning of the bird's voidings.

FINCHES FOR SMALL AVIARY (A.M.S.).—I take it your small aviary is out of doors; if it is portable it would be better lifted into some dry, well lighted shed for the winter months, but you give no details on this point, and it handicaps me considerably. In such an aviary, though you could keep in it a couple of dozen small Finches, merely as a collection, I do not consider you would stand much chance of breeding luck if you put in more than four pairs. If I were using such a place myself, I should only put in two pairs, or at the most three—then again I do not know your county. Gouldian Finches, Ruficauda Finches, and Long-tailed Greenfinches are all beautiful, and some or all should breed, but they are not cheap birds, and with the limitations of your aviary should go indoors for the winter at the end of October. Zebra Finches, Silverbills, and Bib Finch, are all pretty and attractive, the first-named is fairly gay, but not the other two. All are probable breeders, cheap, and could be left out all the winter unless you are very far north. Or you could put in a larger number, say, pairs each of Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Orange-cheek Waxbills, and Cordon Bleus. All the above are pretty or beautiful, mostly the latter, and excepting the last named, are all hardy and would make a nice show; some of them should breed, and with the exception of the Cordon Bleus, should winter outside. If the above does not meet your case, repeat query with fuller details.

COCKATEILS (F. W. C.).—Your birds certainly ought to do well, and if mice do not get into the nests and disturb them, it is a case of individualism, and they are unsteady and unreliable incubators; if they are young birds, they will probably grow out of it, but if not, you must get rid of them and try another pair. Note: Are the bottoms of your nest boxes flat? If so, make them concave. In such weather as we are now enjoying, and also all through the summer, give ample ventilation—all you can without creating a draught. Add white oats to your menu, also corn and other cereals in the ear when obtainable. The corn should be well formed, but greenish—i.e., not fully ripe. Cockatiels are fond of a bath; give them a good-sized shallow dish of water to make their ablutions in.

YELLOW-FRONTED AMAZON (S. H. B.).—The heat has probably had something to do with the shedding of the plumage, but during the summer there is no harm in giving the bird a weekly spraying with a dilute solution of quassia (tepid). Your diet covers its need and is wholesome; you might offer a nut occasionally. I should still continue to use the Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely without being really loose, and twice a week put either Chemical Food or Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. The bromide sedative need not be given unless there is a return of the habit you object to. Sun and air will be a great help, and I should put it out of doors on all suitable days, but not when cold winds prevail. It should not be stood in a draughty or exposed position, nor should the sun be allowed to shine directly on the top of its cage. The spraying had nothing to do with the shedding of the plumage. Yellow-fronts as a rule do not make such good talkers as Blue-fronts, and I consider you have given utmost value for the bird.

ANTS' EGGS AND CRESTED PIGEONS (T. Tomlinson).—Live ants' eggs (cocoons) can be purchased from most of the large dealers who advertise in our columns, and the same applies to gentles—you will find them advertised very shortly in our pages. Never give the latter to the birds until they have been well scoured. Keep them in sand or bran until they are white right through, changing the bran, etc., every two or three days. When quite white and with no black line visible in their bodies, they are wholesome food for the birds. An advertisement would secure you some of either now. I cannot give names or individualise any one trader. (2) These are usually a free breeding species, and can be kept out of doors all the year round, but they sometimes take a season to settle down, but once they make a start, several broods will be reared annually. I have never tried them with ordinary fancy pigeons, but should think they would agree well enough with them; putting on one side domesticated varieties, Doves and Pigeons do not as a rule agree well together, but providing they are not too closely related, several pairs may be kept in the same aviary.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (Gould).—When it reaches the extreme stage I fear there is no remedy; it was a case for prevention. In spite of the apparently fit condition of your bird, the trouble was there, though it only became apparent when the acute stage was reached. The post-mortem result explains much concerning the egg-laying trouble. It is a pity the bird would not take milk-sop, as this would have helped, but you must not take your bird as settling the matter for all Gouldians, as there are many that will take it, and your bird does not stand alone in refusing it. Constant observation should be kept over the bowels of all seed-eaters kept indoors, and there should be kept constantly regulated by a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, sufficiently often to keep them moving quite freely, without being really loose. If a bird reaches the stage yours did, and is plump and fat, use Syrup of Buckthorn, ten drops in the drinking water for three consecutive days, and then, after an interval of three, renew the treatment, and so on for a fortnight, then cease giving the buckthorn, and give instead for a couple of days two or three drops of Elixir of Vitriol in the drinking water. The main trouble is that indoor-kept seed-eaters more often than not eat very sparingly of green food, and other means (as above) must be taken to keep their digestion in proper order. Grassfinches are almost as lethargic as Mannikins, and soon pile on flesh and other troubles unless well looked after. Their regular menu was an ample and good one.

COCKATEILS (E. A. B. N.). (1) Canary and white millet in equal parts, also a few oats; green food, fruit if they will eat it, and continual access to grit, cuttlebone, and mortar rubbish. (2) A small piece of rock salt is good for all cage birds that will make use of it; it will require damping daily this weather. If your query has reference to common salt, I have never given this, but a small piece for them to peck at at will could do no harm, but I do not consider it necessary.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (E. C.).—Many Budgerigars are moulting just now, and also many are breeding; yours should do so at the termination of the moult. You give me no particulars whatever save that they are kept in a long flight. I can only suggest a few points for you to look into for yourself. Are last year's husks still up, or have you replaced them by new ones? If not, take them all down, clean them, then give them a good soaking in boiling water and put in the open air to dry. I take it your flight is indoors; if so, examine it for parasites. These gain a hold sooner or later if annual preventative measures are not taken; if you find any, well wash the place out with some strong insecticide, and then distemper with Hall's Washable Distemper or some similar preparation. The latter will be a wise precaution even if you cannot trace any parasites. If you have not already got our Nutshell "Budgerigars," it would be well to get it, 2½d., post free from our manager.

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CALIFORNIAN QUAIL (Aloa).—My experience is that the clutch consists of from nineteen to twenty-four eggs, and that it is not well to interfere with any eggs till incubation begins, as it often happens that they do not incubate the first clutch, or if the clutch is incomplete and you take some away, she at once makes another nest and commences another clutch. I have always reared my Quails by the natural method, and have never used foster parents, etc., and have supplied ants' eggs and gentles mostly for the first week, supplying a little insectile mixture (soft food) or game meal to get them accustomed to it, but they soon begin to take to seed and the mixture, then live food is supplied in smaller quantity; but I always see that both adults and chicks get some live food daily. I am not aware of any popular book dealing with these birds, but there are many accounts of successful breeding of many species in the pages of the avicultural Press.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. G.—The case was quite incurable. The disease from which the Canary was suffering was bacterial necrosis of the lungs. Portions of these organs were totally destroyed, there being large necrotic areas. The distress in breathing was due to this, so much lung tissue being put out of action that double respiratory movements were necessary for proper and adequate breathing.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. L. Wilson.—If you send a stamped addressed envelope, a specimen of shepherd's purse will be forwarded you. There must be "acres" of it in Nottingham and suburbs. An illustration appears in the next instalment of Mr. Morse's article.

W. H. Talbot.—Neither biscuit nor bread could be harmful to the Canaries, and could be mixed with the food. But whether it is wise to mix them in is another matter; if you are in doubt on the point why not write to the makers?

G. W. F. Lythgoe.—Letter has been duly forwarded.

R. A. Tyler.—A good idea, certainly, but we have illustrated similar drinking fountains before.

P.H.—There is no need to look for any special kind of grass seed; take that which is nearest to hand. Of the specimens you send we prefer them in this order. (1) hard fescue, (2) sweet vernal, (3) rye, (4) cock's foot. Grass seed can be given at all times.

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ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—June 15, Horse and Jockey, 8. Lecture, "British Bird Life," by Mr. Darlow. W. Hailstone.

Ayr C.B.C.—June 10, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. N.F. show, classification for July show, subs. due.—R. Aitken.

Bargoed C.B.S.—June 10, Parker's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. To make final arrangements and date of members' and nest feather show; we were compelled to cancel first date through unforeseen circumstances.—E. J. Chisholm.

Barnsley C.B.S.—June 7, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for ramble. Those wishing to take part in same make a special effort to attend.—F. C. Sims.

Birmingham South O.S.—June 11, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. First nest feather show; allot specials, elect stewards. New rules ready.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Roller C.S.—June 10, Joiners' Arms, 8. Judges for show.—Jos. Kilshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 7, Victoria Hotel. Members' F.F. show; entries Friday 8.30 to 10 p.m. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes.—H. Bryant.

Bradford East O.S.—June 7, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Members' F.F. show; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Windhill. Entries Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Birds staged by 2.30.—H. Hill.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—June 11, headquarters. Committee, 8 o'clock; egg-food competition 8.30. Club medal awarded to best method as voted for by those present. All invited. Subs. must be paid by this date to entitle members to full benefits of the club.—Will H. Gibb.

British Roller C.C.—June 10, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Monthly meeting; something special.—J. W. Norris.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. J. Hodder. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crewe O.S.—June 10, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Closing entries for young bird show at 9; no entries received after this time.—E. Jaycott.

Cumberland and Westmorland Y.C.C.—June 11, Mr. Pearson's, 8. Important business. Subs. due.—F. Huntington.

Denton C.B.S.—June 9, headquarters, 8. F.F. show business; election of judge for back-end show. Half-year subs. now due.—W. Hopwood.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—June 7, headquarters, 7.—E. Jameson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 7, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. show, June 14, and other business.—L. Barker.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—June 7, Fountain Inn, 8. Business of vital importance. Subs. now due.—Sam Wilcock.

Farnworth C.B.S.—June 11, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Final arrangements for young bird show and orders for colour-food.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S.—June 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Secretaries will sit from 7 till 8.30 for taking entries. Entries after that time will be too late.—G. Garbutt.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 11, Headquarters, 7.30. Schedule for open show; subs. due.—W. Curry.

Gainsborough C.B.S.—June 7, No. 1 Mess Room, 7. N.F. show and other important business.—J. E. Conway.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—June 13, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Monthly meeting and lecture on "Norwich Plainheads and Birds I Have Seen," by Mr. C. Campbell.—W. Proudfoot.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—June 7, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Show of Dark Linnet, Goldfinch, A.O.V. Dark Mule, Light Mules or Hybrids, Brit., Softbill Small. Election of judges for annual and F.F. shows.—W. Connelly.

Great Horton O.S.—June 7, Butchers Arms, 3. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Birds staged 3 prompt.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—June 7, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting.—Harry Clegg.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—June 7, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—R. F. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 9, White Hart Hotel, 8. Important business. June 7, members' F.F. show, headquarters; judge, Mr. F. Taylor, Skelmanthorpe.—A. Lawford.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—June 11, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30. Election of officers, general business, and payment of subs.—W. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—May 9, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Selection of stewards for show.—C. W. Town.

Kent County C.B.A.—June 11, 36a, Snargate Street, 8. General.—H. Wood.

Lancaster C.B.S.—June 7, Market Hall Coffee House, 7.30. Important.—J. Bostock.

Larkhall C.B.S.—June 14, Y.M. Halls, 7. Under circumstances, can our young bird show pay? Members bring suggestions.—Allan Thomson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—June 7, Greyhound Hotel, 7. To confirm date of show and selection of judges. Mr. Clarke's, of Rothesay, case of seeds will be on view.—Daniel John.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 7, Lockhart's; next to Hope Bros., Briggate. F.F. show, entrance 3d. per cage, valuable specials; judge, W. A. Wilson. Birds staged 7.30.—W. A. Wilson.

Leigh Roller C.C.—June 7, Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, 8. General meeting. There will be a call for 1s. per member, and very important business.—J. McAllister.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 11, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper discussion.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—June 11, Coffee House, 8. Distribution of window bills, admission tickets, medals on view, schedules, etc.—H. Woodhead.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 12, Oldham Hall, 8. N.F. night show. Judges, W. Hales and J. Lloyd, and lecture on colour feeding.—F. Eccleston.

London C.B.A.—June 10, "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. General business; questions and answers.—Jas. Bray.

Luton C.B.S.—June 10, No. 4, Peel St., 8.15. F.F. show, etc.; all interested please attend.—E. Bloomfield.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 7, headquarters, 8. Business important. Ramble June 8, to Fewston. Trains, Bradford 8.30, Manningham 8.34 a.m. Fanciers invited.—H. Grange.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—June 10, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Open discussion.—J. G. Royce.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 10, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

North Wales C.B.S.—June 6, Assembly Rooms, 7.45. Show business, etc.—R. E. Griffith.

Northern Norwich P.H.C.—June 14, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, nr. Monument, 7.30. Allotting of patronage, etc. Intending members please attend.—F. W. Laidlow.

Oldham C.B.S.—June 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business, etc. Meetings will be held every week until after show.—Jas. Cope.

Openshaw C.B.S.—June 11, Club Room, Alhambra Buildings, 8. Date of F.F. show, table shows, and election of officers.—W. Hathaway.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—June 14, White's, 2, St. James Street, 7.30. Business of importance.—John Stewart.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—June 7, Mr. Enock Waugh's, 6. Annual show business, N.F. table show for Norwich, Borders, A.O.V. Can., A.V. Brit.—Wm. Forster.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 9, Irwell Castle, 8. Arranging new secretaryship; will all members please turn up.—J. W. Parkinson.

Ryecroft and Rawmarsh.—June 7, Queen Hotel, 8. Special meeting.—W. Wilshaw.

Redcar C.B.S.—June 7, Crown and Anchor, 8. Colour-food and general business; subs. due.—C. L. Mallory.

St. James-the-Less (Bethnal Green) F.A.—June 16, Men's Club, St. James Road, 8.30. Evening show all sections. Entries by postcard till last post June 14 to hon. sec. Meeting on ground floor during judging; important business.—Thos. G. Bransford.

Selby C.B.S.—June 13, Museum Hall, 7.30. F.F. show. Enrol new members and other important business.—H. Mathers.

Sheffield O.S.—Ramble via Wortley and Grindleford; meet Park Hotel, Hillsborough 2 p.m.—E. C. Job. (No date given.—Ed.)

Skipton C.B.S.—June 9, Globe Restaurant, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show.—E. Gill.

South Shields C.B.S.—June 7, Cyprus, 7.30. Annual ramble; judges, etc.—W. L. Smith.

S. London Col. and F.A.—June 12, headquarters, 8. General meeting.—Geo. Crawford.

South-West London C.B.S.—June 12, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8.30. Preparing schedule for young bird show and general business.—H. Freeman.

Springburn Possil Park and D.C.B. Club.—June 11. Reid Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and election of judges.—J. Waugh.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—June 12, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Rose bowl and show business important, also June 14 N.F. show at Wharfe Hotel. Birds staged 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. Speak, Halifax.—A. Sutcliffe.

Stanley Vic. F. and F. and C.B.S.—June 8. Victoria Club, 6.30. Proposed trip on Bank Holiday, and other important business.—R. Peart.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—June 7, National Schools, 8. Election of judges for July show. Final arrangements for ramble.—G. L. Sampson.

Sutton-in-Ashfield (Eastfield Side).—June 6, Masons Arms, 6.30. Members' table show, 9 classes: 4 Nor., 2 Crest, 2 Yorks., 1 British. Also election of new sec., as I am going away.—R. Nuttall.

Swansea C.B.S.—June 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. show.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—June 10, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Amalgamated show and open show.—W. Walker.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—June 7, Club, 7. N.F. show.—H. Briggs.

Walkley C.B.S.—June 12, Mission Rooms, Westmorland Street, 8. Table show, young birds; ten classes. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. Lawton.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—June 11, Station Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather show business; schedules will be given out.—M. Wigglesworth.

Wakefield O.S.—June 7, Crown and Anchor, 8. Important; and discussion on Plumage Bill.—J. Isherwood.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 7, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. F.F. show: judge, Mr. L. Briggs.—H. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 7, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Young show business; urgent.—Ed. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Classification for open show and other business.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—June 12, Duke of York, 7.30. The first table show and judging competition of nest feather birds. Master judge, J. Crundell.—J. Gibbons.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—June 10, headquarters. Table show; judge, Mr. Titchener.—T. Callegari.

York C.B.S.—June 9, All Saints' Room, 8. Egg-food making competition.—H. Sayles.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

The first ramble of the season took place on May 18th, under ideal weather conditions. There was a good turnout of members and friends. Included in the party were Messrs. Wilson, Alston, Read, Weare, Young, Benson, and Sons, Metcalf and Son, Mallinson, Walker, Hodkins, Smith, Hanson, Barber, and a few friends. At 11 a.m. a start was made from headquarters, and we were not long before we were out in the fields. Passing through Wallasey and over the marshes, we were soon heading up for Bidston. This is an ideal spot for the Nature lover, for wild birds and flowers abound in abundance. Through the kindness of the keeper, the party inspected the old mill; after condemning same as unfit for a birdroom, we made for the woods. Here the sweet song of the Willow Warbler was heard; the busy little Chiff Chaff was also noted. Leaving the woods and passing through Oxton and Noctorum, another two miles across fields brought the party to Woodchurch; here on the hedge banks great patches of the Greater Stitchwort were noticed. After inspecting the quaint old Church, our lookout sighted a coaling station, so our skipper decided to put in for bunker filling. After passing through beautiful wooded lanes we arrived at Upton. Here some of the party decided to return by train. Another mile and a half and we arrived at Moreton. A discussion took place here, much to the amusement of all present, between our chairman and George Formby, a village rustic. The conversation, as far as the writer could make, was something about a machine for taking the roe out of bloaters. After adjourning to the bowling green to face the camera, the party were soon off again, making for Leasowe, and Wallasey was reached at 7, all feeling tired, but having thoroughly enjoyed the ramble. Wild plants in bloom noticed during the ramble were wood-sorrel, herb robert, fumitory, sow thistle, hawthorn, burdock, hedge mustard, bridfoot, purple clover, red campion, thale-cress, soft cranes bill, germander speedwell, scurvy grass, birdfoot trefoil, storks bill, and many others. The larvae of the tiger and drinker moths were also noticed. Nests were plentiful, also young birds, of the latter the Turdus family seemed to predominate; a good many migrants were noticed, and resident birds of all kinds were seen. Thanks are due to our Liverpool friends who joined us on the ramble. It is to be hoped the Wallasey boys will return the compliment.—G. E. Barker.

Fond of Its Home.

Some people think it "cruel" to keep a bird in a cage, but I have one Canary which I left over four hours with the cage-door open, and it never tried to get out of the cage. It is a nice bird, and very lively.—J. R. Johnson (age 15), Deepcar, near Sheffield.

Correspondence.

Are "Breeders' Cups" a Success?

Sir,—I have waited a few weeks for objections against and criticisms upon the adoption of breeders' cups to appear in reply to my letter addressed to the Fancy generally, and so kindly inserted in your valuable paper of date May 10th. None having appeared, may not this silence be accepted that there is no argument against the rule?

H. W. Tomsett.

The Birds that Migrate.

Sir,—In reply to the query of "Migratory," in your columns on May 24, I think I may say that it is a fairly well-established fact that summer migrants to this country—to which, I presume, he is alone referring—do not breed again while in their winter quarters abroad. The majority moult in July or August, immediately after rearing their last brood, and just before their departure, but a few, such as the Garden Warbler, appear to defer the moult until December, that is to say until long after they have quitted our shores for a warmer climate—in most cases, of course, Africa.

E. S.

New Headquarters for the Openshaw C.B.S.

Sir,—Will all fanciers in Gorton, Openshaw and District please note that we are holding an important meeting on June 11, at 8 p.m., in our new room in the club room, Alhambra Buildings, Higher Openshaw. This room has been placed at our disposal through the kindness of the manager, Mr. Evanson. He has also promised to give his support in helping to make our Society a success. The new room is very well suited both for meetings or shows; well lighted, it has also three radiators and electric lights, so you see that we are well off to have so good a room. New members invited; we want to fix date for a first feather show, also other important business. Members of other societies especially invited; entrance to meeting room is by side door of the picture palace.

W. Hathaway.

18, Mattinson Street, Higher Openshaw.

More Chaffinch Eggs Hatched by Canaries.

Sir,—Seeing the letter by Mr. Wm. Stockin last week about a hen Canary hatching Chaffinch eggs, I thought the following notes might interest fellow fanciers. We have a cock Linnet and hen Canary together, and she laid four eggs, on which she started to sit on the 12th May. These turned out to be all clear, and so on the 22nd, as I had nothing to do, I went for a walk on the common in hopes of finding some Finch's eggs. I found a nest of five Chaffinch eggs, about 8.30 a.m., and these I took, and carried them about loose in my pocket until I got home about 11.55 a.m. I broke three, which were clear except for a very fine red vein in them. I put the other two under the Canary, along with two of her own. The Chaffinch eggs hatched on May 30th, and at the time of writing the young were going on nicely. If this is of any interest to your readers, I will let you know if they live or die. I wish Cage Birds and everybody connected with the bird Fancy the best of luck.

C. MacDonald.

[We shall be glad to hear the result.—Ed.]

A Cockatoo Over 116 Years Old!

Remarkable Case in Australia.

Sir,—In the "Sketch" reference was recently made to a Cockatoo in Australia, said to be over a hundred years old. This drew the appended letter from an Australian, and I have no doubt that it will greatly interest your own bird-loving readers: "There is no deception about the age of 'Cocky Bennett'; as a matter of fact she is probably much more than 116 years old, but the present owners who keep the hotel at Tom Ugly's Point, where she resides, can only speak with certainty as to that age. I say 'she' advisedly, because some fifty years ago, although 'Cocky' had never strayed from the vicinity of her cage, she surprised herself, and all who knew her by laying an egg; the offence has never been repeated, however, and remains now only a legend. 'Cocky' wears a few, very few, scraggy-looking feathers, but her skin is black and shrivelled, and periodically her beak and claws are trimmed. She has a large and varied vocabulary, which is seldom exercised, however, although the great joke of her life is sprung fairly often. The poor old bird flaps her shrivelled stumps of wings most vigorously, and in a harsh, discordant shriek screams out, "By heavens! I'll fly!" I am an Australian, have seen the bird twice, and can vouch for the above facts.—Sydney Cove."

A "C.B." Subscriber

Why do Young Birds Die in the Shell?

Is our Treatment of the Sitting Hens to Blame?

Sir,—In answer to Mr. A. M. Johnson and his question, does thunder kill young birds? my own opinion is, no. I have for the past three years been trying to find out the cause why young die in the shell, and I have done so to my satisfaction, and, as I am well-known among fanciers, I have been asked hundreds of times the same question. Now the reason is that when we are getting our birds into breeding condition we cram them full of good rich food of all kinds until the hen lays her first egg; then what a contrast, she has only dry bread (plain canary seed) to keep her alive and to retain her heat for incubating her clutch of eggs. The consequence is her heat dies down too low. The young are formed and live up to 10 to 12 days; this is the time they require more heat, and so the hen has not enough to supply the eggs with. Hence the result is the young die in the shell, and the saying goes, "I have another nest of eggs with all the young dead." I set to work to find out the cause of this great trouble, and I now give it for the first time. I have not much time for writing, but I like trying to help the Fancy as much as I can, and more so the novices. When I sit the hen I give her a little mixed seed every other day until the young hatch, along with egg food three or four times a week. But don't give too much egg. On the days that I don't give egg food I supply a little hemp. Mind that it is good hemp. There is hemp seed and hemp seed. I am more particular over buying my hemp than any kind of seed I use. I know from past experience what having bad hemp seed has done for me. Don't have hemp that is green; see that it is a good rich brown seed, and large. I never have bad results by it now, and I use 7lbs. a week; and during winter time I use double. On this treatment I have only had one young die in the shell. As for thunder killing young, or turning the eggs, I don't believe in it, as I have found that I have had young hatch out while other eggs being sat at the same date have been what some of us call "muddled." The cause of these bad eggs is the breeding birds not being strong enough for their work; hence weak germs. I will write a little more on this if you think it will help the Fancy a little.

W. Lloyd.

[We shall be pleased to hear further from Mr. Lloyd, as, no doubt, will the Fancy generally.—Editor.]

Is Insect Powder Injurious to Young Birds in the Shell?

Sir,—I should like to inform "H.M.P." that he need not be afraid to use Keating's insect powder either on poultry, or Canaries, eggs or young ones. I have used it freely for many years, and more than once some of the powder has gone into the young Canaries' mouths when I have been dusting them with it, but I have never known it do them any harm.

J. Drewett.

How to Keep Dandelion Seed.

Sir,—I see in last week's issue of Cage Birds Mr. Williams asks how to keep dandelion seeds. I find the following method satisfactory. Collect good big white heads, just beginning to open, break the stems off, also clip the white close down to the seed, then place the heads in a box in the sun, the seed will then fall loose. Enclosed is a sample dried for winter use in this way.

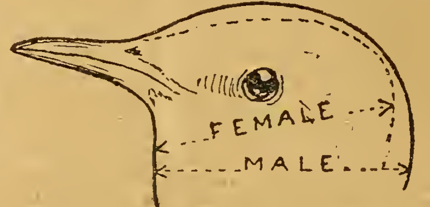
A. Thompson.

[The sample received is quite free from "fluff."—Editor.]

Sexing the Song Thrush.

Is This the Solution?

Sir,—The accompanying sketch will serve to show the difference I have found between the male and female Thrush (which in my opinion is the most difficult Britisher to sex). The dotted line shows shape of hen's head as compared with solid line of male. The hen is, or appears to be, on account of flatness, much wider also across the head from eye to eye. I have come to this decision as the most reliable way after a good many years seeking for an infallible method of sexing, and send it to you with the hope that it will be of some use to readers of Cage Birds who hand-rear Thrushes. The difference is noticeable even before the young are feathered.



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A Successful Start with Roller Canaries.

Sir,—My first attempt at breeding has been so easily successful that I venture to relate it as an encouragement to beginners. I paired two Rollers, the cock variegated, the hen a clear deep yellow. Result, 3 young, 1 variegated green cock, 1 yellow cock, 1 ditto hen. They were well fed by the parents from the first, and left the nest at 14 days old. I then removed the cock bird, and the hen brought them up alone for another 14 days, when they fed themselves well. She has now gone to nest again and laid 4 eggs. Though now only just over 5 weeks old, the two cocks warble freely. They are kept in the room with a Linnet and seem to imitate his song. I have throughout followed the directions given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

J. C.

A Roller Hen Objects to the Marking Ring.

Sir,—I have read with great interest the article on the Roller Canary by Mr. G. Tomlinson in Cage Birds. I think we can do with articles on this lovely singer, especially for Scottish readers, as this bird is not so well-known here as it is in England. I wonder if anyone has had the experience that I have had in ringing with the closed ring? I had a hen with one youngster, and I thought I would try my hand at ringing it. I did so one morning, and I was successful. When I got home at dinner time my wife told me that she had found the youngster out of the nest. She put it back, but found it in the same place an hour after. When I got home at night I was told that the hen had put the young one out four times. The hen would have nothing to do with it with its ring on, it seemed. The wife has been hand-feeding it for four days, and it is getting on well. I should like to know if any reader of your valuable paper has had a similar experience.

A. Dow.

Govan.

Canaries Rearing Insectivorous Birds.

A Success with Tits.

Sir,—I thought the following would interest some of the readers of Cage Birds: Some years ago a boy brought me two very small birds, about two or three days old, which he said were lying at the base of an old oak tree. Having a hen Canary with only one youngster in the nest, I put them in with it, expecting, of course, to find them dead in the morning. But she reared both of them, and they thrived well on the same food as the young Canary (no insect food). They turned out to belong to the "Tit" family. They were very small and short, about 2½ inches when fully feathered, black cap and white strings, or stripes down the cheeks. They were very pretty and very amusing. Anyone wishing to rear any of the Tits can do so if they have a steady and good feeder, that does not feed too coarsely. They must be same age as the Canaries, and be put under the hen at night. I may add that these birds were seen by a medical gentleman who is an authority on all kinds of birds. I have bred Canaries and British birds for twenty-five years.

J. Drewett.

[Could not Mr. Drewett tell us the precise species of Tit? It would very considerably enhance the value of the record. His description reads like the Coal Tit, but might also apply to the Great Tit.—Editor.]

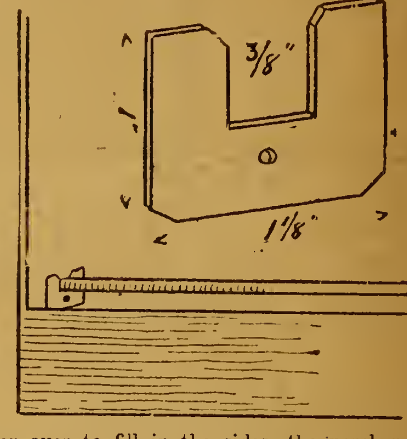
Goldfinch Returns After Four Months of Liberty.

Sir,—Here is an example of whether keeping birds in captivity is cruel or otherwise. On January 29 last I brought a Goldfinch home, and unfortunately in putting him into a cage he escaped into the garden. I saw him about for an hour or so, but could not catch him, so thought he was gone. To-day, May 25, I saw a Goldfinch trying to get into the out-door aviary, so I opened the door, and my lost bird immediately went in and started singing joyfully at being once more "in captivity." Can one say in "durance vile?"

(Mrs.) M. Scholes.

Simple Holders for Perch Ends.

Sir,—One of the best and simplest ways to make holders for front perches, both for cleaning and re-fixing, is to procure some fairly hard leather cut to sketch. Screw one piece at each end of cage, leaving 1¼in. from centre of slot to front rail. Paint or distemper over to fill in the sides, the perch need not be too long, but just to grip the sides of slot.



J. W. Yarwood.

[By a curious coincidence, Mr. W. Taylor, Gravesend, and Mr. W. J. Salter, Hackney, both send similar ideas, but in the latter cases the holders are made from three-ply wood for fixing to back of cage to hold cross perches.—Ed.]

The Career of a Light Twite-Canary Mule.

Sir,—It was with much pleasure as well as surprise I saw my noted Light Twite Mule on the front cover of Cage Birds. This bird took 3rd at the Palace, 1913, in a hard class, and also took many other honours at other shows. He was one out of two to win the North Wales C.B. Society's challenge cup for me in 1912. This Light Twite was bred by Dr. Galloway, and I believe that it is the only one living of its kind. I may let my fancier friends know that a fortnight ago I sold it for £6 10s. to Mr. H. S. Davies, a noted Mule exhibitor, of Llandilo, South Wales, and I have bought the Goldie-Bullie, winner of 1st in novice class at the Palace, 1913, to fill the place of it in my team. I may say that the drawing of my Light Twite-Canary Mule is excellent, and perfectly true to life. Your artist deserves great credit for producing so fine a likeness.

R. E. Griffith.

(Owing to a slip of the pen on the part of our artist, this bird was inadvertently described as a Siskin Mule last week.—Editor.)

A Pet Bullfinch which Roams at Will.

Sir,—Seeing Mr. H. Webster's account of his Chaffinch I write to say we have a tame Bullfinch. He got asthma at the end of the moult, and did not get any better, so about a month ago I decided to hang his cage out of doors (we are surrounded by trees and birds) and fix the door open, to see what open life would do. He flew off, but returned to his cage for food, and slept out in the trees. On the third day he found out the room he had always lived in and flew to his master's writing table, "asking" and flapping his wings for a sunflower seed, which, of course, he got. Now his cage is kept in its old place and "Joe" comes in for food, or a bath or rest, whenever he likes. Visitors in the room make no difference. He only comes in to sleep if the night is a bit cold. His asthma, though not cured, is decidedly better. All the people who see "Joey" free are very interested in him, and I thought readers of Cage Birds would also be.

L. Yalden.

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A Flying Start.

Sir,—It may interest many of your numerous readers to know that, without any special knowledge of bird rearing, I have been successful in obtaining from one pair of Canaries a first nest of three, and a second nest of seven, all young ones doing well. Four of the latter were on the perches the eighteenth day after hatching, and they are altogether a lively lot. I have found your book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," very helpful.

A. C. Cross.

Dandelion Seed Heads as a Remedy for Unfertile Eggs.

Sir,—I see in this week's Cage Birds that Bournemouth fanciers are having a lot of clear eggs, so I have thought that my method of treatment might be a little value to them just before it gets too late; I have only had one clear egg this season yet. Get dandelion seed-heads just before they fly, and clip the top of them; break them in two, and give the cock two a day for about three days; it will improve him greatly. If you can't get the heads, the dry seed will do, but you will want more of it.

F. Higgins.

The Uniformity of Show Cages In Ireland.

Sir,—I resided in Ireland for three years and was a member of the Belfast C.B.S., and I think the uniformity of show cages quite equal to ours in England. I can also say that I never saw any fancier's cages with his name on the backs—or any other distinguishing marks. The only distinguishing marks I saw were the birds inside the cages, for I can tell you, Mr. Editor, that they had some real good birds, and you had to have good stuff to be anywhere near the top. I am afraid "Advocate" is a disappointed exhibitor; if so, let him get better birds and beat the cracks, and I am sure they will congratulate him, as they did me when I won gold medal in 1908. I can say I never met with a better lot of fanciers than my old friends in Ireland. I wish them all a good breeding season.

E. Gilbert.

Leicester, late Newtownards.

Prize Cards at the Last L.C.B.A. Horticultural Hall Show.

Sir,—I notice that the L.C.B.A. have appointed a new secretary. Perhaps we shall now get better attention to matters which certainly merit it. I was a winner at the L.C.B.A. Annual International Show in November last in the open novice Border section, and although I received the prize money, about two months after the show, which was delay enough, I have not yet had the pleasure of receiving two awards of merit and prize cards owing to me. I have written several letters to the late secretary, but am still waiting. Perhaps the new secretary will kindly oblige. I read he is looking forward to a record year in the history of the Association, but I would remind the L.C.B.A. that such unbusinesslike behaviour as meted out to me has the unhappy knack of re-acting upon Associations in "short entries at shows."

H. Stevens.

A Norwich Canary Said to Have Four Wings.

Sir,—Last year I sold to a friend of mine a young bird, bred 1912, so therefore unflighted, and the same has been brought to me this week, to ask if I could fathom the following—I should imagine it is a freak. The bird (a cock) has developed two distinct sets of wings, or nearly so, as on counting the flights I find that there are nine feathers in the old or original wings, and five in the other wings immediately above them, making altogether fourteen. The tail contains what I imagine is the correct number, nine. It is a most peculiar bird to look at, as the original wings are there, viz., with nine feathers, the other five overlapping. I have never seen such a thing in a bird before. He was a lovely songster as a youngster, but at present is not singing, although eating well, and appearing to be in perfect health. I am sending this to ask if you think there is a likelihood of him remaining as at present, or that after the moult he will come all right?.

Spireopolis.

[One would need to see the bird to pass a definite opinion. There are nine outer (primary flight feathers, then the inner flights, and sometimes the latter, or a number of them, get "cocked up" in an unsightly fashion, and stick out above the primaries. If this has happened, then matters may be righted at the next moult. The normal number of tail feathers is twelve—not nine, as mentioned by our correspondent.—Editor.]

An Appeal on Behalf of the Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.

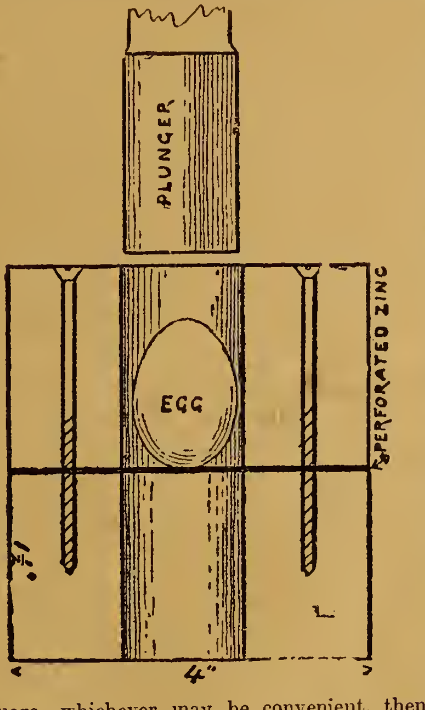
Sir,—I desire to ask you to notify that we are arranging to have our next show on November 12th and 13th, when we hope that all cage-bird fanciers will rally round and support us in this our twenty-seventh annual fixture. Will readers of Cage Birds in and about Portsmouth and District note that in future the annual subscription will be 2s. 6d. (not 5s. as before) with 1s. entrance fee to new members upon nomination. I appeal to your help because there are so many fanciers who seem to think that they can always send their birds to shows without belonging to a society, but forget that if they had no local society there would be no organisation to take over the responsibility of a show. I think it behoves all fanciers to support their local societies.

W. E. Low, Asst. Sec.

168, St. Augustine's Road, Southsea.

The Preparation of Egg Food Made Easy.

Sir,—Having taken up Canary breeding as a hobby I have always found it a trouble to make my egg food. I would sooner make it myself, to ensure it being fresh. It is a tedious job to rub a hard-boiled egg through a sieve, and so I have made a little device for chopping my egg up in a second. First get two pieces of wood, say four inches square by one inch and half thick. Make a hole in the centre of each about 1½ round or square, whichever may be convenient, then get a piece of perforated zinc about 1-16 mesh. Place this between the two pieces of wood and fasten by screws as shown in drawing, then get a piece of wood, and make it a sliding fit in one of the holes. It may either be round or square, whatever you may find most convenient. An egg can be boiled as hard as you like, but remove the shell, and you will find that by placing the egg in the top portion and just pushing the plunger in as shown, the egg will be grated as fine as anyone could wish. I can highly recommend this device, as I am constantly using it myself.



W. Holloway.

A Grievance at Garston.

Sir,—Having a grievance, I explained it to the Secretary of the Garston C.B.A., of which I am a member, to have it faced out at the monthly meeting. I said I could only stay till 8.30, as I had to be in the house by 9 o'clock. The night of the meeting came and I was there, but the man I wanted was not. I said we must postpone my business till I get my man face to face. The next monthly meeting came, but my man did not. I left the meeting again at 8.30, saying I would write to Cage Birds (I have been a reader of that paper ten years), as I want the business cleared up. This member was showing on Saturday, 7th December, 1912, at Garston. I took my birds Friday night, Dec. 6th, and I asked him where his bird was. He said it was at home. I asked him to go for it, for me to see if I thought it would beat my bird. Now this bird was not at his home, nor in Garston either, on the Friday night. It was sent from Liverpool on morning of show, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Now, whose bird was this, as it was not paid for when shown (Dec. 7th) nor during any part of December nor January, nor up to a certain date in February? If this sort of work will do for others it will not do for me. What I am speaking about I know; it is neither "he said," nor "she said," nor second-hand. I ask you, sir, to publish my letter, and I also wish the member referred to to reply to it.

Wm. Carlisle.

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Canaries that Live Partly in and Partly Out of Doors.

Sir,—I have recently read a number of letters referring to our wild birds being kept in a semi-natural state by bird-lovers, and thought you would be interested in the following concerning semi-wild Canaries. It is a letter sent by W. F. Marshall to "Country Life." The writer says: "I wonder if it is at all unusual to keep Canaries in absolute freedom for a length of time. I have a cock bird, and for over two years he has been free, spending the warm days out of doors and the winters in a conservatory. He returns to his cage for food, and always roosts on one particular branch of a tree against the conservatory wall. For over a year he had a companion, but she accidentally got hung in a creeping plant. When she died I found another hen, and she remained over a year, and the pair could often be seen in the garden flying about with other birds, and seemed most friendly with Flycatchers. A month ago I bought another pair of Canaries; but the new cock and the hen I have had over a year disappeared together. The new hen has built a nest and is now sitting."

T. L. Northrop.

Skylark as a Regimental Pet.

Sir,—The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, who are in camp at Coddington, a pretty village, three miles from Burton-on-Trent, and close on the edge of Stapleford Woods, which abound with bird life of every description, have a remarkable pet in the horse lines, in the shape of a Skylark sitting on a nest. When the ground was being prepared, the Lark's nest was not noticed, and it was only after the horses had been in the lines some time that the discovery was made. The site has since been protected by small flags and a headrope. The mother Lark does not seem to be at all disturbed by the unwonted activities near her nest, nor by the clank of military accoutrements. Occasionally she flies off when anyone goes too near her home, but she has up to now always come back again. The Larks have since hatched out a young one. Beyond this, a Starling has a nest of young in a hole in the trunk of a tree just above the sentry box. Many strange pets have soldiers and sailors been known to have, but for a wild Skylark to have the distinction of being guarded by four companies of Yeomanry while she is nesting must surely be unique.

W. Lidgett,
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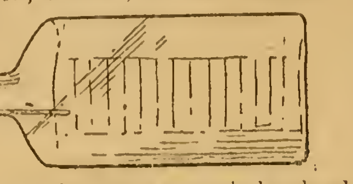
No. 626.

How to Give Medicine in Drops.

Sent by S. T. Perrin, 26, Gayfield Street, Kettering.

Many fanciers have at one time or another occasion to administer medicine or tonics by drops. Few, however, do this successfully,



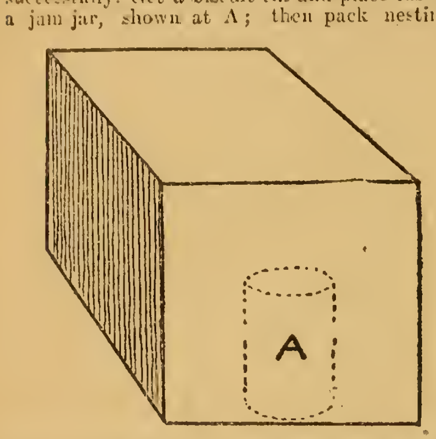
but if a match bent into an angle be placed in the mouth of the bottle as illustrated, it is a very simple matter.

No. 627.

A Handy Way of Stoving Nesting Material.

Sent by Mrs. Clifford, 3, Sydenham Street, Radford, Nottingham.

I have enclosed an idea, with diagram, for stoving nesting material, which I have used successfully. Get a biscuit tin and place inside a jam jar, shown at A; then pack nesting



material around it. Get about six red-hot cinders from the fire, and drop in the jar; at the same time pour on the cinders ¼-oz. of cayenne pepper, and put on the lid. Let it stand for five minutes, then take material out, and expose it to the fresh air before using.

BOY SCOUTS AND BIRDS-NESTING.

A Timely Appeal.

In a recent issue of the "Pall Mall Gazette" that well-known novelist and writer, Mr. Filson Young (himself, we believe, not uninterested in Canary breeding) makes the following powerful appeal against what may be termed reckless birds' nesting—an appeal directed in particular to scoutmasters and boy scouts.

"Some of the best and most unselfish educational work of our time is that done by scoutmasters. Here is a suggestion to them.

"There is a good deal of heartless but unintentional cruelty done at this time of the year by boys birds-nesting. I saw the other day a thicket in which Goldfinches, Chiffchaffs, and other birds had built their nests entirely devastated by enthusiastic young boy-scout naturalists. One does not want to be extreme or sentimental, or to brand as inhuman a kind of sport that brings boys into close touch with the beautiful and innocent life of the outdoor world. But the scoutmasters might do a good deal in teaching their troops how to discover and enjoy, without destroying. It is a secret that we all need to learn, in every department of life.

There is no cradle so lovely as a bird's nest in a may tree; and its bright-eyed tenants, who labour and build and sing, are helping to carry forward the banner of life with the best of us. And lying yesterday on a slope of grass fragrant with thyme and the smell of the sea, I heard such a concert of Larks in the sky and Finches in the trees as might express to our sad hearts the ecstasy of angels. Spring passes, and the singers will fall silent: but for those who will sing again I make this plea."

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Singing Contests.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest for members sung May 31st for time only. Some good singing was done. 1, Harrison, 232; 2, Dawson, 224; 3, Everett, 150. Timers, Brothers, Kennedy. Minutes, T. McWalters. Birdman, J. Everett.—J. Harrison.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held May 24; 24 sang for three prizes. 1, Liversidge; 2, 3, Collison. Also members' sing May 31; 25 sang for three prizes, J. Liversidge against winning 1st; 2, Wallis; 3, Potter. Members note, meeting after sing June 7.—A. Tomlin, Hon. Sec.

LANGLEY MOOR.

Linnet sing, held Victoria Inn, May 31st, 51 competed. 1, Ridley; 2, Boyd; 3, McVoy. Judge, G. Reed, Brandon. Next contest, Travellers' Rest, Witton Gilbert, near Durham, June 7. First prize, the Durham Challenge Cup; also two other prizes. Fanciers to choose the judge. First pair up at 2.30.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest, held Globe Inn, Leigh, May 31, 33 birds sang for 8 prizes, for time and quality. Quality: 1, Jones; 2, Statham; 3, Smedley; 4, Barnes; time, 1, Banks, 274; 2, Statham, 165; 3, Stockley, 114; 4, Banks, 90. Open contest, Globe Inn, June 14, for time and quality, and contest for time and quality at Derby Arms, Ormskirk Road Orrell, June 21. As this club has only just been formed, I would like all Linnet fanciers to come and try to win or lose with a good feeling.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held May 24th; 43 birds entered for four good prizes: 1, 2, Sweeting, 92 and 60; Parnell 59, Nelson 54. May 25th, 14 entered for three prizes: 1, 2, Nelson; 3, Harding. May 31st, 40 entered for 4 prizes; 1, Harding, 82; 2, 4, Sweeting, 80 and 66; 3, Williams, 79. June 1st, 21 entered for three prizes: 1, Harding, 55; 2, 3, Brindley and Nelson, 51 each. Open sing June 7th, when three or four good prizes will be given. Hoping to see Linnet fanciers from other clubs.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, June 1; 18 sang for three prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. 1, Hayes; 2, Ward; 3, Brooke. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at Albion Hotel, York Road, May 31st. 15 sang for three prizes given by Mr. E. Gawthorpe. 1, Illingworth; 2, Gawthorpe; 3, Abison. Judges, A. Richardson, E. Hudson.—R. Clarkson, Sec.

Contest for quality Linnet singing held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 31st; 19 sang for 3 prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Wigfield; 2, Towers; 3, Bland; judges, Clegg and J. Naylor. Also June 1st, 26 sang for 4 prizes: 1, Sissons; 2, Stead; 3, 4, Wigfield. Judges, A. Nicholson, J. Thompson, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing Linnets held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, June 1st. 26 birds sang for 4 prizes: 1, Farrer; 2, Chippendale; 3, Soloman; 4, Binns. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman, A. Turner, and A. Butler.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Country Rambles

CUMNOCK & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members and friends had their first ramble on May 31, in delightful weather, through what is known as Place Affleck Estate, by kind permission of Lord Talbot de Malahide. About thirty met at Auchinleck at 11 a.m. in high spirits at the prospect of an enjoyable day's outing. We took our departure by the Barony Road until we reached a point in it where we divided into two parties, one headed by Mr. A. Wyper and the other by Mr. J. Nutt. Mr. Nutt's party took what is known as the glen, and followed this till it reached Lugar Water. The first nest we came across with young was a Mavis with two young; next was a Chaffinch's with five eggs, several Blackbird nests with eggs, Mavis three young, Yellowhammer 1 egg, three Greenfinch nests with eggs, Hedge Sparrow five young, and Hawfinch with three eggs; the latter bird is very scarce in this district. We saw the Sandpiper, but could not locate its nest, and found empty nests of the Treecreeper and Bullfinch. We joined the other party near Ochiltree, and after a little rest here we started again, keeping to the water's edge, and to the braes. Here we again fell in with more nests, including a Blackie's with four young, on the water edge, just ready for flight: the least disturbance would have sent them all fluttering in the water. Here we came to the rocks on the Lugar, with the caves of Covenanting times hewn out of the solid rocks by hand, with look-out holes. From here we took more to the open till we struck the gardens, and also the vinery, which is a treat to see. Around the garden is a beech hedge, which is alive with birds' nests, both with young and eggs. A great argument ensued over a nest in a furze bush. Some said it was a Yellowhammer's, others a Reed Bunting's, so we sat and watched the mother bird going and sitting down three times. I had a British birds' nests and eggs book with me, and the bird did not resemble either of the two named, but both eggs (5) and nest corresponded with the description in the book of those of the Sedge Warbler. From here we took to the coach drive till we reached Slate Hole Brig, over the Lugar again, and here we met two of our Mauchline members, Messrs. J. McGavin and A. Tannock, who took the party in hand. As it was getting well on to 4 p.m. they steered us in a more northerly direction towards Mauchline, something like three miles distant; we were by this time all feeling that we could do justice to a good spread. Very few nests were found in this part of the journey, but we saw a Lapwing's with one egg, and one young Lark. On our way we passed the Haugh Mills, where they used to make the curling stones. We arrived at Mauchline at our appointed time, 5 p.m., where at Mr. Blair's (baker) there was a good steak pie tea awaiting, and we did ample justice to it. We kept two waiters doing their best till we were all satisfied, and that is no easy matter amongst us miners. After we had regaled ourselves thoroughly, Mr. J. Hainey was called to the chair to conduct a little meeting. He said he thought he would be speaking for all present in expressing his sentiments both with the scenery and sights that he had seen; he had never enjoyed a better day in all his life. Afterwards we hied our way to the Black Bull Hotel to drink toasts to those who had made our first ramble so great a success. To Lord Talbot for granting permission to his estate; to CAGE BIRDS for its reports from time to time; and to the members and friends for turning out so well. To finish a happy and enjoyable day's outing we had to do a quarter-mile sprint to catch our train. The next ramble will be to Lorn Castle Estate, by kind permission of the proprietor, Mr. T. W. McIntyre.—Jos. Nutt, Sec.

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MEMBERS OF THE BEDFORD O.S. SEE BRITISH BIRD LIFE.

The members and friends of the Bedford O.S. had their annual ramble on May 29, an ideal summer day, with just sufficient breeze to temper the heat. The place chosen was "Oak Tree Farm," Old Warden, by the kind permission of Mr. Vincent. The first thing to strike one on reaching the place was a magnificent avenue of chestnut and lime trees (the former in full bloom), about half a mile in length; here we found several Goldfinch nests on the outside boughs of the chestnuts; one of these contained five young about 10 days old. The first nests found, however, as we left the farmyard were those of a couple of farm yard fowls, with nine and seven eggs respectively. As we rambled along the avenue we noticed scores, if not hundreds, of rabbits scampering across the green fields—the place actually swarmed with them. I understand one of our members borrowed a double-barrelled from the farmer's son, but Mr. Bunny was too wary for him. Serve him right—we were bird-watching not rabbit-shooting. We soon came across some young Greenfinches, quite strong on the wing, and close by was a Greenfinch sitting, a Thrush's nest with five, and a Blackbird's with four youngsters. A little further on was a nest of Linnets, nearly ready to fly, another Greenfinch's with young, and a Shrike's with six young a few days old. We then had our attention called to a handsome Wren's nest. What wonderful architects are these tiny birds! This was full of youngsters, I suppose about 10 in number. Next came a Pheasant on 13 eggs, and she was very loath to leave the nest. Tea-time having now arrived, we wandered back to the farm house where tea was provided for us by the secretary, Mr. Simons. Tables and forms were set in the paddock adjoining, and we all did full justice to the fare provided. Tea over, we rambled along another avenue of firs and yews, and here we found Chaffinches', Linnets' and Thrushes' nests with eggs and young. A Blue-Tit caused some difficulty in locating her nest of young, as the tree was full of holes. The one chosen, however, was too small to examine the young closely. In this same field one of our number caught Mr. Weasel sucking a hen's egg, and the farmer informed us that his little game must be stopped, as these pests do a vast amount of mischief. In a straw stack in the farmyard we located a nest of Wagtails, and in the cart shed a Swallow's nest with eggs. Hearty thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent for their kindness.—J. C. Wilmot.

DARVEL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Forty-four Species of British Birds Seen During an Ideal Day's Outing.

Members commenced a series of rambles on May 10, and if one were to judge by the enthusiasm displayed at the initial event, success is assured to any that may follow. This district is such as suits the Nature lover, and the route chosen for the first ramble is a favourite one for ornithologists, botanists, and geologists. Seventeen members and friends turned up, and started on a tramp uphill to the moorland district. Mr. N. Hopkins, our esteemed president, acted as leader, and it was not long before it became evident that he was well acquainted with the wild life of this part of the countryside. Just to get an idea how many species we were likely to see, he had drawn up a list of forty-five British birds, resident and migrant, which were generally to be met with, and we made acquaintance with forty-one of the list. We also saw three other species, bringing the total up to forty-four. We were pleased to find thirteen different varieties either with eggs or young. The first interesting sight was a Blackbird's nest at the foot of a small hedge, and although the whole party stood round about viewing it from a distance of about a yard, the old bird never left her blue speckled beauties, which were well on in incubation. A little further on our leader pointed out, flitting about the hedge, a Whitethroat. This tiny little bird was new to most of those present, and all were eager to get a good look at it. The following varieties were also observed: Wheatear, Whinchat, Willow Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Grey and Pied Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, several of the Bunting family, and nearly all of the commoner Finches. Drawing near to Overmoor farm, we were kept on the lookout for our moorland friends, and we were not disappointed, quite a number of different kinds being observed. We were brought to a standstill at this point by our leader, who had seen a strange bird rise a good way on in front of us. On a closer inspection he pronounced it to be a Common Buzzard, which he informed us was pretty rare in this part of the country. We had now reached our "farthest north," and turned to follow the course of the Glen Water. Climbing the rocks on each side of the river now became the exciting part of the day's outing. The first find was a Stock Dove's nest with two young, and a little further down another nest of the same species was located, also with young. Comment was frequent on the beautiful spots to be found on this little moorland stream, it's rocky sides, and the trickling waterfalls which were interspersed here and there, giving good subjects for our photographic enthusiasts. Our next find of importance was a Waterhen's nest in the centre of a small swamp, and surrounded by water lilies. It was a most interesting sight, and soon the whole party were gathered round, viewing from the nearest available distance the six eggs contained therein. In the same swamp a Mallard was also flushed, and round about were gathered three young ones, but unfortunately all were dead. It was considered the recent severe weather had been too much for them. Still following the course of the stream, the following varieties were observed: Common Sandpiper, Redshank, Dipper, House Martin, and a number of others. While we were resting on the bridge at this part, a Corncrake rose, and a good view of it was obtained as it flew over our heads. A pair of Cuckoos were also seen with their little friends, the "Mosscheepers," as they are named in this district, in close attendance. We had now reached one of the highest cliffs on the river, and the whole party sat down while one of our number went up on top to ascertain if he could locate a Kestrel's nest which he had found there in former years, but he was unsuccessful on this occasion. Jackdaws were plentiful here, and a number were seen flying out and in from holes in the rocks, but they are safe from marauders here, as the cliffs are almost unclimbable. From this part onward the water was so much swollen with the recent heavy rains that we had to keep to the top of the rocks on either side, and very few nests were found. In a short time we were back amidst our usual surroundings, and with our appetites made keen by our long tramp through the heath and heather. The party quietly dispersed, each one expressing himself as highly pleased with our first ramble, and looking forward with pleasure to the next, when it is hoped we shall have as good a turnout of members and friends. The place chosen, Lanfine Estate, is a haunt of many of our rarer British birds, and we feel sure something of interest to all bird lovers will be found here.—J. Robertson, jun., Sec.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

On May 25th, a moderate number of members and friends, started from the Sun Inn, Featherstall. We wended our way past Shore Gardens, and the Cottage Homes, on to Wardle. Turning up by the Chapel, we got out in the country. Walking up by the stream we came to Alderbank Mill, which is in ruins, and which afforded us some opportunity of finding nests. Further on we came to Rhodes Mill, where we found plenty of wild plants, and more nests, some with eggs, and some with young. Leaving here we got to Stewarts Barn, and afterwards wended our way back through Wardle, having had a capital ramble, under the leadership of Mr. J. Dearden. The day was an ideal one.—H. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Members had their annual ramble on May 25th, when about 10 members left Preston by train. At Longridge we made our way towards Chipping, where we put up for lunch. After luncheon was over we made our way towards Parlic, and passing by the foot of the hill we had a view of the most lovely scenery. Eventually we landed at Seeds Mill, on the Brock, commonly known as "Paradise." Tea was ordered here, and we were ready for it. While the tea was being made ready photographs of the party were taken, and after partaking of a good spread a journey of about 4 miles along the banks of Brock brought us to Brock Station in ample time for our train homewards. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ramble of about 15 miles was enjoyed so much that the members intend having another in about six weeks. We didn't see anything unusual in the bird line; we found several Blackbird and Throstle nests, some with young and some with eggs.—T. Barton, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.CC.

Committee meeting, held Market Tavern, Bradford, May 31, Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair. The following new members were elected: Messrs. T. Smith (Bradford), J. W. Bushby, and Marshall Bros. (Leeds), Ellis Self (Bradford), and W. H. Hamlyn (Harrogate). The following were elected on the committee, and to act as the club's representatives in their respective districts: Mr. W. H. Hamlyn (Harrogate), Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), Mr. J. W. Middleton (Keighley), Mr. C. E. Morrison (Brighouse), Mr. C. E. Hall (Leeds), and Mr. E. Stobart (Sowerby Bridge). Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Mr. F. Hammond, and the Sec. were appointed to meet the representatives of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C. to try and form some scheme of amalgamation. Patronage was granted to Great Horton, Windhill, Halifax, Manchester and N.C.O.S., Sheffield O.S., Great Horton Good Intent, Shipley, Bradford West and Bradford National, and Secretary was authorised to accept one more show if applied to, so as to bring the number up to ten for the season. Prizes for competition at the 1913-14 shows, which promise to be the most valuable ever offered by the club were not definitely fixed up. They will be arranged at an early date, and particulars will be published in due course.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

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Getting a Few Good Norwich Together.

Some personal experiences related by Mr. H. Bell at the last meeting of the members and friends of the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.

On May 26th Mr. H. Bell delivered his lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, which was much enjoyed by those present. Several questions were asked and ably answered. A hearty vote of thanks brought a very pleasant evening to a close. I would like to call the members' attention to the poor attendance at this meeting. If these gentlemen come from time to time to deliver lectures, etc., members might at least show their appreciation by turning up in good numbers to hear them. After reading a paper which he had previously read before the members of the London and Counties A.C.B., and which has already been published in Cage Birds, Mr. Bell proceeded as follows: What I have just read I read to the members of the London and Counties A.C.B. some little time back, but as our secretary has pressed me to come here to-night I feel that I must say a few more words if it will be of any use to the Fancy. Don't pay a lot of money for stock birds unless you have plenty to spare and you know what you are doing. It is not the bird you pay the most money for that will do you the most good for stock purposes. It may surprise some of you to know that I never remember paying more than ten or twelve shillings for a bird during all the years I have been in the Fancy, and I have always shown in champion classes. But when I started in the Fancy birds did not fetch the price they do now. When a man had picked out what he wanted for himself you could buy what he had left for about 5s. per pair. I don't want you to think I am running the price of birds down, because a good bird is worth a good price. If I thought I had a good one, and could not get my price for it, it would stay at home for me to look at. I always keep the best for myself every year, and that is how a man can get a few good birds together. I like to get one or two fresh ones each year. I always keep plenty of yellow and variegated yellow birds. People seem always to have plenty of buff birds, but not so many yellows. I like to see a bird which, when you put it in a show cage, looks better the more you move it; not a long, coarse feathered bird, which you are afraid to move in case it creases its flights and shows as much feather as would make a pillow That sort is no use to me for show; but you must not disregard a bird of that kind for stock purposes, for you want such to get size from. If you have a bird which you have expected something good from, and things have not turned out just as well as you expected, don't sell that bird thinking it is no good. Keep it another year, or nine times out of ten the person you sell it to will tell you how well he has done with it. Some people will tell you that there are no good birds to be bought out of selling classes, but I say there is if you will be careful how you go about it. When you see a man who has done some winning out of selling birds in a selling class, try and get to know a little about them. He has very likely got more birds than he wants to keep, and he will say to himself, "I have got what I want from this one; I will put it in the selling class." That is the bird you want to get if it is well in health; many a man's stock has been improved with a bird like that. In fact, I can answer for myself. I bought a bird out of this room a year last pair show, and I paired it with four different hens. As near as I can remember I had about thirty eggs, and only one young from the lot, but the bird I reared was what I expected to see from it. So far this year I have got two young ones from the old bird, and I would not take as much money again for the bird as I paid for it. From this you will see what can be done if a man will take his time and look around. There is no need for me to explain every point of a Norwich Plainhead here, as that is done in Cage Birds every week. This is a very fine paper for a fancier; in fact, I like to get hold of mine every week to see how things are going on in the Fancy. You will see plenty in Cage Birds from time to time about red mite. Some people will say that they have not got any. Very likely not up to now. But now is the time to look for them, as the warm weather is coming. I will tell you my way of dealing with them. If you have them in a nest which is clean, and you don't care to throw the nest away, just put it in a hot oven, nest pan as well, and you will soon see your red mite on the oven shelf. I put Keating's Insect Powder on the eggs while the hen is sitting, and on the young ones if I see any on them. If they are in the cage fronts I get paraffin and black enamel and mix together. The paraffin fetches them out, and the enamel sticks them, so that they don't get away very far. Now a little about soaked rape. When the old ones are feeding their young I am very much in favour of it. I have only taken to it the last few years, and the way I use it is to get a small sieve, put as much in as I think will last me for the next day, and let the tap run on it for about 3 or 4 minutes; then put it thinly in a saucer and let it stand till the next morning. It will not want drying with a cloth before you give it to the birds. Put their egg food in one pot, and a little of your soaked rape in another, then you will see how the old birds crack it and get the seed out, leaving you the husks to throw away. I have an idea it helps to make your young birds a nice colour for if you crack a few of the soaked seeds you will see what a nice yellow the seed is. In concluding, I wish you all a good breeding season, myself as well, and I hope to see a good first feather show, with the best birds winning in good strong classes.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Result of Official Vote for 1913.

Committee: J. McLay 26, J. Noble 24, C. Campbell 23, G. F. Adamson 23, W. Paul 23, Robert Whitton 20, J. Cram 17, G. Smart 16, R. Lambie 16, A. Howie 15, G. Shillinglaw 14, J. Young 13, J. Sharp 13, J. F. Dewar 13, E. Barrow 11. Club judges: J. Young 25, J. McLay 25' A. Chalmers 21, G. F. Adamson 19, J. Noble 19, C. Campbell 16. Auditors, F. Taylor 15, G. Smart 13. Sec. and Treas., John Young 33.—F. Taylor, G. Smart, Scrutineers.

HALTWHISTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 23, Mr. G. H. Bowerbank chair. On account of so many of our members having a poor breeding season, it was resolved to have the Nest Feather Show a fortnight later, viz., July 5, providing it was convenient for our judge, Mr. W. Pennington, Wigton. Sec. produced samples of cups, and a very pretty one was selected for competition at open show for most points, with three nominated young birds, bred by exhibitor; open to members; points to count only in open classes. As our membership is open, we would be pleased to enrol any new members, who for an annual subs. of 2s. 6d. may participate in the competition for members' specials, and the cup; also numerous members' classes. Subs. may be sent to our Sec., Mr. W. Tallantyre, South View, Haltwhistle, to be paid not later than July 5th.—J. Nicholson.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held May 24th, at Mr. Hanningban's, Mr. S. Foster chair, with the usual good turn-out of members for the meeting and table show. We made four new members—Messrs. Christon, Bowes, Hannant, and A. Dawson. We are still open for more. We had a grand table show, 31 birds being staged—a good entry for the time of year. A good number of visitors attended during the evening. Mr. W. H. Butler judged, and his awards were well received. LINNET (7): 1, Humphrey; 2, Bentick; 3, Beadle; vhc, Yetts. GOLDF. (6): 1, Humphrey; 2, Gowland; 3, Robinson; vhc, Soulsby. GREENF. (6): 1, Bentick, a real stormer; 2, Lane; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Peart. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Bates; 2, 3, Humphrey; vhc, Bentick. A.O.V.: 1, Bentick; 2, Humphrey; 3, Robinson; vhc, Yetts.—R. Peart, Sec.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show of young birds held at headquarters, Horse and Groom Hotel. Some excellent birds were staged. The Secretary's duties were successfully carried out by the Chairman. We regret to report that Mrs. Gabbitass, wife of our secretary, is dangerously ill owing to a severe operation on Thursday last. Naturally, Mr. Gabbitass was unable to render his valuable assistance as usual. Everyone will wish Mrs. Gabbitass a full and speedy recovery. We also extend our sympathy to our respected member, Mr. W. Vardy, of Huthwaite, who is having a severe attack of his old complaint—rheumatism. We understand he is going to Buxton for treatment, which we hope will be successful and make a new man of him.—L. W. Burton, Chairman.

A large number of birds were staged, and some promising youngsters were seen out. Mr. Cantrell has started on the right road, it being his first year. The Yorks that he put down will be heard of again. Mr. Marshall judged and gave every satisfaction. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, Smedley; 2, Wood; 3, vhc, Hare; hc, Gabbitass. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Sparks. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Gabbitass; 2, Sparks; 3, vhc, Mallantratt. YELL. NOR.: 1, Smedley; 2, Wood; 3, Oscroft; vhc, Bennett. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Ellis; vhc, hc, Smedley c, Barlow. YELL. YORK.: 1, 3, Cantrell; 2, Allsopp. BUFF: 1, 2, Cantrell; 3, Allsopp; vhc, hc, Topliss.—B. Gabbitass, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at "Flying Dutchman,' Leeds Road, May 31st. Only a moderate number of members were present. Mr. W. Morement chair. The principal item was voting on the classification for the annual open show. This occupied the greater part of the evening owing to late commencement being made.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held May 30. Present: Mr. J. Jones (chair), Mr. G. Jones (vice), Messrs. J. W. Parry, E. Jones, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. Badges, etc., were on hand at this meeting. Four new members enrolled. Members are flowing in now as the show gets nearer. Those who intend to join should do so now at once, as entries close June 28. Schedules are now ready, and sent to all paid-up members for 1913. Grand classification, challenge cup for 1913 Canaries, money and other prizes. Judge, Mr. Kershaw, Menai Bridge.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, June 2, chair, Mr. W. H. Stoakley, with an attendance of some 40 or more ladies and gentlemen. The chief feature of the evening was a judging competition, Mr. R. A. Newley final judge. Twenty-eight birds were in competition, Yorkshires, Borders, and Norwich— a silver spoon was given for the best bird in each class. Winners were: Mr. F. Whiting (Yorks.), Messrs. Owen and Co. (Borders), and Mr. A. R. Jay (Norwich). The points gained were: Dyke 25, Hobden and Jay 20 each, Mrs. Hobden 14, Green 13, Stevens 11, Rorke and Whiting 10 each, Collins 9, J. Canale and Nash 6 each, Mrs. Owen 5, Miss Wilson 4, Saunders and Owen 3 each. Messrs W. Davis and A. J. Clarke, L. G. Owen, W. Young, G. R. Wells and T. Harris did not score. There were one election and three nominations for membership; and the sec., Mr. H. Smith, gave his report for the month. At the last meeting the question of rejoining the London Federation, as newly constituted, was referred to the committee, who now recommended the members not to take any steps in the matter, and their recommendation was almost unanimously adopted. A petition calling attention to the indefinite wording of some of the clauses of the Plumage Bill now before the House of Commons was brought to the notice of the members, and a good proportion of those present signed. Decided to apply for the patronage of the Southern Border F.C. at the annual show in October, and an appeal for "specials" for the young bird show to be held next month was made and generously responded to. A vote of thanks to Mr Newley for his assistance in the judging competition closed the proceedings.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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England.

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.
Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hoze, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 30, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.)
Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.).
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)
Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.)
Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.
Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 123, Princes Road).
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.
Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idaboe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.
Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Low, 168, St. Augustine's Rd., Southsea.)
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.
Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, 46, Olympia Cottages.) H.W.B.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).
Nov. 14-15.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103 Church St.)
Nov. 14-15.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(Heseltine and Lambert, 37, Blundell St.) H.W.B., G.H.
Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 19.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, 8, Scotsfield Terr.) J.P., T.D.
Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cttage, Cramlington). A.H., A.Hn., R.T.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jos. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 292, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 160, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.
Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.** (J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.
Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.** (Will E. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.** (E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.
Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 40, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.
Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.)
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.** (M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth West), J.R.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. R. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.**—(J. Peattie, 49, Kirkgate.)
Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages Station Road.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.L.A., R.B.
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M., J.T.
Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.
Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.
Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.
Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.
Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Martin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., A.G.C., J.M.
Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.** (W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.
Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).
Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.
Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.).
Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)
Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).
Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).
Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)
Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor C.B.S.**—(W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.
Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.S.

Meeting and show of Mules and British birds held in Reid Hall, Mr. A. Sloan chair. Classes for F.F. and annual shows fixed, and election of judges for F.F. show, also nomination of judges for annual show, to be fixed at next meeting. Mr. E. Taylor judged. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, J. Dunlop. DARK: 1, W. Dunlop; 2, J. Dunlop. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, W. Dunlop; 3, J. Crawford; 4, J Dunlop. BUNTING: 1, W. Dunlop; 2, J. Dunlop. —J. Waugh, Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Roe Buck Hotel, May 27th, Mr. J. Davies chair. Five new members were elected—Messrs. James, Walker, Lockett, Degg, and Smith. A lengthy discussion on altering the date of our nest feather show ensued, so it came to voting for it, and the proposing party won by 6 votes to 5, and it therefore remains on the same date, June 14th. Mr. J. H. Roe has kindly consented to judge. Members who cannot get their birds at the show-room by 12 o'clock on this date kindly bring them on Friday night, and I myself will look after the same. Proposed by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Degg, and carried unanimously, that where there is no competition, points do not count for the cup, and that three and more exhibits to count.—Philip Ed. Barker, Hon. Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Meeting held at Crown and Anchor, May 10; Mr. Metcalf chair. Owing to the poor breeding results of the majority of our members, it was decided to postpone F.F. show until June 21, when we hope to have a good show, as members on the whole are doing better now. Decided that sec. should get samples of colour food for next meeting, when members could order same in bulk from selected sample. Will members please let me know how much they will require, so this can be done without loss of time. Three new members were elected.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Meeting held May 29th, Slatter's Rooms. 12 members only being present. Nest feather and British bird show held same time. CHAMP. NOR. YELL. DITTO BUFF, NOV. NOR. YELL., DITTO BUFF. all 1, Seaton. A.O. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Seaton. MULE OR HYB.: 1. Brown. LINNET: 1, Towl; 2, Oliver. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Brown. GREENF.: 1. Towl. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Cotterill; 2, Brown. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Brown. BRIT. HEN: 1, 2, Brown; 3. Oliver. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. H. Harding for judging, the appointed judge, Mr. W. Ellender, having passed away very suddenly.—H. Towl, Hon. Sec.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Continued from page 479.

THREE Yorkshire hens, 12/-; one pair Chaffinches, pair Bullies, 2 cock Linnets, 1 hen Greenie, 10/-, lot 19/-: Hornsby, 8, Bath-st., Oxford. (724)

COCKS. Goldfinch, in condition, fit for bench, 7/6; Linnet, 4/-; Redpoll, 2/-; all twice H.-M., or exchange common pigeons: R. Weblin, West Ealing. (723)

TWO hand-reared cock Blackbirds, 3/- each; shepherd's purse, supplied, 4 stamps; wanted fishing reel: Rose, 38, Wellington-st., Ipswich. (727)

HEN Bullfinches, carrying, 1/9 each; any quantity stone beer bottles, ½-pint, nazoed, 4/6 gross, free on rail; anything useful: Elliott, 18, Swan-st., Loughborough. (728)

ONE Chaffinch, one Greenfinch, one Bramblefinch, one Redpoll, all cocks, one Bullfinch hen, sell 12/6; also one pair Cinnamon Borders and three young ones, 15/-; exchange anything useful; yours first; no rubbish: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire. (725)

TWO real champion hand-reared Skylarks, sing anywhere any time, better impossible, 25/- each, worth double; grand wild caught one, rattling songster, feed from hand, 6/-: Muling Brown Linnet, large, always singing, 4/-; approval pleasure; deposit: Lambert, "Beverston," Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham. (721)

Mainly Canaries.

WILL give good cock Canary, full song, for two stout singing Linnets: H. King, St. Andrew's-st., Hitchin. (726)

GREEN Roller-Border hens 2/6 to 3/6, cocks 8/6, Border hen 4/6; giving up birds: Houghton, Florist, Morecambe. (723)

SALE or exchange yellow Yorkshire cock and a Crest-bred hen 10/6: T. Simpson, Haughton-le-Skerne, near Darlington. (725)

GREEN marked Norwich cock, 1912 bred, full song, 6/-; exchange cycle cover, beaded: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (724)

GRAND Border cock and two hens, nesting, in single breeder, 12/6; or useful exchange for house: Edna, 39, Freetown, Glossop. (724)

GOOD Goldfinch cock and Yorkshire hen, healthy; exchange long, slim Yorkshire cock or Norwich cock; yours first: 72, Bethesda, Amlwch. (725)

THREE hen Canaries, cock Linnet; exchange for two hen Budgerigars, hen Java Sparrows: Simpson, Westbourne, Avenue-rd., Isleworth. (725)

EXCHANGE unflighted Cinnamon Norwich hen for large Yellow muling hen; yours first; approval: Talbot, East-rd., Parkstone, Dorset. (726)

TWO prize-bred Yorkshire cocks, rung, one brother to winner at the Coliseum, Greenslade's breed: Young, 167, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol. (723)

SALE price 12/6, pair Canaries, matched for breeding Crests; also large double breeder and fittings; new, joiner-made: Bentley, 86, Gateford-road, Worksop. (723)

FIVE healthy hens, for sale, no use for them, two Yorkshires, three Norwich, 1912; exchange gent's light boots, size 11, or sell 12/6: Hart, Easthall, Wennington, Essex. (727)

NOTICE! What offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, 12/6; any colour or pattern: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (722)

SELL or exchange three good Norwich hens and two feeding hens; exchange lot for Linnet Mules, Linnet notes, or sell 17/- lot: R. Sutherland, 86, Blake-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (721)

TO make room for youngsters, will give Norwich Canaries, bred from winners over 550 prizes, for pair of new cycle outer covers, also tubes, 28 by 1½: Lovegrove, 43, Kings-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (724)

GENUINE offer, monster Siberian Goldie, paired up with large double yellow-bred hen, ready for nesting, worth £2, accept 20/-; approval; large Buff Norwich cock, unflighted Yellow hen 15/-; no time for breeding: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (725)

A GOOD 1912 yellow Yorkshire cock, splendid songster, sell 15/-; exchange for chicks four to eight weeks old; also a nearly even-marked Norwich cock and green hen, Pool's strain, perfect condition, sell £1; or exchange: Gunnill, 273, Southtown-rd., Great Yarmouth (724)

Mainly Foreign.

ACCLIMATISED pair Moustache Parrakeets, in Parrot cage, two years outdoors aviary; what offers small Foreigners: Banks, 1, Haydock-st., Burnley. (727)

Miscellaneous.

SMOOTH Fox Terrier bitch, 12/6; dog puppy, 6/-; box and cage, 6/-; exchange Canaries: 67, Bury Park, Luton. (723)

WHAT offers in Canaries for new cabin trunk, cost 25/-, never used: Cox, 100, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (723)

DOUBLE burner heating stove, 20 inches high, for pair of Canaries; birds first: Lunt, 125, Boaler-st., Liverpool. (722)

EXCHANGE 21/- set Bovril coupons for clear Buff Border cock, ready for breeding: B., 304, Brockley-road, S.E. (724)

WELL-BRED Fox Terrier, young dog, for British or Canaries, sell 15/-: Topliss, 27, Frederick-st., Mansfield. (722)

CHARLOCK and wild rape for Linnets and Finches, 1/6 stone, 8/- cwt.; exchange: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford, Lines.

WHAT offers in young Canaries for well-bred Irish terrier: Thomas Page, 70, Wheatfield-ter., Carmarthen-rd., Swansea. (724)

GOOD breeding cage, Yellow Norwich hen Canary with cocks, Brown Linnet, 8/6; exchange: Letall, 23, High-st., Whittlesea. (725)

HANDSOME Persian cat, 12 months, female; Canaries preferred; approval, or sell 15/-: Prentis, 25, Amity-st., Liverpool. (727)

EXCHANGE pair football and cricket boots, size 5, 2 match balls, value 12/-, offers in Canaries: Cave, 165, Pool-rd., Leicester. (721)

CASSELL'S "Canaries and Cage Birds," bound, cost 25/-, sell 12/6; exchange Yorkshires, pairs: Brotherton, 137, Lowther-st., York. (723)

BOOK, "Canaries, Hybrids, and British Birds," recently cost 25/-, accept 12/6; clean as new: Roberts, 21, Summerfield-st., Sheffield. (724)

HOMING and fancy pigeons, 2/-, 3/6, 5/-, 10/- pair; approval before payment; exchange birds: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green. (657)

PLATED cornet, wants little repair 10/6, euphonium Higham's first-class, £2; bombardon, £2; exchange 'cello or violin: Zoo, Worksop. (724)

HANDSOME new Parrot cage, cost 12/6, accept 6/6; good Magpie show cage 3/6; exchange anything: McDiarmid, Melville-terrace, Stirling. (726)

EXCHANGE new pair of rifle carriers, to fit on cycle, cost 9/6, for pair 26in. inner tubes: Seth Watson, 62, Prospect-place, Treorchy. (724)

MILK float, £10; baker's hand van, £5; lady's pneumatic tricycle £5 10/-; circular saw bench £6 10/-: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (726)

LADY'S boots, 5's, cost 10/6, as new, exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch Canaries; offers: Cooper, 43, Oxley-st., Wolverhampton. (726)

EXCHANGE a good double-breeding cage for a good pair of Yorkshire Canaries, 1912 or 1913 birds: A. Page, Malakoff, London-rd., Ware, Herts. (720)

SINGER V.S. hand sewing machine, 45/-; all accessories; deposit, approval; also few Yorkshire hens: Joiner, 80, Stubbington-avenue, Portsmouth. (727)

GRAND set of buckhorn carver, fork and steel, 2/6; pair best hollow ground razors, in case, 2/6; post paid; exchange: Cottam, 13, Thirkil-st., Bradford. (724)

LARGE mahogany aviary, three compartments, glass round it, one Yorkshire cock, lot 12/-; offer anything useful: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton. (726)

FREE two full-size tins of washable cage enamel, any colour, to all sending 6d. for the postage and packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (712)

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace dome aviary, length 32 inches, height 42 inches, good condition, for large travelling trunk: Mrs. Tucker, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Wilts. (723)

EXCHANGE ¼-plate No. 3 Kodak, daylight loading, tripod, and all accessories; cost over £4, for any kind aviary birds, sell 30/-; approval: Fairbank, 70, Essex-st., Hull. (721)

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch, two years, good colour, 6½ lbs., 15/-; also good Fox Terrier dog pup, four months, 10/-; offers in birds, watch: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup.

SALE or exchange, disc records, cock Greenfinch, twice house-moulted, winner of first, and other good British; letters answered: Giles, Postman, 47, Crewys-rd., Cricklewood. (724)

EXCHANGE good Scotch Terrier bitch for two Norwich hen Canaries, yellow Crest, buff Crestbred, or sell 40/-: Alex. McNee, 55, William-street, Dennystown, Dumbarton. (725)

EXCHANGE few pair of high-class Yorks., also Foreign birds and talking Parrot, for scrap brass, copper, block tin, or jewellery: North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (728)

WILL exchange one pair of gent's or lady's new boots, or dress length, or suit length, any colour, for 4 young Canaries as bred, or 5 old hens: Cummings, 4, Richmond-ter., Leeds. (724)

SELL or exchange, rough-haired Fox-Terrier dog, pure-bred, for smooth-haired Fox-Terrier pup dog, even marked, or sell £1; yours first: George Parry, 14, New Chester, Derby. (725)

OUR 5s. PRIZE

TWO ADVERTISERS SHARE IT

70 advertisements appeared under the heading, "Exchange Miscellaneous" in last week's issue, and the following advertisers sent in correct estimates, thus sharing the prize: Rev. S. N. Sedgwick, St. Mary's, Bishopstoke, Hants; and B. Leigh, 26, Netherfield Road South, Liverpool.

Among the other estimates received some were very close, there being two of 69, one of 67, and one of 74.

It is of interest to note that the lowest estimate, 45, came from Brechin, and the highest—a remarkably optimistic one—550, from Bacup.

You Can Exchange Anything Through 'C.B'

ONE Douglas and two Crystal Palace new aviaries, one pair field-glasses, 40 gramophone disc records for sale or exchange, together or separate: Bottomley, Boot-maker, Keighley. (726)

EXCHANGE good mailcart, also pedigree whippet, brood bitch, served by son of champion Shirley Wanderer; should breed exhibition and racing stock, 17inches, 17lbs.; for Canaries, poultry, anything useful: Drew, 59, Edward-st., Dowlais. (726)

WHAT offers in cock Canaries, cock Mules, or cock Goldfinches, anything, exchange blankets 25/-, gent's suit lengths 25/-, dress lengths 12/6; approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas. (726)

6 BY 6 garden tent, all complete; 12 dozen tomato plants, lobelia, phlox, heliotrope, 48 pots fuschias, geraniums; pair gent's boots, size 10; two pair pet doves; exchange: Burton, jun., Orchard-rd., Southsea. (726)

CLEARING out, 2 grand Goldfinches, caged 9 months, 1 cock, 2 hen Yorkshires, 4 cages, 1 double, 3 single Canary, pine polished out, enamelled inside, loose fronts; offers lot or separate: Cox, Charter-rd., Goole. (725)

WHITE Angora doe, 2nd local show, 6/-; blue Dragon cock, rung 3/6; silver show Homer cock 2/-; Chaffinch, grand songster 4/-; pair flying Homers 2/-: approval, exchange: Smith, 232, Grange-rd., Plaistow. (726)

PARROT and cage, warranted talking, 40/-, can be heard by appointment; also pedigree Irish terrier dog, 10 months, 25/-; silver-mounted genuine calabash pipe, 7/6; offers in exchange: Brooks, 127, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, London. (723)

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BRAND new gramophone, cost £4 4s., sell £3; quarter folding Klito camera, practically new, cost £2 10s. recently, sell 35/-; No. 2a Brownie, 5/-; also good toned melodian, cost 22/-, sell 10/-; every one bargains; stamp reply: Owner, 10, Trafalgar-rd., Wrexham. (723)

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SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 412, Caledonian-rd., London.

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CYCLES, cycles, B.S.A., Raleigh, Humber, Triumph, Enfield, Premier, Singer, district agents, some shop-soiled to clear: Rustleana, Chiswick. (635)

CYCLE agents and repairers, send for wholesale catalogue of cycles, cycle and motor tyres and accessories: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham. (601)

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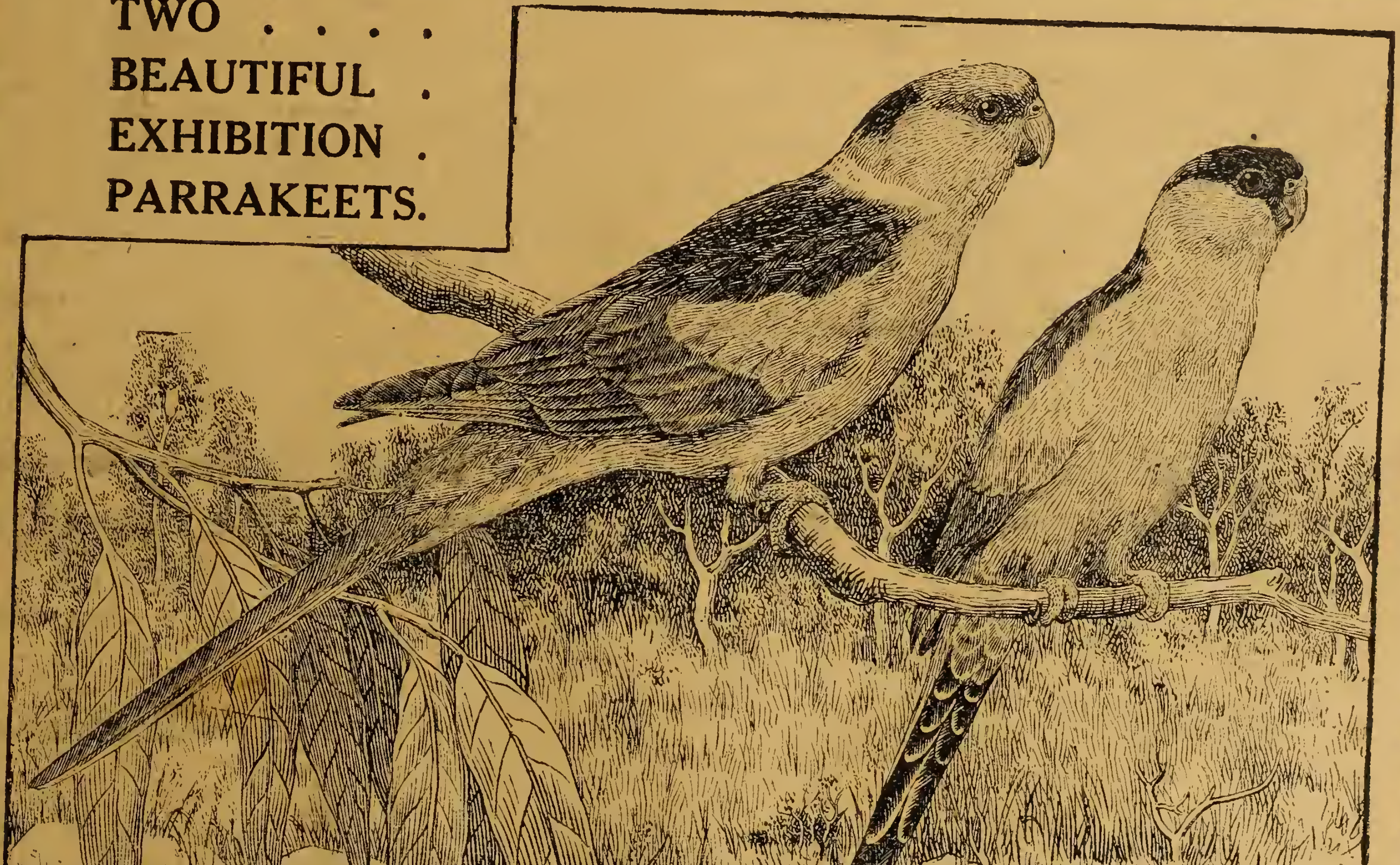

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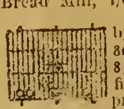

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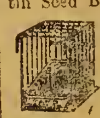

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ADVERTISEMENTS.—Concluded on page 508.

MISLEADING THE CHILDREN.

Scandalous Misrepresentations in a Book intended for use in Schools

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds League."

I have to thank a League Associate, Mr. W. Hornby, of Beeston, for taking the trouble to bring to my notice a work entitled "Animal Life Lessons," by the head master of St. Paul's School, Bournemouth, Mr. G. Guest, B.A. The book is intended for the use of teachers, and each chapter is a kind of synopsis of the subject upon which it treats, ending with a series of questions suggested as being proper for the teacher to put to the children after the subject has been expounded to them upon the lines laid down. One of the chapters is headed "The Caging of Birds," and my correspondent writes that as the statements it contains are calculated to instil into the minds of children entirely mistaken ideas, he thinks I might do something to controvert its fallacies and mis-statements.

We Will Take it up Elsewhere.

Old readers of CAGE BIRDS will remember that about two years ago there was issued by the "Humanitarian League" a reprint of an old pamphlet by Mr. E. Bell entitled "The Other Side of the Bars." The misrepresentations contained in the pamphlet were fully controverted by me at the time in our columns, and my criticism was reprinted as a leaflet. The chapter of "Animal Life Lessons" which I am now asked to review consists nearly entirely of extracts from the old pamphlet which I have already fully answered, and is illustrated by one or two of the most outrageous of the original pictures, so it would be waste of space here to devote further attention to the tissue of misrepresentations. I have still by me a few copies of my detailed criticism, and I shall be glad to send one, as long as any remain, to any reader who will forward a stamp for postage. Or, our publisher has on hand about a dozen copies of CAGE BIRDS of June 3, 1911, in which the pamphlet in question was reviewed, and these may be had at 2½d. each, post free.

Helping on the Good Work.

It is pleasing to note that many societies are doing their best to let it be known that bird-keepers are at last determined to let their voices be heard. It will be seen from our Club Reports columns this week that in several cases the members present at meetings have jointly signed the petition calling attention to the loose wording of the Plumage Bill. Every society should follow the examples set. It will be too late when the Bill becomes law.

What a Member Thinks of the League.

Mr. W. Downing, a Manchester member, when forwarding his renewal subscription, writes as follows:—

> Dear Sir,—I enclose P.O. for subscription to the only League which is trying to convince the faddists that we fanciers are not men that are ignorantly cruel to our pets, but men who study Nature among bricks and mortar, and not only try to make our pets happy by studying their needs and requirements, but also succeed in doing so. My British birds evince the greatest pleasure and call to me when I am anywhere near them, and don't forget to show it. Keep pegging away. They may yet learn that man can learn sufficient of the bird world to enable him to add to the length of days to his pets. Best of everything to you and all Leaguers.

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. R. Meikle, secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S., has removed to 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.

We are asked to state that Mr. T. Tow, late of Stovin Rd., has removed to 86, Holmhurst Rd., Woodseats, Sheffield.

We hear that Mr. P. Waring, Preston, is judging at Wigan, July 5, Chorley July 12 and Ormskirk old show Dec. 6.

Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, will judge our open show on Oct. 16, writes Mr. C. J. Robinson, hon. sec. Hanley C.B.S.

We are all pleased with the Cage Birds' watch, which arrived safely this morning, writes Mrs. M. B. Partridge, Worthing.

Entries for the Haylo show, writes Mr. H. Ware, hon. sec., 17, Mount Pleasant, are very short; extended first post June 16. Will exhibitors please help.

We are asked by Mr. R. Tindale, hon. sec. Northern Yorks. C.C., to notify that his address has been changed to 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. G. Wharton, sec., Burnley C.B.C., writes that at their annual show Oct. 17-18, Mr. J. H. Roe will judge Norwich and Mr. H. W. Battye the remainder.

Will you kindly announce, writes Mr. G. Hunt, hon. sec. Doncaster C.B.S., that we are holding our first nest feather show June 14. Birds staged at 4. Mr. Barrett, judge.

Messrs. Opie and Kemp, hon. secs., Redruth F.S., write that at the forthcoming show a class will be added for British softbill, Lark and smaller, guaranteed by Mr. F. Collins, Camborne.

We hear from Mr. T. Davison, hon. sec., that the members of the Sunderland C.B.A. intend having another ramble to Corbridge on June 14 (weather permitting), train leaving Central station 12.43, returning 9.20. Will all those who intend going meet at station at 12.30.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. W. Nichols, hon. sec. Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S., that Mr. J. Robson will judge our F.F. show, July 16. Also that we have been fortunate to secure Mr. George Cave, K.C., M.P., as our first president, also Councillors Sarney and Wheatley as vice-presidents.

Mr. J. Weir, 2, Lockhead Row, Coaltown of Wemyss, Fife, writes that he has taken over the secretaryship of Coaltown of Wemyss and Dis. C.B.S. The open show is fixed for Dec. 6. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Dickson; Borders and Yorks., Mr. Hamilton; British and Foreign, Mr. Bell.

Kindly state in Cage Birds, writes Mr. W. G. Andrews, hon. sec., that West Bromwich C.B.S. has fixed June 17 for nest feather show at headquarters. Birds staged at 8. Fanciers and friends given a hearty welcome. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, will judge our open show, Nov. 21 and 22.

We have received from the secretary of the Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S., Mr. F. Gelder, 91, Marsh Street, Little Horton, Bradford, the schedule of shows and the syllabus for the season. Six shows have been arranged, and the syllabus sets forth quite a number of interesting lectures and debates for the ordinary meeting nights.

My address now, writes Mr. J. R. Reid, asst. sec. Cowdenbeath C.B.S., is 232, High Street, Cowdenbeath. Will secretaries and others please note? Our list of judges for the open show is now completed as follows: Scotch Fancy, Jas. Stenhouse, Kelty; Borders, W. Mossie, Annbank; Yorks, J. Bailie, Bradford; Norwich, A. Sloan, Glasgow; Crests and C.B.., Wm. Paul, Uphall; Mules and British, R. Bald, Bathgate. We are looking for a record season, many new members joining here.

Allow me, writes Mr. Thos. McCready, Stranraer, to thank Cage Birds for the excellent and explicit article, "The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe," written by Mr. J. Tomlinson. Being a beginner, I have derived much benefit from the above. I have had different books on the Roller Canary, but Mr. Tomlinson's article has taught me more than any books. I had some difficulty in knowing the different rolls, tours, etc., but thanks to Cage Birds, I am now better able to pick them out. I wish Cage Birds every success, and thank Mr. Tomlinson.

We hear from Mr. J. Stirling, sec., that members of Loanhead C.B.S. will ramble through Arniston Estate on June 28th. Any fancier who wishes to take part and will be at entrance about 3.30, will be sure of a hearty welcome, and arrangements will be made for his or her tea upon writing to Mr. J. Stirling, 20, Camp View, Bonnyrigg.

We are holding our first nest feather show in St. John's Schoolroom, Smallbridge, June 14, writes Mr. J. T. Cheetham, sec., Oak St., Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale. Mr. Schofield, Heywood, will judge. Also we intend having a ramble to Watergrove on Sunday, June 15, weather permitting; meet at Birch Road 8 o'clock; all wishing to come with us are welcome.

At the last general meeting of the Holywood and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Cole, hon. sec. Priory Park, Holywood, it was unanimously decided to hold the annual show Nov. 29 in the Town Hall, Holywood; judge, Mr. W. H. Battye, Bradford. Further particulars will be given in Cage Birds later as to prizes and classes. It is expected to be the best arranged show the society has held.

Will you kindly announce, writes Mr. H. Boothman, Hon. Sec. Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., that we have engaged the following judges for our open show, Oct. 24 and 25:—Lancs. and Lizards, Mr. J. Garner; Yorks, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; Norwich, Mr. W. Vardy; Cinnamons, Mr. J. H. Roe; Borders, Mr. T. Harrison; British, etc., Mr. J. Beswick; and for our F.F. show, July 5, Mr. H. W. Battye

OBITUARY.

Mr. Hugh Mitchell, Newmilns.

I regret to have to report, after a short illness, writes Mr. R. McDowall, Newmilns, the death of an old and enthusiastic Scotch Fancy breeder, Mr. Hugh Mitchell, Riverbank St., Newmilns. The loss of his only son scarcely ten months ago no doubt weighed heavily on him. To possess the ideal was always his aim, and nothing contented him more than to be in his aviary among his favourites in his leisure hours. He was always willing and delighted to advise the young fancier, and to show one round his stock especially delighted him. None could equal Hughie as a worker for our show, and on more than one occasion has he stepped into the breach and saved a certain failure. The Fancy at large is less one true and honest member, and I am sure all fanciers, and especially those who had connections with him will join with us in extending sympathy to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

[Mr. R. Ralston, of Newmilns, also writes us in sympathetic terms referring to the death of Mr. Mitchell.—Editor.]

A Chance for Someone.

Particulars appear this week, under the heading of "Situations," of an attractive billet at Windermere for someone well-versed in live-stock and its keeping, which should interest some of our readers.

The Life of the Warblers.

The Warblers' life must be almost an ideal one. They live continually in the sun, either here or in another country, among the flowers and flitting butterflies and buzzing insects. Dull days with them do not last long, with the first frost they depart, only to return again with the spring flowers.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Leith O.S., June 14, to Raith, train leaves Edinburgh 2.15; Bournemouth C.B.A., June 18, to Christchurch British Bird Museum (Mr. Harts'); Sheffield C.B.S., June 14, meet at Intake tram terminus, 2.30; Ashton-u-Lyne O.S., June 15, to Marple, meet Ashton Market, 2.0; Border City (Carlisle) O.S., June 22, to Kingmoor, etc., meet Edestown, 2.0; Smallbridge C.B.S., June 15, to Watergrove, meet Birch Rd., 8.0; Heywood C.B.S., June 17, to Ashworth, meet St. Luke's Church, 7.0.; Loanhead C.B.S., June 28, to Arniston Estate, brake leaves Fountain Loanhead 2.15, Bonnyrigg 2.30.

Spiders that Eat Birds.

The new insect house at the Zoo is likely to be ready for occupation in the course of the next few weeks, Bird-eating spiders are to be the first tenants of the new premises, and they do, as their name implies, actually feed upon the smaller varieties of birds, and notably the humming birds of the tropical forests, although the manner in which they secure their prey is by stealthy approach, and not by means of the silken web. The bird-eating spider is considerably smaller, although not less ferocious in appearance, than the more historically famous tarantula, but visitors to the gardens will be disappointed if they imagine that its progress in the capture of its prey will be practically demonstrated, either with or without its silken entanglements. A diet in the form of the larger and more succulent variety of the common cockroach constitutes its daily food.

GUESSING THE GHOST.

Many Successful Attempts—and a Few Others—at Our Phantom British Bird Puzzle.

The identification of the Phantom British Bird which appeared in our issue of May 31 proved an easy task for many of our readers. The correct species was the Nuthatch. More than two hundred accurate solutions were sent in, and, upon the postcards containing these being well mixed up, the fortunate one to be drawn was that sent by

Mr. JOHN WOOD, 103, Stockport Rd., Mossley.

Will Mr. Wood kindly let us know whether he prefers five shillings cash, or books to value, and, if books, which ones he would like us to send.

Among the incorrect solutions, the Blackbird and the Thrush appeared the most frequently, although the Kingfisher ran them somewhat closely. Some solutions were a bit wide of the mark, and among these may be mentioned the Tree Creeper, Heron, Robin, Wheatear, Nightingale, Dipper, Woodpecker, Wryneck, Skylark and the Wren. Wagtails were the idea of some of the solvers. One or two guessed the Ghost to be that of a Siberian Goldfinch; others named the Bee-eater. These solvers seem to have overlooked the fact that we declared the bird to be British.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1913.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Moderate at Ashton-u-Lyne.

Taken as a whole, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, hon. sec. Ashton-u-Lyne O.S., the results can only be termed moderate. Dead-in-the-shell and clear eggs are troubling a lot of the members, while the year after year cry of non-feeding hens is again heard. Several members are in the unfortunate position of having results to date "nil." Others, who have for some seasons been having very bad luck are creating new records for themselves. The average per member works out at 10, which, considering the near finish of the second round, is not altogether satisfactory. Norwich breeders account for the following: R. Marsland 30, J. Dowling 9, Jno. Mellor 3, W. Foxall 35, J. R. Colville 8, J. Oliver 5, H. Kelsall 7; Yorkshires, J. Whitehead 3, G. Storey 16, W. Etchells 4, J. Barnes 5, J. Smalley 13, Smith 3, L. Terns 18, W. Green 17, Radcliffe Bros. 12, H. Lloyd 3, L. Andrew 16. No results of Mules or Hybrids were given.

We have had sent us for inspection by Mr. Fred Allen (the well-known bird specialist, of Sheffield) a very large batch of testimonials he has recently received from his customers. Mr. Allen writes:—"I have also about the same quantity of picture postcards and winning testimonials, but these I am keeping. You will see that the above are from all over England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The winning testimonials include Mr. Evans at Tyldesley show, Mr. Rogers at Neath, Mr. Taylor at Hednesford, Mr. Stewart at Greenock, Mr. Jones at Treorchy, Mr. Harrison at Attercliffe, Mr. Craven at Pocklington, Mr. Laing at Leslie, Mr. Wright at Ayr, Mr. Barras at South Shields, Mr. Mitchell at Penrhwceiber, etc., etc. My business has increased extensively. I have purchased another business, and have, too, acquired outright the shop at Porter St., Hull, previously held in partnership by myself and Mr. Dearlove. For being so successful in business I feel I am indebted to Cage Birds. I have had letters and orders from places hitherto unknown to me, also from South Africa, America, New Zealand, etc. Where, I wonder, has not Cage Birds reached?"

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne, latest date July 2; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley; Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; Yorks and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Counties Plainhead Club, Mr. P. Laidlaw, 55, Colston St., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne (latest date June 14); Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd., Liverpool; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Wild-Bird Life.

Whitethroat Ways.

The glorious summer weather has been splendid for those who have been able to get out in the open. Wild bird life is now almost at its flood, one need not travel far to be among it, for almost every tree and bush contains something of interest. Wild birds are supposed to be shy, and while nesting to attract as little attention as possible, and although this is so as a general rule, still occasionally we have examples that rather startle us with their daring. A Greater Whitethroat has built its nest in a low bush by a much frequented road. The bush is on a bank surrounded by tall grass and weeds, which help to screen the structure. So close is it to the roadway that the dust from passing cyclists and motors at times quite obscures it, yet the bird sits tightly, and will doubtless succeed in bringing off the brood. It is questionable if she will rear them, as the road leads away into the country, and is much frequented by pedestrians every week-end. Last summer one almost succeeded in launching its brood in a similar situation, in fact, within 20. yards of this year's nest. While feeding the young she would sit on the opposite side of the road with a beak full of food, and when the road was clear would dart across to the nest

THE GREATER WHITETHROAT.

We have no more graceful and interesting bird than the Whitethroat, and as a songster it is not to be despised. His notes are sweet, but frequently repeated; he sings with force and passion, with top-knot erected, swelling throat, and quivering wings, and hurries through his song as though too busy to waste time over it. His favourite perch is an exposed one, a spray of bramble jutting out of the hedge, or some tall weed by the roadside, he will occasionally sing on the wing, returning to his perch in the manner of the Pipit. The nest of the Whitethroat is of the most flimsy construction imaginable, made of dead grass, and lined with horsehair. It is deep and beautifully rounded, and may be found in a variety of situations; among brambles, thorns, furze, and tall weeds, and nettles growing by the wayside. His propensity for nesting in the latter situation has possibly acquired for him the name of the "Nettle Creeper."

Small Boys and Birds' Eggs.

In this district, writes Mr. F. H. Chapman, F.R.H.S., of Rye, to the "Daily Mail," ever since the passing of the Wild Birds' Protection Act, boys have been afraid to go out bird-nesting as they used to do, and the result is that we are absolutely "overdone" with birds. All soft fruit has to be netted, and the hard fruit crop (apples, pears, etc.) also suffers severely from the ravages of birds. In the days of my youth this used not to be so, and I can trace it quite distinctly to the passing of the Act I name. My view is that in addition to sending the birds an all-wise Providence also sent the small boy to keep their numbers within reasonable limits. I would not advocate the entire repealing of the Act, but I would have it drastically revised.

Protecting the Cripple.

An incident came under my notice recently which I think may be of interest to lovers of birds, says a writer in the "Express and Star," Wolverhampton. For the third year in succession a one-legged Starling has been a frequent visitor to a bowling green in the town. The other day the crippled bird had secured a piece of bread too large for it to carry beyond a short distance. While enjoying a meal on the green, the Starling was attacked by a Thrush and driven off, but ere long it returned, accompanied by another Starling—apparently its nest mate. The new arrival alighted on the Thrush's back and commenced a vigorous pecking, which soon caused the intruder to beat a hasty retreat, and allowed the lame Starling to continue its meal. Further interruption was forthcoming from several Sparrows, but the second Starling kept guard till the lame bird had reduced in size the bread sufficiently to enable it to fly away with it.

ACCIDENTS IN THE BIRD ROOM.

By
CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Continued from page 443:

How to prevent, or deal with them ; with a few words on Parasites and their extermination.

Red Mite.—All birds, and especially those kept in heated rooms, are liable to be infested with red mites. These little pests remain in cracks and crevices of the cages (or surrounding walls, curtains, etc.), during the day; and during the night, if their numbers be not checked, they worry the birds so that they quickly go off song and frequently commence to lose their feathers, especially those in the region of the neck. They are very small in size, but the experienced bird-keeper quickly marks their presence. The birds show signs of irritation; then a candle carried into the bird-room during the night will reveal the red mite running about the light-coloured plumage of birds, such as clear and lightly-marked Canaries. Or a number of white (or greyish) looking spots make their appearance around the cracks and joints of the cage—the excreta of the pests. An open wire cage may have a handkerchief thrown over the top at night, and close examination in the morning will reveal some of the mites sticking thereto if they are infesting the cage.

Clearing out the Cages.

The best treatment for the cages is a stoving for ten or fifteen minutes in a moderately hot oven (a baker's oven answers admirably). Afterwards give them a good coat of sanitary washable distemper (obtainable in suitable shades from most oil and colour-men). Failing the stoving, paint thoroughly all over inside and outside with a solution of camphor in turpentine (or half turps, half paraffin), adding one ounce of the camphor to one pint of the spirit. Repeat the operation the following day, and not a solitary mite will survive the ordeal. Work the solution well into all cracks and joints. In an hour after using the fluid the cages will be dry enough to treat with the distemper as mentioned above. It may be necessary to re-varnish the outsides of the cages after these operations. See that no mites are left behind in cracks and crevices near where the cage may have hung or stood. Whilst the cage is undergoing this overhauling keep the bird in a temporary one, and give it daily a bath with a few drops of essence of quassia added to it.

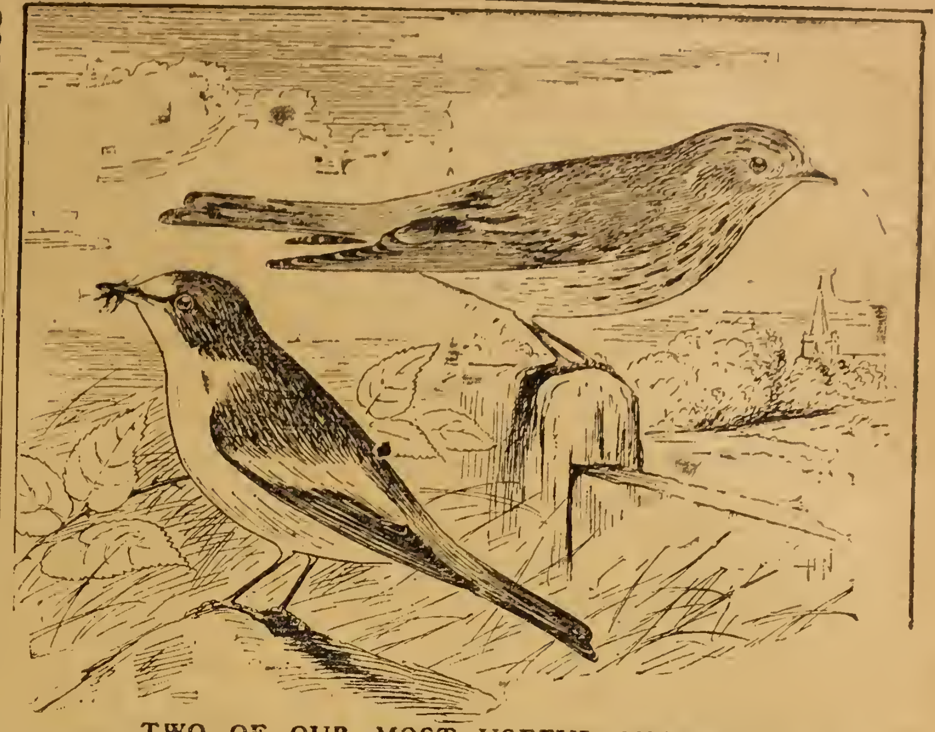
Troubles of the Feet.

Sore Feet.—This complaint may arise indirectly through a low condition of health, and sometimes from neglect of cages. First see that the cages are kept scrupulously clean and free from droppings, and if latter have departed in any way from the normal give a mild aperient, and adopt the necessary measures for restoring the digestive system to its normal condition. To treat the feet, bathe them for a few minutes each day for several days in a luke-warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing dry gently, and anoint them with a little boracic or zinc ointment. If this does not remove the trouble in a very few days, try bathing in a solution of extract of wych hazel—of similar strength to above—and anointing with Lanocyllin. Should this fail to have the desired effect, the fault lies either in the causes not being removed, or in the general health of the bird.

Worms.—Intestinal parasites occur in birds now and again, more frequently in mixed feeders and those consuming scraps of flesh or earthworms than in purely seed-eating birds. The ova may also be carried and spread by impure water. Before treating birds for worms it is best to have ocular proof of their presence by watching for them in the droppings. When they are thus proved to be present, keep cage, perches, and water vessels as clean as possible, and boil all water used for a time. Remove food at night, and, after fasting bird for two or three hours next morning, give a small quantity of soft food—bread and milk, crushed sponge-cake, or any other that is most acceptable to it—slightly dusted with freshly ground areca nut—a small teaspoonful of soft food with a slight dusting of the powder for a bird the size of a Canary, and more or less in proportion to size of patient. When this is eaten give the ordinary food. An hour later add 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn to each tablespoonful of water in drinker, and allow this to remain on two hours. On the two following days add six drops of tincture of gentain and three of tincture of calumba to each two tablespoonfuls of water. Repeat this treatment at least three times, with an interval of a week between each time. When this remedy fails the best course is to ask a chemist to make up a few doses of santonine or thymol of proper strength for the size of patient to be treated, and to administer in the manner described above.

Dealing with Wounds.

Wounds.—Simple wounds or abrasions may be painted with Friar's Balsam to arrest bleeding, holding bird for a minute or two for the "sting" of the application to pass off in order to prevent it pecking the place and starting it to bleed afresh. More severe wounds should be bathed in a solution of wych hazel, or a 1 in 100 solution of Jeyes' Fluid, which will be obtained by mixing a tablespoonful of fluid in 2½ pints of water, or in this proportion for larger or smaller quantities. After bathing dry gently, and anoint daily with Lanocyllin, boracic, or zinc ointment, as may be most convenient, until healing has made fair headway.



TWO OF OUR MOST USEFUL MIGRANTS.

The Pied Flycatcher (on the left) is a dainty black and white bird, and much less commonly found than its relative, the Spotted Flycatcher, which is a plainly clad greyish-coloured bird. As their name indicates, they hawk for flies and similar winged insects, practically all day long.

Fourteen Years in Love with the Norwich Plainhead.

This contribution, by J. Bagshaw, Penkhull, was awarded by the members, the first prize in the essay competition recently promoted by the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S.

It is now about fourteen years since I first commenced bird-keeping, a neighbour presenting me with a pair of Canaries and a cage, assuring me that one was a cock and would make a grand songster. These I kept all one season waiting for the glorious song which never came; they were two hens. I eventually got rid of these, and went in for Britishers, but only kept them as songsters. About this time a local fancier, a breeder of the Norwich Plainhead, invited me to visit his room, and I at once fell in love with his birds. It is not my intention here to give my experiences, but to write a paper on the chubby ones.

A Bird of Shape and Color.

The Norwich is a bird of colour, and should be short and thick-set, with large round head, free from browing, full neck, deep wide chest, well filled in back, short flights and tail, flights well folded and just meeting at the tips, and should take the perch at an angle of about forty-five degrees. In my opinion you cannot get them too compact. In the commencement we require for our stock birds which should be as good as our pocket will allow. It is better to have one good pair than three or four bad ones, my motto is "quality not quantity." It takes as much to keep a bad pair as a good one. To the novice I would say, procure your birds from a man who breeds his own winners; not from one who buys winners to sell his own stock.

To produce colour we shall have to resort to the variegated bird, a variegated yellow for preference, and this I prefer on the hen's side. The greatest drawback to these marked birds is that they are of little use on the show-bench except where classes are put on for them. Therefore, I prefer putting a clear cock to a variegated hen, as in this way you breed a larger percentage of clear and ticked birds than by having the variegation on the cock's side. This has always been my experience.

Having the necessary stock birds, I generally pair up about the last week in March, or the first week in April, being guided by the weather and the condition of my birds. The cocks should be singing lustily and calling to the hens which will be flying from perch to perch, flapping their wings, a sure sign that they are in breeding condition. I prefer one cock to one hen, as besides having a larger percentage of full eggs, I think the youngsters are then much larger and stronger. When the hen commences to lay I take away the eggs and substitute a dummy one, replacing her own on the evening of the third day. By this method they all hatch out about the same time and stand an equal chance of being fed. I also remove the cock while the hen is sitting as they often molest her when she has sat a few days, particularly if they are in high breeding condition.

When the Eggs are Hatching.

When the hen is sitting I feed on Spanish canary seed only till the evening of the thirteenth day, when I give about half a teaspoonful of egg food. I supply rape seed in the seed box, and green food after the third day. For green food, I use dandelion for the first round, and lettuce for the second. I never care for dandelion after the first round, as I think it forces the hens too much, thereby causing them to go to nest again before the young can feed themselves.

If the hen seems to slacken in her duties when the young are about a week old, I put on a salt water bath, and also add about as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a threepenny-piece to the drinking water for one half of each day only. I have had hens that had practically given up feeding before I tried this, yet after an hour or so of this treatment they have fed as well as ever. It is wonderful how it cools their system and freshens them up again. Of course there are some cases which nothing will cure, the hen evidently meaning to leave the young altogether. These we shall have to distribute amongst other hens with broods about the same age if we have any, or else hand-feed them, and this hand-feeding I have generally found a wretched failure. They will live for some weeks till you think you are landed, then they will mostly die in spite of all your care. In any case they are not so strong and robust as those reared by their parents.

Bringing Up the Young.

When the young are about twelve days old you should give a little crushed hemp, it helps the hen to satisfy them better, especially if she has a large brood. About this time you may change the nest for a clean one, and also a larger one if necessary. My clean nests I make in the following manner :—Get some nesting material and put in a clean nest-pan, then get a round flint, heat this in the oven; you will find by putting it in your nest-pan for a few minutes you will get a beautiful nest, one far superior to what the hen can make. When about three weeks old the young will be ready to leave the nest, but do not disturb them if their mother does not pluck them, they will get on their own much quicker by being left with their parents.

When I take the young away I put them in a single breeder for a few days till they get accustomed to take the perches properly. If put in a large flight you will often have some with slipped claws, this makes them very unsightly and cripples them if not attended to. When this happens, get a piece of rubber tube, a piece of bicycle pump or a child's feeding-bottle is best, cut this about ¼in. long, catch your bird and with left hand hold the slipped claw back to the leg, the three front claws should be held together, then pass your tube over the three front claws on to the back one, and round the back of the foot, leave this on for at least a month before you take it off again, the result will be a complete cure. One of the best hens I bred last year has been treated in this way, and to-day I don't know on which foot she was a cripple.

After the young have left their parents I feed on crushed hemp (mind this does not become stale), egg-food, and milk sop. I never give any water till they are about six weks eold, and then add some with Parrish's chemical food, putting half a teaspoonful to a drinker; this strengthens them, and also stops them from drinking too much. From now onwards I keep reducing the egg-food, but I do not take them off it altogether. I never give green food after they leave their parents. If any of the youngsters go thick (you can easily tell by their plumage), I at once cage them by themselves and put them on milk sop for a few days, this generally brings them round again.

Negotiating the Moult.

We shall now begin to think about the moult, for the first round youngsters may start any time after they are about ten weeks old, therefore they must be put on colour food, commencing with a very small portion at first, just enough to give the egg-food a crimson tint, till by the time they are casting feathers we have got them on full strength, which is about one in six, that is one spoonful of colour to six of egg-food. This, I think, is strong enough for all practical purposes. My colour food I mix as follows: —To one pound of cold pepper I add two ounces of hot; I never put oil in my colour-food, as I think there is sufficient in it already. I also add about three ounces of castor sugar to the pound, then mix all well together and store in a stone jar. Colour-food in itself is loosening to the bowels, and oil added makes it much more so. Some fanciers add a lot of oil; this, I think, is a great mistake, we want to keep the colour-food in our birds as long as possible, not push it through them by adding oil.

I am a great believer of the bath at all times, especially during the moult, as it helps to cast off the old feathers. I like to moult my birds in the flights, they will come through quicker, and often a much better colour. They are like children at a tea party, and vie with each other, which can eat the most. I like mine to eat about one teaspoonful per bird each day, this must be given regularly, not miss two days and then give one. If you do the latter they will come through patchy in colour.

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Societies and Fanciers Unanimous as to its Merits: First Shows to Join Bradford National and Bournemouth.

THE reception accorded our Championship Competition since we penned last week's notes has been splendidly encouraging. The value and importance of the scheme are evidently already widely recognised. Although our pronouncements to date concerning the matter have been necessarily only in the nature of preliminary ones, and although no matter relating to the scheme, or direct invitations to join, have yet been sent out, two powerful organisations have already signified their intention of adopting Cage Birds Championship Competition at their annual exhibitions. Further, we have received many enquiries from the officials of other societies for complete details of the scheme, whilst the number of applications to hand from fanciers for coupons exceeds our most sanguine expectations.

In returning our thanks to the Fancy for its ready recognition of our desire to advance the hobby and add to the interest and popularity of the shows, we beg to say that we are completing the details of our scheme with every possible speed, and that we hope to have pamphlets explaining it fully in the hands of all our good friends (society officials and exhibitors alike) this week-end, or, at latest, during next week.

Prominent Yorkshireman's Flattering Opinion.

The first two societies to enrol themselves in our Grand Championship Scheme are the Bradford National Show C.B.S., whose fixture is due on Dec. 5, 6 and 8, and the Bournemouth and District C.B.A., whose show is fixed for Nov. 11 and 12. The Bradford National is the third Annual Charity Exhibition held by the Yorkshire enthusiasts, and in writing to us on the subject, Mr. H. Hill, the well-known show secretary, compliments us very cordially upon what he terms "the magnificent scheme." In his opinion it will stimulate interest in every section of the Fancy. He writes:—"I feel convinced that each and all will thoroughly appreciate your marvellous generosity, and the spirit which has prompted the birth of such a universal scheme."

Societies which have signified their interest in our great scheme include the Abèrtillery C.B.S., Cardiff C.B.S., Cheltenham C.B.S., City of Glasgow O.A., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., Manchester and N.C.O.S., Scottish National C.B.S., Sheffield C.B.S. and Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S. As typical of the opinions expressed, we may perhaps be permitted to quote the letter sent us by Mr. G. Broome, secretary of the Abertillery C.B.S. He writes:—"Please forward me on conditions of your Championship Scheme, as I am wishful for our Society to become approved. It is a very generous offer of yours, Mr. Editor, and will put a keenness into the competition at the shows, as well as being a benefit to societies that guarantee in your wonderful paper, Cage Birds. I wish the Scheme success."

We shall, needless to say, welcome applications from all societies desiring to participate in our Championship Competition under the announced conditions; we hope they will write us at once.

Some Things a Society Gain.

Here are a few of the "good things" that come the way of all societies enrolling their annual fixture as one of our Coupon Shows:—

A Competition in which great interest is being evinced all over the United Kingdom, and which will add greatly to the attractiveness of your Annual Show, and appreciably swell the entries thereat, appealing as it does to novices and champions alike.

A sum in cash for the benefit of the funds of your society, as coupons are supplied to secretaries at the rate of 5s. for twelve, to be resold at 6d. each, the profit going to the society.

The addition of two 10s. cash prizes to your special prize list, and twelve diplomas of honour, covering practically every section in your show, for participants in our competition.

Valuable free publicity for your show in the columns of Cage Birds, the attention of exhibitors being specially and prominently drawn to all Coupon Shows throughout the season.

The Pleasant Path of the Exhibitor.

The path of the exhibitor is an equally pleasant one. He will have prizes value at least £200—probably considerably more—to compete for, and all restricted to coupon birds. He can avail himself of numerous chances of competing for them. He has a good and equitable chance, whether he be a champion or a novice, with his brother fanciers. He may, in each of twelve sections, win a considerable sum of money with a very inconsiderable outlay in coupons. Here are just three items that should serve to convince every exhibitor that he simply cannot afford to miss competing in our Championship Competition.

You gain entrance into a competition which adds to the pleasure and interest of your hobby.

Your birds become potential winners of Cage Birds' Diplomas and Cash Prizes of 10s. offered at each Coupon Show, also at the Palace Show of £3, £2, £1, and 10s. cash prizes, in each of the twelve sections, £10 10s. cash for best champion Coupon bird, £10 10s. cash for best novice Coupon bird, and £10 10s. Challenge Shield for best Coupon bird in the Show.

Cage Birds Diplomas of Honour will set the seal of excellence upon your stock—they will ensure holders of them a ready market for their surplus birds.

All the Exhibitor Has to Do.

The procedure is simplicity itself. All that the fancier desirous of competing for our splendid prizes has to do is:—

(1) Buy as many coupons (sixpence each) as he chooses before August 31st next.

(2) When the show comes round at which he wishes to compete for the diploma (or diplomas) and 10s. cash prizes, opposite the number (or numbers) of the bird (or birds) he selects for this purpose, stick one of Cage Birds coupons and write "C.B."—or "C.B. Novice" if he competes in the Novice section.

(3) See that he keeps by him sufficient Coupons to cover the entries he will make in the Grand Finale (open to diploma winners) at the Crystal Palace Show.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of Cage Birds Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in Cage Birds List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

Two Prizes of 10s. Each, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

Twelve Diplomas of Honour will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
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(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
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(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Crystal Palace Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Crystal Palace Authorities, Cage Birds offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show:—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1;
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A Ten Guinea Challenge Shield, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon—one bird—one coupon show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of August, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—No bird entered for this competition may wear a ring, or have any distinguishing mark apart from its natural characteristics.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

All letters concerning the above scheme should be addressed to The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Our Hobby Week by Week.

Your Sins Will Find You Out.

I came to breed yellows from two buffs (as referred to a week or so ago) in this wise. I had always been in the habit of pairing two yellows together at intervals, for the purpose of keeping the colour of my muling stock as rich as possible. A number of years ago I had two nice clear yellows up, big birds, Lancashire-Norwich cross, and fairly closely related. While they were together I conceived an idea. I may as well confess at once that two of my not inconsiderable number of besetting sins are an itch for experimentation and an inability to avoid "argifying" about anything and everything concerning birds. My experiments sometimes leave me a little wiser, generally a little sadder, and invariably bring about my head the scorn of my better-half, who, when my interference (she prefers this word to "experiment") results in some particularly aggravating disaster in the bird-room, reminds me that I am "a pretty sort of expert to make a mess of things like this." The idea that struck me on this occasion was that it would be interesting to mate two yellows out of the progeny of this pair, then two yellows out of their progeny in turn, and so on, and see what happened in the course of the years. I did not waste time trying to resist the temptation.

How to Ruin a Stock of Canaries.

Of course, this was in-breeding with a vengeance; in fact, to a quite indefensible and absurd degree for any purpose other than experimentation. I was pairing brother to sister year after year that had themselves been produced by the mating of bother to sister; and, in addition, utilising yellows only. Now I have no desire to dwell upon this double-yellowing business *ad nauseum*, so will just briefly relate the main happenings. Right up to the end I had no difficulty whatever in getting fertile eggs, but after the third season I fancied I noticed deterioration setting in amongst the youngsters bred—there seemed some loss of vigour and they were certainly thinner and smaller. That this was so in actual fact the two succeeding years proved, for the old birds seemed diffident about going to nest and did not start until late in the season, while I had considerable difficulty in getting them to feed young (I did not wish to resort to foster parents.) The latter, too, were very mean-looking by comparison with the brother and sister first paired together—both bonny birds—being thin, "anæmic," and scantily feathered. In the last season but one I had only four young, one buff hen, two yellow hens and one cock (I bred, by the way, a much larger proportion of hens than cocks for several years.) And two of these (the buff and a yellow) failed to survive the moult.

A Freak From Freak Breeding.

Luckily I had left a hen and the cock. From these I had but one clutch of four eggs. Two of the babies failed to hatch. Another died soon after emerging into the world. The one left was reared only with great trouble, by resorting to hand-feeding, and proved to be a yellow hen; her mother died soon after she was fledged. This youngster was one of the most remarkable birds I have ever seen. She was not particularly small (except by comparison with the original stock) but very slim. Her legs and toes were the thinnest I have ever seen on any Canary—certainly not thicker than an average pin—and claws proportionately tiny, while she had not a vestige of underflue (or small downy feathers) on any part of her body. Her outer plumage (if I may so term it) was good in colour but painfully scanty, and when lifted revealed bare flesh underneath. The beak, too, was weak and almost transparent. I took this bird along to meetings of both the City and Suburban and Highgate and Hampstead C.B. Societies and exhibited it to the members. It certainly seemed to be the kind of freak one would expect to result from freak breeding of this kind.

A Result of Using Concentrated Yellow Blood.

It was during the fourth season that I mated two buffs from these double-yellow pairs, the idea being to see whether this method counteracted the loss of size and stamina. I found that they threw as many yellows amongst their progeny as any orthodox yellow to buff mating ever produces. Of course, while this conclusively proves that two buffs can throw yellows, the conditions were admittedly abnormal, and I have no doubt that two buffs bred in the ordinary way would be unlikely to do so. It was from one of these buff hens, too, that I bred yellow Mules, and really magnificent coloured jonques they were; they fed as "hot as fire" (as show reports term it) at the moult. To make quite sure, I tried them with Linnet, Siskin and Goldfinch, and secured jonque Mules of each variety. Further, some of the buffs (one Linnet Mule in particular) were so level and rich in colour and fine in quality of feather that they puzzled those expert in such things; unless seen side by side with jonques out of the same nest it was not easy to make up one's mind as to whether they were mealies or yellows. This, no doubt, was accounted for by the presence of so much concentrated yellow blood, so to speak, in the veins of the buff hens that bred them.

G. E. Weston,

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

DOUBTFUL SITTING (J.M.).—You have not the slightest reason to doubt the hatching of the eggs in question, provided they are fertile. I have not the least doubt myself of them hatching successfully subject to that condition, notwithstanding that the hen did a lot of "gadding about" for two days after the eggs were returned to the nest for setting. Glad you find CAGE BIRDS and "Canary Breeding for Beginners" so helpful.

SITS IN EMPTY NEST (A. S. Cheesman).—Your feeding is not by any means the best that could be, but still at this season no special feeding at all should be required to bring any healthy normal hen into good breeding condition. Probably the hen is of an abnormal type, in which the ovaries remain dormant for a time, and you might have seen several replies about the treatment of this type of hen in the last few issues, and also, I fancy, in the present issue. If she still sits without laying, try to procure a clutch of common eggs of some British Finch, if no Canary eggs can be obtained, and place under her to hatch and rear if she will do so. It is quite possible she may successfully bring up a brood thus provided, and afterwards go to nest on her own account, and breed in a normal manner. If this method does not succeed, separate the birds for a fortnight, remove nest box and material, and treat hen the same as advised to "Jack, Watford," last week. Then try her again, and if she again fails, separate her and turn her into a flight or aviary until next spring.

HEN PLUCKING YOUNG (T. C.).—You have done quite right to cage young by themselves, as soon as they could feed themselves on egg-food, but seeing that the plucking did not commence until the young were sixteen days old, you might have prevented it going so far by removing young and nest altogether, and placing them in a nursery cage, and hanging on front of the breeding cage in such a position that the hen could comfortably feed the young through the wires, but not reach far enough to pluck them. The cock might then have been returned to the hen, a fresh nest-pan and material provided, and arrangements would doubtless have proceeded for a second brood, whilst both parents would have taken a share in feeding the young during the final stage. The tails will certainly grow again after a brief interval. Keep watch over the youngsters, and if they show signs of starting to pluck each other when the new tails first appear, you will have to cage them separately—or at least the culprit—until the plumage is fully grown.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's "Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*) *No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London E.C.*

MOST HARMFUL STAGE (Canuck).—Frankly I do not know at what stage of incubation thunder is most harmful to eggs, or rather, as it should be, to the embryos contained therein. The effect of thunder in this direction is, in my opinion, practically nil; therefore, I do not suppose one stage is really any more susceptible to a negative effect than any other.

NORWICH COCK MOPY (G. T.).—It is quite possible the bird may be about dropping into an early moult, in which case you will doubtless have found a stray feather or two cast by this time. Treat as follows for two or three weeks. Keep in a bright, airy place, but out of direct draughts. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of scalded rape, and twice a week add a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece for three consecutive days. After this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of Chemical Food, continuing the latter for a fortnight.

ARE THEY LIZARDS? (Brabote).—Sorry, but I really cannot decide from the particulars before me whether the birds are Lizards, or, as you say, some foreign Finches or Linnet Mules. There is nothing whatever in what you say to suggest they are not pure Lizards, except the "call" or chirp which, by your rendering, is certainly not Canary-like. The song and call-notes of Lizards are, of course, precisely the same as any other fancy Canary which is not a trained singer—say, for example, Borders, Norwich, or common untrained Germans. The colour and markings of the cock are not really inapplicable to a pure Lizard, in which the spangling is imperfect and runs more or less into lines, and the ground colour perhaps "mossy." Such a bird would need to be mated with a hen exceptionally clear in ground colour, and distinct in spangling, and as you say the hens are speckled like a "Lizard Canary illustration," it seems reasonable to suppose you have a trio of properly matched pure Lizards. If you still have doubts, could not you get some fancier near you to look at the birds and decide the matter. You might treat as advised to "Jack, Watford," last week, to bring them forward more quickly.

YOUNG DYING (Alf. Shaw).—The cause of the young dying undoubtedly lies in your method of feeding, but I cannot tell definitely just where the error lies from the particulars you give. I rather suspect it is in the preparation of your egg food. Try the following method. When young are separated from parents, give an unlimited supply of good sound canary in the hopper, and place on top of it a teaspoonful of summer rape daily. Give also, for every two birds, a teaspoonful of egg food each morning, made of two parts stale bread crumbs to one part egg, and sprinkle with maw seed. Use only fresh eggs, and do not add any moisture other than what is contained naturally in the egg. Towards evening throw out any remains of the egg food, and substitute teaspoonful of freshly cracked hemp for every two birds. As occasional changes give a little bread and milk in the morning instead of egg food, and substitute a similar quantity of soaked rape for the hemp in the afternoon. Give a small spray of seedy chickweed, shepherd's purse, plantain stalks, or seed heads of dandelion every now and again to help keep the birds occupied. See that all seeds and foods, especially hemp, are sound and good. Give fresh pure water daily, keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and offer a bath daily whilst weather is warm. Continue this treatment until young are six weeks old, then withhold the egg-food for a day now and again, the hemp ditto, and gradually bring birds on to same dietary as the adults.

WAS IT RESENTMENT? (Crest).—(1) If you only went close to cage and peeped into nest to see if young were all in order, I do not think it at all likely that the hen was so vile as to crush three of her babies to death as a form of protest against your inquisitiveness. If the one chick had a good start over the others, this might explain the catastrophe, as it is not rare for a poor feeder, or a highly strung nervous hen to favour any chick palpably more vigorous than the others, and allow the others to perish. On the other hand, either the hen or the chicks may have been temporarily deranged, and only "picked-up" in time to save the one chick, the other three being too weak to get over the set-back." Of course, you cannot peep into nest without going near cage. If the hen is obviously nervous, when next brood arrives try to see if young are all right when she is feeding them, or if you try to look in nest whilst hen is feeding, go about it quietly and methodically, without excitement, and imitate hen's call with your lips, which will, in most cases, cause young to raise their heads and "gape," when you may easily and quickly count them and note their condition. Leave a choice morsel of fresh green food behind you on such occasions. (2) No, most decidedly, I do not favour giving mixed seed and hemp indiscriminately to sitting hens. As your experiment has shown, it is very apt to work differently in practice to what theory suggests. If a mixture of canary and rape forms the staple diet at ordinary times, it is, of course, proper to continue this mixture during incubation.

NO EGGS APPEARING (R. Miller).—Most certainly I would not deny the possibility of incompatibility occurring among birdy couples, but even so, it is not anything of this kind that you must look for to explain your birds' behaviour. It is solely due to a dormant condition of the ovary of the hen, and she would act the same if mated with any other cock. The position of your cage does not tend to improve matters, and with such a hen as the one in question, would undoubtedly retard rather than help to bring her into proper condition for breeding. Try the following treatment: Take away the cock, and the nest pan, and all nesting material for a week. Keep cock where she can hear him sing, or both see and hear him every second day for a week. Add to the drinking water 20 drops of gin, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece. Give a small teaspoonful of crushed spongecake, in which you have mixed three finely minced fat mealworms, every second day. Give a small "stool" of dandelion split across the crown, so that she may nibble at root as well as leaves, and renew this as often as it loses its freshness. Also give a liberal supply of dandelion seed heads. At end of week return the cock; continue same feeding; but add to the water six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Give just a tuft of nesting material and withhold nest pan until hen betrays a desire to build by carrying the material about. If she again begins to sit in nest pan when provided, try giving her a clutch of common eggs to hatch and rear if she will do so.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GREENFINCH-YELLOWHAMMER AND OTHER (L.S.D.).—I must say I admire your pluck in trying a dip into the unknown. One never knows what rarities may be produced, and you may be the fortunate one to succeed where others have failed. Your feeding appears to be correct, excepting that you make no mention of wild food. Whatever you do, don't omit this: give rather too much than too little. The birds will possibly find something among a handful of it that escapes your notice. If you can manage to get them to eat some good insectivorous food, it will be a step in the right direction. The following makes a good food: Biscuit, dried flies, and ant eggs, 1 part each, meat meal and grocer's currants ½ part each. Hybrids have been reared upon this mixture.

HYBRID BREEDING IN SMALL AVIARY (J.W.W.).—If you do as you propose that is, partition off two feet of your bird house, you will only have room for one pair for Hybrid breeding with British birds, or a cock British bird and two hen Canaries. If you can only spare the two feet your better plan would be to divide it into two, with a false bottom about three feet from the ground. That would give you two flights, each the width of the building, which you say is four feet, making each flight 4ft. by 3ft. by 2ft., so that you would be able to accommodate two pairs for Hybrid breeding. Your chances of success would be far greater with them in this way, than by putting them into the whole of the divided portion. I am afraid you will not be able to retain your plant as a healthy growing specimen under the same roof as the birds, even if they are supplied with an abundance of green food. Birds in confined spaces are always on the lookout for something to do, and to nip the leaves off your plant would be to them "great fun."

AVIARY MATTERS (G.I.).—Your aviary appears to be nicely arranged, and the number of birds is not too many for ordinary purposes, but is too many for Hybrid breeding. You say you have two hen Canaries and two hen Bullfinches, and wish to mate with these three cock Goldies and one Linnet. The hens are all right, but three cock Goldies would be a mistake; they simply waste their time sparring with each other instead of attending to the hens. This you have already had evidence of by one of the Canaries having a clutch of clear eggs. I would advise you to watch them closely, and notice which of the Goldies is most attentive to the hens. If he is constantly following one about, he will probably pair with that one, and for the time take no notice of the others. If this should happen to be one of the Bullfinches, I should feel inclined to take out the other two Goldies, straight away, so as to leave them a good chance of nesting without interference. Anyway, I think you would do well to have only two cock birds in with the hens, and my experience is that they should be birds of different species. It is probably one of the Goldies that has broken the eggs laid by the Bullfinch. Do not forget to have an abundance of nesting materials about the aviary. If there is a shortage, a hen will proceed to pull a neighbour's nest to pieces to construct her own little home.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part* 1 *"Hardbills"* (1/1), *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No.* 1 *"Goldfinch," No.* 2 *"Linnet," No.* 11 *"Bullfinch," No.* 13 *"Chaffinch," No.* 15 *"Greenfinch," No.* 22 *"Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No.* 9 *"Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No.* 12 *"How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C."*

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

CAGE FOR A NIGHTINGALE (M.C.M.).—If the Lark's cage which you have is one of the usual bow-fronted cages, it would not be suitable for the keeping of a Nightingale. A Nightingale likes a cage which affords it some degree of privacy, and the ordinary bow-fronted Lark's cage is quite the opposite of this. You will find a suitable cage illustrated in our Nutshell No. 25 (2½d. post free from our publisher). The Nutshell contains also much useful information as to the proper feeding and keeping of the Nightingale and many other of the smaller insectivorous birds.

FEEDING A THRUSH, ETC. (Novice, Wimbledon).—You may make sufficient of the stock-food to last for a whole day, or, if you have the opportunity, you may make a smaller portion, and give it twice or thrice daily. The oftener you can make it, the more desirable, but once a day, given in the morning, is sufficient; if it is not convenient to give it more often. Of course, the bird will require live food, such as mealworms, small garden worms, grubs, or insects, given at intervals during the day. Nothing is better than a snail or two daily; these will afford the bird considerable healthy exercise if a good sized stone is provided in the bottom of the cage against which he can crack the shells. What the snail thinks about it is another matter. If your bird is a cock, he should be now in full song, especially as you seem to be feeding him in the best manner. It is quite possible that it is a hen. The sexing of Thrushes is a very difficult matter. Many methods have been suggested as making this more or less easy, one of them was illustrated last week in our columns (see page 486), but I have yet to be convinced that, with an individual adult bird, it is at all easy. My own opinion is that, generally, the cocks are more "snaky" in the appearance of the head, and less profusely marked than the females; but this is all a question of degree, and one needs not to be too dogmatic. If I had a bird such as yours, which was caged before you got it, and has been properly kept in your possession for two months, and it did not sing in the month of June, I should conclude it was a hen. (2) You should not keep your Linnets entirely upon a packet mixture. Such mixtures are good for a change, or as an addition to the ordinary stock food. At this time of year the stock food for a Linnet should consist of canary three parts, teazle two parts, German rape and charlock one part each. Later, some linseed will help to give gloss to the new feathers produced during the moult, and in the winter some hemp seed might with advantage be added. Good "Finch mixtures" and "Wild seed mixtures" are advertised in our columns, and these should be offered in addition to the stock food. Full particulars of the proper feeding of a Linnet at different seasons are given in our Nutshell No. 2, and for a Thrush and other large insectivorous birds in Nutshell No. 26 (2½d. each, post free, from our publishers, or twopence each from your local dealer or newsagent). I cannot gather much from your information that one of your Linnets "is continually looking down at his feet." Linnets are now in full breeding condition, and one of their habits is to "feed their feet," that is, they disgorge food from their crops and put pieces on the perch between their toes. Perhaps this is the case with your bird.

ABOUT A GREENFINCH (T. M. W.).—There is no doubt that your three-year-old Greenfinch will be able to find food for itself if given its freedom. As to the probability of its breeding, it would have of course to wait until next year, as all the Greenfinch ladies are engaged for the present season. Next spring he would have to find, if he could, a mate who did not mind being an "old man's darling." It will not matter if he fails, for there are plenty of Greenfinches about. Your Canary query has been sent on to our Mr. St. John, who will doubtless answer you next week. Queries for different departments should be written on separate sheets of paper. Your one sheet, written on both sides, contained an advertisement, a British bird query, and a Canary query!

YOUNG THRUSH AND ITS PLUMAGE (J. O. M.).—It would be an easy matter to cleanse the plumage if you are able to hand-wash the bird. Failing this, give it every opportunity of bathing in soft water, either in clean rain water, or in boiled water, to which has been added enough borax powder to nicely soften it. Thrushes are very fond of bathing, and the bird should soon cleanse itself. In any case, it will not be long now before it moults, and the new plumage will come all right. Your query on hybrids has been forwarded to our Mr. Norman, who will answer in our next issue. Have you not noticed that Mr. Weston does not now answer these queries? The British queries now come to me, and Mr. Norman answers those referring to Hybrids.

IDENTITY OF YOUNG BIRDS (W.P.).—From your slight description the birds would appear to be Greenfinches. The Greenfinch builds in such a place as you describe, and the nest, so far as the lining of hair and moss is concerned, is "neat and tidy," as you say. The young birds would correspond with your description, excepting that I cannot quite follow your statement that they are "greenish brown and black on their backs." If their general colour is dull olive green, with brownish streaks on throat, breast, and flanks, and if they have yellow edging to their wings and tail feathers you may conclude they are Greenfinches.

CLAWS MISSING (Hopeful).—It all depends upon whether the two missing claws have been torn completely off, or simply broken. If the former, there is little hope of the bird ever reproducing them, although it is said that claws so torn out do sometimes make a reappearance. The claw or nail is really the first joint of the toe, and if this is lost completely I cannot see how it can be replaced. If it is simply broken off short, it will grow again.

FOOD FOR A BLACKBIRD (W. T., Peckham).—The food you are using is not sufficiently nutritious. It should be supplemented by some ants' cocoons, dried flies, and fine meat-meal. Why not get our Nutshell No. 26, 2½d. post free, from our publisher, or twopence from your local newsagent, or bird-shop keeper? This gives very full directions for the proper feeding and keeping of Blackbirds, and other large insectivorous birds. As for the quantity of stock food, your bird will tell you whether you are giving sufficient daily. If he clears it all up before the day is out, it is evidence he wants more. If there is a little left each morning, it is proof that he is having sufficient. Once a day is often enough, but twice a day is better, as the food, when once moistened, does not improve by keeping. Apart from the quality of your stock food, your method of feeding seems quite all right.

GOLDFINCH AILING (E. A. Avery).—I cannot gather from your letter if your feeding is correct. "Different kinds of seed" conveys nothing. A good stock mixture would consist of teasle, and canary two parts each, linseed, charlock, and German rape, half part each. Give also a teaspoonful of sound hemp seed or cracked sunflower seed daily. Wild seeds of any kind obtainable are most essential to the well-being of a Goldfinch. If you cannot gather these yourself, get some packet wild seed from a reliable dealer, and give this separately from the stock mixture described above. You must, also, not forget green food, and here again freshly gathered weeds are best—dandelion heads, young dandelion leaves, shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, etc. Failing these, lettuce leaves, cress, or rape seedlings, which may easily be grown. In the drinking water dissolve twice a week as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a threepenny piece, and continue this as long as the bowels do not become "watery loose." Afterwards, give a dose occasionally. Try the above treatment for a month, and if you will report progress at the end of that time, I will do my best to help you if anything remains wrong. You should get Nutshell No. 1 (2½d. post free from our publisher, or twopence from your local newsagent or bird dealer). This will tell you all about Goldfinches and their proper feeding.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); *or Part* 1 *"Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part* 2 *"Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No.* 1 *"Goldfinch," No.* 2 *"Linnet," No.* 3 *"Skylark," No.* 4 *"Song Thrush and Blackbird," No.* 11 *"Bullfinch," No.* 13 *"Chaffinch," No.* 15 *"Greenfinch," No.* 22 *"Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No.* 25 *"Small Insectivorous Birds," No.* 26 *"Large Insectivorous Birds," No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No.* 9 *"Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No.* 12 *"How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154. *Fleet Street, London,* E.C.

A FLEDGLING SPARROW (Sparrow).—Your bird should go on all right under the care of its Canary foster-parents. As they are feeding it well you cannot do better than leave well alone.

COLOUR FEEDING (Blackbird).—You will find directions given with the colour food as supplied by the makers. About half the strength recommended for Canaries will be quite sufficient for a Blackbird or a Thrush. It should be given throughout the moult. It would have no effect after the bird has got its new feathers.

A STRANGE BIRD (Kilbarchan). I am sorry that I cannot help you in the matter of identification. I confess I do not know of any British bird that lays "whitish eggs with straw-coloured markings" in a "hay and horsehair nest in a gooseberry bush," and which answers your description—"about the size of a Linnet, reddish brown back, greyish head, white on the belly, and looks to have a collar on." Perhaps some reader may be able to assist.

IDENTITY OF YOUNG BIRDS (Novice).—Your birds would not be Wagtails. Wagtails do not nest in bramble bushes; they build generally in holes in banks, or in a wall, anywhere where there is an overhead covering, although their nests may be sometimes found in old ivy. Although your description of the eggs and the plumage of the young does not quite tally with either the one or the other, I think there is little doubt that your birds are Greenfinches. When the birds get a little older you will be able to make sure of their identity. Any kind of small smooth caterpillar would be good for them, and any small insects, spiders, etc., that you may be able to find. When the young birds are able to feed themselves give them cracked hemp, dandelion seed, thistle and canary seed, with a little green food; groundsel heads, chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc., and gradually get them on to a diet such as recommended in Nutshell No. 15, The Greenfinch (2½d. post free, from our publisher, or 2d. from your local newsagent or bird dealer).

A CAGE MADE FROM A BOX (E. L. Curbishley, jun.).—Your box, 4ft. 6ins. long and 1ft. 4ins. wide, would provide exactly six square feet floor space, and you might keep in it any number up to half-a-dozen of the smaller Finches, say a Redpoll, Siskin, Linnet, Twite, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch. The height, 1ft. 6ins., is not much, and more than half-a-dozen would be inadvisable; less would be better. You would not be likely to be successful in breeding British birds in such a cage, unless you limited the occupants to one pair. The perches should be fixed from front to back, and you will find a convenient fixing for the inside ends illustrated in last week's issue, page 486. These should be of varying thickness, say, from that of a lead pencil up to half-an inch; the difference in the thickness of the perches will give considerable exercise to the toes of the birds when jumping from one to another. You might also have one along the cage near to the front, like the one illustrated; this will give the birds something to perch upon when taking their food and water, which should be provided in outside vessels. If you make a door in one end of a convenient size you might introduce a seed-hopper, to hang on the back of the cage, and to contain a mixture of three parts canary to one of rape, leaving the front seed vessel or vessels free for tit-bits and wild seed mixture. As for the prices of the birds, you will be able to gather these from our advertising columns. It depends entirely upon whether you will be satisfied with unmoulted specimens, or whether you buy these which someone else has already moulted, and, in the latter case, whether you want exhibition birds or merely ordinary specimens. You will suit your own taste or your own pocket in the matter.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BRONZE MANNIKIN (J.R.).—It is quite possible that old age may have something to do with the condition of your bird. Once a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on other days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates. Put a millet spray in the cage; picking out the seeds will give exercise that will be for the bird's well being. Also supply green food daily—seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel heads, lettuce, etc; even if it does not eat much, picking it over will keep it from moping, and doubtless supply it with a small insect or two. Do not put it in a draughty or exposed position, but it will be better to hang it out of doors on all warm days, but, while the sun should shine into the cage, it should not be allowed to shine directly on the top of it for any lengthy period. If it does not bathe, spray it, and put a little quassia extract in the water you use; supply grit and cuttlebone.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (Bird Lover).—It is evident that from some cause your birds are not in breeding condition, and many birds are moulting at the present time; from your remarks I am of the opinion that one pair will go to nest very shortly. From now till September the room window should be left open day and night, the window, of course, should be covered with wire netting. Do not have any perching accommodation which comes in a direct line between window and door or fire-place. Cuttlebone and grit must be always in the room. Supply as much seeding grass as they care to eat, also a tin of crushed oats. For one month put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day. Very probably yours are young birds; if so, so much the better for you, even though they have tried your patience by a lengthy period of not settling. The probability is that as soon as the shedding of plumage ceases, both pairs will go to nest.

AILING COCKATOO (G.A.).—The bird is steadily ruining its digestion by the bit-of-everything diet. Living loose about the house is excellent, but cannot you have something wholesome on hand to offer it when it comes and clamours to share your meal. Cut off the supply of ham and eggs, and also all tea, coffee, or milk sops—it can have such things as boiled rice (sweetened), bread and butter (only a little), plain biscuit, nuts, and in limited quantity, say, a small piece per diem, raw fat bacon or ham. Cuttlebone, grit, and its seed mixture, ripe fruit, and such green food as it will take, should form part of the daily menu. For a month put it on a course of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water), and Byno-phosphates (half teaspoonful in the drinking water), the former to be given every fourth day, and the latter when not giving the former. It will be well to withhold the green food for a fortnight, while the remedies are taking effect, and then give it only in small quantities at first. Report progress in a month.

FEATHER PULLING (Min. F.B.).—The habit of feather pulling in birds which have been properly fed and treated is a vice, and, once persisted in, it gradually increases for the worse, and frequently becomes rather pronounced in aged birds. I should certainly give Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently frequently to keep the bowels moving quite freely; if you stir the water at intervals during the day the bird will get the benefit of it, or if the bird will take it, let it sip at half a teaspoonful just as it comes from the bottle, or administer a few drops at a time straight to the beak, but it can be effectively given in the water as above. Take all water away over-night, and then give the prepared water the next morning; usually the bird is ready for a drink at once, then stir the water at intervals during the day; you must use a glass or china drinker. The Byno-phosphates can be procured from any of the large stores—it is a stock preparation; give this most days when not giving the magnesia. The booklet will give you all details as to regular dietary, but with a bird like this, a sudden change should not be made, it should be gradual. Get a bottle of Spratts' "Pennacura," and anoint the bare area every other day, but you must only use a little, not sufficient to run amongst and grease the plumage. During the warm weather put the bird out of doors on all suitable days, on all occasions letting it have all the air and light possible without draught. Spray it twice a week with a tepid quassia solution. Report progress in a few weeks.

SHOW CAGES (J.W.J.). A good colour for the interior of show cages is pale whitish-sage green for the Java Sparrows and a dead sage green (not too dark, at the same time not bright) for the Budgerigars. A bright variegated green like the garment of a Budgerigar stands out well against a dull sage, or dull green of almost any hue, and also harmonises well. There are very few birds that don't look well in such a setting.

RANGE OF SPECIES (C. H. Heal).—Pink-cheeked (Grey) Waxbills; Senegambia, Equatorial, and South Africa. Java Sparrows; Java, Sumatra and Malacca. Spice Finches; India and Ceylon. Combassous; the several races are found in Senegambia, North, South, and East Africa. This is a matter of taste, but Gouldian, Diamond, Long-tailed Grass, Ruficauda, Painted, and Crimson Finches are beautiful, most of them gorgeous, but the last named is very combative, and you must be careful what you associate it with. Then again there is beauty and colour of a quieter character; there are few more beautiful than Lavender Finches, Cordon Bleus, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Firefinches, Blue-breasted Waxbills, Hooded and Black-headed Siskins. Also the Weavers in breeding plumage are very gorgeous, but then many are combative or obstreperous. All the above are kept in outdoor aviaries.

LOVEBIRDS (M. Vasey).—I cannot even guess from so meagre a description what Lovebirds you have, as green-breasted would practically apply to them all, and I have never heard one by the popular name of Green-breasted. However, the treatment given in the Budgerigar Nutshell will meet the needs of practically the whole of the Lovebirds, and if you describe the plumage generally of your birds, I can then tell you what they are. Lovebirds seldom bathe; mostly they (in a state of nature) take their baths amid dewy grass and foliage. Most Lovebirds do breed, but it is in outdoor aviaries. You have no need to buy all sorts of seed, it is very wasteful—canary and white millet seed, a millet spray, and green food (seeding grass, lettuce, etc.), about meet their simple wants. Cuttlebone, grit, and water, should be continually in their cage. Their demeanour is about normal.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (B. C. Twiss).—Continue the treatment with this exception, give him two mixtures, each in a separate tin, one to consist of the seeds it eats freely, and the other of the seeds it mostly refuses—you will find it will take a few of these occasionally. Continue to give the magnesia, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. In addition to ripe fruit (try it with sweet apple, banana, orange, or anything going), it can have nuts, plain biscuit (dry or moistened with the phosphate water). Except for modifications given above, continue the previous treatment; give the bird all the light and air possible without draught, putting it out of doors on suitable days (not where the sun shines directly on to the top of the cage for any lengthy period), and in a month's time report progress again, but I anticipate the trouble will have almost disappeared. Do not neglect the spraying.

TOLD IT'S A PARRAKEET (Stoker).—Your bird is a Roseate Cockatoo, and worth a pound or 25 shillings. I should never give up hope of a Parrot or Cockatoo talking; nevertheless there are many of this species which do not talk, and others which talk really well, but more of the former. Considering the bird is so tame, tricky, and intelligent, I should certainly persevere with it, it may prove responsive, at any rate to the extent of a word or two. Fondle with it, and make a thorough pet of it, and you can talk to it at such times; but the best time for it to prove receptive is when it is quiet and restful. At such periods, the quiet, steady, repetition of a word or two, or some simple name to begin with, should yield some result. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot" tells you how to teach a Parrot to talk, and the dietary of the two species is very similar.

SEED FOR COCKATOOS (E.A.B.N.).—Please accept my apologies if I misread your query (I do not retain queries). I will now rectify it. One quart each canary seed, white millet, and oats; one pint each maize, wheat, dari, sunflower, and hemp, half-a-pint each paddy rice, shelled nuts, and half-a-handful of chilies. Well mix the whole and keep supply in cage. Cuttlebone and grit must be regularly supplied. The birds can also have stale crusts, crust of toast (dry), plain biscuit, nuts to crack, also green food, and, of course, water regularly. Some Cockatoos like a piece of boiled potato, also boiled rice, and neither is unwholesome in moderate quantity.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure them,"* No. 9 *"The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.,"* No. 14 *"Gouldian Finches,"* No. 16 *"Avadavats,"* No. 17 *"The Grey Parrot,"* No. 18 *"Budgerigars,"* No. 19 *"The Pekin Robin,"* No. 20 *"Waxbills." A 1 thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet St., London, E.C.*

AVIARY QUERIES (Thos. J. James).—First let me say that the cold of the present season following the first warm spell, has cost the lives of many birds from pneumonia and other causes. Cardinals, Budgies, Lovebirds, and Cockatiels will usually survive any English winter, even in somewhat exposed situations, providing they have a warm shelter (not heated) to retire to at night. For a N.W. situation, wind blowing right through is bad, even in warm weather, terrible during such gales as at present, and this side would be better permanently glass; moreover, every aviary ought to have a shed shelter, well lighted, with an opening to give the birds ingress and egress from the flight. I suggest you sending me a rough ground plan and elevation, with a stamped addressed envelope for reply (per the Editor), and I will mark up the plan, so as to make the best of the position, according to my mind; but you must clearly mark up the aspect, then I hope to be able to help you. Personally I have never succeeded in entirely excluding mice from my aviaries; at the same time I have never had birds killed by them. Kindly send me the plan asked for, also a list of the birds you have lost, and I hope to assist you definitely.

FIREFINCHES (C. Ward-Hunt).—Firefinches are not what you may call commonly bred in England, though mostly a brood, or more, has been reared annually of late years. Your food is very liberal, and they really ought to have reared the young thereon. If more are hatched I would supply a little insectile mixture (soft food), and also a few live ants' eggs. A small dish of sponge cake moistened with boiled milk would do no harm, and might assist towards success, but I presume the cold winds have been responsible for the present failure. Keep millet sprays in the aviary when they are feeding young.

AVIARY QUERIES (Breeder).—I can only give you a general idea and not a definite answer, as you give me no idea of size, etc. Birds will not do well in a place which is practically sunless; you must insert a square of glass in roof, side, or end, so as to remedy this defect. Again, you ought to have a small all-wire cage, except the bottom, outside the window, so that the birds could go out and get a rain or sun bath when they desire—it need not be large. I can say nothing yet about quantity, but Cockatiels, Budgerigars, and Lovebirds will live together in amity, and breed providing they are not overcrowded. When thoroughly accustomed to you they also soon begin to get tame, crowd round the food dish while you are filling it, etc., but much depends on the size and also the lighting arrangement of your small place, and I cannot be more definite till I get more details.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. H. Rawlins.—We have sent your notification to the "Racing Pigeon," where it is more likely to meet the eye of the owner of the bird.

A. J. Rea.—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion, and shall be pleased to give it consideration. We published some years ago the lecture by the gentleman you name.

A.P.—No. 1 sample is too full of dirt and bits of rubbish to commend itself to us. No. 2 is very clean, and on the whole good, though we notice a small percentage of discoloured kernels when a portion is cracked. We have seen better hemp than either of your samples.

Sion Mills.—The grasses you send have been identified for us as: (1) Tall fescue grass, (2) sweet vernal grass, (3) many-headed wood-rush, (4) creeping fescue, (5) wood fescue, (6) purple-flowered small-reed. The grass recommended by Mr. Weston was the common meadow grass (the seeding heads).

A.S.T.—You must be guided by the photographer. If he says there is not sufficient light in the bird-room to take a "quick" picture, then flashlight is the only solution. The latter would no doubt startle the birds considerably, and if you decide to take the risk, let it be done just before dusk so as to leave the birds light by which to settle down again.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—June 21, Bernt's Rooms, Cwm Street, 7.30. To accept entries for F.F. show, June 28. Judge, Mr. J. R. Leach.—Geo. Broome.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—June 17, St. Thomas, Ardwick, Old School Room, 8. First Feather business. Open question night.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—June 15, Ashton Market, 2. Ramble to Marple and district, Gee Cross car. Leader, L. Fearns. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. R. Colville.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—June 18, Mr. Hammingham's, 7. Nest feather show business. Very important.—R. Peart.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 14, Red Lion Hotel, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley.—F. Gelder.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Second ramble, June 22. Meet at Edestown, 2 p.m., for Kingmoor, Rockcliff, etc.—John Bell.

Craghead C.B.S.—June 14, Punch Bowl Inn, 7.30. Meeting a week before its time on account of Anfield Plain show.—Alf Dawson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Thursday, June —, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To fix date young bird show, also elect judge; important business re open show.—E. Thomas.

[No date given. We presume June 19 is intended.—Ed.]

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—June 14, J. Waugh's Dun Cow Inn, 7. Special business re hall for open show. Schedules for N.F. show and other business.—R. Ward.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 14, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Completing classification for old show.—W. Helliwell.

Clydebank C.B.C.—June 17, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Completing arrangements for F.F. show.—William Kane.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—June 16, headquarters, 8.30 Orders for colour-feed; schedules re young stock show, and other very important business.—H. Saunders.

Coventry O.S.—June 18, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Young stock show business.—A. J. Barratt.

Darwen F.A.—June 21, Livesey Fold, 2.30. Meeting and show; all sections.—J. C. Riley.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 15, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. New members specially invited.—B. Robinson.

East Lothian C.B.S.—June 13, usual place, 8.15. Appointment of judges.—J. McHolme.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—June 14, Wesley Place School, 3. Members F.F. show. Judge, Mr. G. R. Rushworth. Birds staged at 3.—W. A. Brown.

Garston B.B.A.—June 19, Earp Street School Rooms, 8. Final arrangements for nest feather show.—A. Wilkinson.

Great Horton O.S.—June 14, Butcher's Arms, 8. Also open F.F. show at 3. Judge, P. Mason. Birds staged at 3.15. 8 classes for Yorks and 4 Norwich.—J. Holroyd.

Heywood C.B.S.—June 17. Ramble round Ashworth. Mr. Hilton taking charge. Meet at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, 7.—Jas. Greenhalgh.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—June 19, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Arrangements for F.F.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—June 18, St. George's Hall, 7.30. N.F. show. Judge, Mr. E. Woodhead. Visitors heartily invited.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 14, Crown Inn, 7. F.F. show business. Schedules, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 14, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey). Entries day of show; also to receive the L.B. & T. schedule.—J. L. Hudson.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 18, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Schedules ready for nest feather show.—J. Cook.

Lochgelly and Dist. C.B.S.—June 14, Drill Hall, 7. General business.—R. Muir.

London and P.O.S.—June 19, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary.—C. W. Law.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—June 19, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8.30. Important business. New members please attend; visitors invited.—F. Moore.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—June 23, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. show business and ordering of colour-feed, etc.—H. Boothman.

Morley C.B.S.—June 13, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Entries for June 14 show; birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. H. H. Clark, Bradford.—J. Rhodes.

Nelson, Colne C. & C.B.S.—June 19, Mr. Fulton's shop, 8.30. Entries for young show.—J. Speak.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—June 19, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting, open show, etc.—J. W. Reed.

North London C.B.A.—June 18, headquarters, 8. Young stock table show.—P. W. Jeffries.

North Staffs Roller C.C.—June 14, Evan's Cafe, High Street, Newcastle, 7. Arrangements for members' show. Members bring a friend.—J. Tomlinson.

North Wales C.B.S.—June 13, Assembly Rooms, 8. Show business, etc., for day of show.—R. E. Griffith.

Oldham C.B.A.—June 17, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for F.F. show and other show business. Fanciers please attend.—James Cope.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 19, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, 8. Lecture on Yorkshire Canary by Mr. Easterling. Fanciers invited.—E. Meades.

Pontypridd F. & F.S.—June 14, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers and other important business.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—June 13, Fleece Hotel, 8. Entries for F.F. show, 8 to 10.30. Show, June 14. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley. Birds staged 2.30.—Hugh Raistrick.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 18, Temperance Club, 8. Entry night for F.F. show, 9.30., latest time accepted.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—June 15, Club Rooms, 8.30. F.F. show.—R. Blincoe.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—June 16, Victoria Hotel, 8.—P. Drake.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 14. Ramble. Meet at Intake Tram Terminus, 2.30 p.m. Ladies specially invited. All fanciers welcomed.—A. Hobson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 16, headquarters. Presentation of prizes.—J. Bamford.

[No time stated.—Ed.]

Thatto Heath O.S.—June 16, Railway Hotel, 8. Show business. Distribution of schedules.—H. Cuttler.

Walthamstow F.A.—June 19, Trinity Churchroom, West Avenue, Walthamstow, 8.30.—H. Cooper.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 17, Dartmouth Hotel, 7.30. N.F. show. Fanciers invited and given a hearty welcome.—W. G. Andrews.

West of Fife C.B.L.—June 21, headquarters, 7. Final show business.—Jas. Cordery.

West Stanley C.B.S.—June 14, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Annual show business.—W. Elliott.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 14, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' F.F. show. Entries taken Friday 8 to 11 p.m. Judge, Mr. J. Broadley (Windhill).—Taylor and Ellis.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—June 14, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Tenders for printing, etc.—H. Hill.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

B. K. Gott.—Heat apoplexy or congestion of the lungs, with rupture of a blood vessel. I do not think the Weaver had anything to do with it, but of course any fright could induce this trouble. I find it more common in summer weather, when the heat, if too closely confined, inhibits the heart's action and brings about a congested condition of the blood vessels in the lungs.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The members of the Sunderland C.B.A. took a ramble to Corbridge, May 31. The afternoon was lovely. Arriving at Corbridge at 2.30, we started straight for the country, and were not long before we were in one of the loveliest little spots imaginable. The birds were in full song, and wild flowers were blooming in profusion. We passed Hadyn Castle, and it was not long before Jimmy Walker discovered a Thrush's nest with four young ones about a fortnight old, looking in the pink of condition. A little further, and we found the Blackbird's nest with three eggs; also a Chaffinch's with four young, about a week old. We also found the Yellowhammer's nest with three eggs, low down on the ground. We travelled along, passed Beaufront Castle, and found a nest of young Chaffies which soon flew out when we disturbed them. The old birds were very near to us, and we stood and admired the cock. One of the finest we have seen. We next found the nest of the Hedge Sparrow with five eggs, and saw a Lesser Whitethroat sitting on a tree. A bit further, and we saw the Grey Plover sitting in a field. It had young, and one of the party managed to secure one for us to look at, and very pretty they are. We were now nearing Hexham, where we arrived at 7.30, all of us famishing for something to eat. We found a nice little place where we did ample justice to the good things provided for us. After sauntering about till train time, we arrived back in Sunderland at eleven o'clock, tired but happy, having had one of the best times of our lives, and vowing that it would not be long before we have another outing.—T. Davison, Sec.

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Correspondence.

A Novice Cup for the Great Horton O.S.

Sir,—The members of the Great Horton O.S at their meeting on Saturday last opened a subscription list for a cup for the novice members of the society. About 40s. was subscribed amongst the members who were present, and it is hoped that the members who did not attend will forward a small subscription to the secretary to go to this fund.

J. Holroyd, sec.

27, Kingswood St., Great Horton.

A Roller Hen Objects to the Marking Rings.

Sir,—I notice one of your correspondents, Mr. A. Dow, is greatly troubled by using closed rings on Rollers. I had the same trouble, viz., hens throwing the young out of the nest, until I adopted the following plan: I always use brown nest lining, and as soon as I get my rings I take a piece of brown paper, same shade as the nest lining, cut paper in narrow strips (just what will cover ring), then paste them on the outside of the ring. When dry the rings are ready for putting on. I find the hens never take any notice when this is done. When the young are reared and taking their first bath, the paper comes off ring and leaves it as bright as new.

W. J. Hunter.

Goose Grease versus a Parrot.

How a Feather Plucker was Beaten.

Sir,—Nearly every week I notice in your reply columns that correspondents are asking for a cure to stop feather plucking in Parrots. Perhaps my experience with a Parrot which I bought at an auction sale for 4s., cage included, some eight months back, may be useful to owners of Parrots which pluck their feathers. My bird is a Green Amazon, and was a young bird at the time I bought him; he had just enough feathers left on him to tell he was, or ought to be, a green bird. I put his condition down to be wrong feeding, and thought I would like to see if I could alter his condition by proper treatment and feeding. First of all, I looked in same week's Cage Birds for a cure; it was there, and I tried it, but with no good result. I was beginning to tire of the job, as when not feeding the Parrot was for ever tearing out his feathers, and by this time he had but his flights and his head feathers left. From the commencement I had taken him off what he had previously been fed on, sunflower and heating seeds, and gave him apple, orange, banana, and the like, also canary-seed mixture. Turnip I found out he liked, and whenever there is any at the house he gets his share and enjoys it. Even the altered diet did not end the feather plucking, and I was convinced something must be done to his skin to stop the itching if possible. By this time I had begun to think my 4s. was a very bad investment, and was wishing someone else had got the Parrot, even at a gift. I searched the house for something to dress him with, and found a jar of goose grease, which came out of a goose I won at a raffle some six years ago. This had gone rancid. I next caught the Parrot by putting a folded rag over his head to keep him from biting, and got him on the table to start dressing him, but he was too handy with his feet, so I had to get the wife to hold a stick for him to clutch with his feet. I then greased the whole of his body with this rancid goose grease, and for three or four weeks he looked a nice object. For the first few days he made several attempts to go on with the plucking, but could not face it, and since then he has never plucked a feather. At the present moment he is in full feather and healthy. We never fasten him in his cage; he goes in or out at his pleasure, both indoors and in the garden. We have now to teach him to talk. He has got no farther than "Hello!" and will shake hands. At present the 4s. invested looks much sounder.

Chas. Burrows.

Concerning Clap Nets.

Sir,—Could any experienced catcher tell me what is the best length and depth for a pair of clap-nets to work on half poles suitable for Goldfinch and Linnet catching? I am thinking of having a pair 10 yards long. What depth would be suitable, and what length should the poles be? Any information would be gratefully received.

Perplexed.

Lesser Redpoll Twice First at the Palace Show.

Sir,—It was very pleasing to me to see my Lesser Redpoll sketched so well and truly in your last issue. For some time past I have been comparing your Mr. H. Norman's drawings of birds with other artists, and I must say he is simply charming in his productions. This Redpoll was presented to me by that well-known exhibitor, Mr. Morton, of Motherwell, and has always been in the money prizes at open shows 1912 and 1913. It also was first at the Palace in 1912, for Morton and Davidson. Mr. Morton and your humble servant exhibit together at open shows, and we hope to stage some good British specimens this year. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Robt. Davison.

A Grievance at Garston.

Sir,—No member of the Garston B.B.A. could have regretted more than I did when reading the letter under the above heading in last week's issue of Cage Birds, for the writer, in my estimation is one of the old school of fanciers, upright and straightforward in all his dealings, and a valuable asset to our society. I hope I will not be thought impulsive in hastening to reply to give him the assurance that I knew absolutely nothing about any grievance existing, and to state that it was not to me that he gave the information as described in the letter. Owing to a family bereavement I had to relinquish the secretarial duties about March, 1912, and have again just taken over the management of our society; it is quite possible for my predecessors to have known Mr. Carlisle's grievance. In conclusion, can I prevail upon our worthy member to come to the usual monthly meeting at 8 p.m. on the 16th inst., and state his grievances, and if it is possible for me to bring about a settlement I shall be happy to do so.

A. Wilkinson.

The Cats and the Aviary: How they were "Warned off the Turf."

BIRDS, CATS, AND OWNERS, LIVE HAPPY EVER AFTER.

Sir,—Once upon a time I had a beautiful large aviary in my back garden, occupied by numbers of the most lovely British songsters. That aviary's front and one side were covered with ½-inch wire netting, which I foolishly considered safety against cats, and to that aviary to admire my birds from far and near came cats—black cats, sandy cats, tabby cats, tortoishell cats, etc., in endless procession, and they (the cats) sang during the night, but I failed to appreciate their song. There was an old black fiend of a cat who discovered that, although his paw would not pass through ½-inch wire netting, his claws would, and when one morning I heard terrified bird shrieks from my aviary, I knew that old black fiend was at work. I rushed to the window and threw things, and sure enough he was there and took himself off quite leisurely in response to my hysterical efforts. Upon investigation I found my beautiful cock Ring Ousel (purchased but a week ago) all in a heap in the corner of the aviary, and outside on the gravel path one of his legs bitten clean off close to the body. A few days after my cock Crossbill, the most beautiful red coloured specimen I had ever owned, had its side torn open. Now I swore and used language which the printing machine would refuse. Cats will stray and be after birds; their fond owners proclaim, "it's their nature." Bother their nature; it's boys' nature to enjoy fruit, but they must not steal other people's. It was my nature to hate cats furiously, and to use poisoned meat and steel traps—anything to kill the brutes. But, presently reflecting calmly, I reasoned, "well, I suppose, it is their nature, as much as it is my Softbills' to eat mealworms, and after all, cats are beautiful animals, and I love all animals." Yes, to be sure, now I remember all at once, I did love cats when a boy, wherever I met them, provided I had my good old catapult. Catapult! The very thing. Why had I not thought of it before? At once I secured one. But before giving the cat and catapult story, let me explain how in a very simple manner I protected my birds once for all against cats. A simple, light wooden frame, covered with ½-inch wire netting, 2 frames in front, one for the side, a few hooks to hang them up over the aviary's netting, so that the two nettings were now some 3 inches apart, and cats' claws were clean out of it ever after. These frames can, of course, be removed with the greatest ease when you are at home during the day time.

Well, after the frames had been hung up, my birds were safe enough, but the cats still came, and sat on the roof of the aviary, just on the edge, staring by the hour at my little pets with their cruel savage goggle eyes. Brick throwing was no use; it mostly damaged the wire netting, whilst the cat moved off slowly, with an air of "that foolish old man again." That is where the catapult came in. My catapult and a good supply of specially large, heavy pebbles from the garden path were placed ready in my study. The study window was but 15 to 20 feet from the aviary roof. The very next morning I rushed to the window, and sure enough there was the black monster on the edge of the aviary roof watching my birds. I gripped the catapult and the largest stone, raised the window (the black fiend never bothered to look). Carefully I aimed, and let fly. As if shot from a gun, he leaped straight up into the air some 5 feet high, coming down sprawling into the garden. Like a flash he covers the length of the garden and flies at the wooden fence, but a second stone crashing against the fence makes him tumble back into the garden, and not knowing whence the mysterious bombardment comes, he rushes back straight towards me. A third shot crashes down in front of his nose; round in a circle he goes, every hair on end, simply screaming with fear, grit and grass flying in all directions, until, like an aeroplane, at a mile a minute he sails over the wall. I hear furious clawing and scratching as he negotiates the wooden fences of three or four adjoining gardens, and that was the last I ever saw of him. Cats had become creatures of joy and happiness to me. I candidly believe the pleasure and exercise they gave me cured my lumbago and rheumatism. My catapult and I were ever ready for them. Many more came, saw, and disappeared like lightning, but alas all earthly joys come to an end; no cats ever come near my garden now; my catapult is idle; I long for them, but in vain. I am told there is one next door, but she lives year in, year out in the lowest and darkest recesses of the cellar, and shuns the daylight. One bold young tom cat, it is true, appeared some time ago on a wall some three or four gardens off, but raising my window was sufficient; his tail in air, he disappeared like a flash. And this brings my story to an end, and as I commenced with "Once upon a time," I finish with "and birds, cats and owners lived happy ever after."

Very Old Subscriber.

In the Courts.

Neglect Alleged at Oldham.

A bird fancier named Edwina Robinson, of 12, Henshaw Street, Oldham, was before the Oldham Bench on May 22, charged with cruelty to a bird.—Insp. Prince (R.S.P.C.A.) said he was walking up Henshaw Street on the 10th inst. when he noticed in defendant's shop window a cage containing a Linnet. The cage was very dirty, and the bird appeared to be in pain. He went inside the shop and bought the bird, and on examining the cage he found the bird had a lot of vermin about it. He sent it to a veterinary surgeon. The woman said she had cleaned out the cage the previous Thursday.—Mr. Ward, veterinary surgeon, said he found the bird suffering from vermin. He had destroyed it.—The defendant said she had had the shop for 11 years and had not had a complaint before.—She was fined 5s. and costs.—"Oldham Standard."

Setting Traps for Protected Birds.

At Ongar Petty Sessions, on May 31, Joseph Johnson, carpenter, Kelvedon Hatch, and William Pettit, South Woodford, were summoned for setting traps for taking protected wild birds.

P.C. Barret said that on Sunday, May 4th, he saw defendants leave Johnson's house at 5 a.m. Having some suspicion, he went in the same direction. Four hours afterwards he found they had with them two wild Chaffinches. From information received he searched a building, and found a trap cage, which Johnson admitted was his.

Johnson said he had nothing to do with the birds.—Pettit said he was on a visit to Johnson, and brought the birds down with him. They were taken out early, when other birds were singing, to cheer them up. One of them was a valuable prize-winning song bird.

The Chairman said that as it was a first offence they could only reprimand defendants. He was sorry, because it was a wretched business. Defendants could go on payment of costs, but they would have to have a better defence next time.

Pettit applied for the return of the birds, and, questioned by the Chairman, asserted positively that they were not wild birds. He was allowed to take them away.

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Sir,—Kindly announce in Cage Birds that Mr. R. A. Newley, the noted cage maker, of Stockwell Green, has very kindly presented a £5 5s. cup to the Southern Border Fancy Club for most points gained by birds shown in cages supplied by him. This is very good, as Mr. Newley has already given a marble clock, and I think the old saying has come true that he who gives quickly gives twice.

F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

Parrot Starts Egg-Laying at Twelve Years Old.

Sir,—A few days ago my African Grey Parrot presented me with an egg. This is the first time she has performed the feat. I have had her in my possession since she was a few months old, so am quite certain she is now just over twelve years old. It would be interesting to know how many authentic cases there are of such a performance. I know it has been recorded before, but am under the impression that it is not a frequent occurrence. Perhaps those of your readers who have come across any instances will favour me.

John Bramley.

[It is not particularly uncommon; we have recorded many similar occurrences.—Editor.]

Novice Border Classes at South Country Shows.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a little space in your wonderful paper, Cage Birds, of which I have been a reader some considerable time. Every Friday your paper is read here, and simply eaten; its contents are so interesting. Now, my point is novice classes at open shows for the Border Fancy, of which there are some hundreds kept in and around London. Time after time we hear our friends say "There are no novice classes there." Last year I had a peep at the grand birds at Clapham, and again, to my dismay, I found no novice classes for Borders. At Bromley, too, the cry was "no classes," and there are many more places where we cannot show our birds unless we throw our lot in with the champions, which does not help us to rise to fame in a fair and proper way. I and my friends can count up over 200 Borders, and would enter if the Secretaries would give us classes. However, we trust that the Southern Border Fancy Club will do something for us in the matter. Let the little Border show himself on the benches as much as Masters Norwich, Yorkie and Co.

J. Williams.

Eggs Hatching in Eleven Days.

Sir,—Being a regular reader of your grand paper, Cage Birds, I think it would interest fanciers to know that I had a Yorkshire hen that started to sit on three eggs on Monday, May 26th, and, to my surprise, hatched two of them out on Thursday, June 5th. I think this is a record, two eggs to hatch out in eleven days—they take thirteen days as a rule. Would other readers kindly let me know if this is a record?

A. S. Cheesman.

Improving the Pictures.

Sir,—The book on British birds referred to by Mr. Weston I purchased, and have improved on some of its illustrations. I cut out the little square portraits from one of your plates recently issued, the "Gem Portrait Gallery," and pasted them in, so illustrating the birds in colour. Where I could not see a space I "tipped" them on the edge with paste, and fixed them to the white margins of the pages, opposite the various birds. This has improved the book, and it would guide novices were they to do the same.

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Singing when Twent Days Old.

Sir,—This is my second attempt at br ing, and I have a young hen this season with her first brood. One of the young, now a month old, started singing at twenty-three days old. The hen is now on her second nest with four eggs, her time to hatch being June 18. I thought this rather early for a young bird to start singing.

H. R. Davis.

The Nightingale Singing in Wirral, Cheshire.

Sir,—Perhaps it will interest the readers of Cage Birds in the Hundred of Wirral and surrounding district to know that we have been favoured with the company of the Nightingale. He has been pouring out his lovely notes at Thornton Haugh for the last three weeks, commencing about 11 p.m., and he has been heard till 2 a.m.

(Mrs.) M. Anyon.

Rearing British Birds Under Canaries.

Their Usefulness to Hybrid Breeders.

Sir,—Seeing the correspondence in your paper re the rearing of British birds by Canaries, I may mention that during the breeding season of 1911 I successfully hatched out and reared under Canaries both Chaffinches, Greenfinches and Redpolls. The following year (1912) I had full eggs from the birds thus reared out, but only succeeded in rearing one young Redpoll, as I did not discover until too late in the season that the cock Chaffinches used to break the eggs. I had to dispose of them all this year, but if a person devoted some time to rearing Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, etc., and, as it were, built up a strain, I believe that in the second or third generation he would have sure Hybrid breeders. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Hubert A. McLoghry.

Sir,—Being a reader of Cage Birds for six years, it may interest some of your readers to know that I had a hen Canary which hatched out a Chaffinch's egg on May 11, it being the only youngster in the nest. It died on May 18. I have now a hen Canary rearing two Linnets that are a week old to-day,

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Coal Tits Reared by a C

Sir,—The two little birds mentio
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in a hole of the oak tree, and they must ha
been dragged out of the nest by the old birds.

J. Drewett.

How to Keep Dandelion Seed.

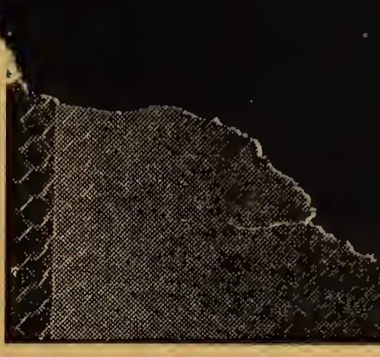
Sir,—Seeing in your issue of May 31 Mr. Williams asks how to keep dandelion seed, I thought I would await replies. Now I would like to give my experience in gathering same. I gather for keeping when heads are full open like children blow at to tell the time. I pick between thumb and fingers, give a roll with the thumb, which deadens the fluff; put it in a paper bag or pocket, take home, and after well rolling between the hands, put it in a sieve made of a little box with a perforated zinc bottom. I find the seeds fall through leaving fluff behind. Enclosed is a sample gathered in 1912.

G. M. Devon.

Canaries Nesting in an Open Aviary.

Sir,—The enclosed photo is of a Norwich hen Canary sitting on eggs in my open aviary. She tried several times to build on the ledges, but did not succeed, as they were so narrow, so I fixed up a nest pan, and she has successfully hatched three young ones. They are exposed to all weathers. I just placed a small pane of glass over the top to keep off rain, and a piece of cardboard at side to prevent the too close attention of "pussy." I have another nest of youngsters in the same aviary, but the hen was too shy to photograph. The cock bird has only one leg, but it doesn't seem to make any difference to him. I hope shortly to send you a photo of the youngsters in the nest.

Tom Taylor.



The hen Canary which built in Mr. Tom Taylor's outdoor aviar
photographed whilst incubating her e

An Unpleasant Kind of Freak.

Sir,—On reading in a recent issue about two peculiarities of bird life, I thought my little experience might be of some interest to your readers. At the beginning of the season I paired up two clear buffs; the hen in due course, laid three eggs. Two of these were fertile. One nice strong young one (as I thought) was hatched, but the other died on the point of emerging from the egg. The parents were young, and I had to assist in the feeding of the "baby" for the first week, when they started to carry on their paternal duties more satisfactorily. On going into the bird-room a day or two after, however, I found it out of th
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Ernest G. S. Everard.

SOMETHING ABOUT MY NIGHTINGALES.

By
W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.
(Teignmouth).

(Continued from page 471.)

An article which I contributed to a well-known Magazine a couple of years since, elicited a very interesting letter from an ornithologist residing in the Soudan (Mr. A. L. Butler). He said that he had frequently seen Sprossers during the autumn migration resting on the ground in the gardens of Khartoum, completely exhausted by their long flight from their breeding quarters in Europe, but that he had never seen a single individual of this species at the time of the return flight in the spring. His inference was that this species returns by a different route, passing up the West Coast of Africa and crossing the Mediterranean in the neighbourhood of the Straits of Gibraltar.

It is certainly somewhat singular that certain species are seldom seen at the time of the spring flight in those countries which intervene between their winter and summer quarters. The Northern, or Red-spotted, race of the Blue-throated Warbler is a case in point, and, because this species reaches Heligoland in the very early hours of the morning and is very infrequently seen during the spring migration in those European countries which lie between Heligoland and Africa, Gaetke stated with confidence that this little bird actually traverses a distance of 1,600 miles between dusk and dawn, and at a speed of 180 miles an hour! Now, if some of our ornithologists were also aviarists, they would not, I think, so frequently make wild and improbable guesses with regard to the problems of migration and other matters. There is a very much simpler explanation of these phenomena, and that is that both these species have a vanishing trick, and that, except by pure chance or when tired out by a long migratory flight, no man will see either a Blue-throat or a Sprosser unless it wishes to be seen.

Scared at a Matinee Hat.

The Blue-throat's vanishing trick is very clever (I have not space to describe it here), but he requires a little cover of some sort, such as a tuft of grass, to perform it effectively; but the Nightingale and Sprosser are even more clever conjurers, for they can perform their trick on a perfectly bare perch. I will now tell you how it is done, and how I first noticed it. One day a lady aviculturist came to see my birds, and especially wanted to see the Nightingales. She wore a very charming hat, but it was *rather* large, and I had some misgivings as to whether Antony would take kindly to it. However, I took my guest to the bird-room and pointed out the Nightingales' cages. "But I can't see the Nightingales," said my guest. Neither could I; to all appearances the Nightingales had vanished. Close investigation revealed a rather curious excrescence on one perch; as the perches were twigs cut from an apple tree, it looked quite natural, and did not arrest the eye. I put my hand into the cage and grasped the excrescence—it was Antony. Of course, I wanted to know how the thing was done, so I asked my guest to stand outside the door for a few minutes and then come in rather suddenly.

Performing the Vanishing Trick.

As soon as the matinee hat departed, Antony resumed an ordinary position, but the very instant it re-appeared this is what he did. He turned quickly round to face the visitor, bringing himself into line with the perch; then he sank down upon the latter, pressing his beak and tail down tightly on it and drawing his wings closely to his sides, and, as it were, gluing himself to the perch. Perhaps the most remarkable part of the performance was the alteration in the appearance of the eyes; a moment before they had been shining brightly and rivetted on the observer; now, in a single instant, they became dull, lustreless, dark spots. I have no hesitation in saying (after several tests in an aviary) that when the bird assumes this remarkable pose on the branch of a tree it will be found an absolute impossibility for the sharpest eye to detect it, and, such is the confidence of the Nightingale in his clever device, that you will find that he will allow you to place your hand upon him before he will move. For these reasons I should require further evidence that there were no Sprossers at Khartoum at the time of the spring flight than the mere fact that Mr. Butler could not see any.

Best of All Ways to Lengthen Our Days.

I hope that I have succeeded in convincing you that the Nightingale is a bird of far more than average intelligence, and, as a further illustration, I will ask you to consider whether he does not show great wisdom in making the most of the serene hours of the beautiful summer night, which many birds waste in slumber. Let us note that he apparently shows no special structural development or adaptation, such as most of the night-fliers possess; he seems to have simply made the discovery that the night is the best time of the whole twenty-four hours, and to have profited by the discovery. Is he not justified? I notice that many of my friends like to doze over the fire after a hard day's work and pretend to read a book, but I have always maintained that this is the best of all ways to shorten one's life and acquire a liver. From 6 p.m. to 12 p.m. is the time that our vitality is at its highest, and that is the time when I like to leave home and all the worries of life behind me. For the cyclist or motorist there is no time like the night, for then the roads are our very own. For the student of Nature there is a whole world of most interesting animals which are seldom to be seen in the daytime. If the weather is bad, there is always a concert or lecture. From midnight to 2 a.m. I find a very useful time for corespondence or literary work; then one can turn in with the certainty of securing five hours' refreshing sleep, and can rise at 7 a.m. as lively as a cricket. Everyone should try the Nightingale's prescription.

I have been commanded not to overlook the practical side of Nightingale-keeping, so I will now turn to some points of feeding and management which may possibly be of some use to others who, like myself, are learners. My former notes on this subject brought me a query from a correspondent who wanted to know if I had actually tried millet-husks (as there recommended) for Nightingales, or if it was only a suggestion. This query amused me. The learner has many faults, and makes many mistakes, but he does not, as a rule, commit either of those unpardonable sins to which writers on avicultural subjects are rather prone, namely, recommending what they have not tested, and writing on subjects with regard to which they have not one iota of original information to impart.

An Old Friend's "Tip."

To tell the strict truth, the "tip" was not my own. I obtained it from an old friend—a professional singer, known to me as "Tom," but whose real name was Shama. My old friend Tom used to live in my sitting-room, but every now and then he used to become a little mopy, and was then turned out in a heated aviary for a few days. He always returned full of spirits (not the intoxicating kind) and vigour, and I used to attribute this improvement simply to the change of scene; but, after turning him out one evening for one of his periodical holidays, I happened to keep my eye on him for a few minutes, and I saw something which interested me. Tom perched upon the three-foot upright rod in the centre of the floor, to which the food-tins are attached, and cast his eye round the aviary; evidently he was looking for something. Suddenly he made a dive into a distant corner and emerged with a large piece of spray millet from which the seeds had been extracted. The piece was quite as large as the end joint of an ordinary finger, but, to my great surprise, he promptly swallowed it; if I had not seen it done I could not have believed that a bird of his size could possibly have stuffed down such a huge morsel. I said to him—"Tom, why did you swallow that." Now, a Shama rarely talks, and he does not need to do so, because he has such a wonderfully expressive eye that he can convey all his thoughts to you without speaking. So when Tom gave me a knowing wink, I knew that he meant to say—"Wait and see."

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CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Members' N.F. show, held June 7, at Angel Hotel. There were some very fine youngsters, and very keen competition. Forty birds were staged, a very good entry considering the bad time our members have had. A fair number of visitors attended, and we made three new members. Mr. A. Wilson judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Hayes; 2, c, Bescoby; 3, hc, Birkhamshaw; vhc, Beardall. BUFF: 1, 3. sp, Birkhamshaw; 2, vhc, Beardall; hc, c, Bescoby. YELL., YORKS.: 1. 2, Lanckham; 3, Beardall. BUFF: 1, Beardall; 2, Lanckham. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Tooley; 2, G. Lunn; vhc, hc, Walker. LINNETS: 1, Bescoby; 2, Griffiths; 3, Evens; vhc, G. Lunn. MULES: 1, 2, 3, Evens. GOLD. or BULL.: 1, Hayes; 2, vhc, Lanckham; 3, hc, Evens. REDPOLL: 1, Lanckham; 2, Griffiths. Mr. A. Webster, proprietor of the Angel Hotel, gave the special.—J. Griffiths, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First members' show for 1913, held June 7, at Headquarters, Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road. 95 birds were staged. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Ludbrook; 2, 4, vhc, Clark; hc, Helliwell. BUFF (7): 1. vhc, Elsegood; 2, hc, Bateman; 3 c, Ludbrook; 4, Birbeck. A.O.V. YORKS. (GREEN) (4): 1. 4, Ludbrook; 2, Birbeck; 3, Clark. (CINN.) (5): 1, Ludbrook: 2. 3, vhc, Helliwell; 4, Clark. NOVICE.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Symes; 2, Fletcher; 3, McEwen; 4, c, Smith; vhc, Rhodes Bros.; hc, Hervey. BUFF (20): 1, 2, Riley; 3, Smith; 4, McEwen; vhc, W. Rhodes; hc, Rhodes Bros.; c, Taylor. A.O.V. (GREEN) (9): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Bower; 4. McEwen; vhc, Taylor; hc. c, Symes. (CINN.) (4): 1, 3, Smith; 2. 4, Kitson. OPEN NORWICH.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. (1): 1, Roe. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Plowright; 3. hc, Birbeck; 4. Roe; vhc, Fortman. A.O.V. YELL. (4): 1. 2, Roe; 3. Birbeck; 4, Plowright. BUFF (6): 1. 2. Fortman; 3. 4, Roe; vhc, Plowright; hc, Birbeck. OPEN NOVICE.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. NORWICH (2): 1. Airton; 2, Hunter. BUFF (5): 1, Kaberry; 2. 4, vhc. Hunter; 3, Simonett. A.O.V. YELL. (2): 1. Airton; 2. Kitson. BUFF (2): 1, Simonett; 2, Kitson.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First of a series of six members' shows held June 7, at Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, with a moderate entry of 47 young birds. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill) adjudicated upon the twelve classes provided, and his awards gave general satisfaction. A valuable list of special prizes will be competed for at these shows, but competition was not so very keen at this opening show. Most points with four highest birds were secured by Messrs. J. Northrop, G. White, S. Midgley, S. Woad, Morrell and Harper, and G. R. Rushworth.

CHAMP.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Farrar; 2, Northrop; 3, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Midgley; 2, Wilkinson Bros.; 3, Simonett; 4, Farrar; vhc, White. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Walker; 2. Northrop; 3. Midgley; 4. White; vhc, Simonett. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4. Northrop; 2. Walker; vhc, Farrar; hc, Simonette. UNEVEN YORKS. (8): 1, 3, Northrop; 2. 4. White; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Farrar; c, Midgley. NOR. YELL. (1): 1. Simonett. BUFF (1): 1, Simonett. NOV. CL. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Woad; 2. Walker. BUFF (4): 1. Woad; 2, Rushworth; 3, Wroe; 4, Morrell and Harper. TKD. YELL. (2): 1. 2. Wroe. BUFF (4): 1, Rushworth; 2. Morrell and Harper; 3. W. Walker; 4. Wroe. UNEVEN (5): 1. vhc, Merrell and Harper; 2, 4. Woad; 3. W. Walker.—H. Hill. Sec.

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Club Reports.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Monthly meeting held at Cossar's Tea Rooms, May 31; Mr. Jas. Pearson, chair. Only a few members were present, and there was little business done; the sec. stated that a few Scotch Fancy exhibitors in the district wished for a few classes at our next open show. It was unanimously agreed to give six classes. Mr. J. Carson, Dalkieth, will judge same.—A. Hoyle, Sec.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members and friends met at headquarters, June 7, for half a day's outing in the form of a bowling match. We proceeded by car to the Volunteer Hotel, Turton. The secretary's side beat the president's side. We afterwards sat down to a good hot tea, and did ample justice to it. The rest of the evening was spent in bowling, etc., and friendly discussions relating to our hobby, and when home time came, we were all satisfied that we had had one of our best outings. We were sorry that our secretary and another of our members, Mr. Lawton, were kept away from us through illness and accident.—P. Brierley.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting, June 7, with good attendance. Mr. J. Stanger chair. Letter read re British Bird and Mule Club, and it was left over for anyone to join if they care. Sec. then read letter from Mr. S. Yates re colour food and egg food, and showed samples. Decided that birds be staged at 12 at N.F. show, and lift at 7. Schedules of N.F. and annual shows drawn up for Sec. to get to printers. Table show held same night for birds in nest feather. Mr. J. Stanger judged. NOR.: 1, Forster and Son; 2, 3, Lindsay. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Redpath. BRIT.: 1, 2, Boyd, Bramble and Greenfinch; 3, Lindsay, Greenfinch. Three new members were made. We are still open for more. Subs. 5s. per year, 1s. entrance.—Wm. Foster, Sec., 18, Grange Terrace.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Table show of foreign and British birds, held June 4, one of the best held this year. There was a large attendance of members, nearly all of whom went in for the judging competition. Mr. Hamlin judged British, and Mr. Brazener foreign. The species winners in the British class were: 1, Yellowhammer; 2, Chaffinch; 3, Siskin; 4, Redpoll, and in foreign: 1, Bronzewings; 2, Cordon Bleus; 3, Napoleon Weaver; 4, Bronzewings. Six members placed the Yellowhammer and Siskin first and third respectively, but only one found second winner. In the foreign nearly everybody was at sea, placing the Cordons first. Decided to apply to the S.B.F.C. for patronage at our Nov. show. Arrangements were made for the F.F. show, June 28. 27 classes were provided. Two new members were elected, and all present signed the petition from the N.B.B. and M.C. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to fill the classes at the F.F. show. Cash specials in each section.—A. S. Treasurer, Hon. Sec.

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rangements for brakes and teas being left in hands of Mr. James Stirling, Sec. A pleasant hour was spent in a discussion on the different ways of treating birds during the breeding season. Vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—W. B. Smart.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting held June 2, Pillar's Cafe; Mr. W. Smith, chair. A hearty welcome was given to our president, Mr. W. F. Barr, who was present. The following new members were elected:—Mr. W. Curry, and Mr. R. White, Newcastle. At next meeting a table show will be held; Mr. W. Smith, judge. Four classes for each section. Champ. and novice: Cl. or mkd. yell.; ditto buff; Green; Cinnamon. A special presented by Mr. Duncan will be competed for for most point in novices. Mr. W. Harvey then gave a very interesting lecture, "Lessons that I learned from my birds." A good deal of discussion followed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, which brought a very pleasant evening to an end.—M. C. Potts.

BUGLE F.A.

General committee meeting, held June 4. Mr. John Truscott presided over a good attendance. Hon. Sec. submitted draft copy of schedule for first show, July 23. One of the chief features will be the valuable cups presented for competition by Col. Sir William Sergeant K.T., Hon. T. C. Agar Roberts, M.P. (two), Mr. F. Coon, C.C., Mr. F. Thomas, and Mr. C. Hodge. Silver medals, gold centred, by Mr. E. H. Richards, Mr. F. Richards, and Mr. J. Thomas, beside cash and other specials. Being a county show, and specials confined to members, this is a grand opportunity for Cornish fanciers to join and win the coveted trophies. We should be pleased to hear from any one desirous of joining; sub., 2s. 6d. Mr. G. Gardner, London, will judge cage birds. Full advertisements will appear shortly.—A. C. Gregor, Assist. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held June 5, at Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones chair, supported by Mr. J. Thorpe, and the two secretaries. Stewards elected for N.F. show are Messrs. Curley and Kelley; doorkeepers, Messrs. Bailey, Drabble, and C. W. Hobson. A friend has kindly given 5s. for most entries in the show, and other specials were promised by Messrs. Walsh, Curley, Bailey, and Drabble, these along with others already received will be allocated at the committee meeting, June 23, at 7, the night of taking entries. Will any other member or friend wishing to give a special kindly inform the secretary. A list of specials will be put up on entry night; members kindly look out for it. The cup kindly given by Mr. Fletcher has been given to the novice British section, Mr. Hobson's to novice Norwich, and Mr. Memmott's to novice Yorks., the four highest birds to count for cup. The members' cup can only be won by birds competing in members' classes, and there must be two classes standing in any section for the cup to be up for competition; 2s. 6d. each was given by Messrs. J. Thorpe and F. Jones for ring birds at the annual members' show; that makes 25s., and we are expecting more to come. The first ramble of the season has been fixed for Saturday, June 14, to Ridgeway. This is a splendid walk, and bird life abounds on every side. All intending going are asked to meet at the intake car terminus, at 2.30. Any friend will be welcome. The talk on the Norwich Canary by Messrs. Kelley and A. Hobson proved very instructive; many points of interest were dealt with, and seeing they spoke from practical experience, their words were all the more appreciated. Mr. G. Gill was elected a member. Next meeting, July 3; special table show of young birds, 12 classes, prizes 3/-, 2/-, 1/-; see syllabus for classification. Some valuable specials are up for competition. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Kelley and Hobson brought the meeting to a close at a late hour.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show, held at the Good Templars Hall, Ingram Street, June 7, Mr. J. M. Edwards presiding. Sec. read correspondence, several items being left over till next meeting. Election of judges for annual and F.F. shows was gone on with, and final selections will be made known in due course. Classification for F.F. show arranged as follows: Norwich 1, Clears, ditto varieg., same for Borders, 1 A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hybrid; to be held August 2, at 5 p.m., usual place. Five specials were handed in with the promise of more. Messrs. W. Baron and Co., Ltd., Bacup, carrying case, was submitted for inspection, and considered by all present to be one of the best in the market, being very light, strongly made, and reasonable in price. Sample was soon claimed. Owing to the success of last ramble, it was agreed to have another to Waterbank on Saturday, June 28, leaving Central Station 2.18; meet at Argyle Street entrance. Wives, families, and friends invited. Sports will be arranged. Table show specials were given by W. Telfer 1, P. Pettigrew 2, A. McFarlane. 1 Mr. W. Telfer, Lesmahagow, judged, and his awards were well received.

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LLANELLY C.B.S.

Important meeting held June 7, at Headquarters, Greyhound Hotel, which was well attended; Counc. D. R. Jones, chair. Replies were read from the judges, and it was decided that H. W. Battye be engaged for the Canary section, and Mr. C. Houlton for British, Mule, and Foreign. Next show January 13. The secretary reported having been successful in getting the loan from Mr. Jas. B. Clarke, Rothesay, of his case of seed. There is something to think over and study from this regular museum of seed. The case contains over 80 varieties of seeds, and it rather too large to go over and to discuss at one meeting in such a way as to do justice to the owner and the members. All members present enjoyed themselves, and those that were absent have by this time become sorry. Secretary read out the notes given with the varieties. We are all sorry that we should not have agreed to have the case for two meetings. A hearty and sincere vote of thanks is to be sent to Mr. Clarke.—D. John, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting and table show held June 4; Mr. Coomber presided over a good attendance. Correspondence applying for our patronage was read from Carlisle, Newcastle, Hartlepool, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Haltwhistle, and Cockermouth. Decided to allot patronage at next meeting, July 2; societies desirous of having same must send in their application before that date. Members residing outside the district and wishing to record their vote, may do so by letter to the secretary. Mr. Crawhall has again consented to supply colour-food, members to let that gentleman or the secretary know quantities they require as early as possible. Next table show fixed for July 2; judge, R. Tinsdale. The table show was fairly well supported, and some splendid young birds were on view. Mr. Crawhall judged, and gave every satisfaction. The novice section was not up to the usual for numbers; members ought to take full advantage of the educational value of these shows, as many a good young bird may be overlooked by the novice who keeps his birds at home. Secretary will be pleased to give a silver cup for most points over the whole of the table shows, both sections to compete, points to count only in classes of over six entries. Members please note change of secretary's address, as below. Table show awards:—CHAMP.—CLEARS: 1. Deighton; 2, Hutler. MKD. or TKD.: 1, 3, Dix; 2, Deighton; 4. Hutler; vhc, hc, c, Coomber. NOVICE CLEARS: 1. Hedley; 2, Scott. MKD. or TKD.: 1, 2, Mirley.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec., 6, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held June 6, Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon. Present: Mr. J. Jones, vice-chair; Messrs. G. Jones, R. T. Edwards, G. W. Jones, J. W. Parry, E. Jones, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. Show business was the principal item. Doorkeepers, Mr. R. M. Owen and Mr. J. W. Parry. Staging is in the hands of sec. and chairman. Committee will help with staging night before and night of show. Present for day of show: Chairman, Mr. J. Jones, hon. sec., hon. treas., Messrs. J. W. Jones, J. W. Parry, R. Morris, and Master Scout Macklin. Six of the Carnarvon Boy Scouts have been engaged to carry exhibits to and from the station free of charge, but a few coppers may be given towards their funds. New members are coming in very fast, and it promises to be the record cage bird show in North Wales. The following have joined during this week:—Messrs. H. Jones, Penygroes; J. W. Parry, Carnarvon; J. Williams, Goetra; and J. O. Parry, Carnarvon. The committee have a grand room for the show. The show is open only to North Wales. Those sending a P.O. for one shilling for membership before entries close (June 28), to Mr. R. E. Griffith, hon. sec., 5, Balaclava Road, Carnarvon, will be entitled to compete at show on July 5. Doors open from 9 till 6; entrance 6d. all day. Schedules have been sent to all last year's members and every other fancier I know in North Wales; if any have been missed, I will send schedule by return, on application. Next committee meeting, Assembly Rooms, June 13, at 8.—R. E. Griffith.

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MIDDLESEX O.S.

Meeting held June 5. Classification for young stock and Finch show, July 10, was arranged. Petition re Plumage Bill, signed by all members present, and has now been sent to W. Joynson Hicks, Esq., M.P., for our division. One new member was elected. A letter was read from the N.B.B. and Mule Club re members joining the Protection Association. This was adjourned until next meeting, when I hope all members will enrol, and thus help to strengthen our forces against the faddists.—Jeffery Jefferies, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting, held May 31, at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Mr. G. Wareing chair. A good muster was present. Mr. Wareing welcomed on behalf of the members Mr. C. Portlock, of Grimsby. Several minor alterations to the rules were made. Members' show was arranged to take place Nov. 30. Other arrangements will be announced later. Will secretaries of other societies note the above, and also that the annual contest will take place January 9 and 10, 1914. The following were elected to judge: Messrs. Lyons, Wirth, Wareing, and Massey. —Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 5; Mr. T. C. Crawhall, chair. Correspondence was read from Mr. Silver, O.N.P.C. Northern C.C., Northern Border and S.F.C. Mr. J. E. Atkinson wrote tendering his resignation as show manager. Decided to write Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, asking him to take the position. Mr. Dan Page, Lintz Colliery, was elected a member. Tickets for N.F. show were on hand. We had quite an interesting question night; a large number of questions were asked and answered, and all spent an enjoyable and profitable night, and learnt a great deal they did not anticipate learning. Committee meeting will be held June 19, at 8. Subs. now due, and must be paid before being entitled to compete at N.F. show, July 5; will members try and make this another success?—J. W. Read, Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting held June 7, at Berni's Rooms, Cwm Street, Mr. J. Parfitt chair. Decided to write Cage Birds for conditions of championship competition. A long discussion took place on fixing the schedule for open show, but was settled satisfactorily. We have fixed six classes for novices, 3 Norwich, and 3 Yorkshires. We also took orders for colour food; if any member who was absent wishes to order same, let me know as early as possible. There was a fair attendance, but I am hoping for a record at our next meeting, which will be the last before F.F. show. Members should make as many entries as possible for this show, as we want a good opening for the year. Show held Market Hall, 4 till 10. Classes as follows: Norwich open, ditto novice, Yorks. open, ditto novice (2), British 3 classes. Hope all members and friends will attend same, and help to make it a success.—George Broome, Sec.

CITY OF DUBLIN C.B.S.

The forming of the above society was recently accomplished at Iveagh Buildings, Mr. Nelson in the chair. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said such a society was necessary, as novices were very much neglected at present. It was the intention of this society to instruct them and to get the best talent to come forward and lecture to them. He believed in forming the whole society into a committee, as it gave every member an opportunity to have a say in the management and will make the society a success. Mr. Burtenshaw said he was sure the society would be successful from the novice point of view. There will be lectures during breeding season and on the preparing of birds for the show bench, of which the novice at present has no idea. It is the intention of some of the promoters to have weekly Linnet and Goldfinch singing contests, for which there is a cup run on League principle. Mr. Connor said that in a city like Dublin, with its host of breeders, one would imagine a novice would be put right; but no, the answer was, "Find out the right way yourself." Now we have started this society it will be his own fault if he does not attend the lectures. It will not be necessary for members to have their birds rung, as I believe it is not necessary, and, as you know, we have a great risk in ringing them. Of course, it may be necessary where you have to compete with the long-pocket fanciers, but as this society is only for working men in the city of Dublin, it makes no matter. Nearly every fancier has a Linnet or a Goldfinch or Lark, and as there will be weekly contests, it will keep us more in touch with each other. Mr. Kavanagh said he saw no reason why the society could not be a success. He would very much like to have the date fixed for young bird show, say late in July or early in August, when we would be sure of good entries. Mr. Briggs said he was taken by surprise at the first meeting, and it showed that the novices were determined not to be forgotten. As regards the rung birds, it was a good idea in some ways, but it had its faults with the loss of birds. He had received from Councillor Thos. Lawlor word that the bird market will be held in the Iveagh Market, Francis Street. A vote of thanks was passed to the Councillor for the pains he had taken in the matter. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.—J. Briggs (Sec. pro tem.), 11, Werburgh-st., Dublin.

there will be close birds entered, which shows that breeding operations in Derby and District are in a fairly satisfactory state. Fifteen new members have joined the society this spring, which is a sign that we are making headway.—Wharam and Bamsey, Secs.

SCOTCH FANCY (National Derby) O.A.

Additions to the list of members:—A. Jardine, Jas. Orr, John Orr, N. Lyle, J. McMahan, E. Bullions, J. Vernall, P. Craig, J. Fleming, J. F. Renwick, H. Campbell, A. Renfrew, Glasgow; W. Edgar, R. Lawson, Dumfries; J. Hogg, Oakley, Fife; H. Caldwell, R. Caldwell, Baillieston; Wm. Niven, Falkirk; J. Main, Coatbridge; J. Little, H. Moore, W. Neil, Barrhead; A. Allardice, Wishaw; W. Robertson, Troon; A. Russell, Airdrie; A. Stewart, W. Allan, R. Menzies, W. Thornton, Edinburgh; A. Kirk, T. Jackson, Kirkmuirhill; A. Crawford, Cambuslang; J. Higgins, Hamilton; A. Ferguson, R. Simpson, Renfrew; W. Hutchieson, T. Smith, Slamannan; J. Burnside, Lesmahagow; J. Paterson, A. Livingston, A. and M. Baird, J. Allison, A. Kennedy, H. Siddons, T. Slater, Jas. Slater, N. O'Donnell, Paisley; R. Carmyle, Broughty Ferry.—A. M. Baird, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Well attended meeting of the committee held June 3rd. Arrangements were made for F.F. show, to be held in St. Peter's small hall, July 2. 10 classes for 1913 Canaries, 3 old Canaries, 1 Mules, 1 British, 1 Foreign, 1 Selling. Prizes on the sliding scale. Six specials of 2s. 6d. each, one of 3s. for most entries, and silver cup to be held for one year, kindly presented by Miss Penrice, our vice-chair, for best young bird shown. Diploma for best bird in each class also to the cup bird. Show open to the public at 2. Bird fanciers visiting Bournemouth at that time will be heartily welcomed. Summer outing arranged for June 18th, to visit Mr. Hart's wonderful museum of British birds, which he will describe to the members at Christchurch. Tea will be arranged for. So you will see we are trying to keep up to date, like your wonderful Cage Birds. The Nutshell series was introduced to the members, and I hope good may result.—J. A. Crawshaw.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

A record attendance, a record table show. Such was the announcement made by chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, at the meeting held headquarters, June 3. The chief attraction was a table show of young birds bred by novices, the two classes, Norwich and Yorks, totalling considerably over 40 entries. Norwich were an exceptionally good lot of 22, some rattling specimens being staged. Yorks kept up the reputation of their county, and naturally predominated in numbers. Dr. Craig judged Yorks and Mr. J. Woodall Norwich, and both had something to separate the cream; it was all cream, but the richest had to be found. Our table shows are a great attraction, as we give fixed prize money of 4s., 2s., and 1s., and no entry fee. Mr. G. Fletcher gave two 2s. specials if 40 birds were staged. We lay ourselves out to cater for the novices, giving them a helping hand when in difficulties; a kind word and a little assistance is very often the means of putting fresh life into a disheartened novice. Novice fanciers of Sheffield should attend next meeting, July 1, at Rose and Crown Hotel, to hear a lecture on Norwich by Mr. Waters, which will be particularly interesting and instructive to the beginner. The lecturer will give his own personal experience, and tell of the way he overcame his difficulties until he got to the top of the tree.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Corres.

READING C.B.S.

Usual meeting held at Palmer Hall, June 4, before a good attendance. Mr. Hebburn (Guildford) and Mr. Foster (Reading) were elected members. Arrangements for members' outing to visit Mrs. Noble's aviaries were made. Brake will leave Palmer Hall at 2.15 prompt on June 25. Fare, including tea, 2s. Only a limited party of 22 can be taken, and as I have only nine seats vacant, members who would like to go please drop me a card and I will reserve a place for them. Hon. Sec. brought forward a suggestion that we have a social night, with games tournament, for a change. Decided to arrange one later in the year. Several specials were promised for F.F. show, July 16. Full details to every member when printed. Our usual business being finished, Mr. F. Dearlove gave us an address on moulting and colour feeding. Full of practical information by a practical fancier, it was listened to with great interest. Plenty of questions were fired at him, and with two old stagers like Mr. Yates and Mr. Laurence taking part in the subsequent discussion, the utmost value was extracted from it, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Dearlove for his kindness. We are hoping to get another from him soon. Fanciers wishing to enter birds in F.F. show should let me know, so that they may be proposed at next meeting. I am arranging for an interesting series of papers on "What Variety shall I take up, and why?" to be given by various members later in the year.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

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COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Arcade Hotel, May 28, Mr. J. C. Murray chair. Discussion took place re the children's competitions at young bird show. Decided to hold special meeting on 31st to make final arrangements for the ramble. Two special prizes which we had failed to collect were paid from club funds. The trustees were instructed to have the bank account of the society transferred to the Royal Bank of Scotland. Notice of motion was given by Mr. Joseph R. Reid (after permission had been granted by Mr. J. C. Murray, last year's winner) to include Lumphinnans, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Donibristle, Fordell, and Auchtertool in our local district. All members residing in these places to be eligible to compete for the local members' cup. Decided to apply for all specialist clubs' patronage for the open show, including the full patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C. Vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—Jos. R. Reid, assist. sec.

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, held at headquarters, Commercial Hotel, June 7; 30 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Potter, 56 secs.; 2, Liversidge, 54; 3, Tomlin, 53. A very close finish to a good sing. Open sing June 14, first pair in window 3.15.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

WITTON GILBERT.

Linnet sing, held Travellers' Rest, June 7; 4 competed. 1, the Durham Challenge Cup, Boyd; 2, Bentick; 3, 4, Heslop. Judge, Geo. Reed, Brandon. timekeeper, W. Thompson. Next contest at Black Horse Inn, Nel Elvet, Durham City, June 21st., £2 cash given. First pair up at 2.30.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, June 7; 19 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Ward; 2, Clegg; 3, shared by Hayes and Stead. Judges, Farrar, Naylor. Also June 8, 24 birds sang for four prizes: 1, 2, Farrar; 3, Hardcastle; 4, Wigfield. Judges, Cooper, Butler, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, June 8; 27 sang for four prizes given by Mr. Fishwick: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Pease. Judges, T. C. Summers and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing, Linnets, held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, June 8; 32 birds sang for 4 prizes. 1, Bangfield; 2, Towers; 3, Chippendale; 4, Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. J. Clark, C. Lorriman, B. Inson.—A. Lorriman.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn Linnet Club weekly contest, held June 7, for 3 prizes. 1, Proctor; 2, 3, Nelson. Also open contest, June 8, for 3 prizes. 1, Proctor; 2, Williams; 3, Nelson. Open contest every week. Checks are drawn at 12.45. First bird in window at 1.—W. Beard, Sec.

WINGATE.

Linnet singing contest, held at Caradoc Arms, when a division was decided between Linnet King, Murton; Stockdale, Wheatley Hill, Preston; McDermot, Wingate; and Cook. 43 birds competed. Judge, Croft; timekeeper, J. McCoughlan. A Linnet match was sung June 8, at Murton, between Elias Plaice and the Linnet King for £1 a side. The King was the winner.—J. McCoughlan, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing, held June 7, for time singing. 1, Sweeting, 81; 2, Brindby, 67; 3, Kirk, 61; 4, Williams, 57. Also June 8, 22 were entered for 3 prizes. 1, Wainwright, 69; 2, Sweeting, 68; 3, Morley, 60. Mr. Sisson's bird gave our members a delightful 15 minutes' of quality singing after the sing, and we should like to see a few more good birds come to Castleford.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street, June 7, for members only. Six prizes were given. 1, Syddall; 2, Knowles; 3, Pool; 4, Green; 5, Rothwell; 6, Mrs. Syddall. Timekeepers, Messrs. E. Wynn and A. Marshall; tappers, J. Edwards and J. Talbot; minutes, T. Jolley; birdman, H. Dixon. Will all members try and turn up next club meeting, June 22, at 7.30? There is much business that needs settling.—E. Hickman, Sec.

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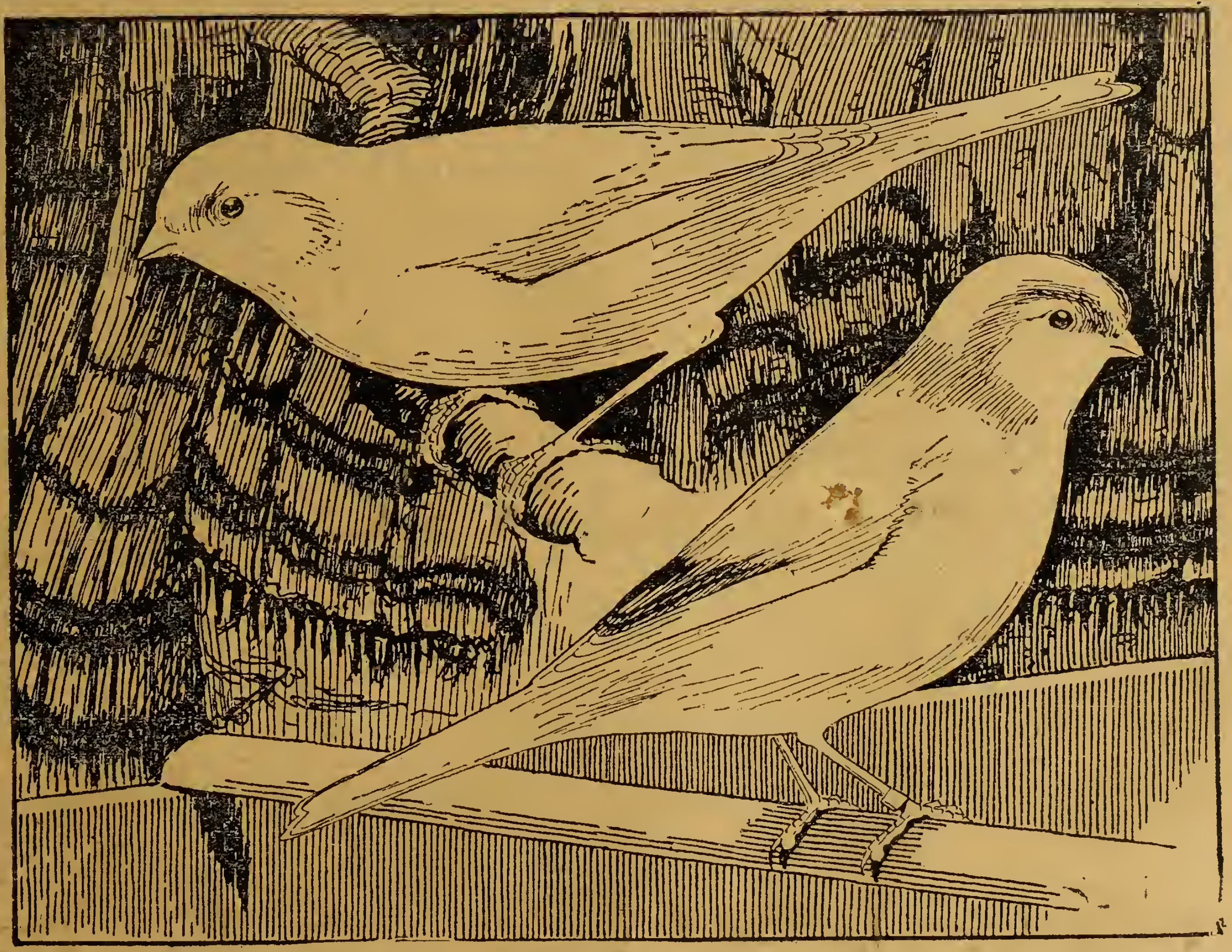

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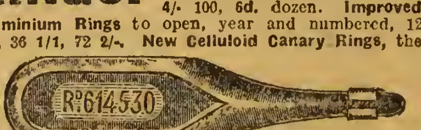

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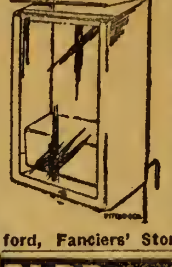

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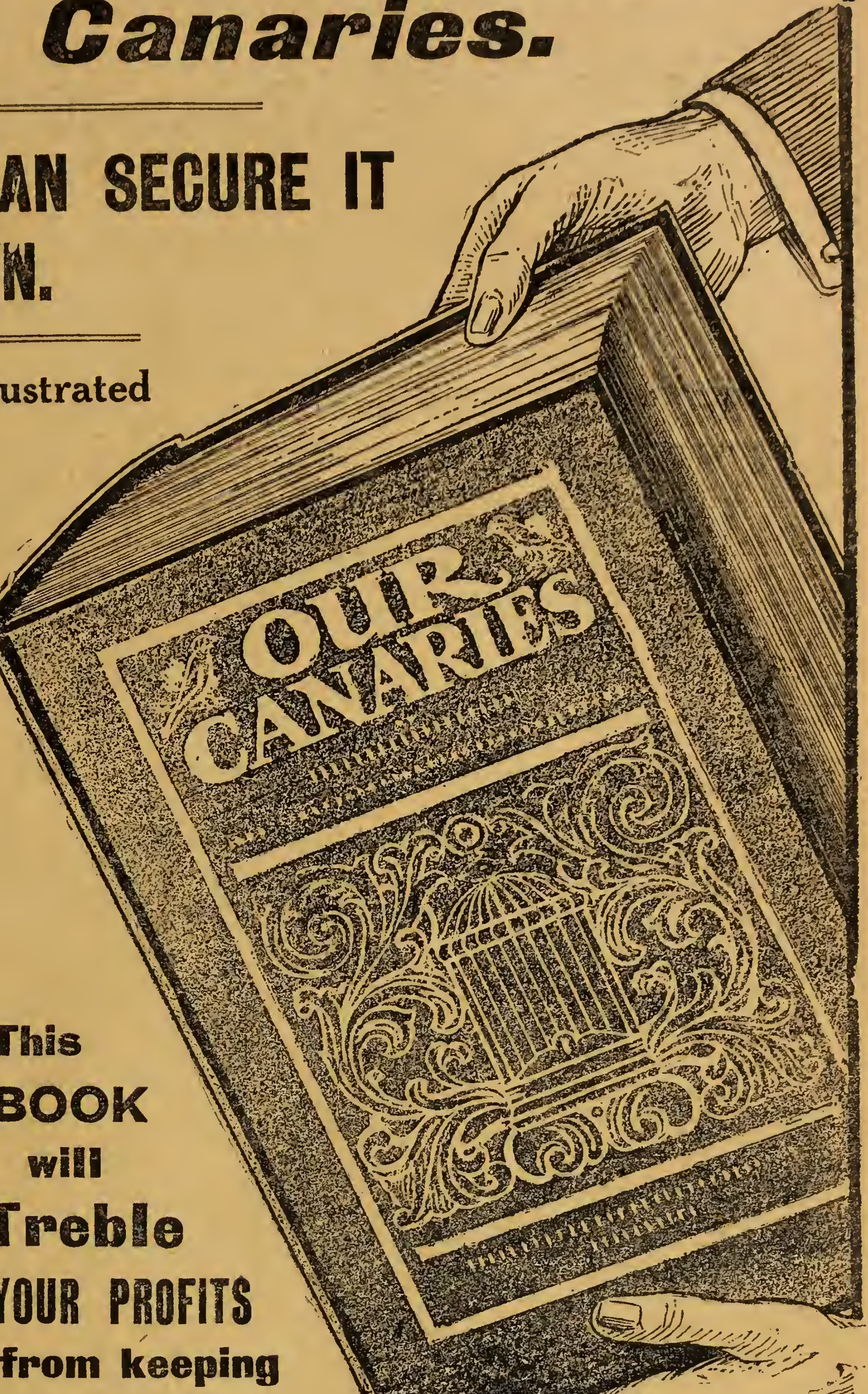

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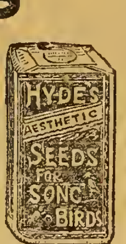

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On June 15 members had an enjoyable ramble to Water Grove, in excellent weather. Bird life was in abundance; we found several nests of the following: Thrush, Ring Ousel, Blackbird, Missel Thrush, containing young and eggs, also saw on the wing Swallow, Martin, Stone Chat, Linnet, Greenfinch, Blackbird, Throstle, Wagtail, Hedge Warbler. The Skylark sang beautifully in the heavens. A halt was made at a farmhouse for refreshments and a rest, a member to whom we were much obliged, kindly forking out for the lot. We made a start backwards via Nut Wood, and soon came across an old mill, where the present secretary of the Littleboro' C.B.S. was born in a house attached. Here several nests of the Martin had been destroyed, evidently by boys not realising the seriousness of their actions. It was after we left here that the most of the bird life was seen, passing through hedgerows and by rippling streams, nest after nest was found. In fact, there was one in nearly every bush and tree; we could not miss them. A most enjoyable morning being spent, we all arrived home about 12.45 p.m., all tired but satisfied, and we vowed that this ramble would not be the last.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Sunday, May 25 was a glorious summer's day, which will be long remembered by those of us who took part in our annual ramble across the fields and commons of Surrey. A smaller party than usual entrained at Peckham Rye, and East Dulwich, all in the best of spirts eagerly anticipating their day with the birds and Nature at her best. Arriving at Box Hill Station, we were soon on our way to Ranmore Common. Crossing a ploughed field we came to a small wood, when Master Frank Cole made the first find, a nest of young Hedge Sparrows. Blackbirds' and Thrushes' nests were quickly found, some with eggs, others with young. Passing on to the common, a halt was made to give the camera fiend his chance. Mr. Taylor and Master John Richardson were the operators on this occasion. This over, we were soon amongst the gorse and bramble bushes. A large number of Linnets' nests were found, also those of the Greenfinch and Chaffinch. The Chiffchaff, Whitethroat, and Yellow Bunting were seen, but their nests were not located, the nests of the Jay and Wood Pigeon were found in both cases empty, and by the side of a pond, the Red and Yellow Wagtails were seen sporting themselves, the call of the Cuckoo being heard on all sides. On the far side of the common the party all met again, when a shady glen was found, in which to eat the lunch, which each one had brought with him, stretching themselves on the cool grass, thoroughly enjoying the food and rest, the air resounding with the song of the birds the while. About 2 p.m. we made another start, and wending our way past the church, across the fields and along country lanes by the pretty village of Westcot, across Melton Heath, on our way to Homewood Common, which we reached about 4 p.m. Here we spent an enjoyable time. The place was fairly alive with birds, and nests were found in quick succession. Those of the Thrush, Blackbird, Linnet, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Whitethroat, Wren and Tit were found by different members of the party. Meeting again by the old church on the common; we commenced our walk into Dorking, where Host Dam'n, of the Temperance Hotel, had a substantial tea waiting us, to which ample justice was done. We had a most enjoyable ramble.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

A VINDICATION OF BIRD KEEPING

Facts Faddists Should Ponder.

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds League."

In my notes in our issue of May 31, I referred to an article by Mrs. K. Currey, published in the "Avicultural Magazine" for May. This article, entitled "For Love of Birds" was a criticism of a review by Dr. Butler of a pamphlet published by the Animal Friends' Society, consisting mainly of tirades against the study of bird and other animal life in captivity. In his review Dr. Butler said "A bird in a cage does not spend its existence in vain regrets over its lost liberty: in all probability its mind is a complete blank as regards the past. It lives in the present, and is content so long as it is kindly treated and has plenty of food suited to its needs." Dr. Butler claimed, further, that the people who wrote pamphlets of such a character were hindering the advancement of science.

Mrs. Currey, who is herself an aviculturist, wrote a commentary on Dr. Butler's review, and expressed herself in language which might easily have been used by some of the extremists whose one idea is to put an end once for all to the keeping of any kind of bird in captivity, and I had something to say in answer to Mrs. Currey, as mentioned above.

Now, in the June issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," Dr. Butler replies in full to Mrs. Currey. His reply is to be commended to the notice of the sentimentalists who are responsible for the mendacious pamphlets published from time to time. Some of his paragraphs are quoted herewith:—

> There is not the slightest doubt that the societies which have sprung up of late years, with the avowed object of advocating humanitarianism, while undoubtedly doing a little good, have (owing to their refusal to look at both sides of the question) done an incalculable amount of mischief.
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> Does the so-called Bird-protectionist really believe that in interfering with man's undoubted right to claim dominion over the fowls of the air he is doing the birds themselves any good at all; or is his action dictated solely by a love for notoriety, for a malicious pleasure in meddling with concerns respecting which he is not only profoundly ignorant, but concerning which he does not desire even to know the actual truth? I am afraid, from the constant repetition in his pamphlets of statements which have long been proved unsound, that there can be only one answer to this.
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> To what end does all this misplaced zeal tend? We know that the desire and aim of these reformers is to put an entire stop to bird-keeping throughout the world . . . the capture of one in perhaps ten thousand individuals can make no appreciable difference to the preservation of the species; whereas it may make a considerable difference to ornithological knowledge.
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> A lot of absolute nonsense has been written about the decrease of Goldfinches and other birds in England, and the blame has been put upon the bird-catchers; as if they alone were responsible, and the comparatively few birds captured in their nets made any appreciable difference to the many millions of birds born each year in Europe. Of course, when there is a decrease in numbers it is due entirely to the cutting down of timber and reclaiming of waste land formerly covered with thistle and teazle upon which these birds delight to feed. When on migration in the spring it is not to be expected that Goldfinches or any other birds should settle down in a locality where they can neither find suitable nesting places nor food which appeals to them.
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> No real lover of birds objects to a certain amount of reasonable protection, but in the present-day restrictions upon the liberty of the subject are becoming every year more unbearable, the masses are being tormented for the self-glorification of a few mistaken sentimentalists.
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> As for birds being unhappy in partial captivity, that we know to be the veriest nonsense; indeed, there are scores of recorded instances in which, when liberated, they have voluntarily returned to their former owners. This is not surprising when one considers that a wild bird is subject to frequent alarms from predaceous birds and beasts, that it often has much difficulty in obtaining sufficient food to satisfy it, and that in the winter in this country it is exposed to all the bitter and trying vicissitudes of our most uncertain climate.

Readers of these columns will know that I have many times used the same arguments as indicated in the above extracts, and it is pleasing to find such an aviculturist as Dr. Butler coinciding with one's own views.

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Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary Cage Birds League,
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of Cage Birds League, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the League. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only*

Twitterings.

A white Starling has been seen in Cumberland.

Mr. J. Young, sec. City of Glasgow O.A., writes that he has removed from High Street, to 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen.

Mr. J. Heap, maker of aluminium rings, Burnley, writes that he has removed from Renshaw Street, to 158, Briercliffe Road.

We hear from Mr. A. Hudson, hon. sec., that Barrow and District C.B.A. is holding its nest feather show on July 12. Mr. Jas. Stewart, Whitehaven, will judge.

Mr. D. Carroll has been appointed to judge our young bird show at Central Hall, Dublin, July 2, writes Mr. C. Lattimore, hon. sec., Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland. Schedules ready.

Our first evening show of the season, writes Mr. Rowland Bamber, sec. Ealing and Hanwell F.S., takes place on June 25, at St. John's Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing. Judge, Mr. Dewhurst.

Our F.F. show, writes Mr. J. Cope, sec. Oldham C.B.A., will be held June 21, at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road. We shall be glad to see all old fanciers. Mr. Cunliff, Macclesfield, will judge.

Ramsden's colour food is now to hand, and members of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. may have their supplies at any time, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the president (121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Mr. F. Washbourne, 320, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, Manchester, writes that he has been elected secretary of the Openshaw, Gorton, and Dis. C.B.S. All communications re the society should be sent to the address named.

All applications for the patronage of the Northern British, Mule and Foreign Bird Club must be in before July 2, writes Mr. W. Curry, sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle, as we shall be having a meeting on that date to allot same. Please state judge and number of classes given.

My Cage Birds I welcome every week, and the contents always deeply interest me, for not only do the articles form good food for thought, but the queries that are constantly cropping up week after week, together with the replies, come in exceptionally useful. I wish you continued success.—Dover E. Judd (Enfield).

Mr. J. Sheppard, sec., writes that the Midland Counties Y.C.C. is now ready to consider applications from Midland Societies for patronage. Those who included this club's patronage in their schedule last season were full of praise, as profit resulted in all cases. Rules are now ready from J. Sheppard, sec., 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

First Feather Shows.

IMPORTANT OFFER.

We have decided again this year to accept advertisements of First Feather (young bird) shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present **a special prize** of a bound volume of "Bird World," or two handsome specially mounted plates, to all societies spending not less than 10s. 6d. in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns.

Secretaries taking advantage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note than we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Farnworth C.B.A. first nest feather show will be held June 21, Farnworth Church House, Church Road, judge, Mr. James Hopkins, Bolton. Birds staged not later than 1.30. Sec., Mr. W. Dawson, 117, Primrose Street.

The date of meeting was wrongly sent last week, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec., Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. It should have been June 16, not 23. Will all who require colour food let me know how much they want, not later than June 23?

My father and I were very pleased to see our bird on the front of Cage Birds, and thank you very much, writes Mr. H. Sutcliffe. Kindly note my change of address to 21, Valley Road, Shipley; my father still lives at 1, Back Kitson Street, Windhill.

We have received from Messrs. Hopkins and Cunliffe, joint secs., Norwich Plainhead Club, the report for 1912, and list of officers and members for 1913. The balance-sheet shows that the balance owing to sec., brought down from 1911 as £1 11s. 8d., is now reduced to £1 0s. 5d.

The annual cricket match between the City and Suburban A.C.B. and the "Early Birds" C.C. takes place to-day (Saturday) at 3 p.m., at the Paddington Recreation Ground, writes Mr V. Wynn, the hon. sec., when we hope to see a good muster of members and friends to cheer us on and enjoy the fun. The ground is near the Edgware Road (take the second turning on the right down Elgin Avenue) and easily accessible by motor 'bus, etc., from almost all parts of London.

OBITUARY.

I am very sorry to announce, writes Mr. R. Clifford, that our secretary, Mr. A. Spencer, has had a severe loss in the death of his sister, who passed away suddenly whilst attending a patient in her occupation as a nurse. The members of Old Radford Society offer him their sympathy in his sad loss.

It is with feelings of regret, writes Mr. D. Lawson, president, Thrums C. and C.B.A., that I have to report the death of Mrs. Dundas, wife of our respected member, Mr. Robert Dundas, and sister of our secretary, who passed away on June 1, after an illness extending over three weeks. Her remains were laid to rest in Kirriemuir Cemetery on June 4. I am sure the sympathy of all fanciers will go out to Mr. Dundas and family of five in their sad bereavement.

Mr. R. G. Metcalfe (8, Village Street, Lower Broughton, Manchester) writes that he and his friends are going as usual on Aug. Bank Holiday week-end to Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. Fanciers and friends are cordially invited, and can rely on having a ripping time fishing, shooting, bird-catching, and driving, combined with a table of the best, and every accommodation. Anyone wishing to go, kindly notify me in good time, so that I can make arrangements for beds, etc. Time of departure, fare, etc., will be posted later.

These about to purchase colour food should note that at the last Palace show five championships and two five guinea cups, besides scores of cash prizes were awarded to birds fed on Ramsden's pure peppers. The Crystal Palace Company's silver medals for best novice and Yorkshire, also for best champion Mule were also won by birds colour fed solely on Ramsden's peppers. For proof, kindly refer to Palace catalogue. Ramsden's peppers are the finest that can be obtained. Are packed in tins only, and never sent out in bags. Orders received by the morning's post are executed same day. Purchasers should remember that Ramsden's peppers are sold with a full guarantee under the Food and Drugs Act, also the Merchandise Act, and are the only peppers advertised with this guarantee. This season's pepper now on sale at prices advertised in the "Foods" column.—(Advt.)

An Interesting Revival.

We hear that Prescot Society is reviving its show. This will be interesting to Norwich fanciers, as Prescot was once the hot bed of the chubby ones. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, has been engaged to judge.

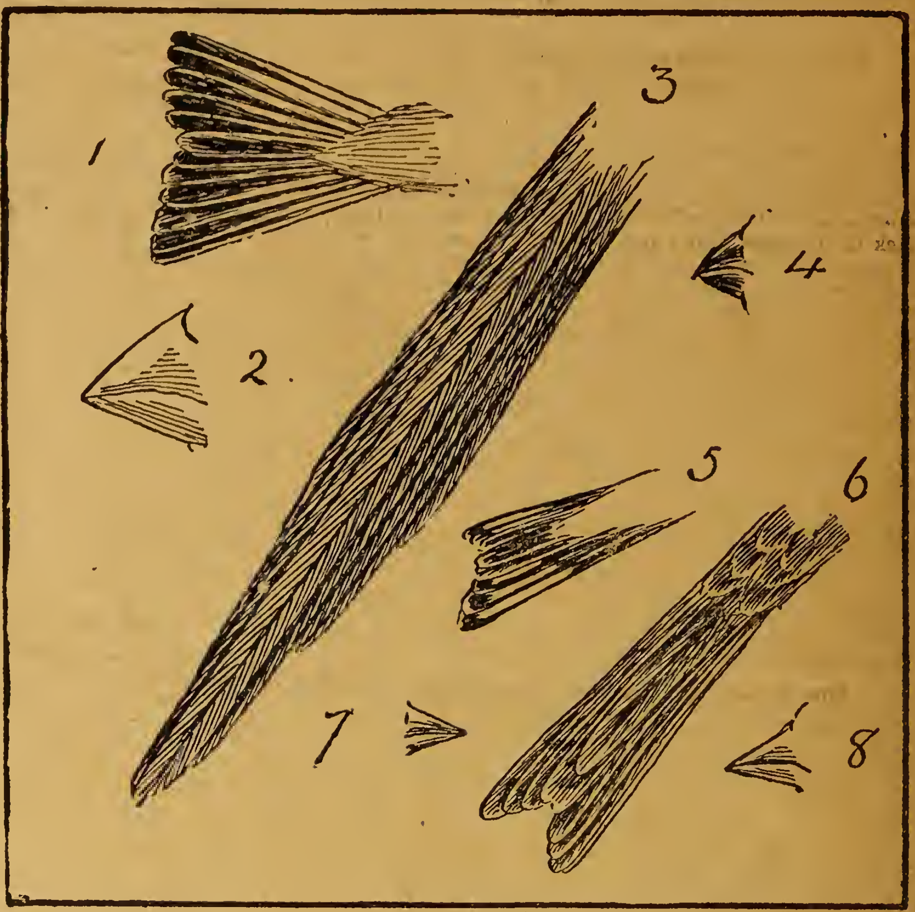
Pelican Fights Six Men.

A large Pelican was captured in a field about a mile inland from Whitstable on June 15. The bird, which had a ring around its neck, showed a good deal of fight, and it took six men to hold it. They were ultimately successful in taking it alive to Whitstable.

Humming Birds in England.

We learn from a well-informed source that several Humming Birds were recently in London, the property of the noted German importer, Herr Fockleman, of Hamburg. We believe, however, that they failed to tempt to become buyers the well-known English bird-lovers who saw them.

Our Beaks and Tails Competition.



Five Shillings Cash (or Books) for the Best Solution.

The above eight sketches represent either the beak or the tail of seven well-known species of British birds. We will forward 5/- cash (or our bird books to value, as may be preferred) to the reader who correctly identifies the birds to which they belong. In the event of no one getting the whole number correct, the prize will go to the sender of the greatest number of correct answers; in the event of a tie, the winner will be drawn for by an independent person.

RULES: Write the birds' names on the back of a postcard and write your name and address clearly underneath. Number each solution 1 to 8, in the order in which the beaks and tails appear on the drawing. Address your postcard to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and post it to reach us not later than first post Thursday next, June 26th. Only one effort is allowed each competitor.

Robbery of Birds in London.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning last, some thief visited the garden of Mr. G. E. Weston and proceeded to break open his aviaries. Fortunately he (or they) appears to have been disturbed, as only one of the compartments devoted to Hybrid couples had been entered, and from this a large Siberian hen Bullfinch and Siberian cock Goldfinch were stolen. As the wicker travelling (Roller) cage hung up for nesting purposes was also missing, evidently the thief put the birds in this, and then probably tied it up in a handkerchief. There were marks around the lock of the next compartment, containing a Chaffinch-Bullfinch couple, but the attempt to force this door had been abandoned for some reason or other. Mr. Weston would readily recognise the birds. Will any fancier or dealer being offered a Siberian hen Bullfinch and cock Goldfinch for sale kindly communicate with him at 42, Lewisham Rd., Dartmouth Park, N.W. Mr. Weston is afraid that, owing to the many thefts of similar nature (fowls, etc., and even pigs) in the neighbourhood, he will have to abandon bird-keeping out-of-doors.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.; Northern Yorks C.C., Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton St., Newcastle-on-Tyne, latest date July 2; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Rd., Windhill, Shipley; Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; closing date July 17; Yorks and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford; Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd., Liverpool; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Midland Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Rd., Small Heath, Birmingham; Southern Border Fancy, F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Rd., Clapham Junction, closing date, June 25; Yorks C.C. of Scotland, R. B. Gibb, 2, Alexandria Terrace, Govan, closing date June 28; Northern British, Mule, and Foreign Club, W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle, closing date July 2.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Border City (Carlisle) O.S., June 22, to Kingmore, etc., meet Edestown, 2.0.; Loanhead C.B.S., June 28, to Arniston Estate, brake leaves Fountain Loanhead 2.15, Bonnyrigg 2.30; Larkhall C.B.A. July 19, to Bonnington, Falls of Clyde.

Do Owls Need Water?

In conversation recently with that expert fancier, Mr. John Frostick, we were surprised to hear him say that Owls did not need water; he had personally kept them several years without. Presumably the flesh food supplied a sufficiency. Mr. Frostick said that he gave water when first he had the Owls (Little Owls) but that they neither drank nor bathed. We are under the impression, however, that the Tawny (Wood) Owl, and one or two others are very fond of bathing. Evidently the little Owl is exceptional in this respect.

SELFRIDGE'S TAKE UP CANARIES.

World Renowned Emporium's Interesting New Venture.

That great Oxford Street firm, Selfridges, whose magnificent emporium is one of the sights of the West End of London, is to be congratulated on its latest department—one devoted to certain kinds of pets.

The live stock salon, as it is termed, is situated at 32 Duke Street, and is in the charge of Miss Frances Simpson, the well-known lover of cats, dogs, and all pets. It could not be in better hands. The salon itself is beautifully fitted, and everything possible, needless to add, has been done to secure the well-being and comfort of the pets housed there

This new department has "caught on" in no uncertain manner, and though originally restricted to dogs and cats, its fair manageress has been asked to provide many kinds of birds, including Canaries, Parrots, and Pheasants. Our own hobby of bird-keeping numbers very many adherents in the aristocratic West End, and no doubt this new move of the House of Selfridge will serve to popularise it still further in this exclusive quarter. The gracious acceptance by Queen Mary of a Canary from Norwich will be well remembered by our readers, and our beloved Queen's love of birds is shared by many amongst her own immediate entourage.

PROGRESS OF OUR GREAT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.

Making Headway Rapidly: Explanatory Pamphlets sent to Society Secretaries: Discuss our Scheme at your Meetings, Members: What a Prominent Exhibitor Thinks: Our Definition of a Novice.

OUR great championship competition scheme continues to make merry progress. We are delighted to note the interest in it so widely displayed by both societies and exhibitors. Officials of societies have been quick to recognise that CAGE BIRDS' latest scheme provides a splendid stimulus to exhibitors to send out their birds freely and often, and will add a zest to the competition in all sections that will render the results of the judging being more eagerly awaited than was ever the case before; above all, they see plainly that a scheme which can accomplish these things MUST be of great benefit to their exhibitions by bringing in entries in every section comprised in their schedules.

Our Scheme and Your Classification.

We may point out here to secretaries and others that it is not essential that the whole of the twelve diploma sections specified shall be included in your schedule to qualify your annual exhibition to become one of CAGE BIRDS championship coupon shows. It is not intended that our scheme shall interfere in any way with the classification you desire to offer. The diplomas will be in competition in whatever sections are represented in your schedule of classes.

Now Societies Let Us Hear From You.

Since we wrote last week, the following additional societies have applied for full details of the Championship Competition:—Boscombe and Dist. C.B.A., Bradford West C.B.A., Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S., Selby and Dist. C.B.S., Swansea C.B.S., Tong and Dist. C.B.S., and Tredegar and Dist. C.B.S. The explanatory pamphlets are now ready, and will have been posted to all applicants ere these lines are printed, also to the secretaries of all societies who last season held on open show. We ask the courtesy of each secretary in bringing our scheme before the notice of his members at an early date. If any secretary has been inadvertently overlooked (through a change of official or otherwise) we shall be pleased to send him a pamphlet on hearing to this effect. We would mention by way of reminder that our Championship Competition is restricted to societies deciding to enrol their fixtures in our list of guaranteed shows.

A Good Opinion Typical of Many.

Exhibitors are whole-heartedly in favour of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition, judging by the tone of the letters which reach us in ever-increasing numbers daily. Their views are well summed up in the appended communication received from Messrs. Martin & Archer, the well-known exhibitors of hybrids and British birds, etc., of Huddersfield. When ordering their supply of coupons, Mr. F. Archer writes:—

> "One can truly say that with this scheme the time has arrived for exhibitors (both novice and champion) to put down their birds so that the shows throughout the kingdom benefit. Times without number complaints have been made respecting half-prizemoney and short entries. Is this scheme going to do anything to alter this? I venture to say that it is. For a long time something of this sort has been wanted, so it behoves one and all to support it to the best of their ability. I hope it will be a huge success. I would like to read other exhibitors' opinions, and I have not the slightest doubt the Editor of CAGE BIRDS would like to as well." (I should; opinions, critical or otherwise, are specially desired.—Editor, "C.B.").

How We Define a Novice.

We have been asked how we purpose "classifying" novice exhibitors for the purpose of competing in our scheme. We have adopted the following standard definition of a novice:—

> "A novice is a person who has never won a first prize for Canaries, or Mules and Hybrids, or British, or Foreign birds, in a class at any show other than one confined to club members, or residents in the town or county where the show is held, or limited as to the price at which the exhibit is to be sold (price not to exceed £5), or three first prizes in open novice classes. All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have to compete."

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

TWO PRIZES OF 10s. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Crystal Palace Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Crystal Palace Authorities, CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show:—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon—one bird—one coupon show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of August, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—No bird entered for this competition may wear a ring, or have any distinguishing mark apart from its natural characteristics.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

Our Hobby Week by Week.

Is "Face Value" Fallacious?: A Knotty Problem of Mule Breeding.

On the Hunt For Grass Seed.

My recommendation of seeding heads of grass as a very valuable and unjustly neglected green food for birds, and especially those rearing young, has had an altogether unlooked for sequel. I expressly mentioned the ordinary "common or garden" grass (meaning meadow grass) in this connection. But quite a number of my readers seem to have become possessed of the idea that if one kind of grass is useful, then five or six different kinds of grasses must possess a proportionately higher utility. So they have industriously ransacked the neighbouring countryside and fired in to CAGE BIRDS offices choice selections of specimens, with requests to name them and say if of any use as food for birds! As my knowledge of grasses is, like my hair nowadays, strictly limited, this procedure has proved somewhat bewildering. Further, it goes directly contrary to the purpose that prompted my original paragraph; this was, to indicate a valuable and reliable seeding greenfood which might be obtained by everybody at a minimum of trouble, but which practically everybody (Canary breeders, at least) neglected. Certain other grasses are doubtless equally useful; so many of us, however, haven't time and opportunity to hunt them down.

An Opinion of "Face Value" and Pedigree.

The relation last week of my experiment (in some respects an absurd one) of continued close inbreeding and double-yellowing, seems to have aroused no little interest, judging by the letters received concerning it. One writer asks me whether I consider inbreeding dangerous to the well-being of birds? I most certainly do not. I hold that rational and well-considered inbreeding is essential if one would establish a strain of Canaries to produce winners, and, what is of even more importance, one that will continue to produce winners. The ideal breeding birds are those that combine face value with pedigree—by "face value" I mean those standard points that go to make up a high-class specimen of any given variety. It would be easy, I think, to demonstrate that a man who relies upon face value when buying and mating his birds, and troubles naught about pedigree, will be much less certain in his results than the man who looks for something favourable in the past (i.e., ancestry) of his birds as well as in the present. But this is too lengthy a matter to go into now.

The Road to Ruin.

My own inbreeding, of course, was the reverse of rational. The result, a deterioration of the birds at all points, and rapid, too, in the fifth year, was only to be expected. In a recent (1912) work on "Heredity," by Professor Watson, these sentences occur: "It has long been known that inbreeding . . . is very detrimental to the general physiological vigour and the fertility of the breed . . . . The degree of relationship which is compatible with fulness of vigour appears to vary considerably in different species (animals), and in the same species under different conditions. . . In any case, continued close inbreeding invariably leads to greatly weakened constitution, and often to partial or complete sterility. . . Breed "in" to fix type; breed "out" to secure vigour; in general, compromise—this may be said to be a summing up of the experience of animal breeders." In my own case there was (as mentioned) a striking deterioration in the frame of the birds, and in the plumage, the last one reared being a decidedly peculiar object. I found eggs more difficult to get, though those laid were fertile, and that the birds lacked vigour was evident. The double-buff mating of which I spoke, using two of the closely-related birds, brother and sister, had no effect for the better (or exceedingly little), so far as I could tell, though I did not pursue this phase of the experiment beyond one season. But when I put up a distantly related yellow with one of these buffs, the improvement in the progeny was decidedly noticeable.

A Wonderful Offer of a Wonderful Book.

Every Bird Breeder and Lover should read and take Advantage of the offer on page 511 of this issue.

DO IT NOW.

Can You Answer This One?

Why should jonque Mules not be bred from *any* buff hen Canary? This is a question to which I myself can supply no answer. It is generally held that a yellow Mule cannot be obtained from a buff hen which has been bred in the ordinary way. I have often tried to get one, and always failed; yet I cannot see any reason for this failure. I remember that my old friend, Mr. W. H. Vale, many years ago, in one of the very first issues of "Bird Notes," expressed the opinion, when writing on Mule breeding, that it was practically impossible, although he admitted that Mr. Peregrine Ball had put one case before him in which success had been achieved.

I have conclusively proved that jonque Mules can be bred from buff hens possessing "concentrated yellow blood" (as I termed it); and possibly Mr. Ball's hen was one of this kind. But even if an ordinary buff hen is used, we put up a jonque Finch with her. And that the distinction between yellows and buffs is as sharply defined in Finches as in Canaries no practical man can deny. Why, then, should we not breed yellow Mules when we pair a yellow Finch to a buff Canary hen?

The Female Reproductive Cell.

On reading over the note in my recent contribution, dealing with the fertility and sex of eggs I see that I spoke of "the germinal versicle, a minute body found in the germ spot." I ought really to have written "found in the germinal disc," as "germ spot" is a term frequently applied to that still more minute body, the nucleolus, found in, and an important part of, the germinal vesicle (or nucleus). The germinal disc is that tiny light-coloured (whitish) spot found on the surface of the yolk; in a Canary's egg about the size of a pin's head—in a fowl's egg about the size of a small hemp-seed. This disc is a mass of protoplasm (broadly speaking, living matter) and contains that microscopic and wonderful body the nucleus (germinal vesicle), the latter holding those still more minute bodies the nucleolus (germinal spot), and the centrosome, and also chromatin. These bodies may be said to make up, in conjunction with the yolk, the ovum (reproductive cell) of the female. The yolk, of course, represents food matter. I would ask readers to keep this latter paragraph by them, as I will return to this subject next week.

G. E. WESTON.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For Rules See Last Week's Issue.)

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.,** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SINGS FAINTLY (G. B.).—Glad to hear the bird has recovered so well under treatment advised. The hoarseness is quite natural at the commencement of its resumed efforts at singing, and will gradually disappear as the song increases. You may add ten drops each of glycerine and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence to the water for a few days. See that it is not in a direct draught, or an impure or dusty atmosphere. No, the bird should not moult again this year.

NO RESULTS (A. Snow).—You give no idea as to the age of the hen, or the general health and condition of the birds—especially the cock, and his age makes the question of his vigour and condition very important. Unless quite vigorous and active you cannot look for certain results from him, and in any case to stand a fair chance of success he should be mated with a hen in her second season, and, of course, still in full breeding vigour. It is quite true that many birds considerably older than yours breed successfully, but it is essential they should be in good, sound health, and have plenty of vigour, and even then they are not invariably to be depended upon. If the birds show signs of going to nest again treat them until the hen has laid the same as advised to "A Novice" in this issue.

FIVE EGGS—SIX YOUNG (E. O. A.).—It is quite possible for two perfect chicks to be hatched separately, that is not attached to each other, from one egg—twins, in fact. A number of such cases have been placed on record, and I have seen several cases myself. It is not so often, however, that the twins are reared so easily. That they were not discovered earlier may perhaps speak well for your non-interference with young broods. This is assuming that you are quite certain no other chick was added to the brood in question to be reared, such as a chick from a brood deserted by their own parents. If you are certain on this point, then you may safely conclude the brood contains a pair of twins.

A DISAPPOINTING PAIR (A. Novice).—It is quite possible that the puffiness of the hen indicates the approach of the moult, and if this occurs you may just as well give up hope of doing anything with these birds this season. The loss of a wing or tail feather or two will show when it has set in. If this does not occur, leave birds together and treat as follows for a time. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a teaspoonful of egg food in which you have mixed two finely chopped fat mealworms, and add to it a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame and gold of pleasure. On the alternate day give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle. Give a supply of varied green food daily, and a few dandelion seed heads at any time. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid. You may bathe the foot of the cock once daily for two or three days in a warm solution of extract of wych hazel—a small teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. Dry carefully afterwards and anoint slightly with vaseline.

PECULIAR (H. G. Money).—Surely the cause of a hen having two fertile and two unfertile eggs in each of three successive clutches must be sufficiently obvious—only two of the ova happened to be impregnated by the male germ. Why this should be so I cannot say. It is just one of those things which "no fellow can understand," but may theorise about. This is assuming the birds were "pairing" freely during the time the nest was being built. One occasionally comes across hens which will not mate until laying has commenced, and in such cases the first half of the clutch are almost, if not quite, invariably unfertile. I am also inclined to think that in some cases "pairing" is not really effective until laying commences, when the effect is, of course, practically the same. Possibly your hen may be of this rather exceptional type. About a week is the length of time you may keep Canary eggs before putting them to set. If properly cared for, they may be kept double this time, but when eggs are kept long before being sat upon the normal period of incubation is somewhat prolonged, and the embryos correspondingly weakened. When kept too long the germs fail to develop at all. They should be kept in a small box covered with bran, in a cool place, and given a half turn every morning and evening.

PLANTAIN AND SAND (F. S. D.).—(1) The specimen you sent is the narrow-leaved plantain—more popularly known as "Lamb's Tongue," or "Ribwort." At present the plant is only in bloom, but when the seed is formed the heads are quite as acceptable to birds as are the seed stalks of the broad-leaved plantain, which is the variety which produces the long seed stalks, called "rat-tails," which is more generally used, chiefly, no doubt, on account of the seed stalks being so much larger and longer, which makes it so much less trouble to gather sufficient for immediate use. I have never offered the leaves of plantain to Canaries, so cannot say whether it is good for them. A simple way to avoid littering floor of cages with green food is to plait it firmly in the wires at the end of a perch. Small racks or spring clips can also be bought for a copper or two to hold it firmly on the wires. If you gave only the buds of groundsel heads before the flowers have opened you should have no trouble whatever with litter from them, as the birds usually eat them up bodily. (2) If you can get fine, gritty sand from an unpolluted part of the sea beach it would answer admirably for a covering for your cages, and if it contains particles anything like approaching the size of grains in sample you enclosed, there would be no real necessity to supply any other kind of grit.

NO EGGS APPEARING (R. Miller).—In this reply last week the printer unfortunately mixed up two sentences. Fourteenth to sixteenth lines should read: "Keep cock where she can hear him sing, or both see and hear him. Every second day for a week add to the drinking water," etc., etc. Will querist please note

MATING COCK WITH ANOTHER HEN (A Beginner).—You may quite safely mate the cock with No. 1 hen at once for another nest. It will not injure the cock in the least on account of his being a 1912 bird. Provided he is healthy and robust there will be no risk at all in mating him again. You give no particulars that enable me to suggest any reason for your ill-luck hitherto except that the hen probably succumbed to egg-binding. For rearing young see reply to "Beginner" on June 7th. Have you "Canary Breeding for Beginners?" If not, get a copy. It will save you making many mistakes.

MOST PROLIFIC AND HARDY (T. M. W.).—It is not possible to single out any breed of Canary and to say dogmatically that it is the most prolific and hardiest. The question of strain and management has a very important bearing on the matter, and may have quite as much, or even more, to do with the question of prolificacy and hardiness than breed alone. In a general way, and the question of strain and management being equal, common Germans, Borders, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Lizards are among the hardiest, but it is difficult to single out one for first place. Personally, I am inclined to divide honours equally between the German and the Border.

GASPS FOR BREATH (Border Fancy).—The hoarseness is undoubtedly a concomitant of an acute bronchial attack, which is probably due to cold draughts, and as its incidence coincides with the late spell of warm weather, it seems not unlikely that such exposure may have been brought about by being placed between open windows, or door and window. All such exciting causes must now be avoided. Keep the bird in a well-ventilated place with a pure atmosphere, but do not expose it to direct draughts. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for two days, and afterwards give 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards for another week or fortnight as may appear necessary. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Get a chemist to mix it for you.

FEEDING DURING MOULT (A Constant Reader).—You give no indication whatever what class of birds you refer to—whether Canaries, British, or Foreign. If either of the two last-named, please repeat query next week, and mark it British or Foreign, as the case may be, that it may be passed on to the proper authority. If you refer to Canaries, it depends again on whether you wish to colour-feed them. If you do, then you cannot do better than get our manager to send you the booklet on "Colour-Feeding," post free, 3½d., which will tell you all you wish to know on this subject. Also Part IX of "Our Canaries" will give full details for moulting all kinds of Canaries, either with or without colour-feeding. If not colour-feeding you need only add to the usual dictary a little egg-food two or three times a week, and fill in the intervening days with a varied supply of mixed seeds in moderate quantities, green foods, and wild seeds of various kinds. A supply of nasturtium and marigold blooms will help to add tone to what natural colour the birds possess. During the latter half of moult a little linseed or a few chopped sunflower seeds given three or four times a week will add the necessary lustre to the plumage. "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," post free, 1/2, from our manager is such a book as you enquire after.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); *House's "Canary Manual"* (1/2); *Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries"* (1/1½); *House's "Norwich Canaries"* (1/1); *Weston's "Stock Book"* (7d.); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping* (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. each) *No.* 5 *"The Pet Canary," No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No.* 9 *"The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No.* 10 *"The Roller," No.* 23 *"The Border ancy," No.* 24 *"Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London E.C.*

SITTING ON NEST (Novec).—The hen would most likely hatch and rear a brood if the eggs were provided for her to start with, but if she only sits in nest at night I would advise you to wait patiently a little longer before supplying eggs. It is quite "on the cards" that she may set about laying a clutch for herself at any time. Give her a little egg-food every second day for a week or two, and mix in it each time three finely-minced fat mealworms, and sprinkle all over with a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure. On the alternate days give a small "stool" of freshly-gathered dandelion split across the crown, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel to the water for a week. If she does not then lay in, say, two or three weeks, or even now if she sits in nest continuously day and night, try giving her a clutch of common eggs if obtainable, or even a clutch of eggs of some British Finch.

A BAD LOT (Desperandum).—Never despair "Desperandum"; the "glad eye" may yet sparkle in your orbits, though it is evident your stock are a thoroughly bad lot. I very much doubt you doing anything with them this season, beyond, perhaps, curing their ailments, or, which we will hope may not be the case, performing the last rites over their mortal remains. Is it only the birds you have bought that have these colds, or does it affect birds you have had for some time? If the latter is the case, I should suspect that your method of ventilation during this warm weather gives rise to injurious draughts, and you would do well to increase the top ventilation sufficiently to keep the fluctuations in check and avoid as much as possible setting up direct draughts in the cages. For one week give all the affected birds a plain seed diet with a varied supply of green food daily, and add to the drinking water every second day six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence. After this treat all that have colds and pant the same as advised to "Border Fancy" in this issue. Feed the cocks that are losing feathers the same as advised to "A Novice" in this issue, except the soft food, instead of which give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day. In the water, instead of the quinine mixture give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give those that also have colds the chlorodyne mixture advised for the hens. As regards mating the hen that has built a nest, if she has not already laid, and these colds yield readily to the treatment advised, you may try mating her with one of the cocks that is not losing feathers, as a "mere spec." It may be your only chance this season, but do not expect much from such a mating. It will be quite useless mating her with a cock that is losing feathers. Shall be glad to hear result in two or three weeks hence.

THUNDER AND MOULT (A. M. J.).—Many thanks for your information about the second clutch of eggs having dead embryos in them, and the incidence of another thunderstorm during the time of incubation. I frankly admit you have experienced a very remarkable chain of coincidences which may make it very difficult for you to really believe that thunder has no effect on eggs undergoing incubation, especially if you had no other eggs being incubated simultaneously, nor knew of any others near you, which were unaffected by these storms. As regards the lightning being the cause, it is undoubtedly possible, but in a high degree improbable, that in very exceptional circumstances, when the atmosphere is highly charged with electricity for some time it may produce some effect on unhatched embryos. But even then you must see that any such effect must be general over the affected area, and cannot be limited to a single nest. In all probability weak embryos were the cause of the failures to complete development in your cases. (2) For moulting a bird under the circumstances you name, give in addition to the staple diet of mixed seeds a small teaspoonful of egg food twice a week only. On two other days during the first half of the moult give a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and during the latter half substitute for this a pinch of linseed or a few chopped sunflower seeds. Give a little green food or wild seeds, in variety, plantain, shepherd's purse, chickweed, dandelion heads, etc., etc., daily. See also reply to "A Constant Reader" this week. Allow bird to bathe freely.

OFF SONG ALTOGETHER (Jack, Reader "C.B.").—I'm afraid you have completely ruined this bird's health by hanging it in the window. The fickle appetite is doubtless due to its generally unhealthy condition. It is quite useless treating it in its present position. Remove it from the window, and keep it in a bright, healthy, and well-ventilated place, free from impure air, dust, fumes or direct draughts. The bird would indeed be far better out in the open altogether than hanging in the window. Having altered the conditions, treat the bird for two or three weeks, as may appear necessary, the same as advised to "Border Fancy" in this issue.

STOPPED SINGING (Gerean).—The loss of the wing and tail feathers is quite sufficient evidence that the bird has already commenced its second moult. The first moult must have been completed when you bought the bird. This moulting would account for the loss of song, but its position hanging in the window, and its condition in being tormented with insects, are also each in itself sufficient to stop the bird singing on account of ill-health. Therefore, it is scarcely reasonable to expect song with such a combination of adverse circumstances. Remove the cage from the window, and thoroughly overhaul it to eradicate insects. Give bird a bath in which a few drops of essence of quassia has been mixed twice a week, and touch ends of perches, joints of door, etc., with a camel-hair pencil dipped in the strong essence twice a week for a time. See reply to "Jack, Reader of C.B.," in this issue, and treat your bird as therein advised, for two or three weeks. After this the moult will doubtless still have to run its natural course for a few weeks, but at the end of moult the bird will probably resume its song. It will not do so earlier.

GETTING THIN (Perplexed).—In the first place well examine the position of the Canaries to see if it is affected by damp or cutting draughts. If it is, this must be remedied before treatment can be properly effective. Also continue using mite destroyer regularly once or twice a week to keep this pest well under. Keep cage well strewn with clean, gritty sand, and the seed and water vessels scrupulously clean. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. In addition give daily for the next fortnight a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled over with a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and millet. Give a little seedy shepherd's-purse, plantain, groundsel, chickweed, or dandelion heads daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of chemical food, continuing the latter for a fortnight.

AILING HEN (Miss Pratt).—It is, of course, quite possible the hen caught cold on the journey, and this may have developed into a bronchial attack. You cannot treat her properly for this whilst feeding young, and as she has already commenced another nest it is not judicious to interfere with the course of events. For the present treat as follows: See that she is not exposed to direct draughts, and do not offer the bath on chilly days until the panting has quite ceased. Give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar each day for a week or so, in addition to the egg-food. Also add a sprinkling of maw to the egg-food, and give a little scalded rape daily. In the water add 20 drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one-half of each of two consecutive days, and afterwards substitute 20 drops of chemical food daily for a week or so. When she ceases feeding the young add to the water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Give this two days in every three for a week, and every second day in the next week.

SWOLLEN STOMACH (E. M.).—Treat as follows for a fortnight, and if not then quite well write again and give fuller particulars. You omit to mention all the most important details this time. Keep in a bright and dry position, in a pure atmosphere, but free from cutting draughts. Give plain canary only as staple diet. In addition give every second day a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, and a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed. On the intervening days twice each week give a teaspoonful of scalded rape. Each day give a moderate supply of wild seedy things, such as plantain stalks, shepherd's-purse, seed heads of dandelion, groundsel, or chickweed. Limit diet solely to this. Keep cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece for two consecutive days, and every second day afterwards for remainder of week. In the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GREENFINCH-CANARY (J. O'M.).—If you possess a hen Canary you should not have much difficulty in producing Hybrids from your cock Greenfinch, as it is a cross that is not particularly difficult. To get exhibition specimens you want a large, good-feathered hen of nice type, a yellow bird if possible, as the yellow Hybrids are so much more valuable than the buffs. If your two birds have been in a position to see each other you could put them together at once, and if they agree fairly well leave them; if not, place the Greenfinch as near as possible to the Canary, and try him with her again in a few days. Repeat this if necessary until they settle down. Supply a nest box or pan, and plenty of nesting material, when probably the hen will soon commence to build. Feed on canary, 2 parts, rape, 1 part, a little hemp and sunflower about twice a week, with chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, etc.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part* 1 *"Hardbills"* (1/1), *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No.* 1 *"Goldfinch," No.* 2 *"Linnet," No.* 11 *"Bullfinch," No.* 13 *"Chaffinch," No.* 15 *"Greenfinch," No.* 22 *"Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No.* 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No.* 9 *"Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No.* 12 *"How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C."*

HYBRID BREEDING IN SMALL AVIARY (J. W. W.).—Sorry I misunderstood your previous query. In an aviary the size you mention the smaller the number of pairs you have for Hybrid breeding the better. If you intend to go in for Canary Hybrids I would advise about 4 good large hens and two cock British birds, say a Goldfinch and a Linnet or Greenfinch. If on the other hand you prefer to try for Hybrids between two British birds, three pairs would be quite sufficient, and, if the birds have not been properly mated (that is, flying together during the winter months), I would advise either Bullfinch or Greenfinch hens, as these are more likely to settle down to strange quarters. Fix up plenty of nest boxes in the partitioned portion, so as to entice the hens to build there, they will be less disturbed than in the open.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

SKYLARK WITH SWOLLEN RUMP GLAND (Fitchet).—Interfere with this gland as little as possible. Bathe gently in comfortably warm water until the obstruction is removed. I expect you will find this to be all that is necessary.

A FRAYED TAIL (Lincs. Lad).—It would serve no purpose to extract the tail feathers at this period. The new feathers would require six weeks for their development, and at about this time from now the bird will be moulting naturally.

ABOUT A LINNET (Novice, Wimbledon).—Glad to hear that you are satisfied with former reply. Please do not hesitate to ask questions at any time. Speaking for the experts who answer queries in other departments, as well as for myself, I need scarcely say that we are always pleased to do what we can to help readers of CAGE BIRDS. The packet seed does very nicely as a change, or as a supplement. I think there is little or nothing the matter with the foot of your Linnet; it is probably only a mannerism of the individual bird. If you have examined the bird in your hand, and can see nothing wrong you may rest content.

BRITISH BIRDS AS TALKERS (Garibaldi).—Either a Magpie or a Jay would make a better talker than a Jackdaw, and of the two former the Magpie is likely to be the better. Nothing in the bird's appearance would guide you as to its probable linguistic accomplishments. It is mainly a matter of chance, plus a considerable amount of patience in repeating to the bird short words and phrases. If you make a point of saying the same word or words every time you offer the bird some especial treat in the way of food it is probable that he will sooner or later repeat the phrase after you, and will afterwards use it occasionally. Birds that learn one word or a short phrase soon enlarge their vocabulary. Others never learn to speak at all.

CLAWS MISSING (C. Nicholson).—A loss of a claw is a handicap against a bird on the show bench; if the judge misses it, that is. Of course, a bird that has a claw short may be so far in advance of any other in the class that the defect does not stop it. This is entirely a matter for the judge: some would not give a prize to such a bird if they noticed it; others are not much influenced by such a defect. (2) No distinction is made between Hawfinches in respect of nationality. Quite a large proportion of winning Hawfinches are Continental birds.

MOULTING AND COLOUR-FEEDING A HAWFINCH (A. P. Morgan).—In nature, at the time of the moult the Hawfinch feeds very largely upon colour-giving berries, and these should be supplied to it when moulting in a cage. For seed, supply a mixture consisting mostly of sunflower, with a little hemp, canary, rape and linseed. Give also a mealworm or two occasionally, and for greenfood nothing is more liked than fresh garden peas. You may help the colour by judicious use of sweet pepper mixed with any kind of soft food that the bird will take. Some Hawfinches do not care for soft food, and in such cases it is difficult to administer the colour food. If you offer plenty of colour-giving berries it will not be necessary to use pepper.

SNOW BUNTINGS (Ginger). I do not know of any record of the breeding in captivity of the Snow Bunting. This is a winter migrant, and returns to the far north to breed, although some breed in the high mountains to the north of Scotland. The bird is intolerant of our summer heat, and I should take it to be a most unlikely breeder in captivity. At any rate, all those which I have had have been of far too restless a nature to suggest any hope of such a proceeding.

A CUCKOO QUESTION (T. Hart).—It is strange indeed, that your friend has never seen the stories published in the newspapers each spring alleging the arrival of the Cuckoo weeks or months before its proper time. There was quite an exceptional crop this year of these fairy tales. Certainly, the Cuckoo is a migratory bird. It arrives on our shores early in April and the old birds leave in August, the young following later, sometimes remaining until early October. An ancient idea was that the Cuckoo changed into a Hawk in autumn, and back again to a Cuckoo in spring, but this wheeze is as dead as those who invented it.

GOLDFINCH OUT OF SORTS (G.M.T.).—Are you sure that your cage is quite free of red mite? These nocturnal pests are often responsible for drowsiness during the day as a result of interrupted sleep at night. Search the perch ends and any other crevices for the fine white powder which betrays the hiding places of red mite, and cover the cage for a night or two with a white cloth, examining this each morning for any red mite which may have travelled to it on the approach of day. Instead of the seed you use, make up a mixture consisting of teasle and canary seed in equal parts, with a little linseed, charlock, and German rape added. Give on alternate days a teaspoonful of hemp, or a similar quantity of cracked sunflower. A separate mixture of ½lb. maw seed, ½ pint niger, 2ozs. thistle, and 1oz. dandelion seeds should be made, and about half a teaspoonful given daily. Give greenfood such as shepherd's purse, groundsel heads, chickweed, lettuce, cress, rape seedlings, etc. A short treatment with an aperient will be useful. Dissolve in its drinking water twice a week for a while as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence. When the bowels are moving freely, without being watery loose, give the soda only occasionally. The Nutshell No. 6, which you say you have, treats only of ailing birds. Nutshell No. 1, the Goldfinch, tells you all about the proper keeping of such a bird to prevent him from ailing.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or *Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.): *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

FEEDING YOUNG GOLDIES AND CHAFFINCHES (W. G. Crofton).—Your birds should soon be getting to feed themselves. For the present, make a mixture of one part hard-boiled egg and two parts powdered sweet biscuit. The egg should be rubbed through a sieve or perforated zinc, and well mixed with the biscuit, moisten slightly with warm milk, and add a little chopped green stuff, such as chickweed, watercress, lettuce, etc; feed with this every two or three hours, and also give as many small insects, green fly, etc., as you can find, also a few steamed ants' cocoons ("ants' eggs"). As soon as they can feed themselves offer them some cracked hemp and freshly-gathered wild seeds such as dandelion, thistle, etc., continuing for a time to give a little of the soft food until you are able to wean them from this altogether. Our Nutshells No. 1, the Goldfinch, and No. 13, the Chaffinch, 2½d. each, post free from our publisher, or twopence each from your local newsagent or bird shopkeeper, will tell you all about the proper feeding of the birds as they get older.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS AILING (Puzzled).—My opinion is that the bird is irritated by some minute skin parasite. You need have no fear of a chill if you keep the bird out of draughts. Spray it twice weekly with a quassia solution. Also put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a month. If the voidings should become watery loose, then only give it once a week. When not giving the magnesia, put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water; treat as above for one month, when there should be an improvement in its condition. Watch the cage and do not permit any green deposit (verdigris) to remain on the brass wire. Diet: Canary and white millet in equal parts, also a millet spray, and give it as much flowering (seeding) grass as it will eat.

BENGALESE AND GOULDIANS (A.L.T.).—Bengalese are hardy. I have kept them out-of-doors all the year round. The aviary you describe appears to me suitable in every way, and you should have good results from it with Ruficauda, Goudian, and other Grassfinches. The Budgerigars would be better put in an aviary by themselves. All the other birds you name are safe, but sooner or later you will be picking birds up with broken legs, wings, or other mutilations—immunity for a time is always followed sooner or later by disaster. It is not maliciousness on the part of the Budgerigars, but playfulness, and Finches are ill-equipped to meet the playful advances of a Budgerigar's beak. Do not the Budgerigars cut your rhododendrons and creepers to pieces? You have an admirable aspect for keeping the birds you name.

GREEN BUDGERIGARS (H. Redfern).—Budgerigars are active birds, and ought not to be confined in a small cage; when they are so kept, they soon become moody, mopish, and unattractive. Do not have a brass cage, one of tinned wire is quite as handsome, and much more wholesome. I advocate a rectangular cage, say 24 x 12 x 15 inches high as the minimum. With a bushy twig at each end the centre of cage is left open and some exercise is compelled by the birds being compelled to fly from twig to twig. It is well too to give them their millet in the form of spray as this also entails a certain amount of enforced exercise in picking out the seeds. While it is in season give them as much flowering (seeding) grass as they will eat, tender lettuce is good when the grass fails. Supply them with a mixture of canary and white millet seeds, in equal parts, in addition to the spray millet, also grit, cuttlebone, and water. When tame enough, a fly round the room occasionally will tend to their general well-being.

FURNISHING CAGE FOR WAXBILLS (M. E. K.)—Get a couple of bushy twigs, say about 12 inches high, and fasten one at each end of the cage. Then get a rush nest and put one at the back of each spray of twigs. This leaves the middle of cage quite open, and the birds should do well and be quite contented and happy in such a cage. Waxbills, as a rule, agree together in almost any numbers, though when so kept they frequently spend so much time preening each other's heads that baldness is produced. However, I am bound to admit that many pairs of Cordon Bleus prove little demons while the nesting fever is upon them, and this is, I expect, the cause of the trouble in your birdy establishment. They will most probably live quite amicably together during the winter months.

COCKATOOS AND PARRAKEETS (J. Reid).—Seed mixture, fruit, plain biscuits, greenfood, nuts, grit cuttlebone, and water will meet the requirements of all three species, but the seed mixtures will vary a little. Cockatoo mixture: One pint each canary seed, white millet, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds; half a pint each nuts, wheat, white maize, hemp, and a gill of chilies, the whole to be well mixed. Parrakeet mixture: One quart each canary and white millet seeds and oats, one pint each hemp, wheat, and paddy rice, half a pint each shelled nuts, small Indian maize, and sunflower seeds, add a few chilies and well mix the whole. All Parrots are greatly benefited by exercise outside the cage when tame enough to be allowed out. Of course where several are kept they must not be allowed out together, neither allowed to fight through cage bars, if they should show any inclination to so indulge.

HEN BUDGERIGAR WITH SWELLING (D. E. Simpson).—Your query gives me no idea of the nature or extent of the swelling, and I really consider it a case where some vet. or experienced fancier ought to see it and tell you whether the bird ought to be destroyed or treated. I can only advise keeping it warm and fomenting the swelling with a decoction of hot camomile flowers, as hot as may be so that discomfort is not occasioned. A laxative—two drops of tasteless castor oil—direct to the beak is desirable; repeat daily till full relief has been given. Follow this by giving half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water daily for a month at least to tone the bird up a little. Personally, I should not care to use this hen for stock purposes again this season.

AMAZON ILL (J. T. D.).—Again I say continue the treatment, but after you have once cleared the nostril keep it open by spraying once or twice daily with the dilute glyco-thymoline. I should also contrive by some means to give a little honey and borax daily; if a little were smeared along the line of the two mandibles, a little, at any rate, would be sucked in. If the bird were mine, I should contrive some means of giving this without causing undue distress. I should also give the Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving very freely, yet there must not be anything approaching the appearance of chronic diarrhœa. When not giving the magnesia, give half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. While the warm weather lasts put her out of doors daily, but in such a position that it will not be exposed to driving winds, nor the sun shining directly on to the top of the cage; this may help to rouse the bird out of its lethargy, and will certainly benefit its health.

BUDGERIGARS (Novice, Enfield).—(1) Budgerigars are so kept by many, but there are occasional happenings, such as a Finch or a Canary getting a broken leg or wing, or damaged scalp—see other replies in this issue. (2) I consider in your aviary they would be better kept separate; the Budgerigar section is sufficiently large for three or four pairs to breed in. (3) Budgerigars use no nesting material; they deposit their eggs on the bottom of the husk or barrel. (4) A single pair of birds like to have some choice when seeking a nesting site, and when there are only two husks for two pairs of birds, the choice of both pairs often falls on the same husk, then instead of nesting, they fight for possession; this seldom happens when there are a number of husks about.

A BALD NONPAREIL (T.G.S.).—Nonpareils at times get into this stage; I should anoint the scaly portion occasionally with clean vaseline. Also keep the bowels quite open with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia or salts. Put it in an outdoor aviary, where it will get plenty of light, green food, and a few insects, in addition to the ordinary seeds. If the season proves a good one, open-air treatment alone will suffice to work a cure, but you should soften the skin with vaseline and give a laxative before turning it out. Do not use sufficient vaseline to make the plumage greasy, only enough to moisten the skin, as a bird with greasy plumage is very miserable indeed till it gets rid of it.

MIXED AVIARIES (E. P. Salop).—It is quite the usual happening, though mixed series may be kept (even outrageous mixtures) for a long time without such happenings. Wherever Budgerigars, also other Parrakeets and Lovebirds, are kept with Finch-like birds, broken legs and wings, or worse happenings, sooner or later occur; but, even then, unless the Parrakeet-like birds are numerous, tragedies are not persistent. I am not advocating the mixture, simply placing the facts before you. The Budgerigars are the cause of disasters among your Canaries. Very many keepers of Foreign birds include a pair or two of Canaries, and these just take "pot luck" as to food with the other species, and as a rule every young bird hatched out is reared. The "bill of fare" in aviaries containing mixed series of Foreign birds usually includes seeds, fruit, insectile mixture (soft food), milk-sop, and live insects. If only seed-eaters are kept, then the bill of fare covers unlimited greenfood, seeds in variety, insectile mixture, and some live insects—quite ample for the successful rearing of vigorous young Canaries. You do not say what kind of Lovebirds yours are, therefore I can make no other comment than—there is plenty of time yet. I use only husks or barrels as nest receptacles for the Parrakeet tribe. I am afraid I have never computed the cost per bird in my aviary accounts. Supplies are got in and replenished as required, and I try to avoid wastage to keep cost down. Softbills and Hardbills can be kept together. Many Hardbills are keen on insects and will compete with the Softbills for these. Again, they may help themselves to the insectile mixture. But this need not be costly, and they will eat less seed. I have already partly answered your query re Canaries; egg food is not necessary for them. Finches and Softbills are annually reared in my aviary, and I have not given egg in any form for more than eight years. Seed and unlimited green food fully meets the case for Canaries out-of-doors, but I always supply insectile mixture as well. I note your remarks re mealworms; the different prices you name are all pro rata according to the quantity offered. Several Softbills go together at quite a nominal cost in a mixed aviary, but I shall not attempt to give the cost of a single Softbill—it resolves itself to this—get half-a-pound of some good insectile mixture. Yes, you could keep Buntings with your lot. They will run the same risk as the Canaries as to damage from Budgerigars. You do not tell me how many birds you have, but I should call your place overcrowded with 50. For breeding purposes a dozen pairs would be nearer the mark. Slightly moistened sponge cake is used by many Finches as an aid in the bringing-up of a family. The nest is most like that of a Zebra Finch or Silverbill, but many of the Ornamental Finches weave similar nests.

SMALL PARRAKEETS AND LOVEBIRDS (Foreign Birds).—The Peach-faced is a handsome and rare species, but it is quarrelsome and needs an enclosure to itself, though several pairs may be kept together. The choice among Lovebirds is not great, and you are practically restricted to the Black-cheeked and Madagascar, both really handsome. The Passerine Parrakeet (Blue-wing Lovebird), is another beautiful species you could have. You could also, according to opportunity, have a pair of either Tovi, Canary-winged, or all Green Parrakeets, not all three, but choose one of them; it is not well to have too many of the same genus in the same aviary. Red Rosella Parrakeets are usually amiable, and you could have a pair of these. All the above usually agree together, and all should be probable breeders; practically the same treatment will suffice as for Budgerigars and Cockatiels, but you should offer ripe fruit as well as green food. The Lovebirds named above line their nests with leaves, bark, etc.

BIRDS FOR SMALL AVIARY (A.W.).—You are not entitled to a reply, as name and address were not sent—note rules. In so small an aviary only the front, which should be as near full South as possible, should be of wire netting, and a wood and glass shutter, or canvas blind should be made to fit the front, for night use, also during bad weather. You must put sufficient glass into the ends to make the aviary light when the front is closed up; all glass must be covered with half-inch mesh netting on the inside. Put in pairs of Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Zebra Finches, Avadavats, Grey Waxbills, and Bengalese. These would make a pleasing series; you could also include a pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills, and these eight pairs would be as many as you could accommodate with any chance of breeding success.

REARRANGEMENT OF AVIARY (T. J. J.).—You did not send an addressed envelope, so I cannot forward you a diagram, and it is difficult, even with the aid of your photograph, to aid you without, yet you only need a little rearrangement to rectify the trouble. The main trouble is the wind blowing right through. Again, the swinging perch in the dome, the most exposed part of the aviary, is a mistake; the dome is a good place for the birds to take wing exercise in, but not for them to rest in after their exertions. I notice that you have glass at the right of photo; if glass were carried right along the back, the semi-circular portion being open would not matter so much if you take down all perches therefrom. Also front of the shelter portion should be wood and glass, and not wire netting, as shown in yours. These alterations would materially improve the aviary, which only wants a little rearrangement to be quite a success. It is a good aviary, and it is really a pity that you only get partial success therefrom. I feel this so much that if you care to get my address from the Editor, I will break through my usual rule and give you an object lesson from my own aviary by appointment. You are, I think, in the S.E. district and I am in S.W.

WEAVERS AND GRASSFINCHES (Aviculturist).—It is not possible to give full details here; get our "Nutshell, "Gouldian Finches," 2½d., post free from our manager, and you will get all details. Hen Weavers are more or less like Sparrows all the year round, but if there are any males at all among your birds, they will begin to don the gorgeous nuptial plumage almost at once. I can't name them for you till you can describe the nuptial plumage of the cocks; there are many kinds of Weavers more or less like Sparrows when in undress plumage. Gouldian Finches are not hard to obtain at the present time, but they are not easy to acclimatise. They are being advertised in our columns at the present time, and the price for good birds is about 30/- for Red-heads, and 25/- for Black-heads. It is well to give them only boiled water for drinking purposes for some little time after first acquiring them. Canary, white millet, spray millet, unlimited green food (seeding or flowering grass is best). A rush nest is a good receptacle; supply hay and grass for building material, and a little insectile mixture if young are hatched out.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—June 21, Mr. Hannighan's. N.F. show and important business after show.—R. Peart.

Bingley O.S.—June 21, Assembly Rooms, 2.45. F.F. show. Birds staged 2.45.—H. Shaw.

Birmingham South O.S.—June 25, Sydenham Hotel, 8. Nest Feather show. Birds staged 6.30. Judge, Mr. J. Roe.—J. Sheppard.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—June 25, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. F.F. show and other important business; fanciers in the district kindly invited.—R. Elliott.

Cinnamon C.C.—June 25, Meloras Restaurant, Victoria Street, Blackburn, 6.30. Annual general meeting. Important business.—J. W. Metcalfe.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Owing to the West of Fife League meeting being held June 22, Cowdenbeath meeting will be postponed till June 28.—J. W. Holme.

Chester C.B.S.—June 24, Boot Inn, Eastgate Row, 8.30. Nest feather show, etc.—R. E. G. Simpson.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—June 21, Welbeck Inn, 7. Special business.—T. Booker.

Darlington C.B.S.—June 25, George Hotel, Bondgate, Darlington, 8. Arrangements for Nest Feather show.—Todd and Walker.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—June 28, Co-operative Hall, 7. Report of West Fife League show, consideration of wild seeds ramble, report of judges for annual show, etc.—Robert T. Campbell.

East Ham F.S.—June 26, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. General meeting.—W. Kite.

Glasgow North West C.B.C.—June 26, Blythswood Halls, 8. F.F. and annual show business; F.F. show, July 5, 16 classes; judges, Mr. A. Sloan, Mr. C. Martin.—W. Loan.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—June 25, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Classification for annual show, and other important business.—Robt. Heggie.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—June 24, J. H. Senior's, 8. Entries close for F.F. show.—A. Berry.

Grimsby O.S.—June 26, Slatter's Rooms, 8. 2nd N.F. and British classes. Arrangements for ramble. Members and friends wishing to take part please attend.—H. Towl.

Halifax O.S.—June 21, Plummet Line Hotel. First N.F. show. Birds staged 2.30. Entries taken before judging. Judge, Mr. H. Mallinson, Huddersfield.—H. Clegg.

Heywood C.B.S.—June 25, 67, York Street, R. Schofield's, 7.30. Show business. Entries close F.F. show.—James Greenhalgh.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 23, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show, young birds. Judge, Mr. T. Moss, 4, Yorks., 2 Nor. classes.—A. Lawford.

Idle C.B.S.—July 21, White Bear Inn, 3. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey. Entries Friday night, headquarters, 8 to 11. Fanciers invited to this, our first show.—C. E. Hylton.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.C.—June 28, No. 2, Gothenburgh, 7. Mr. J. W. Clarke's (Rothesay) case of seeds and berries will be on view. General business.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke B. and T. Combination.—June 26, Railway Hotel, 8. Combination first feather show stewards, and other important business.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 24, White Swan, 8.30. Entries taken for N.F. show.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 25, Railway Hotel, 7.45. N.F. show business.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—June 25, Coffee House, 8. Receiving entries for young bird show, stewards, etc.—H. Woodhead.

Middleton C.B.S.—June 23, Old Boar's Head, 8. Young bird show; members hurry up.—J. Oldham.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 21, Headquarters, 2. Members F.F. show, birds staged 2. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers. Entries June 20, at 10.—H. Grange.

National British B. and M.C.—June 26, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—J. P. Carr.

North Wales C.B.S.—June 20, Assembly Room, 8. Committee meeting re business for day of show.—R. E. Griffith.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—June 25, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Election of judge, F.F. show, and general show business.—Fred Washbourne.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 23, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Final arrangements F.F. show and very important business; full attendance required.—J. Critchley.

Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.—June 25, Headquarters, Longs Memorial Hall, Southsea, 8. To receive entries for F.F. show, and make final arrangements for same.—W. R. King.

Redcar C.B.S.—June 21, Crown and Anchor, 3. First feather show; judge, Mr. Milburn.—C. L. Mallory.

Sale C.B.S.—June 23, Volunteer Hotel, Sale, 8. Owing to the non-attendance of members, it is suggested that the society be wound up.—Geo. F. Hardcastle.

South London Col. and F.A.—June 26, Headquarters, 8. Young stock show, Canaries. Birds staged 7.45. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—Geo. F. Crawford.

Southern Border F.C.—June 26, The Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., 7.45. Definition of ticks and marks, election of new members, and other important business; visitors invited.—F. Moore.

Stanley Empire Workmen's Club F. and F.C.B.S.—June 22, 7.—Wm. Robinson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 21, Fawcett Street Cafe. N.F. show, birds staged 6. Judge, Mr. J. Clark.—T. Davison.

Swansea C.B.S.—June 24, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Special meeting, drawing up classification for open show.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—June 21, Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Birds staged by 3.—W. Walker.

Warrington C.B.S.—June 26, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8 p.m. Nest Feather and open show business.—G. M. Nelson.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 21, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for young show.—E. Ball.

Wombwell B.F.S.—June 28, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Important Nest Feather show business.—J. W. Dean.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. E. Nutman: Your communication has been forwarded to the writer of the letter.

M. C. M.: The hemp marked No. 2, seems to be the cleanest sample, but we prefer No. 1 as, so far as we can judge, it is better in the kernel (i.e., is seen to be much more free from discoloured, brownish, kernels when crushed).

W. H. M.—We do not know of any book dealing solely with the Canary from the point of view you mention. Do you not find all the necessary information in the books you already have?

H. A. Davies.—We have no doubt that the method you describe of keeping wire-work free from rust is a good one, but it is too much in the nature of a free advertisement of the polish in question for us to publish.

P. H. P.—Special boxes (known as travelling boxes or cages) are used, and these are sold cheaply by all the large dealers and appliance makers advertising in our columns. Put one bird in each box. with some seed on the floor, tie the three boxes together wrap them in brown paper, tie up securely, then label the package, using one of the special live bird labels sold by us (24 for 3d.) and make a few small air-holes in the paper covering. This should be done in the evening, and the birds be delivered to the railway company in time to reach their destination early the next morning. No water is needed in the travelling box except on very long journeys. The young bird would travel all right, but would be all the better if a week or two older.

Correspondence.

A Cock Canary that Helps Incubate the Eggs.

Sir,—I thought the following might interest your readers. I have a Yorkshire cock mating with a Roller-Yorks. cross hen. The hen has laid four eggs, and her mate shares the duty of incubating with her. Day and night they sit side by side on the eggs, only coming off for food and water, and to stretch their legs. I should like to know if any other breeder has had the same experience.

M. Corley.

The L.C.B.A. Young Bird Show.

The Venue: A Correction.

Sir,—My attention has just been called to an error in the schedule of the Young Bird Show of the London C.B.A. this Saturday, June 21st, at St. Margaret's School (not St. Michael's), Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, S.W. Kindly announce this correction. I hope to be at the Schools at 9 a.m. on the morning of the show. All birds must be staged by 2 p.m.

James Bray, Jun.
Hon. Sec.

Early Hatching of a Chaffinch's Egg.

Sir,—After reading Mr. McDonald's letter in Cage Birds, I thought the few lines I am writing would be of interest to bird lovers. I have a hen Canary and cock Linnet mated together, and though the hen laid 3 eggs, I was almost sure they would all be clear. I asked a friend of mine if he knew of any Chaffinch eggs. He told me he had one, which he had taken from a nest a week ago. I had that one, and put it under the hen Canary on the 1st of June (at the same time as the Canary's eggs). To my surprise, on the 12th, in the morning, when I was feeding the Canary, I found the young Chaffinch in the nest. I did not expect it until the 14th, as it was in the evening of the first of June that I sat the hen on the eggs. I find one of the Canary's eggs is fertile. I shall let her bring the two of them up if it comes off all right.

H. H. Warren.

A "Nightingale" that Hoaxed Hundreds with its Song.

Sir,—I noticed a letter recently stating that the Nightingale was singing at Wirral, in Cheshire. This may be true enough, but another is reported at Wigan, which seems to be a hoax. It reminds me of the famous hoax of four years ago, when owing to the report that a Nightingale was singing, crowds were attracted to a wood in Old Road, Ashton-the Makerfield, many making the journey from all parts of Wigan district in wagonettes, char-a-bancs, and other vehicles. Night after night people gathered to listen to what were described as bewitching strains. Probably no one there had ever heard a Nightingale, but the widely circulated reports brought to the township one who was well acquainted with the bird. Then it was discovered there was something wrong with the enchanting thrills. Certain notes were not in harmony, and when this fact was made known, the Warbler took a rapid departure. Later on it was hinted that a huge hoax had been perpetrated. A clever Wigan whistler had supplied the melody!

T. Oldroyd.

Some Interesting Happenings of the Present Season.

Sir,—Noticing you solicit results of the 1913 breeding season, I thought the following might prove of some interest. I have at present 9 promising young Norwich on the sticks. I also have 5 full eggs from cock Siberian Goldie and yellow Norwich hen. I also have 2 young ones in the nest nearly fledged, that I fondly imagined were from this same pair, but I am afraid I must have got my eggs mixed, as these two birds are Clears, and such a bit of luck could not possibly happen to me! I still, however, have a grain of hope left. You can understand, under the circumstances, how anxious I am about these other 5 full eggs, as I know I have not mixed these. The following I am quoting for the benefit of the people who consider the keeping of birds in cages must necessarily be cruel. I have a Greenfinch cock I caught in my garden, and gave him liberty the next day. He, however, still insists on coming to his cage for food and water, and appears to have no objection to me closing the door on him for the night. At the present time he is busily occupied in trying to reach a Greenfinch hen I have in the aviary, destined for hybrid breeding. In this aviary, among other British birds and Canaries, I have a Chaffinch hen that has built her nest and laid 3 eggs. They were, however, clear. She is now busy building again in same place, namely, a box placed just under the roof of the aviary. If any of your readers are at all sceptical about these notes, I shall be pleased to show them these birds if they care to give me a call on Sunday mornings, when I am usually at home (the Editor has my full address).

T. W. Pope.

London, S.E.

[It will be interesting to hear the result with regard to the Goldfinch Mules.—Editor.]

A Siskin Mule Said to have Bred Young.

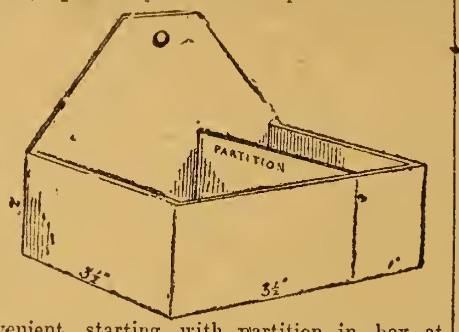
Sir,—May I ask if any of your readers have been successful in breeding young from a cock Siskin Mule, and a hen Canary, as I have 3 young on the sticks now from the above cross? I should be very pleased if you think it worth while to put this in your valuable paper.

Aberavon. Wm. Jones.

[We do not remember to have previously heard of a Siskin Mule breeding. We should be interested to see the youngsters after they have moulted.—Editor.]

A Roomy Nest for Canaries.

Sir,—The breeders of Canaries, who still prefer the old-fashioned wood box, with moss and cow hair for the nest, will find a loose partition in same very useful. I find a wooden box, 4½in. x 3½in. x 2in. deep the most convenient, starting with partition in box at 3½in. sq., and extending it to the 4½in., as the young birds grow, thus giving them plenty of room, and preventing the hen sweating the young.



L. Baker.

The Tree Pipit, a Nice Pet and a Good Songster.

Sir,—The Tree Pipit is one of our spring visitors, and greatly resembles the Titlark (Meadow Pipit), both in appearance and its song, and is often mistaken for it; but as a songster I consider it much superior, although some may differ from me. Only once have I kept this species in a cage, but the one I had proved both a good pet and a good singer, and lived with me for some years. I cannot now recall how I parted with it, but it most probably died, as I very seldom sold a bird which I loved. This bird I managed to catch in the autumn, and it readily took to cage life and soon became quite steady. I fed it on a good soft food mixture, and plenty of ants' eggs, and dried flies. I could not procure many insects for it at that time of year, but it was very fond of cockroaches, and from a bakehouse I was able to get sufficient to keep it going. It also consumed some canary seed, and small pieces of tail wheat, siftings from the thrashing machines, and mealworms. The bird is about 5½in. long. It frequents pools and marshes, and undrained meadow land and woods near rivers or water. They build on the ground. The hen lays 4 or 5 eggs of a pale purplish colour, which, however, vary to a remarkable degree.

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The Puzzle of Yellows and Buffs

Mr. Johnson affirms that things are not always what they seem; also writes interestingly on the breeding of yellows from two buffs.

Sir,—It is with a contrite spirit that I commence to pen these lines, which are a very belated acknowledgment of Mr. Garner's letter, which appeared in your issue of May 31. I have been waiting for Mr. Weston's notes to appear before answering, so that I could, as it were, kill two birds with one stone; but I think that the two birds between them have nearly killed me, or at least have left me with no leg to stand on, which is much the same thing. With such talent against me as Mr. Weston and Mr. Garner, and the conclusive evidence both have adduced, one would be something of a doubly distilled churl if he weren't to acknowledge defeat. Mr. Garner's arguments, however, would have been even more reliable had he given the name of that well-known Norwich breeder, who had the Cinnamon-marked birds in his room, and if he (Mr. Garner) had colour-fed the progeny from the double buff breeding? I once bred a buff from two clear yellows, and paired him up to a buff hen bred the orthodox way; but I got nothing from them but buffs. Mr. Garner says that to try to get yellows from buffs, which have been bred in the ordinary manner, is like going through Newcastle to get to London. I agree with him. I was never much enamoured with double yellow breeding, and especially if it was for the purpose of double buffing again the year following. That to my mind is like starting from Rochdale to get to some place unknown, and after a tour in the wilderness, you find yourself where you started from. I have bred good coloured buffs from two buffs which would have passed as yellows; but all are not yellows that appear to be so. Last show season there was a Crestbred bird winning at a few classic shows in the yellow class. It is quite possible that bird was bred from two buffs; nay, considering the extent that buff breeding is resorted to in Crest circles, it is more than probable. The breeder of that bird may possibly think (I suppose he is sure) that the bird is a yellow. The judges must also think so, too; but I call it a buff. It has more meal on its neck and shoulders than many a poor coloured Norwich, and if it were colour fed, would soon show that it wasn't a yellow. To show how misleading a naturally good coloured buff is, I will mention a personal case of a few years ago. A real good coloured buff was exhibited at our first feather show, which won. The week following, it went to a show in a neighbouring town as a buff, and was disqualified, the judge saying it was a yellow. Although I protested it had won in the buff class the week previously, he wouldn't have it; and he was backed up by every fancier in the room. That was long odds against me; but I knew it was a buff, and events proved me right when it was colour fed. At the same show the judge gave a good coloured buff 1st in the yellow class, and awarded it 1st a few weeks later in the yellow class at our second show. That bird won in the open, when colour fed, as a buff, and was sold to a well-known breeder. But before it was colour-fed, it won as a yellow. No longer since than last season one of our members had a nest of four clear birds, all a very good colour. I told him two were yellows and two buffs. He exhibited them as such, and the judge promptly disqualified the two buffs as yellows. As I had advised the owner they were buffs, I was a bit upset; and of course the arguments were rather warm on the subject, so warm that I accepted a bet, myself betting that both birds were buffs when colour fed, the other party affirming they were yellows. I won. Now, sir, I have only mentioned four birds which have come under my own personal experience, but there are hundreds of cases similar; and it is certain that if these four birds had never been colour fed, they would always have passed as yellows, being such a good colour. I have mentioned these cases to show that it isn't always reliable to base arguments of colour on a natural coloured bird. Of course, when I gave my opinion that breeding yellows from two buffs was impossible, I was speaking chiefly of birds bred the ordinary way, or nearly so; but with Mr. Weston's four generations of double-yellow, sister-to-brother breeding—well, it is a wonder he ever reared any on which to base his evidence. As to breeding a jonque Mule from a buff hen Canary, I must say it is very rare; but, then, Mr. Weston would certainly have been using a jonque Finch.

T. Johnson.

Novice Border Classes in the South.

Sir,—The Portsmouth and Southern Counties' C.B.S. put on two novice Border classes at their 3rd annual show, November 5th, 1912, receiving 10 entries in the two classes, viz., 4 A.V. yellow, 6 A.V. buff. Not very encouraging this, considering they were offering good specials, and full prize-money for 8 entries. Further, we advertised the full classification in Cage Birds. If Mr. J. Williams will send us his address, we will forward him our schedule, and hope he and his friends will favour us with some entries for our next annual show, and any suggestion for making the Border classes a success.

King and Joiner.

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Sir,—Respecting no classes for novice Borders at our Southern shows, I have heard this cry for the last two or three seasons. Some three seasons back Clapham C.B.A. put on a large classification, including a novice class, but the entry was not in any way satisfactory. Last year Wimbledon put on two novice classes, and received nineteen entries. But during this time the "wee gems" have greatly advanced in the South, so there is not the least doubt that it will be to the benefit of societies to add the two novice classes required by the S.B.F.C. The membership of the S.B.F.C. is now approaching a hundred, and quite half of that number are novices. The S.B.F.C. can and will do a lot for the novice, but novice members should help by sending out and filling the classes at shows receiving the club's patronage.

F. Moore.

A Remarkable Experience with Bullfinches.

Hen Brings Her Mate to the "Old Home"—a Cage.

Sir,—Seeing Mr. H. Webster's account of his Chaffinch, I am giving my account of a hen Bullfinch. Having a cock Bullfinch in a cage on a balcony, a very young Bullfinch came, and I caught it and put it in a separate cage; this was about the middle of the summer. Afterwards I found the latter bird was a hen, so I let it loose one morning, but in the afternoon it returned and perched itself on one of my girls' shoulders. The cage was still standing on the balcony empty, and the hen bird then flew in. I gave it some seed in the cage, and it used to fly in and out several times a day, and always slept in the cage. At the beginning of spring, one day it returned, accompanied by a splendid cock, and while the hen was feeding, the cock was flying round the cage. Gradually the cock got quite used to the cage, and after a few weeks I shut both in a breeding cage, but the cock unfortunately died after being there three days. I then let the hen loose again, and a few days after she returned with another cock; I let them both remain free. At the back of the house were some trees, and they built a nest, and she laid five eggs. But they were destroyed, as the nest could easily be seen. They built again, with, however, the same result. The third nest was built out of reach, and they were able to rear three young. We brought the young ones from the tree to the cage, but before they were a week old, we missed both mother and father, and after feeding them for a time, they died. We found out the parents had been trapped by someone. The time I had them together was about 12 months. I have kept many birds, but I have never had as strange an experience with others. Many bird fanciers came and saw the Bullfinches.

H. Gorostizoga.

Bush Hill Park.

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THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 483.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

As an experiment I have placed within hearing of this Flat Glucke songster, a young cock bird, ten months old, which is the result of several years breeding for depth of tone, at the same time experimenting to breed out a High and Sharp Bell Tour, which was prominent on the dam's side. The result so far is that this young cock is singing a light toned Hollow Roll of little value, a short Hollow Bell, a good deep Hollow Schockel, a good deep Bass roll, one deep set of Du-Du-fluto notes, also one lighter toned set, which are now as the bird is rank in song, brought high, and sometimes sharp, a short Bell Roll, and one of the old-time fashionable Water Glucke tours. For the latter I cannot find a better description than the one a novice used when returning the bird after I had lent it to put a hen to nest. His words were: "What is that deep tone, that rattles so inside the song cabinet?" This young cock's sire used to sing a good Hollow Glucke tour, but has now quite forgotten it. After a week's tuition under the flat Glucke singer, this young cock has not attempted to sing either the good or the faulty Glucke tours. He has learned to sing, in the same style as his tutor, a rising Water Roll of no value, as all the watery sound heard in a good Roll is entirely absent.

Imitating the Song With Words.

An exact sounding of the different ways the birds will bring their Rolls, and Tours, cannot always be described in writing; but as a guide to learning the names of the different song passages, I have endeavoured to describe the sounds that will be heard in the classical or well-delivered Rolls and Tours. The same may be said of the faulty tours, as some birds will sing them sounding more objectionably than other, so I have given an imitation of what may be heard in the tours when they will be the most objectionable and detrimental to the bird's song. Another way of learning the names of the song tours is to make the acquaintance of other Roller fanciers, and listen to their birds. Or if you should purchase any birds from a distance, ask the seller to tell you what tours the birds are singing. Still another way is to attend the exhibitions; as a rule, however, this is rather disappointing from the beginner's point of view, because so many birds are singing at the same time; it is confusing to him, yet if he will "buttonhole" one of the show officials he will learn something.

Song-cage is a fanciers' term, but a household word among Roller Canary fanciers. Probably it has derived the name from the purpose it is used for—that is, to house, or keep a bird in when it is only required for singing purposes. Some of our terms are quite foreign to the "man in the street"; an instance of this calls to mind the ironmonger's assistant, who sent a "Roller" fancier's son to a toy shop because he thought the lad, when asking the price of a certain "song-cage," was inquiring for some kind of a mechanical toy.

The Cage to Preserve the Song.

The two patterns of song-cages that are mostly used, are the wire song cage, and the shutter cage. The former has a removable tin or zinc bottom; otherwise, as the name implies, it is made entirely of wire. A stronger and a more serviceable cage than those usually imported from Germany can be made from punched bar and wire by any wire worker. The construction of these wire song-cages is very simple; they afford no harbouring place for red mite, and are easy to clean. A useful size is 8 inches high, 7 inches wide, and 9 inches long. In itself, an open wire cage is very unsuitable from the point of view of preserving the bird's voice; so some fanciers place them inside a song cabinet. These cabinets are a little larger than the cages, and made either of wood or tin, and have a pair of folding doors at the front. The wooden ones are mostly used; they can be made to hold from one to any desired number of cages, but it is not advisable to have a cabinet to hold more than six cages, because it would be so heavy to move about.

For Fanciers With Many Cages.

Another method that is adopted where a large number of cages are used, is to place them on a tier of shelves. with a partition, made of either wood, tin, or cardboard, between each cage. In lieu of the folding doors, a curtain made of a dark coloured material is suspended in front. Another way is to have a spring Roller blind. working on the same principle as those fitted to a railway carriage window.

The shutter-cage is an ordinary box-cage, i.e., made with the back, top, sides, and bottom, of wood, with a removable wire front; it also has a removable tin or zinc bottom, made to draw out from the back of the cage. The door is cut in the side, and a pair of folding doors at the front (on the same principle as the cabinet). This is the cage that the British Roller Canary Club has adopted as the standard show cage. It is ten inches long, 10 inches high, and 5 inches wide. The seed hopper and water fountain slide into two apertures made in the cage front. It is stained black outside, and enamelled pale blue inside. A shutter-cage to keep a bird in at your home should be made a little wider than the above dimensions.

We use several kinds of cages to breed the "Roller" in. Some English fanciers will use one that is also favoured by breeders in Germany; it is made of stout wire, and has a wooden or zinc bottom; some of these are so constructed that they may be folded up when not in use, and this will be found convenient in many instances, as when not in actual use they take up very little room. They are more expensive to purchase than the wooden breeding cages, but fanciers who have used them speak highly in their favour. With this style of cage it is usual to have them large enough to accommodate a number of birds, and to breed on what I have heard described as "swarm breeding." Four hens are sufficient for the average cock, and he must be in good condition. The hens and cock are turned altogether into one of these wire breeding cages, two cocks should never be put together in the breeding season into one cage; nothing less than a small room is large enough to hold them, or they will fight like game cocks, for of all breeds of Canaries the German is the gamest.

Eighty Young From One Cock Bird.

It will be noticed that I write the "average" cock; some will be unable to fertilise the eggs of three or four hens, while others seem to have no limit to their powers. I have a vivid recollection of one of this stamp. In the year 1893, a fancier friend turned into a small room twelve hens and one vigorous cock, and at the close of the season he had eighty young birds, while more than this number were hatched and not reared. The majority of these eighty youngsters were hens. The old cock did not fertilize any eggs afterwards, as this stupendous performance had sapped all his breeding powers. This way of breeding has its advantages, also its disadvantages. It is a labour saving method, as only one vessel is needed for the egg-food, one for water, and only one seed hopper is needed; and the cage being made of wire, there is less harbour for the red mites. The nest-pans are arranged outside the cages. A considerable outlay in the purchase of cock birds is saved when this method is adopted.

(To be Continued.)

The Cockatoo in Australia 116 Years Old!

Sir,—I have often seen this bird; in fact, I seldom pass "Tom Ugly's Point" without stopping to see her, and the last time I was there she was collecting for the hospital, and I believe collects quite a large amount. I have never heard this bird talk, but I am told she says: "Give me one more feather, and I'll fly."

An Australian.

Hearing the Nightingale's Song.

Sir,—As I shall be in London about the 28th of this month, will you kindly inform me whether I shall be in time to hear the Nightingale, and if so where is the best place to go to make sure of hearing it; also what is the best time of day or night? If any of your readers have any singing in captivity, an invitation to hear them would be highly appreciated.

An Australian.

[Our correspondent is somewhat late so far as the wild birds are concerned. The nearest spot to the metropolis is probably Epping Forest. If "An Australian" will call at our offices, we shall be glad to give him fuller particulars.—Editor.]

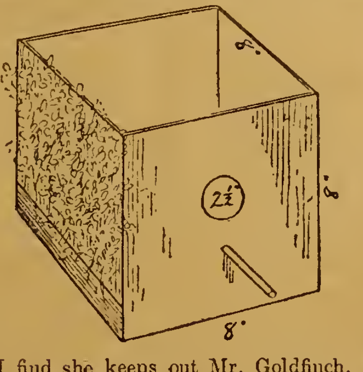
Ensuring the Happiness of Caged Birds.

Sir,—I well recollect that a writer for Cage Birds Annual once said: "Remember, a cage cannot be too large—for the bird." I have been astonished at the number of people, apparently kind-hearted and fond of animal life, who doom their pets to imprisonment in cages so small that it is impossible for them to exercise themselves, or, indeed, even to turn round without brushing their tail feathers. That the little creatures can adapt themselves to such unnatural conditions of life is no excuse for our making them do so; and the selfish consideration that they sing more, having no other means of engaging their activity, even if it were true, would surely not have part in a humane mind. I think a good rule would be to have the cages of all birds at least three times the length of the bird, with sufficient perches of different sizes to allow change of movement of the feet, at the same time leaving room for them to flutter their wings. A cheap wooden cage about 18 x 16 x 10 can be had for three or four shillings; but care should be taken to remove the wretched thin perches with which they are sometimes fitted. It should not be forgotten that birds love a little amusement. I have found some of mine play with ends of string or ribbon tied to their perches, with great zest. To Budgerigars, and other birds, a bowl of freshly mown grass, at this season full of seed tips, will provide an engrossing pastime, and afford a natural meal into the bargain. We keep birds in captivity solely for our own pleasure; and the least we can do is to ensure them as much comfort and happiness as lies in our power.

Elsie F. Alabone.

Helping the Hen Bullie.

Sir,—I am trying to breed Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, but got trouble with Finch sitting on nest, so I am trying this idea, and I thought it might interest you. My Bullfinch is now building in an old Thrush's nest,



and I find she keeps out Mr. Goldfinch. The box is 8 inches square, sides 1½ high. I arranged some sprays of green box (each side) pushed in and held in place by nest. I filled in corners where nest does not fit, with moss, hole 2½in., perch 2½in. in front, fixed on end of cage, about 1in. from top of cage; no top on box, it gives plenty of light, etc.

J. Wright.

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Roller Hens which Object to Marking Rings.

Sir,—One cannot but admire many of your readers for the skilful contrivances they have adopted from time to time as a preventative against their hens maltreating nestlings wearing closed rings. Before these closed rings became "fashionable" in Roller circles we heard more of this trouble, and some fanciers would stain the rings in a solution of permanganate of potash; another would cover them with cycle valve tubing, which proved very effective. I have made exhaustive enquiries into the cases that have come under my personal notice, and have found that one cause of this trouble is that the hen is not wearing a ring. If a split ring (i.e. a ring to open) is placed on the hen's leg previous to the breeding season, and sufficiently long enough for her to become accustomed to it, I believe the trouble will cease. I thank those of your readers whose letters have appeared in these columns, also others who have written to me direct, for their kind and appreciative remarks concerning the articles now appearing on the Roller Canary. It is encouraging to know that some are receiving benefit by one's efforts.

J. Tomlinson.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1913.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Poor Luck at Sowerby Bridge.

I am very sorry we had such a poor first feather show, but I hope for better things later. Our members seem a little upset about their poor success so far this breeding season, but I wish them a better finish. Nearly all the members began badly with clear eggs, and also losing young, so that many had no birds old enough to show.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec., Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.

Bad First Round at Oxford.

The majority of the members of the Oxford C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Lewin, have done rather badly on the first round, but are pulling up on the second round. Many clear eggs and young dead has been the cry. Mr. Woods has about 30 doing well. and our old veteran, Mr. White, has some Hybrids. I have myself had an excellent season, and have over 50 on the sticks, the hens feeding splendidly. I will get our Press secretary to send full list on the second round, which I hope will show better results.—A. Lewin.

KING'S LYNN C.C.

On June 1, at the invitation of the president, Capt. R. L. Bagge, 22 members had a splendid day's outing. Favoured with a fine day, a start was made at 10 a.m. from Gawood Hall. Led by our president, we were soon in one of the best wooded estates in Norfolk; it comprises the parishes of Gaywood, Mintlyn, Middleton, and Bawsey. Starting from the Gaywood woods, we were soon among the birds. Thrushes and Blackbirds were seen on the wing; here and there one could hear the notes of the Chiff Chaff, Chaffinch and Goldfinch; a fine pair of Bullfinches were seen. Making our way across the fields to the Mintlyn woods, the Woodpecker was heard, and plenty of bird life was to be seen. After walking a good distance, we found ourselves at Bawsey; here light refreshments were served, and after a rest we made our way to Gaywood Hall, the residence of our president, who honoured us with a good cold luncheon, to which we did full justice. After looking round the gardens, a tired and happy party bade our host goodbye, and we made our way home to Lynn.—A. Harrod, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual ramble to Houghton Woods took place June 7, in delightful weather, permission having been granted to visit same by the owner, Col. Langdale. Fifteen members and friends met at Cannon Street Station, and booked to South Cave, and then started on a tramp of about four miles through Newbald to the woods, Mr. F. F. Potter being the first of the party to record a find, a Blackbird's nest, with 5 eggs. More Blackbirds' and Thrushes' nests were soon found. The Cuckoo was heard frequently the whole afternoon. Other finds were: Chaffinch, 3 young, fully feathered; Blackbird, 3 young and 1 egg unfertile; Partridge, 5 eggs; Greenfinch, 5 young; Yellowhammer, 4 young, and a Hedge Sparrow's nest with young Cuckoo in. A quantity of Pheasants were seen during the afternoon. Tea time now arrived, we wandered back to the New Inn, Newbald, where the hostess, Mrs. Baker, had prepared a substantial repast, to which we did full justice. Tea over, and after about one hour rest, we retraced our steps to South Cave Station, and entrained for Hull, tired, but having spent an enjoyable time. The following members were present: Harland, Smith, F. F. Potter, Sutton, Calvard, Young, Fox, Kemp, Leghorn, Horsley, Clayton Brothers, and Heseltine.—L. Heseltine, Hon. Sec.

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SHEFFIELD O.S.

An eventful and enjoyable time despite unfavourable weather.

In spite of the unfavourable conditions of the morning, 25 turned up at the starting point, the Park Hotel, Hillsboro', for the annual ramble, and we picked another half-dozen up en route, not a bad muster considering the weather. Taking the road through Beeley Woods on the way to Oughtibridge Station, where we were expecting meeting our Stockbridge members, we were greatly surprised to find the paths in the woods so dry, and the grass was not at all bad, so that we were able to at times wander from the beaten track. We soon were amongst the birds, a cuckoo greeting us in the first instance; Greenfinches, Thrushes, and Blackbirds abounded in great numbers. The first nest we discovered was of a Thrush with four young almost ready to go out on their own in the world. Blue Tits and Robins were very plentiful in all directions. We hereabouts came across an old silk hat, which had been commandeered by Master Bobbie and his mate—it was close to the pathside. This nest being so prominent caused our president to relate to us that a Hedge Sparrow has built a nest in a gooseberry bush, close to the path in his garden, but as he is a possessor of cats as well as birds, he is afraid the offspring will not have a very long life. We kept wandering on, everyone taking it easy; in fact, so much so that we were late getting to Oughtibridge Station, where we were to pick up the second contingent. When we got there the birds had flown, and the worst part was that our guide was with them. None of us knew the paths through Wharncliffe, which was the first wood we had to go through on leaving the station, so after a consultation we decided to take another route which we did know. All at once we noticed half-a-dozen or so of human beings in a plantation, at least we saw one of these individuals at the top of a tree, in which he had discovered a Stock Dove's nest. Congratulations went round as to dropping in with our guide, and we learnt that they had only gone for a stroll until we arrived. We at once tackled a steep incline which warmed us up before we got to the top of the wood. We here beheld a tremendous lot of birds: Chaffinches seemed to predominate, and some of them looked as though they would make Palace winners. After such a stiff climb, we were all glad to get on level ground, but we were well repaid for our climb. We could see all round for miles, for we had got on the top of the highest part of the district, and the panorama was glorious. We are now nearing our half-way house, where our president has arranged for a conveyance to meet us with refreshments on the road-side, and they were very acceptable, everyone seemed to be in form for them. After a rest and a refresher we commenced once more on a voyage of discovery in another part of the woods. This particular part is the home of the soft-bills; it is perfectly alive with ants, even to the paths; one cannot walk without killing hundreds at a time. Our guide is a great authority on ants, he making a study of them the same as we do birds, and he pointed out the different kinds, but we did not envy him when he put his arm in the midst of an ant hill amongst millions of these tiny pests; ants' eggs he tells us are at a premium this year, owing to the wet season in 1912; in fact we saw very few ants' eggs at all. We were so keenly interested in ants and their mode of life, which was so ably explained by our guide, that we forgot what time tea was ordered. As soon as we made this discovery the lecture on ants and their habits had to be abandoned, and we had to make the best of our way to the Norfolk Arms, where tea was provided. After tea was over, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to our hostess, who suitably responded. We then commenced the homeward journey, landing in Sheffield about ten o'clock. The verdict was unanimous—what a day, what a tea, how tired we all were, which is proof in itself of the way we enjoyed ourselves.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

A grand day spent in a spot where birds love to build.

Members had their first ramble June 8, when about 20 turned out. Arriving from Cowdenbeath, at Cardenden Station, we were met by two guides, kindly provided by the Right Hon. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P. Entering the grounds at Cardenden, the party was divided into two portions, one on each side of the river. Soon we were all busy on the look-out for nests. First honour fell to Mr. A. Harvey, he finding the beautiful nest of the Blue Tit, with seven eggs. This was quickly followed by Blackbirds', Thrushes', Chaffinches', more Tits', and, nicest of all, the beautifully constructed nest of the Wren, all of these nests containing eggs or young birds in various stages. Later on, where the woods got much closer, a Goldfinch's nest was the most striking find. Next our guide showed us the fox's den; the footprints left no doubt that he had been there before us that morning. After this one party crossed the Burn to join the others, and to report progress. Crossing was no gentle exercise, more than one just missing a dip in the clear water. Both selections had equally good luck in their search, and no wonder; if birds will build anywhere, it will be here. Our next visit was to the abode of our guides, the houses being in one of the prettiest spots we have yet seen. Mr. Ping and Mr. Hamil, of Auchterpool, were waiting for us here. Passing along on our way, Friend Jeffrey treated us to a learned discourse on the growth of the trees and woods in Scotland. Our guides also showed us another interesting affair, namely, the incubating of Pheasants' eggs, by the domestic hen. The call of the Bullfinch to his mate was plainly heard here, but only one nest was found, 3 eggs. Next a nest of the Owl and a little later the Hawk was seen hovering about. At Cluny Village a halt was called, and we proceeded to satisfy the inner man. Mr. A. Simpson may not be a chef, but he can certainly make sandwiches to satisfy a hungry crowd. On again, we entered the woods once more, many of the party now taking things easily. Still the younger bloods kept up the search with gratifying results. Many nests again were found. Soon after we reached Kirkcaldy, and our friend Mr. Ping here, in a very neat and witty speech, thanked all who had helped to make everything go so well. The Cage Bird Society officials, the guides, and last, but not least, the host, whose gracious permission had allowed us to visit some of the finest woods in Scotland. Mr. Hamil, Mr. A. Simpson, Mr. Menzies, and others helped to make a pleasant hour till train time. We arrived home in Cowdenbeath, all very tired, but thoroughly satisfied with a splendid day's enjoyment.—Joseph R. Reid, Assist. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held June 2nd. Messrs. G. Lawton, Bucknell, T. Pointon, Norton, Tarrant, and Baeford were elected members. Final arrangements were made for nest feather show, June 21. We are expecting a record entry. Nine classes for Canaries, three Mules, and five for British. Also three open classes; Norwich, Yorks, and Brown Linnet. Mr. J. Pitchford will exhibit the undefeated Goldfinch of last show season (not for competition). A lot of special prizes have been promised, including one of 5s. cash by Mr. Butters. Members entering more than four exhibits should not omit to nominate the birds they wish to compete for the gold medals.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Meeting held June 15, Mr. T. H. Curry chair. Mr. Curry spoke about his co-partner, Mr. E. Forsdick, leaving us to work at Nottingham. He was one of our most enthusiastic members, and we are very sorry to part with him; fanciers of the same sort as Mr Forsdick are not very common. Decided that the best wishes of all our members be given to Mr. Forsdick. Our char-a-banc trip terms were settled, and given a fine day, we will all enjoy ourselves, as the route chosen is noted for its bird life. We have 23 names down to go, and local fanciers wishing to go, had better give their names in at once, as there is only seating for 28.—R. Peart, Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held June 14, Evans' Cafe, Newcastle. Mr. Hickman presided and welcomed Mr. Poole, Bignall End, as a new member. We shall be pleased to see those fanciers who are making enquiries about joining us. Half-yearly sub. 1s. Agreed to hold a members' show, two classes, one for members' young birds, other open to North Staffordshire. Local fanciers kindly note this. Details later. In the event of a local judge being unobtainable, the Sec. will officiate. For convenience of members unable to attend Saturday meetings, a special will be held on Thursday, July 3, at 7, in addition to ordinary monthly meeting. "Everybody's doing it." What? Learning something at our meetings. Won't you. We are expecting Crystal Palace and Horticultural Hall winners at meetings shortly. The word is passed for it—J. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

LEINSTER O.S.

Monthly meeting held June 9, at 10, St. George's Place, Dublin. In the absence of Mr. Cloke, the chairman, through sickness, Mr. Birre occupied the chair. Letter was read from Mr. Hawkins, Queenstown, in which he generously undertook to present a solid silver cup for the coming show to either the exhibitor with most entries, or most points, details to follow. Letters were also received from other exhibitors wishing good luck to the committee. Bills for printing and staging were passed for payment. Hon. Sec. reported the cup fund to be in a very flourishing condition, along with the general funds of the society, and was instructed to thank the following gentlemen for their generous donations and general assistance for the sound establishment of the society; Messrs. W. Hawkins, Queenstown; J. T. Morgan, Mountmellick; W. Keating, Dundalk; J. Thompson, L. Stewart, and C. Fansey, Belfast; J. Lavery, Lurgan; B. Beegan, Kingstown; P. Carey, J. Walsh, and others. The Hon. Sec. would be very pleased to hear from fanciers who would be likely to exhibit in Border Fancy or Scotch Fancy classes, as valuable specials are likely to be put up at the forthcoming show if about 4 classes could be guaranteed in each section. Exhibitors desirous of becoming members should communicate.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec., 63, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Next monthly meeting, June 25, headquarters, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, at 8. Mr. Young will open a discussion on moulting Canaries, etc. Business of young show, July 19, will be settled and specials allotted. Will societies please note, July 17 is the latest date to receive applications for our patronage in the champion section. We thank those who have already applied and anticipate a record year in the Greens. Some topping birds have been bred by the novices.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting and N.F. show held in the Wallace Tower Hall, June 10, Mr. D. Watson chair. We were a little early with our nest feather show, and only fifteen birds were staged, most of these being Yorkshires, and some very fine ones were amongst them. The buff cock put down by T. Erskine was a treat, and will be heard of again, also two yellows belonging to A. Telfer, which will do their owner some good later. Other very close runners for the honours in Yorkshire classes were J. Cameron and A. Cook. Both these members put down some very nice birds, and we hope they will do better still next show. A yellow Norwich of Jas. McLauchlan's was worthy of note, and it was a pity he had not a keener class. Decided to hold next show July 12, at 2, with a number of British classes added. Mr. J. Kelly will judge British, and Mr. A. Girvan Canaries.—Robert Aitken, Sec.

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CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Meeting held June 28, at Market Tavern, Bradford, to approve of societies for patronage. The following dates have been applied for and granted:—Oct. 4, 11, 17-18, 24-25, Nov. 7-8, 15, Dec. 5-6-8, Jan. 10; 8 shows in all. Committee would like ten shows, and I am open to receive applications on other dates, from societies who are willing to give our classification. Subs. are now due, and can be paid to any member of committee.—R. Garnett, Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held June 11, at Headquarters; Mr. Butler, chair. We had a large turn-up of members. Secretary was instructed to write to the following clubs for their patronage:—Northern Border Club, Northern Counties, Norwich and Cin., Northern Yorkshire, and Northern British Bird and Mule Club. Decided to write for conditions for Cage Birds Coupon Competition. Will all members kindly attend our next meeting, as the schedule for annual show will be put before them. Our neighbours at Annfield, are having a nest feather show, June 21. We wish them a big entry, and every success.—W. Elliott, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held June 13, at Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon; present: Chairman, Mr. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Jones; hon. treas., Mr. R. T. Edwards; and Messrs. E. Jones, E. Hughes, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. Three new members joined during this week; there is still plenty of room for more competitors at the show on July 5; must be paid members of the society on or before June 28. No entries received after June 28 without an additional fee of 3d. per entry. I have sent schedules out to all late members, and many other fanciers, but if there is any fancier who wishes to join, send to Mr. R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec., 5, Balaclava-rd., Carnarvon.

OPENSHAW, GORTON & DIS. C.B.S

Well-attended meeting held at Alhambra Theatre Club-room, June 11, kindly placed at our disposal by the manager, Mr. Evanson, to place the old South Manchester on its legs again; 17 new members were elected, and a promise of more for next meeting. Decided to call the Society Openshaw, Gorton and Dis. C.B.S. The following officers were elected: Chair, Mr. Evanson; vice-chair, F. Washbourne, jun.; treas., A. Gilbert; auditor, T. Berry; asst. sec., W. Hathway, and a committee of five, whose election, owing to the great amount of business, was left over till next meeting. Decided to hold F.F. show on the third Saturday in July, for which we have a good promise of specials (subs. 2s. per annum.—Fred Washbourne, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Y.M. Halls, June 14, Mr. Rindell presiding. Young bird show business was gone through, and date fixed for Aug. 2. We have been fortunate in securing the Camera Club Studio for our show. Classification: Yellow Norwich, buff Norwich, yellow Border, buff Border, common Canary, A.O.V. Can., Mules and Hybrids. We have a good sum in money specials for this show. Rambles and outings being popular, the Larkhall C.B.A. will keep up with the times, and hold their first outing of members and friends on Glasgow Fair Saturday, July 19, to Bonnington Falls of Clyde, driving along the beautiful valley of the Clyde to Lanark. Messrs. Pollock, McLean, and Graham, were appointed to conduct the outing, and they will be pleased to have names of those wishing to take advantage of the trip, and will also give particulars regarding same.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held June 11 before a good muster, Chairman Willmott presiding. Mr. Turner was elected a member; the following were nominated stewards for June show on the 25th: Messrs. Hall, Perks, Yardley, Adcock, and Andrews; stewards for the show on July 19th: Messrs. H. Kidner, Hughes, Adcock, Harding, J. Burke; judge for June, Mr. J. H. Roe; July show, G. H. Russell. The classification passed as last season, and will again be printed. Specials are extra fine, and chairman submitted the silver cups to the meeting, everyone agreeing that they were excellent workmanship, the models of the Yorkshire Canary on the lids being very true to the ideal. The British cup is mounted with a fine silver model of the Goldfinch. The chairman impressed upon those present that good entries should be made; it was all to their advantage to make this season's shows a great success; competition for the cups commenced at the young bird shows; the specials were the finest offered, and would be presented as allotted, competition or not. Special arrangements are being made for receiving the birds from out of town; closing dates for June show, first post June 23, and for July show July 17. Mr. Hall, of 91, Grange Road, is taking up a subscription list for testimonial to our popular show manager, J. Wright, who is leaving Birmingham for London at the end of June. He will be greatly missed, being one of the pioneers of the South Birmingham O.S., and a real worker, securing some dozen members during the first few weeks of formation. I hope all members will make an effort to subscribe and let Mr. Hall know at once.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Half-yearly meeting, June 13, in Grand National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow, with a fair attendance, County Councillor James Hogg presiding. In opening the meeting Mr. Hogg took the opportunity to thank the members for electing him President. He considered it a very great honour, and he assured the members he would do all in his power to uphold the dignity of the position. He also expressed the hope that the Association would continue to prosper as it had done. Sec. reported that Mr. Brown, vice-pres., had offered to give 2s. 6d. to the 5th, 6th and 7th birds in each class at our annual show. Same had been accepted on behalf of the Association. The members heartily endorsed sec's action, and thanked Mr. Brown sincerely for his very generous gift. It is hoped that this will be the means of stimulating young breeders and increasing membership. Fourteen new members have joined, and 19 of last year's members have not replied, and it is hoped they will do so as early as possible. Total members up to date are 97. The fund being raised for new cup is growing slowly. We are still £2 or £3 short of what is aimed at, and we hope that members that have not yet subscribed will send on their mite to the sec. as early as possible. Judges appointed; as soon as the acceptances are to hand their names will be announced in Cage Birds. Unanimously agreed that we have 7 coloured cards at our show instead of 4, and 3 white ones as formerly. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Hogg, who had come from Oakley, Fife, specially to preside. The meeting was very harmonious and pleasant throughout.—A. M. Baird, Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held at Headquarters, June 13. Mr. Sutton, chair; before a good attendance. Decided to hold a nest feather show, July 5; Mr. S. Andrews, Widnes, will judge; there will be two sections and 11 classes: 6 champion, 4 novice, and 1 selling. Entries to be made at next meeting, July 4. Please all attend.—E. Rone, Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Meeting held June 16, at Barnfields Inn, Pleasant Street. Mr. H. Hassall chair, to allot specials etc., for Nest Feather Show, June 28th, and to make new members. Decided to let the exhibitors in the open classes compete for four specials, along with the members, same being for best Norwich in show, best Yorks., best British, Mule, or Hybrid, and most points in the three open classes. Entries close June 26, or first post June 27. Birds staged by 2.30 on June 28. Mr. J. Colclough, Butt Lane, was made a member.—L. James, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

General meeting held at the "El Vino," Piccadilly Place, June 10; Mr. R. L. Crisp, chair. Letter was read from Mr. Mugford stating that the awards of merit, etc., had been sent to the successful exhibitors. The president presented a silver medal to Mr. Withers, gained by him at an egg-food competition, and a silver-plated teapot to Mr. Thursby for most points in amateur section at three shows. Schedule for young bird show, with entry form, was handed to members present. Samples of Messrs. Yates' colour-food were passed round to the members. Treasurer Mr. Trower gave in a report of the funds in hand. The remainder of the evening was spent in questions being passed round to the members, interesting and instructive answers being given. A committee meeting was held after the close of the general meeting, and the schedule for annual show was practically completed.—James Bray, junr., Sec., F. Knight, Press Corres.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Meeting of the Council held June 14, at Market Tavern, Bradford; Mr. H. W. Walsh, chair. Another good attendance of delegates assembled. Correspondence from Halifax, Laisterdyke, Bradford National, and the National B.B. and M. Club's Protection League, was read to the meeting. Laisterdyke Society desiring to withdraw from the official list of shows, it was proposed that they be allowed to do so on paying their share of judges' fees, thus retaining their date for another year. Decided to grant the Union's support to the Bradford National show, and all trophies, medals, and other Union competitions will be competed for at that show. Tenders for printing of Union handbooks, etc., were considered. Decided that each tender be considered on its merits, irrespective of price, and it was decided to let the contract to Messrs. Moorhouse and Hodgson, providing they meet the stipulations laid down. The president thanked the delegates for their attendance. If any member of the Union has changed his address, or any other correction is needed in last year's list, kindly notify me immediately.—H. Hill, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held June 9, Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd chair, and thirty members present. Letters were read from Mr. N. C. Ellis, Mr. F. J. Martin, enclosing £1 as special prize, to whom the members accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his generous gift, and from the National British Bird and Mule Club and Bird-Keepers' Protection Society, drawing attention to the Plumage Act and also a petition against the Bill, which most of the members took the opportunity of signing. Messrs. Taplin and Withes were nominated for election, and Messrs. T. C. Mann, G. A. Dossett, A. G. Dossett, and A. H. Lye were elected. Hon. sec. announced result of British bird judging competition, Mr. H. Hobden taking gold medal with 55 points, Mr. E. C. Offord silver medal 54, Messrs. C. Polton, W. Large, and W. Sanders tieing for 3rd place with 53 each. A draw for the bronze medal resulted in favour of Mr. Sanders. Hon. Sec., was very energetic in collecting specials for the young bird show, and will be very pleased to hear from those members who were unable to be present. The feature of the evening was a lecture by Mr. Hedder on Norwich Plainheads, and he greatly interested his audience by the very able manner in which he spoke of his favourite breed of Canary. Type, quality of feather, pairing, in-breeding, feeding, and preparing for show were fully dealt with, and members should benefit greatly by the instructive information Mr. Hedder imparted to them. Mr. Hodder concluded his remarks by saying that bird keeping is a hobby, but to ensure success one needs perseverance and hard work. Members were unanimous in according Mr. Hodder a very hearty vote of thanks for attending and giving them such a pleasant evening. A vote of thanks to Chairman concluded the meeting.—Fred. Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

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UPPER RHONDDA C.B.S.

Meeting held June 11, with only a moderate attendance; ways and means were discussed of adding to our funds in preparation for open show, which Mr. W. Mundell has been engaged to judge. Decided to run a first feather show June 26, birds to be at headquarters at 5.30, when they will be classified, all members to guarantee two entries at 3d. each. We would like to see the novice members attending these meetings; it would also be to their advantage in the way of classification. There are a good number of fanciers in the district who have not yet become members. We would like to meet them at our F.F. show, when Mr. Thomas (Treherbert) will judge. Subs. are due this month. —E. Richards, Sec.

BARGOED C.B.S.

Meeting held June 10, at Parker's Temperance Hotel, Mr. H. Bye presiding over a moderate attendance. Decided to hold table show on Tuesday, July 8th. No prize money will be given, but we have specials worth trying for in addition to silver cup for best Yorkshire from W. Sims, and show cage each for best Linnet and Goldfinch from A. Huddrell previously announced, two medals value 10s. from Mr. J. Lacey for best bird and for most points. Mr. Blundell special value 5s. 6d. for best A.O.V. Canary, H. Bye seed 2s. for best nest feather bird, J. Vivian box cage for best Norwich, E. Chisholm Canary or British show cage for best vlg. Fee 6d. a bird, or 3 for 1s., admission free. Next meeting June 24, 7.30; all fanciers heartily welcome.—E. J. Chisholm, Sec.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

F.F. Show, held Granby Hotel, June 14, 38 birds were staged. Mr. J. Bailey, judged. Class 1: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Farrar; 3, Nichol; 4, Ambler. Class 2: 1, Firth; 2, Hudson; 3, Jowett; 4, Blagbrough. Class 3: 1, Johnson; 2, Ambler. Class 4: 1, Allatt; 2, Firth; 3, Nichol; 4, Blagbrough. Class 5: 1, Hudson; 2, Blagbrough; 3, Nichol; 4, Jowett. Class 6: 1, Jowett; 2, Fowle; 3, Wood and Sharp; 4, Hudson. Most points: W. Firth 18; C. Blagbrough 17; L. Hudson, 15; W. Jowett 14.—H. Myers, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

F.F. show in connection with monthly meeting held June 7, at headquarters. Entries totalled fifty and amongst them were some very promising youngsters. Winners of specials: Messrs. A. G. Rhodes, best bird; Reed and Longley, most points; Messrs. H. Simms and E. Middleton tied for second most points and divided. Mr. W. A. Wilson judged.

YORKS, YELL. (17): 1, Simms; 2, c, Pyrah; 3, Baldwinson; 4, hc, Peace; vhc, H. Reed. BUFF (21): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, H. Reed; 4, Graham; vhc, hc, Storey; c, Simms. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hornby. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Middleton. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (1): 1, Gath. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Middleton.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

First members' young bird show, held June 14, when some good birds were staged. Mr. R. Leonard judged, and gave every satisfaction. Special, cup value £15 15s., and gold medal, was won by Mr. R. Braybrook, for the three best birds bred by a member. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Braybrook; 3, Aspden; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Huggins. TKD. or VARIEG.: 1, Watson; 2, Hardman; 3, Aspden; vhc, hc, Edmondson. CL. BUFF: 1, Braybrook; 2, Edmondson; 3, Hayhurst; vhc, Lapper; hc, Hardman. TKD. or VARIEG.: 1, Speak; 2. 3, Lingard; vhc, Speak; hc, Braybrook. YKS.: 1, 2, 3, Whartou; vhc, Braybrook. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhcs, J. Holden.

SMALLBRIDGE C.B.S.

Third annual first N.F. show, held in St. John's Schoolroom, Smallbridge. We had a good turn-over at the door, but entries were only poor, owing to the inclement weather we experienced here at the start of the breeding season, only about half of the members having birds ready for show, but we are looking forward to a bumping entry at our second nest show. Mr. Schofield, Heywood, judged, and gave general satisfaction, no grumbling being heard.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

[From the sheet catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were: Yorks, Coupe, Judson, Low and Johnson, Cryer, Howarth; A.O.V., Cheetham, Tonks; Brit., Cheetham, Hartley.—Ed.]

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

First Feather Show, held June 14, at Railway Hotel, and some very good birds out of the 77 entries faced the judge, Mr. W. Mann, Wibsey, who gave every satisfaction. CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Padgell and Son; 2, Parker; 3, 4, Swaine. BUFF: 1, Bateman; 2, Casey; 3, Hodgson; 4, Parker. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Choppendale; 4, Parker. CINN., TKD.: 1, Revell; 2, Parker; 3, Tetley; 4, Duckworth. NOVICE: CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Redshaw; 2, Bussey; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Smith; 3, North Bros.; 4, Redshaw. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Redshaw; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, North Bros. CINN.: 1, Bussey; 2, Smith. Sp. best yell. novice, Redshaw. Buff: Walker.—J. E. Hudson.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Nest feather show, held June 11. Mr. W. Speak judged a poor entry, no doubt due to the fact that nearly all of our members are having a very bad beginning (clear eggs and losing young) thus not having young birds old enough to show. OPEN, CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Crossley. NOV. CL., ETC. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Hardy; 3, 4, vhc, Magson. VARIEG., ETC. (3): 1, Hardy; 2, 3, Magson. It is hoped that members will have better success and make up for it at the show on July 12. There are plenty of prizes to be competed for. A silver cup for open section, and a silver rose bowl for novices, to be held by the winners for 12 months along with the usual value of prizes for the season's competition, and a smoking cabinet value £2 2s. for the most entries at four of the seven shows, these four shows to be drawn for after the last show in Feb. 1914. During the afternoon a meeting was held re colour food, and Messrs Thomas's Supply Stores Hanson Lane were elected to supply us at the special club quotation with Ramsden's and Sandiford's. Members please apply at secretary's address, 46, Eldon Place, Halifax, for order card to be able to obtain the same at club price. Any fancier desirous of participating in the above prizes or colour food, apply at my address and join at once, subscription 2s. 6d. per year only.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec. 46, Eldon Place, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First young bird show, held June 14, at Sycamore Hotel; Judge, Mr. H. H. Clark, Bradford, who gave every satisfaction. Entries came up poorly in numbers, members having done badly in breeding.

CL. or TKD. BUFF: 1, vhc, Birdsall; 2, 3, Scholes; hc, Burton; c, Brook. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Birdsall; 2, Mitchell; 3, Scholes; vhc, hc, c, Burton. LINNET: 1, Burton; 2, 3, Gomersall; vhc, Cockrem. GREENF.: 1, Burton; 2, Gomersall. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, Gomersall; 2, Cockrem. J. Rhodes, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

F.F. show of Yorkshire Canaries, held Silver Grill, Tredegar, June 12. Nearly 40 birds were placed before the judge, Mr. E. Powell, whose awards were favourably received. Special for best bird was won by Mr. E. J. Bevan with a promising clear yellow, which should do well in the future. He was run closely by several birds. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Bevan. TKD.: 1, Bevan; 2, Watkins; 3, Davies. MKD.: 1, Griffiths; 2, Davies; 3, Watkins. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bevan. TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Watkins. MKD.: 1, 2, Watkins; 3 Griffiths.—W. B. Watkins, Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Members' F.F. show, held at Three Tuns, Eastwood, July 14, with a very good entry considering the very bad times our members are having. Norwich classes contained some very good birds which, with a good moult, ought to do well for their owners. Mr. E. Fox, of Long Eaton, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. MKD.: 1, 2, Parson. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Martin. BUFF MKD.: 1, 2, Martin. YORKS., YELL. MKD.: 1, Kew. BUFF: 1, Kew. YOUNG MULE or HYB.: 1, Bestwick. OLD: 1, Martin; 2, White; 3, vhc, Watson; hc, Bradley; c, Redfern. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Bradley. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Martin; 2, Lees and Smith; 3, Cook; vhc, Bestwick; hc, C. Martin; c, J. Martin. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Williamson; 2, 3, Lees and Smith; vhc, Booth; hc, Bradley. A.O.V.: 1, G. Bradley.—A. Smith, Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

F.F. Show, held June 14, at Blue Bell Hotel, with an entry of 50, all grand typical stuff; several look like making big winners at open shows, with a good moult. Special for most points in novice section was won by J. W. Ellis, with a good team of four Yorks. Mr. John Broadley, Windhill, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Points up to now for season's prizes are—Champ: W. B. Atkinson, 20; H. Long, 19; J. Halliday, 19; E. Shepherd, 18; R. Garnett, 17; T. Elsegood, 13. Novice: J. W. Ellis, 19; J. Harney, 7; S. Hall, 5.

CL. YELL.: 1, Atkinson; 2, R. Garnett; 3, Halliday; 4, Ellis; vhc, Atkinson; hc, c, Craven. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, 3, Shepherd; 4, Elsegood; vhc, Hall; hc, c, Atkinson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Harney; 2, Long; 3, Shepherd; 4, Hall. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, Atkinson; 3, Elsegood. GREEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Halliday; 2, 4, Long; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Garnett; 2, Broadley; 3, Harney; 4, Shepherd; vhc, Long. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Garnett. BUFF: 1, Garnett; 2, Ellis; 3, Alderson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Elsegood. SELL.: 1, 2, Ellis; 3, Atkinson; 4, Halliday; vhc, Elsegood; hc, c, Shepherd.—Taylor and Ellis, Secs.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

First N.F. show held June 12, at the Duke of York. Three classes were provided for Norwich and three for Yorks., and right well did the Norwich men patronise their section; the clear class had 14 entries, the ticked or lightly marked 13, and the varieg. or green 11. This shows signs of our members having had a good breeding season. It was very pleasing to see Mr. Loach come along with a team of five and capture the specials for best bird in show, and second best with two fine Norwich. Mr. E. Crundell judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction; he also gave a lecture on the different points of the birds, and the four specimens he brought with him were very good Norwich. There was a judging competition among the members, and before each class was started Mr. F. J. Weaver pointed out the different points of the birds before each member took hold of the judging slip.

NOR., CL. (14): 1, sp, Loach; 2, Rowley; 3, Weaver; 4, c, Gibbons; vhc, hc, Hampton. TKD. OR LIGHTLY MKD. (13): 1, sp, Loach; 2, c, Garfield; 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, Gibbons; hc, Hyde. VARIEG. OR GREEN (11): 1, Hampton; 2, Hyde; 3, 4, Garfield. YORKS.. (2): 1, 2, Gibbons.—J. Gibbons.

CREWE O.S.

N.F. show held June 14 in Co-operative Hall, a very cosy room. Over ninety birds were staged, including some promising specimens. Yorkshires were exceedingly smart, especially those staged by Messrs. Lawton, Potts, and Dunn. Borders were very strong, and true to type. The hon. sec., Mr. Jaycott, put down a topping buff. Green Borders were of grand colour and quality. British were very even, Messrs. Morgan and Jaycott staging some charming species. A few Canaries were wrong-classed by the judge, yellows and buffs being mixed up. A good idea might be to let the judge alter the birds into their right classes, as it is hard lines to have a good bird wrong-classed at a young show, it being sometimes difficult to tell the right colour of a youngster, although the shape of a bird will help to indicate its right colour. The show was well attended, and the officials worked hard. Sec. Mr. Jaycott knows the ropes, and had everything in ship-shape order. Mr. R. Jones gave him valuable assistance. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 3, Lawton, two neat youngsters, winner nice length and position, well drawn, 3rd not quite full tail, otherwise good; 2, Potts, smart and erect, charming qual. and shape, full of swagger for a baby. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Lawton, lovely team, built on grand lines, winner should make a good one, with a decent moult; No. 1, w.c., yellow. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Lawton, cheek-mkd., strapping baby, stands like a guardsman, full neck and grand sweep; 2, Potts, smaller, but good, well braced wings and tail; 3, Dunn; No. 5, w.c., buff. BUFF (6): 1, Lawton, nice, good head and neck; 2, Potts, smart and neat, fails in size, bit unsteady; 3, Dunn; No. 5, w.c., topping yell. BORD., YELL. (5): 1, Hancocks, jaunty and full of qual., in nice bloom; 2, Lawton, good type and qual., just a bit flat headed; 3, Jaycott. MKD.: 1, Jaycott, buff neck mkd., bonny little fellow, sweet type, braces wings and tail well; 2, Lawton, yell., capital feather, nice contour, reaches a little high; 3, Hancocks. GREEN BORD. (3): 1, Lawton, wonder for col., capital pencillings, if as good in head properties would be a "flier"; 2, 3, Hancocks, brace of beauties, better type, but fails in col. to winner, the buff should make up well. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Potts, capital pair, Jonque Greenie Can., full of col. and fair size; 2nd, varieg. buff Goldie Mule, charming shape, in good form; 3, Elks. GOLDF. (6): 1, Jaycott, grand expansive blaze, nice bars and buttons, leaning well down; 2, 3, Dunn, brace of beauties, equal in Goldie properties, but not size of winner. LINNET (4): 1, Morgan, pink of condition, well pencilled, good nutty col., cone shape; 2, Elks, topper for size, pencilling, bit blurred; 3, Jaycott. BULLF. OR GREENF. (8): 1, 3, Bettley, leader capital col., good cap, well cut, well up in size; 2, Morgan, larger but not col. of winner, neat cap and condition. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Morgan, winner exceptionally good f.m. Redpoll, capital bib and lacing; 2nd, h.m., fails col. and lacing; 3, Elks. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Dunn, monster Bramble. grand lacing, bold front, extra size, easy win; 2, 3, Bettley, brace of Chaffinches, lovely col., good heads and excellent whites, topping sheen. SELL. (3): 1, 2, Potts, yell. Nor. leading, with a capital varieg. buff Yorkie on its heels; 3, Bettley.

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GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

F.F. show held June 14 at Wesley Place School, Gt. Horton. Mr. G. R. Rashworth judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Brown and Ramsden; 3, Widdop; 4, vhc, Brook and Oldfield; hc, Holden; c, Worsnop. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Kaberry; 2, Hanson; 3, Worsnop; vhc, A. Peddar; hc, Brook and Oldfield; c, A. Holden. EVEN OR UNEVEN BUFF (1): 1, Hanson. NOR. (2): 1, Kaberry; 2, Bartle.—W. A. Brown, Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY, C.B.S.

First members' F.F. show of the season, held June 14, at the Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entry was 43 in five classes; several classes had to be cancelled for lack of entries. The quality was good all round, and the show was well patronised by the public. Mr. M Broadley, Shipley, judged, and he got through his work in a very able manner. Most points with four starred birds were gained by W. Richmond 20, D. Raistrick 18, W. Ackroyd 17, F. age 16, J. Butler 14.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Richmond; 2, c, J. Butler; 3. hc, Taylor; 4, Page; vhc, Ackroyd. BUFF (17): 1, Ackroyd; 2, c, J. Butler; 3, Richmond; 4, Page; vhc, Fowler and Hargreaves; hc, Marsh. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Page; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Raistrick; hc, Towler and Hargreaves; c, Winn. BUFF (7): 1, Ackroyd; 2, 3, 4, Raistrick; vhc, age; hc, Noble and Son; c, Richmond. NOV. A.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Noble.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

First young bird show of the season, held June 14, in Liberal Club room; 22 members staged 86 birds, which was considered fairly good, a large number of members being without birds to show. Mr. H. Charlsworth judged, and gave satisfaction.

OPEN, CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Peel; 4, Taylor, vhc, Jebson; hc, Helliwell; c, Radley. BUFF (6): 1, Helliwell; 2, Radley; 3, Hirst; 4, Radley; vhc, M. Peel; hc, Taylor. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, Hirst; 4, Dyson; vhc, Radley. BUFF (9): 1, Radley; 2, Jebson; 4, vhc, Hirst; hc, Dyson; c, Taylor. NOV. CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Hutchinson; 2, hc, Fisher; 3, Fisher and Dyson; 4, Hird; c, Dyson. BUFF (19): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Hower; 3, hc, Lodge; 4, Radley; vhc, Hird; c, Shaw. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Everett; 2, Lodge; 3, Fisher; 4, Fisher and Dyson; vhc, Morley; hc, Hutchinson; c, Fisher. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Fisher and Dyson; 2 Hutchinson; 3, hc, Everett; 4, c, Hird. A.O.V. both sections (11): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Jebson; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Hirst; vhc, c, Dyson.—J. Hird, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, held June 12, headquarters. A splendid turnout of birds, especially the novices, Yorkshires numbering over 40 in two classes. One thing we deplore is the lack of entries in members' Yorks. Some grand birds were staged all round. Mr. Drabble judged Yorks, Mr. Tow Norwich, Mr. Milne British. Their awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Butler; 4, Baker. BUFF: 1, Butler; 2, 3, Tomlinson. NOR.: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, hc, c, Simpson; 4, vhc, Lawton. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Simpson; 4, vhc, Lawton. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, Abbott; 2, Dalton; 3, Kelsey; 4, French; vhc, hc, c, J. Smith. YORKS. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, Cowley; 3, Dalton; 4, Wardley; vhc, Wingfield; hc, c, Kelsey. NOV. NOR.: 1, 4, Abbott; 2, hc, Smith; 3, vhc, Matthews. BUFF NOR.: 1, 2, Matthews; 3, Abbott. BRIT.: 1, 2, c, Fallding; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Bailey. At the meeting Mr. T. Ridal presiding, several specials were promised for N.F. show. Table show was voted a huge success, let us hope for a record Nest Feather show. Colour food was enquired about. We are arranging to supply members with both Ramsden's and Sandiford's. A definite statement will be made at the show on Saturday.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

PLYMOUTH, W. COUNTIES O.S.

First nest feather show for 1913, held June 4, at Oddfellows' Hall, Plymouth. Sixty-eight entries were staged, quality of the exhibits being well up to average. Yorks. and Norwich were especially good, both in number and quality, but Crests showed a falling off from previous years. Cinnamons made the best show that has ever been seen in the society. The four leading buff Norwich were of exceptional merit and were a credit to their breeders, viz., Messrs. Gill and Pethick and Mr. Spillman. Judges were, Yorks, Mr. C. Large; Nor., Mr. Snell; Crests, Mr. S. Gill; Cinn., Mr. Snell; Mules and Brit., Mr. G. Pridham.

YORKS, YELL. (7): 1, 2, Jewell; 3, vhc, Mellows; vhc, Hannaford; c, Craven. BUFF (9): 1, Oliver; 2, vhc, Jewell; 3, 4, Craven; hc, c, Mellows. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Spillman; 2, 4, Gill and Pethick; vhc, Pope; hc, Brown; c, Sleep. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Gill and Pethick; 3, 4, Spillman; vhc, Brown; hc, Sleep; c, Pope. CREST (3): 1, Hutchings; 2, 3, Bavage. C.B. (3): 1, Hutchings; 2, 3, Bavage. CINN., YELL (6): 1, vhc, Brown; 2, 4, Pape; 3, hc, Dyer. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Dyer; 3, Brown. MULE, LIGHT (1): 1, Wills. DARK (3): 1, 3, Wills; 2, Pope. GOLDF. or BULLF. (3): 1, 2, Wills; 3, Lott. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wills; 4, Lott. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (1): 1, Wills. INSECTIVOROUS (2): 1, 2, Wills. FOR., SMALL (1): Wills.—T. Pope Hon. Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

F.F. show held June 14; Mr. R. Garnett judged, and his awards were well received; entries were few, but quality good.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Wilcock. DITTO NOV.: 1, 2, 3, Pearson; 4, Shaw; vhc, hc, c, Sparks. DITTO BUFF NOV.: 1, Pearson; 2, Simonett; 3, Close; 4, vhc, Shaw; hc, Sparks. CINN. OR GREEN MKD. BUFF YORKS. NOV.: 1, Simonett; 2, Shaw. A.V. NOR.: 1, 2, Simonett; 3, Pearson.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

BANKFOOT C.B.S.

First show of the season held June 14, at Red Lion Hotel. Only a very poor entry was recorded owing to several of the members having suffered severe losses in the first round. Winners of most points were: G. Hudson 20 and E. Sell 20. The first two classes contained several fine birds. The birds were very carefully handled, and the awards made by Mr. T. Bentley, of Cleckheaton, and not a single comment was heard.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Hudson; 2, 3, 4, Self; hc, Hardaker; c, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 4, Hudson; 2, 3, Self; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Lawson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Lawson; 2, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Self; 3, Hardaker; 4, Lawson. —F. Gelder, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

First members' show for 1913 held June 14, at headquarters, Hare and Hounds; 77 birds faced the judge, Mr. T. Bennett, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Naylor; 2, 3, Myers; vhc, Crowther; hc, Smith; c, Slater. BUFF: 1, sp, Slater; 2, Town; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Judson; hc, Middleton; c, Myers. UNEVEN: 1, sp, R. Burnett; 2, Leach; 3, Burnett; vhc, Crowther; hc, c, Mitchell. SELL.: 1, Burnett; 2, Town; 3, Trevenor; vhc, Crowther; hc, Fawcett; c, Leach. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp, 3, Burrows; 2, vhc, Harding. BUFF: 1, sp, Ascough; 2. Burrows; 3, Harrison; vhc, Pemberton. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, sp, Harding; 2, Harrison; 3, Ascough. BUFF: 1, Pemberton.—C. W. Town.

Singing Contests.

LEADGATE.

Linnet sing, will be held at the Sportsman's Arms, Leadgate, June 28. £2 will be given to 1s. entrance, 3d, refreshments.—W. Atkinson, Sec.—Advt.

HAMSTEELS.

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PONTEFRACT.

Contest, held June 14, 26 sang, 3 prizes. 1, 2, Proctor; 3, Jones. Also our open contest, June 15, 20 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, Proctor; 2, Nelson; 3, Piper. Don't forget our open contests every week-end, at 1 p.m. We have the very best window in the district.—W. Beard, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest held at the British Oak Hotel, June 1st; 24 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Watson; 2, Gelsthorpe; 3, Robinson. Also June 8; 1, Robinson; 2, Rodgers; 3, Robinson and Thompson. Also June 15; 1, Robinson; 2, Watson; 3, Watson and Rodgers.—E. Robinson, 115, Worksop-road, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Consolation contest, held June 14, for birds that had not won a prize in contests. Only 11 birds turned up for a large number of prizes. 1, Smedley, cup and kettle; 2, Ashton; 3, Holcroft; 4, Hayhurst; 5, Neild; 6, Fender; 7, Dobson; 8, Fletcher; 9, Hayhurst. After the contest we spent an enjoyable evening.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest, held at Globe Inn, June 14, for quality and time for 8 prizes. Quality: 1, W. Jones; 2, Barnes; 3, T. Statham; 4, B. Jones. Time: 1, R. Statham; 2, Poole; 3, Moreman; 4. Banks. Fanciers, don't forget the big open sing at Derby Arms, Orrell, June 21, when we hope to have a bumping entry.—M. Holcroft, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contests for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, June 15. 19 sang for three prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. 1, Sellers; 2, Blackburn; 3, C. Ward. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, June 14; 18 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson; 1, Wigfield; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Ward. Judges, Clegg, Naylor. Also June 15; 26 sang for four prizes. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, Hardcastle; 3, B. Farrar; 4, T. Stead. Judges, Clegg, Thompson, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing Linnets was held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, June 15: 24 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Hayes; 2, Butler; 3, Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. H. Allan and B. Inson. A second contest was held, with Mr. H. Allan, our late president, as judge. A. Butler won. The judge said the winner was the best bird he has judged for three years.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

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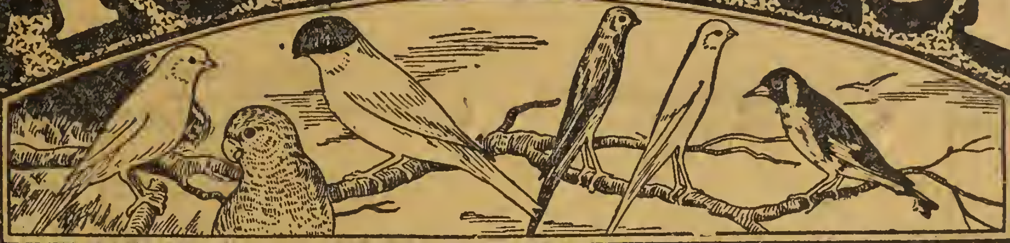

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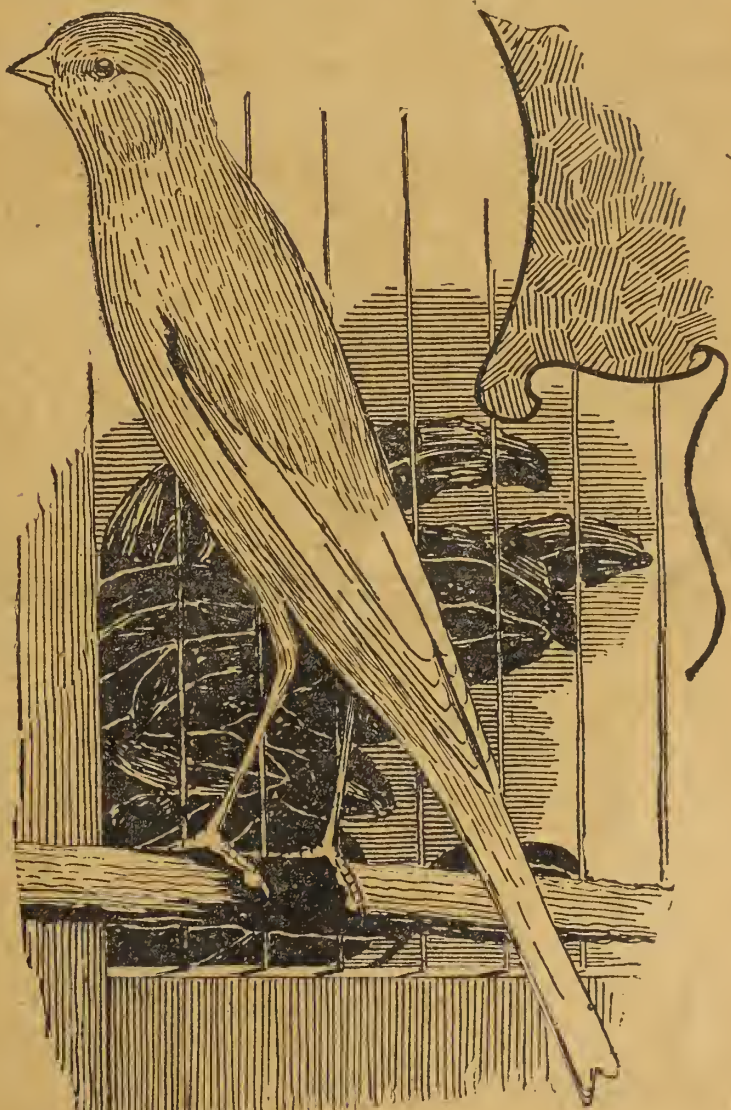

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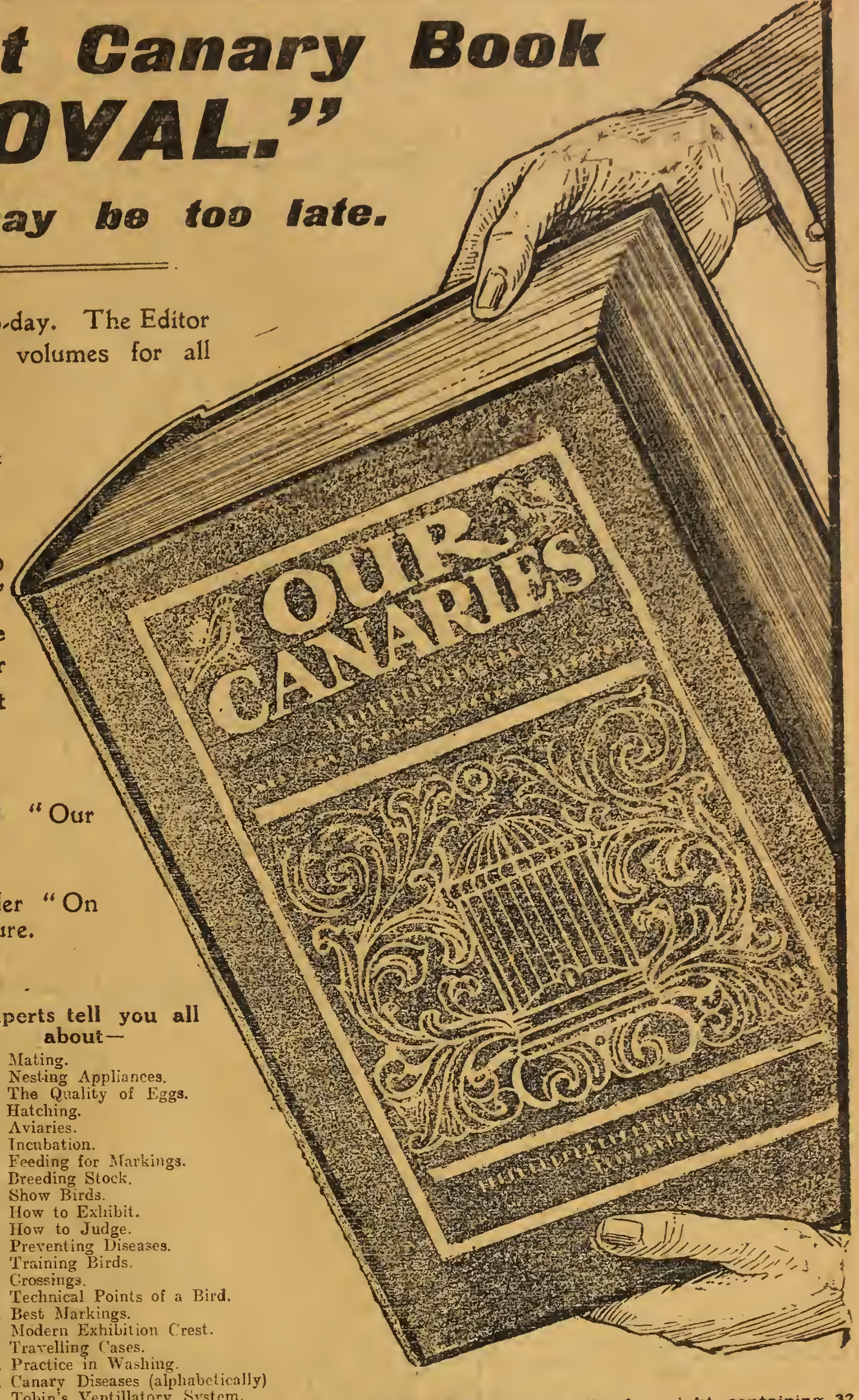

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WANTED surplus stocks, all varieties Canaries for cash; also Mules, Foreign and British birds; cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (722)

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WANTED, 10in. records; exchange powerful three-draw telescope, new, value 15/-; also Norwich Canaries, 1912 and 1913: B. Youngs, Bridge Road, Oulton-broad, Lowestoft. (751)

WANTED Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canary, on song, exchange six ivorine handled knives and hollow ground razor; approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (753)

WANTED offers in good cages for a strong massive bull terrier dog, good guard, not quarrelsome, but game, fond of children, or sell 15/-: Furnival, 10, Church-st., Aberbargoed, Mon. (747)

WANTED, motor cycle lamp; exchange one Canary, one Goldfinch, two Linnets, two Larks, all house-moulted and in song, two hen Canaries, lot £1: Motor, 5, Onward-st., Hyde, Cheshire. (749)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE White Skylark for carrier's basket, Ludlow's Book "Pigeons": Hill, 26, Aston-st., Birmingham. (747)

WHAT offers in H.M. cock Goldfinches for grand cock Hawfinch, sell 20/-: French, 77, Braemar-rd., South Tottenham. (752)

HEN Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, white legs, 10/-; exchange fox terrier dog, ratter: J. Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs. (752)

WHAT offers for hand-reared Raven, price 18/-; exchange Light Mule, Norwich, Goldfinches: James, 32, Margaret-terr., Abergwynfi. (751)

DOVES.—One pair 1913 ring, close feathered, splendid birds, 1/6; exchange cock Bullfinch: Bushrod, Devonia, Hendford Grove, Yeovil. (748)

COCK Linnet, hen Canary, nesting, 4/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/6; exchange lot Siberian Goldfinch: George Gibbons, 95, Peel-terr., Stafford. (750)

TWO hand-reared Thrushes, singing; six cock hand-reared Redstarts, 4/- each; four hen Redstarts, 2/- each: Shirley, Sutton, Keighley. (749)

GREENFINCH, grand quality and size, also fine Twite, 3/- each; exchange foreigners for aviary; approval, deposit: Lewis, Hallwood-rd., Kettering. (750)

HAWFINCH cock, will make good bird with another moult; exchange cock Goldfinch or Siskin, to moult, or sell 7/6: George Potter, 29, Broseley Wood, Salop. (751)

EXCHANGE cock Redpoll-Greenfinch hen, Bullfinch hen, house-moulted Chaffinch, for good singing Lark, or offers: William Hughes, 31, Gwendreath terrace, Kidwelly. (751)

EXCHANGE two Goldfinches, splendid songsters, Yorkshire hen Canary, and pair hand reared Blackbirds, for Parrot, talking; sell lot, 20/-: Hemsworth, Birr, King's Co. (747)

VARIEGATED Yorkshire hen and cock Greenfinch, continually feeding, carrying, Greenfinch, some toes short, with double breeder, 6/-; cock Goldfinch and hen Linnet, two years outdoor aviary, 6/-: F. Bull, Sutton, Surrey. (750)

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USE OUR NOTEPAPER

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S. AMONGST THE BIRDS AT PITREAVIE.

It was not a large party that set out on our annual ramble to Pitreavie estate, kindly granted by Henry Beveredge, Esq., and the weather conditions were anything like enticing. On arrival by car at Holbeath, we were joined by the Townhill contingent, and taking the old waggon road, we very soon met Mr. Oswald's head forester, who had been directed to conduct us over the grounds. The backwardness of the season was very apparent in the scarcity of the flowers we were wont to see on the first Saturday in June, neither was bird life so plentiful; in fact, young birds were very scarce, but we had had plenty of nests and eggs, Robins', Chaffinches', Yellowhammers', Blackbirds' and Thrushes' predominating. We were enticed by the brightness of the sky to vacate the wood and follow our guide to a nice cover of elms where we were fortunate to locate the Linnets, and to inspect the handicraft of this popular songster and muler. Again we were forced to seek the shelter of the wood, and this time to get the find of the day, namely, a nest of young Horned Owls. One young bird was taken from the nest and carried forward to the main body of the party, who, having examined his quaint features, ordered its return to the fold. Again into the open, this time skirting a cornfield; the hedge seemed to be alive with young birds. We straightway cut a bee line for Warlertown, where Mrs. Oswald had a great spread ready for us. It was but right on the part of Mr. Rankine to give us an extra half hour to settle down. A few songs were sung, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the hostess, we again made a start. This time we were put into the hands of the head gardener, who directed us over the glass-house and the gardens. The extreme beauty of the alpine plants and lichen covered rocks was superb. The gay but still harmonising colours of the plants reminded us of these adepts of rock work, the Japanese. Within the gardens the birds have built their nests unmolested, and every other tree and shrub contained its nest, with a complement of eggs or young birds in each. The rain of the afternoon had now made it uncomfortable to walk through the long grass, and we were content to keep to the paths and let the birds settle down for the night. To those who intend entering the wild seeds competition, advantage was now being taken to collect a few of the earlier kinds, and to take notes on early flowering heads. The day's outing had been spoiled a little by the rain, but for one and all the time had simply flown past, so very interesting, varied, and instructive the outing had been; one of the best held under the club's auspices.—Robert T. Campbell.

PARTICK C.B.C. HAS A GREAT DAY'S OUTING.

Partick and Dis. C.B.C. members have had a day out, and it seems to have been a great success—at least, judging from the report of the local "wifie," who seems to see all that goes on through the window of her little shop. When I saw her the following day, she said: "My, we were proud folks in Fenwick yesterday to have the Partick bird fanciers and their friends amongst us. They sported a fine turnout, with four horses, and drove all the way here from Glasgow. They were lucky to get such a dry day, for it looked very like being wet, and," said she, "the driver was telling me (when he was in for a bit of tobacco) that they got one very bad shower on the way down. But I just said to him, it would take more than a shower to damp the spirits of your boys. And such a fine bonny road it is from Glasgow. Passing by the Glen and Giffnock, right through the Mearns; then the long road through the Moors and heather-clad tracts of land, right down here to Fenwick; and, mind, we are very proud of our old village. Strangers have told me (and they were people who had travelled a lot) that there are few places with such fine country walks as Fenwick, and they say that the landlord at the Hotel up there makes everyone very comfortable. Of course, for my part, I couldn't say, because, as you know, I am a teetotaller, and do not go into these places; but when they came out to take their survey of the country lanes and hedges they all looked sober and happy. I was glad the driver was in the shop when they passed, and Mrs. M—— was in, too; she used to be employed in the Hotel, so they could tell me who most of them were. She said: "Do you see that yin there with the big flower in his coat? That's Sam Fraser, the president, and that other chap behind him, that's Priest, the secretary. Rob the baker must have heard about his liking for pies, for he was at the butcher's yesterday, and I saw him going up the road with a parcel of mince. Of course, I don't like gossip, but you can't help seeing things. I was sorry for a fine looking gentleman with his hand bandaged up. A Maister Maxwell they called him. I heard he scratched it with his umbrella handle when the shower came on. I hope it will soon be better, poor man. And Anderson was walking down with Willie Brown, and he did look fat beside him; but they all looked happpy. They tell me Brown is collecting for his aquarium; and he had some fine specimens in a bottle. Of course he had had to empty the bottle to get them into water," but I don't like gossip. I never turn these things over." "Then," says Mrs. M., "that's Sandy Walker; he's looking real well to be on the sick list; wait till Lloyd George sees him." Of course, we couldna tell who they all were; but I saw Aikenhead and Fairweather (it's aye fair weather with him), and Webster was looking fine. They tell me he's turning keen on the British bird (4d. a time), and he was spotting the good ones by the hedgerows. Then Kid was there, and Park was there, and Hendry was there too. I was sorry Sinclair, their piper had not his kilts on, and he left his pipes at home (as if we could not appreciate them in Fenwick), but he promised me he would bring them next time. Then there were a whole lot that we did not know, but we were pleased to see them all, and one of them (who came in to see me on the way back, to get a bottle of ginger beer), told me that they had had a grand ramble round the countryside, and had come across many interesting studies of bird life, as it is to be seen at this season. I am glad to hear they got home safely." Here I had to break myself away, as I had to go on my journey, and left the lady saying, "I hope it will not be long till we have you all back again at Fenwick."—"X.Y.Z."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 4. **Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.
Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.
Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.
Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J R.
Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.) A. H.
Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)
Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.
Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.
Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)
Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.
Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.) J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.
Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.
Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road).
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho., Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.
Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.
Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)
Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)
Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.
Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.
Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.
Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.
Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.
Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 20, Tennyson Street).
Nov. 14-15.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103 Church St.)
Nov. 14-15.—**Hull C.B.S.**—(Heseltine and Lambert, 37, Blundell St.) H.W.B., G.H.
Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.
Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cttage, Cramlington). A.H., A.Hn., R.T.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.
Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)
Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).
Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.
Dec. 5 6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M.. J.R.
Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.
Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.
Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.
Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.
Jan. 3.—**Huddersfield O.S.**—(A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)
Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth West), J.R.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.**—(J. Peettie, 49, Kirkgate.)
Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Road.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.
Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Mount Florida, Glasgow.) A.C., J.W., J.C., A.W., G.D., Dr.S., P.McQ., R.V.R.
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M., J.T.
Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.
Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.
Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.
Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 87, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.
Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.
Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, South Hill St.)
Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., A.G.C., J.M.
Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.
Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).
Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.)
Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.
Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)
Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham Street, Edinburgh.

Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.).
Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)
Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).
Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).
Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)
Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.
Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.
Oct. 31. Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) R.W., A.W., J.C.
Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.
Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.
Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).
Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)
Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St.).

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Members had a most interesting and instructive outing on June 18 to Christchurch. After a stroll round the historic Priory, they paid a visit to Mr. Hart's wonderful museum of British birds. No one who has not had this privilege can form any conception of its unique character, upwards of 500 specimens, all collected and mounted naturally by Mr. Hart, who thinks he has every variety of British birds known, and the majority caught in the neighbourhood. For an hour and a half he kept his audience in rapt attention with his chatty and vivid description of their habits, etc. A most interesting fact which he said was not generally known about the Cuckoo, was the statement he made as to its artfulness when laying its eggs. Of course, everybody knew it laid in the nest of other birds, but not that every egg corresponded in colour to eggs of the bird in whose nest it laid. This caused a laugh, but he proved it by exhibiting eggs laid in different nests from a large collection he had. The outing was one of the most enjoyable ever held, and so useful. We are now busy with our F.F. show, held July 2; judge, W. Haysom, Esq., Southampton.—J. A. Crawshaw, Sec.

NORTHANTS. (H.-in-H.) C.B.S.

Members held their annual outing, June 7, starting from headquarters at 2. The party went by brakes through Salcey Forest on to Hanslope. After roaming the forest, startling rabbits and pheasants from their haunts, the destination was reached. Members had the pleasure of visiting the fine old Norman church of Hanslope, which dates centuries back. From the belfry the scenery was something to be admired. Returning from the belfry the church was inspected, and the squire's seat in which he sat 20 minutes before he was shot dead by his gamekeeper, not long ago, came under special observation. We returned to Mr. Kerridge's, "The Cock," Hanslope, where a splendid meat tea was in readiness, which the members quite appreciated. The fields around came in for a ramble. One of the members found a Chaffinch's nest with three beautiful young ones ready to fly, and two dead—the first young birds that any of us have found dead in their nests in the fields. After gathering a collection of wild flowers, we returned to our host and finished up with a capital sing-song, with musical honours to our host and hostess. It was one of the best outings we have had.—A. W. Law.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 11, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road. Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Nest Feather Show. Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign. **Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, Saturday, June 28th,** 5 p.m. Admission 6d., including catalogue, with awards.—**Hon. Sec., F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction.**

Manchester & Northern Counties O.S. Grand show, Nest Feather Canaries. British Birds and Mules. **Saturday, July 5th,** at **St. Paul's Schoolroom, Bennett Street, Oldham Road** (two minutes from Tib Street). Doors open 12 noon. Admission 3d.—**H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.**

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. R. E. Griffith, Carnarvon, will judge cage birds at Ruthen, Aug. 28, also at Brynsiencyn, Anglesea, Aug. 30.

We hear from Mr. G. Hunt, hon. sec., that judges for the Doncaster C.B.S. show Jan. 10, will be Canaries, Mr. H. W. Battye; British and Foreign, Mr. J. Maddison.

Mrs. M. M. Owen, Wimbledon, writes that in future Mr. F. W. Owen, Mrs. M. M. Owen, and L. G. Owen, will be showing, as "Owen and Son." Secretaries please note.

Kindly publish, writes Mr. R. P. Fox, sec. North Shields C.B.C., that we have changed our room, and are now meeting in the Co-operative Hall, Howdon Rd., the first week every month.

Mr. W. Hodgkins, hon. sec., writes that the Wallasey and District C.B.S. members will take their second ramble June 29, meet Headquarters, Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard, 10.30 a.m. prompt, meeting the Birkenhead fanciers at 12 noon, at Bidston Church.

We are holding our Nest Feather Show on Saturday, July 5, writes Mr. R. Ward, sec. Chester-le-Street C.B.S. Mr. A. Holden, Gateshead, will judge. Show will be open at 1, at Mr. J. Waugh's, Dun Cow Hotel. Members have done fairly well, so we are expecting a good entry.

Burnley O.S. is holding a First Feather show June 28, at the Star Inn, Church Street, Burnley, writes Mr. W. Redman, sec. Mr. T. Edwards will judge. Classes, four Norwich, two Yorks., two British. Mr. T. Edwards has promised a gold medal to the winner of the cup.

It is quite unnecessary for me to praise your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Your articles are A.1. Your advice columns highly educative, and as an advertising medium "C.B." stands alone. What more can fanciers want? I send best wishes from the Highlands.—Peter Grant (Inverness).

Since I have acquired outright the business at Porter Street, Hull, my late partner, Mr. Dearlove, is going to Leeds to open in business, writes Mr. Fred Allen, therefore I am returning to Hull. Will fanciers please note that in future all communications should be addressed the Aviaries, 156, Porter St., Hull.

Please mention in CAGE BIRDS that all Fife societies wishing the patronage of Fife and Kinross N.P.C., should now write stating judge and number of classes to me; also those who are intending to join the club should do so now and thereby enable me to keep the work well forward.—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.

Messrs. Opie and Kemp, 45, Albany Road, Redruth, hon. secs. of Redruth Show, July 2 and 3, inform us that they are short of entries in all classes. If exhibitors will send on entries they will classify. 25 open classes all varieties, over 40 specials, 1s. entry fee, will accept up to June 29. Please support if possible. Advert. appears this week.

At our open show, Dec. 6, writes Mr. J. Stevenson, sec., Thrums C. and C.B.A., Mr. W. Bishop, Stirling, will judge Norwich and wild birds, and Mr. W. Dods, Edinburgh, Border Fancies.

Fanciers should visit the Metropolitan C.B.A. nest feather show to-day, June 28, at Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green (near Fire Station). Motor 'buses service 15 and 5 pass the hall; open 5 p.m.

Will Mr. E. E. Spratt, who wrote Mr. Fearnley, of 92, Church St. Paddock, Huddersfield, concerning some Yorkshire Canaries, please send his address to Mr. Fearnley, as this was omitted on his postcard.

I thank you very much for publishing my letter ro awards of merit due from the L.C.B.A. Show, and am pleased to say that they have now come to hand, writes Mr. H. Stevens (Forest Gate).

We have received the syllabus of the Halifax O.S. for 1913-14. Dates and particulars of all meetings are given, and the classification at each show is set forth in full. Many of the meetings should prove of great interest.

See Sandiford's advertisement for records at last Palace show with birds fed on our colour feeds in the two varieties, Norwich and Cinnamons, where colour is most needed. I don't give records on Borders, Crests, Mules, Lizards, etc., where colour counts nothing. I give the championship winners.—(Advt.)

The schedule of the City and Suburban A.C.B.'s Annual Young Canary and Hybrid and British and Foreign Bird Show is to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn. We note that the society keeps up its reputation for the wonderful number of special prizes it offers its members, no fewer than 57 being up for competition at this fixture. The show is due July 5, at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W.

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We hear from Mr. R. Heggie, sec., that the judges for the City of Glasgow Show, Oct. 17 and 18, are: Norwich, Messrs. Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, and Jas Winter, Edinburgh; Borders, John Craig, Brechin, and Andrew Walker, Lesmahagow; Crest and C.B., Geo. Dobson, Blaydon-on-Tyne; Yorks., Dr. Syson, Glasgow; Mules, British, and Foreign, Messrs. P. McQuiston, Ayr, and R. V. Raine, Glasgow.

We have received in an envelope bearing the post-mark "Fencehouses, June 23, 4.45 p.m." a P.O. for a shilling with a request that we send a volume of "Our Canaries" on the terms of instalment payments mentioned in our issue of last week. The order, however, bears neither the name nor address of the sender, and we are therefore unable to forward the volume until we hear again from the writer of the letter.

Three very fine colour-foods are being put on the market for the 1913 season, by Mr. W. Rudd, the noted Norwich dealer and specialist—the "A 1 tasteless red-feed," the "blend" (a correct blend of hot and tasteless) and the "Excelsior Yellow-feed." All three samples to reach us are excellent. These feeds of Mr. Rudd's should meet with a ready sale amongst fanciers anxious to put the right colour and bloom on to their birds ready for the exhibition season.

The hand-book of the National British Bird and Mule Club is to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Rd., S. Ealing, W. Besides the usual information as to officers, committee, rules, and addresses of members, it contains a list of British birds desirable as cage birds, with their Latin names, and particulars showing whether they are residents, winter migrants, or summer migrants. Schemes of classification are provided, covering any number of classes from nine to thirty in British, and for Mules and Hybrids from three to fourteen classes.

A Record in Cygnet Rearing.

At Worksop, on a small island of the dam at Beard's Mill, a Swan has reared the largest number of Cygnets known—twelve. Nothing was known as to the sitting until the mother bird took the whole dozen into the water. As recently as two years ago this same Swan reared eleven cygnets.

First Feather Shows.

IMPORTANT OFFER.

We have decided again this year to accept advertisements of First Feather (young bird) shows at the reduced charge of **3s. 6d. per single column inch** (2s. the half inch). And we will present a **special prize** of a bound volume of "Bird World," or two handsome specially mounted plates, to all societies sending not less than 10s. 6d in advertising their Young Bird Show in our columns.

Secretaries takin [illegible] ntage of this offer should state very clearly in their advertisements the date, time, and place of the show. These particulars put before our readers will, without doubt, result in a much greater attendance at these early fixtures, and the making of new members, while the "gate-money" (where a charge is made) will benefit, and the sale of catalogues, too. This special cheap rate, of course, only applies to First Feather shows.

Secretaries should note than we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

How the Robins Ruined the Films.

THEY JOIN IN THRILLING ADVENTURES AND CREATE GENERAL CONSTERNATION!

An Ealing family of Robins have now finally left their nest after witnessing, undismayed, more thrilling episodes than have probably ever before fallen to the lot of a well-brought-up brood.

Their nest, composed of stray fragments of gaudily coloured theatrical garments, was situated in the glass-covered theatre of a large cinematograph film-producing company's works, and for weeks past the domestic life of the family has caused infinite trouble to the actors and actresses employed in portraying thrilling scenes for new films.

All about the nest the most alarming scenes have been enacted every day, says the "Observer." Duels have been fought, bombs thrown, murders and robberies committed, but the young Robins and their parents have not been in the least disturbed. They basked in the devastating glare of two great limelights and took cheerful trial flights from the nest while the hero was in the act of dying of grief in a dungeon to make a climax to some carefully rehearsed cinema play.

Sharing the Good Things.

This habit of joining in a play has been the cause of many feet of spoilt film, for the little birds became so tame, that they could not be persuaded to allow the players to act their scenes by themselves. No sooner was a table laid to represent a scene in a West End restaurant than the whole family of Robins would fly on to the table—regardless of the actors in evening dress who were trying to depict some midnight revel. Every Robin would instantly commence picking up the pieces of bread used to represent the food on the plates, and the scene was spoiled.

The Robins were on familiar terms with everybody connected with the theatre, which is at West Lodge, Ealing. Some of the amusing juvenile escapades of the birds were described to a Press representative by the proporietor, Mr. Barker.

"We were all fond of the Robin family," he said—"we couldn't help it—but I am thankful that they took their leave this morning, for they nearly brought work to a standstill on one or two occasions. They were the most hardened young ruffians I ever saw, and cared no more for a murder scene than they did for the heroine's suicide.

Confounding the Villain.

"On one occasion a desperate villain was supposed to be in the act of rifling a safe in the dead of night. Of course, the actual scene—even 'at dead of night'—is acted in a comparatively bright light for cinematograph purposes.

"All was going very well till somebody shouted: 'Mind the Robins!' To my horror I saw two of them making straight for my beautifully rehearsed midnight robbery scene with the evident intention of perching on the moon-lit safe. What was to be done? We crowded round, as close as we dared go without getting inside the cinematograph machine's range of vision. We hurled insults at those Robins—we shook our fists at them—we promised them some dainties if only they would leave us alone, and all the time the unhappy actor was tip-toeing about with one hand to his ear, as much as to say: 'Hark. Am I alone?' All our efforts were in vain, however, for in flew the Robins. Of course, they sat on that moon-lit safe!"

The June number of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is beautifully illustrated by some clever photographs; the Great Spotted Woodpecker by Mr. H. Willford, various Owls by Mr. F. D. Smith, nests of the Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Flame-shouldered Troupial, Olive Finch, and Cuba Finch by Mr. W. Shore Baily, and a snapshot of a Hemprich's Gull in flight. Mr. Wesley T. Page writes on the Woodpecker; Mr. F. D. Smith contributes a most interesting article on Owls in captivity; Major Perreau continues the account of his Indian consignment; Mr. H. Whistler tells of birds seen during a sea voyage from Trieste to Bombay, and Mr. Page resumes his "Visits to Members' Aviaries."

The "Avicultural Magazine," the journal of the Avicultural Society, for June contains articles on "White-necked Cranes," by Mr. F. E. Blaauw; "American Robin and Dhyal Bird," by Mrs. K. Currey; "The Capercaillie at Home," by Mr. M. Cunningham; "The Lesser Egret," by Mr. H. D. Astley; "The Ruddy-headed Goose," by Messrs. Blaauw and Astley; and "Peter, My Painted Bunting," by Mr. W. Craig. A spirited article by Dr. A. G. Butler, entitled "For Love of Science," is a reply to last month's note by Mrs. K. Currey "For Love of Birds," and should be read by everyone interested in bird-keeping, especially by those who decry practical aviculture as being synonymous with cruelty. The number is illustrated by clever drawings by the Editor, Mr. H. D. Astley.

No Young Storks for England.

There will be no young Storks in Kew Gardens, this year, says the "Daily Express," because the parent birds—the only pair of Storks that breed in England—have been disturbed by somebody and have deserted their eggs.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Loanhead C.B.S., June 28, to Arniston Estate, brake leaves Fountain, Loanhead 2.15, Bonnyrigg 2.30; Larkhall C.B.A. July 19, to Bonnington, Falls of Clyde; Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S., June 28, to Waterbank Farm, train leaves Central 2.18; meet at Argyle St., entrance; Hyde C.B.S., June 28, meet Town Hall 2.30; Wallasey C.B.S., June 29, meet Fairhaven Institute 10.30, Birkenhead fanciers join at Bidston Church 12.0; Halifax O.S. to Bingley, June 28, train leaves Old Station 1.50, St. Paul's 1.48.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual: A Few Copies Now for Sale

Some time back we had to announce the fact that our very successful "Annual" for 1913 was out of print. We have now, however, succeeded in getting together about 50 copies from various agents, and these can be obtained direct from our offices at the usual price; viz., 8d. post free. Orders should be sent early, as there is no possibility of more of this splendid edition being on sale. Please note that these copies can only be obtained through the post, direct from 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

The Birds and Fruit.

Blackbirds are doing immense damage to the fruit crops in Kent and Surrey. The continued dry weather prevents the birds finding their usual food, and so they turn their attention to the fruit, some of which they attack as soon as it commences to ripen.

A Wash Every Day.

In the case of alleged neglect of a Linnet recently heard at Oldham, we learn from a local paper, the "Oldham Standard," that the magistrates' clerk, Mr. Hesketh Booth, said that a bird should be washed every day! Concerning this statement, the paper makes the following very sensible comment: "This, of course, is an extreme view, based on the assumption that the bird does not wash itself, a thing which is very rarely heard of. The ordinary householder who has his Canary or his Linnet will, if he knows anything of birds, see that the cage is kept perfectly clean, and that the occupants get a thorough cleansing occasionally."

Another Robbery in London.

Just as we go to press the news reaches us that Mr. G. E. Weston's garden in the early hours of Thursday morning last (June 26) was again visited by thieves and more birds were stolen. Mr. Weston says: "This time the door of my bird-room was broken open, the lock being smashed. I heard my dog barking about 6 o'clock and went down to investigate. Whether the thief had a furniture van waiting to cart away the lot, but was disturbed, I can't say; anyway I found the bird-room door open and saw that three birds were missing. It looks very much to me as though the scoundrel responsible for my losses knows a good deal about birds. It will be remembered that last week my best Hybrid couple were selected. This time my best house-moulted Linnet (a fine exhibition bird) was selected from stock-cages on the shelves containing half-a-dozen other Linnets. My best Twite, another fine show bird, was also taken, and my best Norwich Plainhead cock, a clear yellow which, as an unflighted bird, won the cup for best youngster in the show at a certain London exhibition. It is surely odd that the very best should be picked out like this. In addition, the lock was broken on another compartment of my Hybrid aviaries, and a cock Chaffinch stolen out of it; the hen Bullie, its mate, I had fortunately sold. My annoyance is not decreased, of course, by reason of the fact that I had sold the Linnet and Twite, and was to have despatched them on the Thursday evening! I wish whoever has them joy of their possession. I promise him a charge of shot if ever I am fortunate enough to get the sight of my gun on him while in my garden. I should be pleased to hear from any dealer or fancier who may be offered these birds (address 42, Lewisham Rd., Dartmouth Park, N.W.) or would cheerfully pay a reward for their recovery, or for information leading to a conviction of the thief.

The result of our "Sexing Young Canaries" Competition will be announced next week.

Our Championship Competition: Coupon Orders Flow In.

Some Points of the Scheme Explained: Further Flattering Opinions Reach Us: Our Pamphlets for Exhibitors Now Ready.

THE friendly reception accorded our Championship Competition when first put before the Fancy was evidently thoroughly sincere, for no sooner had our explanatory pamphlets been sent out to societies than orders for coupons commenced to flow in. The first two orders (they arrived in the same post) came from:—

HALTWISTLE AND DIS. C.B.S., 6 DOZ. COUPONS, and
WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S., 5 DOZ. COUPONS.

Flattering Views of Powerful Societies.

The secretary of the latter society, in his accompanying letter writes: "Our members are greatly in favour of your colossal scheme, so kindly add my society to the Diploma Shows, and send me 60 coupons. Should I want more I will write for them."

The secretaries of Liverpool O.S., Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, also write: "We beg to make application for your Championship Scheme on behalf of our society. It has every appearance of being a great source of revenue to societies. Accept our ardent good wishes for its success."

We would again ask secretaries of societies to kindly bring our scheme officially before the notice of their members at the earliest possible date; also repeat that if any secretary has been inadvertently overlooked, we shall be pleased to forward him one of our pamphlets explaining the scheme if he will be good enough to notify us to this effect.

We Are Ready For Exhibitors.

A number of exhibitors have also already placed their orders for coupons, and these will be despatched at the earliest possible moment. Our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, are in the press, and will be ready within the next few days. We shall be delighted to forward a copy to anyone making a request for the same; you have only to notify us on a postcard. We are hoping to send out several thousands this week-end to exhibitors whose addresses are known to us. Should any exhibitors be overlooked, by reason of change of address or otherwise, we trust they will write and let us know, so that we may rectify the inadvertent omission.

No Restriction to Number of Entries.

An important point is raised by the secretary of the Ramsgate and Dis. C.B.S., Mr. Frank Thomas. He sends us the following letter:—"Personally, I think very favourably of the scheme. Do I understand rightly, however, that an exhibitor can show only one bird at a coupon show, or one bird in any section providing a coupon is attached to each exhibit? If that is the case it will limit the sale of coupons, I think, and restrict the competition. In all probability some who keep more than one variety would like to show specimens of each, say one in British or Foreign, and one in Canaries, or may be more than one variety of Canary. I may have misunderstood the meaning of the "One bird, one coupon, one show," but if not I think it would be well to reconsider it. With regard to the one prize one show, I agree, as it gives others a chance, but don't limit the competition for it. I wish the competition success and an increased sale to CAGE BIRDS."

We have replied to Mr. Thomas thanking him for giving us the opportunity of making this matter quite clear, as we now see that it may well have been misunderstood by others. It is not our wish to restrict the competition in any way. The point we intended to make was that one coupon entitled one bird to compete at one show. An exhibitor can exhibit as many coupon birds at any Diploma Show as he thinks well to do, and can compete in any or all of the specified sections. He can, however, win only one diploma in *each section*. There is nothing in the rules to prevent a fancier from competing for diplomas at one show with every variety of bird he keeps.

An Adverse Opinion Considered.

The first adverse opinion upon the scheme reached us this week, from the Cardiff C.B.S. The secretary, Mr. E. Thomas, writes: "I laid before the members particulars of your coupon scheme, and after a long discussion I was instructed to inform you that we could not accept it. . . . The strongest point against the scheme was that it is useless for Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border fanciers to buy coupons, for what chance would they have against rare Hybrids, or Foreigners, or Crests? These will take your specials every time. Unless this is altered I am of opinion it will not be much of a success."

In our reply we have pointed out that Norwich, Yorkshire, and Borders do not compete against the above-mentioned birds for our diploma specials, but have these allotted at every Diploma Show solely to their own sections, and that at the Palace Show they each have £6 10s. in cash specials solely to themselves (which means that we offer £78 over the whole 12 sections at the Palace alone); in addition they have their chances for the £10 10s. cash prizes and £10 10s. shield. Rare Hybrids, Foreigners, and Crests cannot possibly take our specials "every time."

We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

TWO PRIZES OF 10s. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Crystal Palace Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Crystal Palace Authorities, CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show:—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of August, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—No bird entered for this competition may wear a ring, or have any distinguishing mark apart from its natural characteristics.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

Our Hobby Week by Week.

A DECISION given in a recent County Court case at Spalding should provide show officials with a little of that provender known as "food for thought." A keeper of live stock (not pet birds) saw a bill exhibited in some public place announcing the holding of a show, and stating that certain prizes would be given thereat. He posted some entries to the secretary at the address on the said bill, and in due course his exhibits were awarded certain prizes. When forwarding the prize-money, the secretary enclosed a note to the effect that the show had not been a success, therefore they were only paying prize-money on a reduced scale, as per one of their rules. The exhibitor replied saying that he knew of no such rule; that he had entered through the particulars given in the advertisement; and that therefore he claimed the amount of money to which he was entitled according to the said advertisement.

Why the Society Lost the Case.

A deadlock occurred. The society declined to entertain the claim; the exhibitor persisted in his demand. Eventually the officials of the society were sued for the balance in the local County Court. The Judge asked the secretary whether there was any mention on the bill of the fact that the show was held under certain rules, or in any advertisement, and the reply was in the negative. The Judge thereupon held that the exhibitor was entitled to recover, and gave judgment for the amount claimed, with costs. It is clear, then, that to avoid trouble of this kind, societies holding shows should state on all bills and in all advertisements that the fixtures are being held under certain rules (or, in the alternative, that entries are only accepted subject to certain rules). Otherwise any exhibitor who enters birds without signing the usual entry form (which, of course, generally embodies a declaration that the rules and regulations have been read and are agreed to as binding) is under no necessity to accept the rules laid down in the schedule; and in this age of "late entries" there must be many such cases at the majority of cage bird shows. It should be noted that this exhibitor admitted, when cross-examined, that he knew it was the custom to have rules.

Are Facts "Elastic" as Figures.

We are all familiar with the saying that "figures can be made to prove anything," and no doubt many of us have met with cases in which this seemed to be true. It is surely rather unusual, however, for two entirely opposed sets of "facts" to result from a simple investigation carried out presumably on similar lines. In 1900 Mr. S. D. Judd (vide his paper, "The Relations of Sparrows to Agriculture," published by the Board of Agriculture of the United States of America) set out to discover to what extent the House Sparrow was responsible for the spread of the weeds on the seeds of which it fed. Seven Sparrows were fed on various weed-seeds and their droppings examined. The result, it is stated, went to prove that the larger seeds were cracked before being swallowed, and afterwards thoroughly pulverised. Other seeds (such as crab-grass, for the spread of which on lawns, etc., the Sparrow has been blamed) were swallowed whole, but voided in such a condition that they could not possibly germinate. This seems to be only what one would expect, for if the seeds (or the great majority of them) are not digested, the bird clearly can derive no nourishment from them. In the case of soft-billed birds which swallow the seeds of fruits, it is, of course, different; the seeds themselves are not the objective from the food point of view.

A Test Fanciers Might Undertake.

A well-known English investigator, however, Mr. W. E. Collinge, who from time to time has written highly interesting papers on the foods of our wild birds, in an article published in the Journal of our own Board of Agriculture gives details of experiments which disclose an entirely different state of affairs. Assuming them to be trustworthy (this can surely be taken for granted) they are of particular value to keepers of Finches as revealing exactly the kind of weed-seeds on which the various species feed. Possibly some of our fanciers who are in a position so to do may be inclined to experiment on similar lines; what has Mr. J. Steel to say, or Mr. J. B. Clark? The results of properly-conducted cases, especially if undertaken in different parts of the United Kingdom, and at different seasons of the year, would be very educative and of considerable practical value. Mr. Collinge tells us that soil which had been sterilised (note this) was put into flower pots, the droppings of various birds collected and placed on the same, and then lightly covered with a layer of fine soil.

What the Experiments Revealed.

In one instance, from 54 droppings of the House Sparrow 133 plants were grown, including ribwort plantain, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel, daisy, yarrow, dock, dandelion, buttercup, and sheep sorrel. Thirty-eight droppings of Greenfinches yielded 54 plants, including charlock, dock, knot-grass, dandelion, plantain, goose-grass, and corn marigold. Fifty droppings of Bullfinches produced 96 plants, including sow-thistle, chickweed, dock, ragwort, hawkweed, plantain, self heal, groundsel, and charlock. As showing the change of food material during the nesting season, Mr. Collinge states that he observed the visits of House Sparrows to their nests on 84 occasions on various dates, and identified on 23 of these bread, potato, or other "soft" kitchen refuse; on 15, beetles; 3, "ladybird" beetles; 2, spiders; 12, larvæ of the winter moth; on others small dipterous flies, and on a large number, small dipterous larvæ. I may say that a pair of House Sparrows which became on very friendly terms with us some five years ago carried away any number of mealworms with which to feed their nestlings, and daily ate up all the insectile mixture left unconsumed by our insectivorous birds, but would only tackle the latter when nothing better (in the shape of live food) was discoverable.

My notes on the fertility and sex of eggs will, I am afraid, have to be "crowded out."—G. E. WESTON.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

FEEDING GREENS (W.).—It is not necessary to colour-feed green Yorkshires for exhibition, nor is such a course advisable, as the colour-food injures rather than improves the tone and purity of the green colour. The best colour food, if such it may be properly termed, for this variety is a fairly liberal and varied dietary, in which various wild seeds, fruits, and green foods take a prominent place. Nasturtium or marigold blooms may also be given, and a little saffron added to the water occasionally. Towards the close of the moult a pinch of linseed or a few chopped sunflower seeds may be given three times a week to add lustre and bloom to the plumage. Regular free bathing will also be very beneficial. The Nutshell booklet No. 24, on Green Canaries, might help you with more details, and Part IX. of "Our Canaries" deals with details on this subject more largely than is possible here.

LOST THREE BROODS (J. R.).—If, as I take it, you have only one pair of birds, which have lost three successive broods at eight to ten days old, it is scarcely worth trying again this season, as, if nesting has not already progressed some way, the probability is the parents would drop in moult before the next brood was reared. Besides this, the birds have already produced enough for one season. I have no doubt whatever your feeding is the cause of the losses. You make no mention of green food, yet this also, given with discretion, would have counteracted the constipation and saved the situation in each case. The hemp and rape which you appear to have begun to supply much too early, would aggravate it and hasten the catastrophe. You also might have seen a number of replies in the last few weeks which should have shown you where you were going wrong—notably, one to "Beginner" on June 7th. If the birds are already nesting, look up these replies, or get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and follow advice therein for next brood. But if not nesting, my advice is to separate them now for the rest of this season.

SLEEPY BABIES (L. B. J.).—It is certainly natural for birdy babies, like all others, to doze away some portion of the time, but they should not be dull and fluffy, nor sleep all the time unless "livened up." Forty winks now and again, especially about middle of day and early afternoon, is of no serious import. You give no idea of the age of your birds, which is, of course, of some moment. Try following treatment, and if birds do not quickly improve write again and repeat full particulars. Keep on the staple of plain canary, on top of which place a little dry rape daily. In addition, give a large teaspoonful of egg food between every four birds each morning. Twice a week withhold this and give instead an equivalent quantity of bread and milk. In each case sprinkle with maw seed. In the afternoon throw out any remnants of soft food and give a teaspoonful, heaped, of cracked hemp to each four birds, and here again withhold it twice a week and substitute either a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats, or a similar quantity of scalded rape. To keep them occupied give a few plantain stalks containing the green milky seeds, seedy chickweed, shepherd's-purse, grasses, or seed heads of dandelion. A few nasturtium or marigold blossoms may also be given. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand.

A GREAT TOPER (W. G. C.).—The abnormal thirst is the natural concomitant of the excessive diarrhœa. Certainly fill the drinker daily, or, better still, empty, cleanse, and refill it in the afternoon as well as in the morning, as the water of birds so affected often becomes very foul and smells badly in a few hours in warm weather. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, and renew sand or sawdust daily for a time. Sawdust would be the best floor covering whilst the trouble lasts. Give a staple diet of plain canary, and add separately each morning a small teaspoonful of scalded summer rape, and towards evening throw out any remnants of this and give a pinch of good, sound hemp. Each day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted all over with carbonate of bismuth, and then sprinkled liberally with maw seed. Give no green food except seed heads of shepherd's-purse or plantain. In the water dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, half as much sulphate of iron, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid daily for a week. If the looseness is not cured by the end of the week add to water in the following week, instead of the above, six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium every second day.

SWOLLEN LEG (Morriston).—Assuming you are satisfied the bird has not broken that part—a rather likely part to give way when a bird is excited and enjoying a vigorous dash about the perches, especially if the perches are loosely or awkwardly placed—bathe the foot daily in a warm solution of extract of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing for a few minutes, dry gently, and paint over all, foot included, with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam, and continue holding the foot for a minute or so afterwards until the "sting" has passed away. If you have reason to suspect a fracture from cause suggested above, your best plan, after this lapse of time, is to leave it for Nature to cure in her own way. See that the perches fit firmly, and are placed quite comfortably and conveniently for the bird.

WAS IT PREVENTABLE? (Edina).—If you kept the hen quite warm after the steaming, and added a stimulant to the water, such as 30 drops of brandy, you did practically all that was of any use to her, and as your treatment prior to mating seems to have been quite correct, it is reasonable to assume that the egg-binding could not be prevented in that case. The condition of things you describe could scarcely have been otherwise than fatal, and the case seems to have been of quite an extraordinary kind. To gather precise information on such a subject, however, you should have sent the body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem. Your own description of the appearances leaves much to be speculated upon. I cannot, for instance, tell whether you found the egg in the oviduct or within the abdominal cavity.

WILL IT MOULT AGAIN? (W. T. P.).—If the moult that is just finished has been complete, including wings and tail, the bird will not moult again this year. The probability is it will moult very early next year; therefore, if your conditions are favourable for early breeding, and both he and his intended mate come in good condition early next season, it would be judicious to make an exception and mate them any time from the end of February onwards. Otherwise you may not get more than one brood from them next year.

SHAGGY AND SCRATCHERS (Benedicta).—Beyond the birds scratching continually, you mention nothing that leads me to any conclusion of ill-health. The scratching is almost certain to be due to one of two causes—either the birds are troubled with insect pests, or the irritation is due to the moult being near at hand. In the latter case no treatment is really necessary. Things will right themselves when the birds moult, which may be very soon. If it is due to insects this could be readily discovered by examining the sleeping place, especially the ends of perches and in the vicinity where most of the birds habitually roost. If any red-mites are discovered, destroy all than can be found, and afterwards brush over the ends of the perches and any other harbour with carbolic fluid, or any good insecticide, twice a week regularly for a time. If no red mites are found, catch one or two of the birds and examine well into their plumage under wings, round base of neck, and base of tail to see if any grey lice can be found. If so, in addition to using insecticide as above, add a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash to each pint of bathing water three times a week for a time. The shaggy plumage you describe might well be quite natural in a Crest-bred or Lancashire Canary, as also might the bareness at back of neck. You do not say what variety they are. Dissolve a teaspoonful of sulphate of soda in a pint of water for drinking every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add six drops of tincture of gentian and three of dilute sulphuric acid to each ounce of water. You can do little else whilst the birds are nesting.

UNCANNY APPEARANCES (Crest).—(1) It is quite possible for the Scotch Fancy to be a hen, notwithstanding that it, as you say, sings louder than any cock you possess, and has hitherto been regarded as a cock. Such exceptional cases are met with now and again. If it is really a hen, the fact has probably been amply proved by this time. (2) The egg that persisted in standing upright on its end had solved the problem of standing an egg on its end in a cleverer manner than the genius of a Columbus. Had you broken the egg, you would have found the contents dried up into a small hard collection of albumen and yolk which had retreated into the end of the shell and was there firmly attached to the shell. Thus, practically the whole weight was concentrated in a very small space at the end of egg, and, of course, acted as ballast and compelled the egg to remain always in a more or less upright position. It seems a rather uncanny phenomenon, but is very simple when the cause is understood.

YOUNGSTERS TRAVELLING (First Time Out).—Certainly, it would be quite safe to send young birds a journey of 94 miles at eight or ten weeks old, and if properly packed and despatched, they will bear the journey without the slightest risk. I daresay you have seen the travelling cages used by dealers to accommodate one or two birds, which are practically small rectangular boxes, with two-thirds of the depth of one side filled with wires, and a portion of another side, to form the top, cut out and filled in with a small door for inserting and removing birds. For casual journeys you cannot very well beat this type, and can make it any size you like to hold a number of birds. It is best, however, to send only small numbers in one cage—say six. For this number a cage six by six inches and twelve inches long would be ample. Two perches should be securely fixed across the width near the floor for birds to hold on to. Put a handful or two of canary seed on floor, and at last moment throw in a few small pieces of stale bread saturated with water. Put in birds, and wrap cage bodily in stout brown paper and tie with string. Use a clearly printed "Live Birds" label for address, and be careful to place it on the side that should be kept uppermost—the top of the cage. Proper labels can be obtained from our offices. If the weather is quite warm—not otherwise—push a lead pencil through wrapper in a few places over wired front. Always pack and despatch birds in the evening, but early enough to get away by a passenger express. Never send by goods train. Two cages as above may be packed back to back, or four in two tiers, securely tied together and wrapped up as one parcel.

DEFORMED TOE (Poor Cripple).—I note you say the hind toe does not grip the perch at all. If this remark applies to the time when the bird is at roost at night, or resting quietly on perch for a time, you should at once put on a rubber ring for a month or so. Make this ring by cutting off rather less than an eighth of an inch from feeding bottle tubing. Catch the bird, and, holding the three front toes close together, place the ring over them, and then, holding the hind toe back against leg, push on the ring up leg until nearly as far as the end of the hind toe and leave it there. When bird is released the ring will hold toe in a backward position. When you remove ring, give the bird thin and nearly round perches about size of a lead pencil for a few weeks. If the bird gradually works the hind toe over back of perch when resting, the ring is probably unnecessary, as the thin perches given at once would gradually correct the deformity. Ordinary perches should be used whilst bird is wearing ring.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

CARE OF UNDEVELOPED FEATHERS (K. S.).—Similar cases have been referred to in these replies on a number of different occasions as abnormal feather growths. The only feature which is uncommon is that in your bird the growths should prove so persistent in appearing on different parts of the body. It is not at all uncommon for a case to recur frequently on the same part of body, and most frequently it is the wings, tail, or head that is attacked. If there is a narrowed portion forming a kind of neck at the base of the growth which will allow a ligature to be readily tied on securely so that it will not slip off, tie a ligature of silk or thread tightly around the base, as closely as you can get to the skin of the body, and allow it to remain. Cut off, ends of ligature fairly close to prevent bird pulling them. In a short time the growth, deprived of its blood supply, will dry up and drop off without danger.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

A BARBARISM (W. Towel).—It seems strange that in the twentieth century there can be still found anyone who asks whether the talking powers of a Jackdaw, or of anything else, may be improved by "slitting its tongue." In the first place, neither a bird nor anything else talks with its tongue. The tongue only shapes the sounds produced in the throat, and any operation on the tongue would hinder instead of improve its functions. You may tell your friends that the idea was an ignorant one, and as useless as it was ignorant.

PRESERVING "ANTS' EGGS" (M. C. M.).—It is not a difficult matter to preserve these for winter use. The difficulty, generally, is to get the fresh ones, and you are indeed lucky to be able to get them "in any quantity" as you say in your letter. They only require to be subjected to sufficient heat to dry the grub which each contains. Use an old flat tin or frying pan, and place them over a gas ring or in an oven until the natural moisture is evaporated. A good method is to partially fill a frying pan with sand, and place over a gas ring until the sand is quite hot; then stir in some of the fresh ants' eggs, and keep them in the sand for a few minutes. Sift out the sand, and use over and over again until you have dried all that you require.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

LINNETS INCUBATING (Mrs. Parker).—The time of incubation with Linnets and other Finches is the same as with a Canary, from thirteen to fourteen days. The old birds will, doubtless, feed the young if any are hatched. Supply them with plenty of wild seed such as shepherd's-purse, chickweed, plantain, groundsel, etc., and a little egg food, such as given to Canaries made of one part hard-boiled egg to two parts powdered sweet biscuit will help if the old birds will take it.

CAGE FOR A BLACKBIRD (W. T. Peckham).—A "box cage," that is, one which is open only in front is the best form of cage for a Blackbird. Cages that are open all round will answer, but in these the birds are subject to draughts and temporary changes of temperature. The cage you purpose making is quite of a nice size, and the change into it should not in itself stop the bird's song.

BERRIES FOR A HAWFINCH (A. P. Morgan).—You may give your bird any kind of berry in season—cherries, blackberries, elderberries, privet, mountain ash, elder, anything that may be handy, and all will help to improve the colour of its plumage.

SEEDS FOR A GOLDFINCH (F. E. N., U.S.A.).—Of the seeds you name all except millet are good for a Goldfinch. There are, however, two very important seeds you do not mention, teazle and thistle. Is it really correct that you cannot obtain these in the United States? Then there are the seeds of many weeds, which are easily gathered in this country, all of which are much appreciated by Goldfinches, and I have no doubt that if you are unable to get such as shepherd's-purse, knapweed, groundsel, chickweed, ragwort, milk thistle, and the many others which abound in England you will be able to find substitutes for them. Green food is, of course, a necessity, young dandelion leaves, lettuce, cress, etc., or you may sow some rape and give the Goldfinch the seedlings when they are an inch or so high.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

SHOW CAGE FOR CARDINAL (R. B.).—A cage 18 inches long, by 9 inches deep and 12 inches high would fully meet the case. I prefer the box type, with the wire front of cage rounded off from front to back at the top. Pale sage green is a good colour for the interior; there are few species of birds which this species does not suit.

RED-COLLARED LORIKEETS (C. B-M).—I kept this species out of doors all the year round for several years in quite a small aviary, the only trouble I found was that in frosty weather the milk sop had to be thawed several times daily. I must, however, tell you that there are few Lories or Lorikeets that will agree together or with other species of Parrakeets. The Red-collar is a beautiful and interesting species, which soon becomes quite familiar with those which attend to its requirements, and will do well if accommodated with a moderate sized enclosure to themselves. They have bred in captivity at the London Zoo.

BRANCHES FOR PARROTS (R. Walford).—Branches of any of our English fruit trees are quite safe, as also are willow, spruce, and firs; I have used poplar, beech, chestnut, and hazel, without mishap; the above will give you an ample range to choose from.

ORANGE-CHEEKED WAXBILLS (H. Hammond).—The distinctions are not great, but if you pick a bird in which the ventral region is distinctly stained with orange-yellow, and the other in which the same part is practically lacking the same hue, you will be practically certain of possessing a pair.

WHAT IS IT? (A. R. Coe).—Will you make me a rough sketch, no matter how rough, of the colour areas and indicate the position and extent of the ticked areas, and the white patches above and below, and say if there is any chestnut-brown or rufous-brown about. It must, I think, be either the two-coloured Mannikin, rufous backed, or an abnormal coloured Bronze Mannikin. I have seen immature specimens of the latter without any bronze on the wings. I am inclined to think it may be the two-coloured, in which case it should be worth 10s. 6d. or 15s., as these only rarely come over; many years ago I got a pair sent me as Bronze-wings, but unfortunately they only lived one day. If your bird is only blackish slate colour, and white, then it is the two-coloured, but if you can give me any further details, I will confirm, or otherwise, the above definition in our next issue.

PEKIN NIGHTINGALES (Klnock).—The Pekin Robin has the crown of the head a richer green, the pale area round his eye is also a brighter yellow, the red margins to wing feathers are also richer in hue, and make a larger patch. From your description, you may have a young cock, but I incline to the opinion that it is a female from your details. The hen has a few notes, but nothing like the song of the male, but the capacity of individuals is very variable.

AVIARY QUERIES (S. Starling).—So far as I gather from your sketch, the shelter portion on the left is inside the poultry roosting shed, and providing you can keep the atmosphere sweet, and it is not draughty, it should answer well, seeing that it is fairly well lighted. If it is outside, then the front of it must be covered in with wood and glass. The flight and other portions are well arranged. If the bird should show signs of feeling the cold, then you must, during the winter months, only screen part of the front of the covered flight. The Ribbon Finches, Budgerigars, and Canaries should breed, and some of the odd birds may hybridise. The females of Weavers and Whydahs retain practically the same plumage all the year round, only the males don the gorgeous nuptial or breeding garment. Zebra Finches and Silverbills should also do well, and breed with you. Bib Finches, Bengalese, Bronze Mannikins would also be probable breeders, and are pretty birds. You must not let the Budgerigars get numerous, or they give trouble by breaking the legs and wings of the other birds in their mischievous play.

INDOOR AVIARY (Bird Cage).—I gather you are in a position to put up an aviary 8ft. long, 2ft. wide, by 5ft. high, and that you want to make the most of your space. It should be sufficient if only the front is wire netting. The back and ends to be lined with twiggy branches, at the back of which rush nests and nest boxes must be freely dispersed. You could put in 1 pair each Zebra, Ribbon and Bib Finches, Avadavats, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Silverbills, and Spice Finches. All are pretty and cheap, and when you have had some experience with these, you could try some of the rarer and more expensive species.

ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO (Mrs. Marsland).—Your best course will be to call in a local vet., but I very much fear that in a case of such long standing it will be very difficult to check the habit. Some vets. refuse to treat birds, and if you have any difficulty in the matter, I shall be pleased to name one. Nevertheless, unless you can contrive a bandage or something that will prevent the bird reaching the given parts, I much fear nothing can be done. Painting the swelling ("lump") on abdomen with tincture of iodine, so long as the skin is sound, should gradually reduce it.

COCKATIELS (Novice).—Your dietary is satisfactory, and it appears that the erratic season has been largely responsible for the delay, but they should settle down to nesting as soon as the moult is past. It can do no harm to give them a tonic, say, half a teaspoonful of hypo-phosphates in the drinking water daily for a month, but giving them plain water once a week. You do not mention the character of your nest. It should have a concave bottom; if it is flat, there will be little result. Give them a small barrel if you can conveniently arrange this. It is merely a case for the exercise of a little patience; at no distant time they will settle, and will bring up several broods before the season closes. I should not give many sunflower seeds at this season. There does not appear to be anything wrong with the birds, and the shedding of plumage is probably largely due to climatic changes. Lettuce and seeding grass are the best green foods, also growing cereals just before they are fully ripe. From the details you give you appear to have a breeding pair, and with the present fine weather they should soon be in condition and settle down. Many pairs of Cockatiels play about just as yours have been doing, for some weeks before settling down to serious work. A nest receptacle with a concave bottom is a necessity.

CUTTHROATS (Price, Jun.).—Cutthroats, though free breeders, on the whole are not always good parents, and there are many pairs which act similarly to yours. But probably yours may do better with the next nest. If any more eggs are laid, supply soft food about the eleventh day, and as soon as young are hatched supply some ants' eggs. Any make of insectile mixture (soft food) advertised in our columns would meet the case, or sponge cake slightly moistened with boiling milk is mostly acceptable to many species of Foreign Finches, when they are feeding young. Re Silverbills, these are not easy to sex, as they are very similar in plumage, but the hen is slightly smaller, more slender, and also slightly duller in plumage, her flight feathers being greyer than those of her mate.

CARDINALS, ETC. (O.J.S.).—(1) The distinction between the sexes is not great, and it is not easy to pick pairs out of a crowd. The hen Pope Cardinal has a longer and more wedge-shaped beak, and her primaries have narrower white edges on the outer webs. The hen Red-crested Cardinal is a little less brilliant than her mate, her beak is also longer and not so arched as that of the male. (2) If you can get true pairs of each, I do not think they will give trouble in a roomy aviary, but if you get three cocks and only one hen there will be more or less continuous "scrapping." (3) Pope and Red-crested Cardinals are not averse to going to nest, but the young are not always reared; if you can maintain a varied supply of live food, such as mealworms, well scoured gentles, live ants' eggs, etc., you should have a good prospect of success. They are erratic as to their choice of the nesting site; they may use the ivy, or their choice may fall on a closed box.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." A l thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

BIRDS FOR INDOOR AVIARY (Regular Reader).—You tell me nothing about the aviary, and give no idea as to size. Whydahs in restricted quarters frequently scare the other inmates badly when on the wing with the long caudal plumes, but the Paradise Whydah will be the best for your purpose. Inexpensive and brightly coloured species are fairly numerous, but some of them are not easy to acclimatise, especially those marked with a star: Avadavats, Golden-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, *Cordon Blues, *Firefinches, Green Singing Finches, *Pintail Nonpareils, Zebra Finches, *Green Avadavats, Cape Canary, *Lavender Finches, Spice Finch, and if the aviary is roomy enough, Madagascar and Napoleon Weavers; but the two latter are often spiteful in restricted quarters.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. Kingsley.—Broncho-pneumonia, arising from a cold—a very fatal disease.

J. Warburton.—Peritonitis, cause of death.

Will East.—Fatty degeneration of liver, spleen, and kidneys. Cause of death, enteritis, resulting from disorganisation of the liver. It was a most extreme case. I am afraid it is due to a contagious element. In such an advanced stage of disease cure is hopeless. I should advise you to clear them out and start fresh next season.

Phyllis Gibbons.—Impaction of stomach (proventriculus) and bowels, due to error in feeding, or preparing food. Your other queries come under different heading. Write CAGE BIRDS office for this information.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

C. Shirley.—Assuming that there is no reason for, and no reasonable excuse for, the delay in returning A's bird, then A is certainly entitled to recover from B a sum as damages to cover whatever loss he may have sustained as a consequence of B's action.

W. F. D.—Of your plants only two are known to us as being of any value to give to birds, viz., No. 5 sorrel, No. 6 corn spurrey. No. 2 is one of the plantains (Plantago media), but is not to be compared with either the greater ("rat-tails") or ribwort plantains for use with birds.

Cautinus.—Write to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., Printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.; enclose two penny stamps and ask them to send you a copy of the latest Wild Bird Act for Warwickshire. You would also finds the "Catchers' Guide" (published by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N., price 7d., post free) very useful to you.

W. Tebbit.—There are numbers of shops in London where dried flies and ants' cocoons (generally called ants' eggs) can be bought; we are not, however, well acquainted with your own particular neighbourhood. Try any of the large seed firms advertising in our columns.

Jas. Bridgman.—Your query has been sent on to Mr. Wesley Page, who will answer in the Foreign query column next week.

"I have no more birds to sell at present, thanks to advertising in CAGE BIRDS. I had 140 young birds, but have about sold up with the aid of your valuable paper. I shall be advertising again a bit later on.—R. JONES (Stockport).

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—June 28, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Business important, subs. and new members. Colour food now ready; apply to sec.—W. Hall.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. N.F. Show, 2 classes Norwich, 2 Yorks., yellows and buffs; judge, Mr. W. A. Bladon. M. and N.C.O.S. count for points specials.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 1, St. Thomas Ardwick Old Schoolroom, 8. Final business F.F. show.—J. Spencer.

Arbroath C.B.S.—July 2, Shepherd's Room, Millgate, 8. Business important. Final arrangements for F.F. show.—John Gray.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—June 28, The Institute, 7 p.m. Final arrangements for Young Stock Show; subs. due.—A. Hirons.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—July 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' show, and ramble.—F. Gelder.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—June 28, Social Club, 7.30. Final arrangements for N.F. show.—D. Reavley.

Beamish C.B.S.—June 28, Bird Inn, High Street, 7. Schedule and other business. Stewards for N.F. show.—W. Knowles.

Birmingham City C.B.S.—July 2, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Final arrangement for N.F. show, and ordering of colour food.—J. H. Jones.

Bradford City O.S.—June 28, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Important business.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—July 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for July F.F. show, balance sheet for June F.F. show,—and other important business.—H. Bill.

Bramley O.S.—June 27, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Entries for F.F. show, June 28. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock; birds staged 2.30.—W. H. Steel.

Bromley and West Kent F.A.—July 1, Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8. F.F. show; fanciers cordially invited; admission free.—W. Foxen.

Blaydon C.B.S.—July 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Consideration of annual schedule and other most important business. Friends please attend.—Geo. Havver.

Bootle C.B.S.—July 1, St. Andrews Parochial Hall, Linacre Road, Litherland, 8. Important business, Y.C.A. novice scheme to settle.—L. S. Hamilton.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—July 1, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Open show business.—A. Wood.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 1, 8.30 p.m. Final arrangements for Y.B. show.—T. J. Hose.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—July 5, Dog and Doublet at Pye Bridge, 7. Settle up account of F.F. show, and other important business.—A. Smith.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—June 28, Burgh Arms, 7. Final arrangements for F.F. show.—J. W. Holms

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—June 28, headquarters, 7.—E. Jameson.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 1, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 7.30. Young bird show; judge, Mr. F. Easterling. Admission free; fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 29, Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m.—B. Robinson.

East Bowling B.F.A.—June 28, St. John's School, 3. F.F. show. Judge, J. Bailey, Esq.—L. Booth.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—July 5, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7.30. New members; general business.—A. Dickson.

Grangemouth C.B.S.—July 2, Rechabite Hall, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show.—J. Woodhouse.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—June 28, Ramble to Waterbank Farm. Leave Central station by 2.18 train, meet at Argyle Street entrance. Friends invited.—Walter Conuelly.

Halifax O.S.—June 28. Ramble to Bingley; train leaves Halifax Old 1.50, St. Paul's 1.48. Book to Wilsden.—Harry Clegg.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 28, Crown Inn, 7. Entries and final arrangements for F.F. show, July 5.—A. J. Notley.

Hirst Universal.—June 28, Universal Club, 7.30.—Consider F.F. show, held in August, take subscriptions, and enrol new member.—James Smith.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—July 4. F.F. show, two classes. Birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. J. Moorhouse.—T. Smith.

Hyde C.B.S.—June 28. Ramble. Start from Hyde Town Hall, at 2.30 p.m., Mr. F. Barraclough acting as guide; friends cordially invited.—T. Allson.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—June 28, Derby Arms. F.F. show, 2; meeting 7, for arranging classes for open show.—T. Smith.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 2, Railway Hotel, 8. Second First Feather Show, and other business.—J. E. Hudson.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—July 2, Drill Hall, 7. Business important.—R. Muir.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 28, Bull's Head Hotel, 8. Special meeting to make arrangement for ramble on July 5.—J. Cook.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 28, White Swan, 2.30. N.F. show; admission free. General meeting, July 1.—A. Freestone.

Middlesex O.S.—July 3, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Final arrangements for young stock show.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Morley C.B.S.—June 28, Sycamore Hotel, 7.20.—J. Rhodes.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—June 28, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 5. Nest Feather Show.—F. Moore.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—July 3, 65, Grainger-street, 7.30. Open show classification. Debate: Norwich, W. Curry; Yorkshire, R. Tindale; Borders, J. Johnstone. Final arrangements for N.F. Show, July 5. Subs. due.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—July 3, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford. Young bird show; birds staged 6.30. Fanciers invited. Admission free; open 8.30.—Burton Bros.

North Shields C.B.C.—July 2, Co-operative Hall, Howdon Road, 7.30. General topics.—R. P. Fox.

North Wales C.B.S.—June 27, Assembly Rooms, Market Street, Carnarvon, 8. Committee meeting.—R. E. Griffith.

Nat. Green Marked Y.C.C.—June 28, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7.30. Competitions, prizes, etc.—J. Chambers.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—July 2, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Allot patronage. Table show, N.F., 2 classes in each section, clears and marks. Judge, R. Tindale.—R. Tindale.

Oxford C.B.S.—July 3, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 4 to 8.30. F.F. show. Hall open to receive exhibits 1, to be staged not later than 2.—A. F. Fifield.

Partick C.B.C.—July 4, Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show, Foresters' Hall, July 5. Judging to start 3.30.—William Priest.

Preston O.S.—July 1, Tokio Cafe, 8. Prize money will be paid from F.F. show etc.—T. Barton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—June 28, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Ordinary business. Friends invited.—A. Percival.

Pontrebach F.S.—June 28, Ship and Bell, Merthyr, 7. Long and most important business. Members please turn up to time.—A. E. Brown.

Rossendale C.B.S. July 1, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Show business, also cup on view; will members make special note of this.—H. Wantling.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—July 2, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for F.F. show to be brought in, and other business.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—July 2nd, Palmer Hall, 8 p.m.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 2, Temperance Club, 8. Half-yearly meeting. Balance sheet, CAGE BIRDS competition scheme, etc.—Wm. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—June 28, Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate, N.F. show. Birds staged 4, special meeting, 8, in showroom to consider about ticket money owing from last year.—B. Bailey.

Runcorn B.B.A.—July 4, Headquarters, 7.30. Lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. John Guy.—E. Rone.

Shipley O.S.—July 2, Victoria Hotel, 8.—E. Grange.

Selby C.B.S.—July 4, Museum Hall, 7.30. Young bird show. Mr. Dixon, judge. Fanciers in the district invited.—R. Mathers.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—July 3, Leeds Hotel, 7. Members' F.F. show.—J. W. Lowes.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 1, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Balloting specials and other arrangements for F.F. show.—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—July 3, Fairhaven Int., Sea View Road, 8.—W. Hodgkins.

West London F.A.—July 3, Hampshire House Club, 8. Young stock show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—J. Dewhurst.

Windsor C.B.A.—July 3, Headquarters, 8. F.F. show.—E. A. Strickland.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 1, headquarters, 8.30. Pay out prize-money; other important business.—W. G. Andrews.

Walsall C.B.S.—July 2, White Harte, 8.30. Fixing Nest Feather Show.—F. Price.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—June 28, Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 3. Annual F.F. show. All invited.—R. B. Gibb.

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SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

A Very Enjoyable Ramble in Delightful Weather.

The first of a series of rambles was held June 14 to Ridgeway, the weather was all that could be desired. Meeting at the Intake Car terminus, we are soon making our way for the fields, and as we cross Birly Nab we hear the Skylark singing beautifully; other birds at this time claim our attention, by their melodious songs, and as we pass along we notice the abundance of wild seeds to provide something for the feathered tribe; one field was practically full of thistles and other weeds. The first nest to claim our attention was a Tit's, built on the side of a tree, it was indeed a wonderful piece of workmanship, and was admired very much. The next nest found was a Greenfinch's with four young ones, and as they held up their heads for food they were a pretty sight. We now enter the village, and the cottages looked grand with their well kept gardens, ivy-covered walls, and windows full of bloom. Making our way to our hosts, we find we are a bit early for tea, so we have half an hour looking around the hedges and gorse bushes. Here we found evidence of much bird life; we put up a brace of Partridges, Starlings were about in great numbers, and the sight of a Chaffinch gladdened our eyes. He was in the pink of condition, and was a treat to look at. Linnets hereabouts were very numerous, the nest of the Chaffinch was found with three young ones, also a Thrush's with three young, just about ready to leave the nest. We were now in a lovely spot amongst the gorse, and your humble thought he would snap the party, so when all had put on their best smile, the deed was done; this ordeal over we made our way back to tea, on the lawn, and right well was it enjoyed. After tea began the real part of the ramble. Retracing our steps for a little way, we have the great Marathon race, and what a race it was, coming just after a good tea. The Dorando of the party proved to be Mr. C. W. Hobson. He was last going out, but when the others turned, he turned also and so won in a canter; he will be scratch man next time. Taking the road on the left, Master Hobson made a lucky find; while playing with a ball it fell amongst some grass and nettles, and out flew a bird; looking about he soon finds the nest which turns out to be a Tree Pipit's with five young. This was built within a foot of the road and the wonder was it had not been trampled on. At this time we had a new experience, we lost one of the party. Mr. Wragg, of Starmington, somehow lost the way, and although friend Curley returned a good way back he could not be found we trust he got home safe and sound. Leaving the fields again we go up Godbier Lane, an old grass grown lane very little used; this was an ideal spot for nests, bordered as it was on either side by thick hedges. Pushing on, we pass Caterhall farm, and then for a mile or two keep to the fields, the paths are scarcely discernible as they are so little used; a Blackbird's nest is now found with one young. We now enter Elland's Wood, which is a perfect haven for birds, being very thick in undergrowth, the path on either side is very steep, and you must pick your way very carefully to escape a fall, a lovely stream runs along the bottom. Here we could not resist a halt to listen to the chorus of song as the Blackbird, Thrush, and others vied with each other. During the rest of the way birdy topics are discussed, and as the bats are coming out, the lights of Woodseats are to be seen in the distance, a car ride, and we arrive in Sheffield about 10.30 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable and instructive time with nature.—J. Woolhouse, Asst. Sec.

OLDHAM C.B.A.

We have received a list of awards at the show held on June 21. Mr. W. Cundiff, Macclesfield, judged. From the list we gather that the principal winners were: LIZARDS, Lowe. LANCS., Lowe. NOR., Sharples, Whyatt, Dalzell, Schofield, Furniss, Cope. YORKS., Addison, Wagstaffe, Wilkinson. Specials were won by Messrs. Lowe, Sharples, Wagstaffe and Downes.—(Ed.)

LONGTON C.B.S.

N.F. show held June 14, at Roebuck Hotel; Mr. Roe (Birmingham) judged. The Norwich clear buff shown by N. Leese is a nice typical bird for a youngster, and undoubtedly will be heard of in the open shows, as it is of A1 quality. Mr. G. Salt's Yorkshire is another grand bird, and will no doubt do its owner some good. British were in the pink of condition for the time of the year, especially the Linnet class, 10 nice birds being shown.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Leese; 3, 4, James. BUFF: 1, Leese; 2, hc, Wild; 3, Filkin; 4, vhc, Smith; c, Salt. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Leese; 4, Forrest. BUFF: 1, c, James; 2, hc, Smith; 3, Leese; 4, Wild; vhc, Clay. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Salt. BUFF: 1, Salt; 2, 4, Lockett; 3, vhc, Davies. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Salt; 3, Lockett. BUFF: 1, 2, Lockett. A.O.V.: 1, Filkin; 2, 3, Degg; 4, Barker. YOUNG MULE OR HYB.: 1, Barker; 2, Perrins; 3, Davies. GOLD.: 1, 2, Davies; 3, 4, Barker; vhc, Lockett. LINNET: 1, 4, Barker; 2, 3, Davies; vhc, hc, c, Peake. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Barker; 2, Perrins; 3, 4, Davies. A.O. HARDBILL, BRIT.: 1, 3, Davies; 2, vhc, Barker; 4, Perrins. GOLD., F.M.: 1, 2, Barker; 3, Davies; 4, vhc, Perrins. LIGHT MULE: 1, Davies. MEMBERS, NOR.: 1, Clay; 2, c, Forrest; 3, 4, hc, Filkin; vhc, Wild. YORKS.: 1, 2, McIntyre; 3, vhc, Lockett; 4, Ratcliffe; hc, Degg. NOR., OPEN: 1, 2, Bowers. YORKS., OPEN: 1, 2, 3, Lawton. Specials: Best Nor., bred by a member, Leese; Yorks., Salt; Goldfinch, Davies.—P. E. Barker, Hon. Sec.

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How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1913.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Cremations at Cheltenham.

I may say it has been the worst breeding season I have ever known. The parents only care to rear one; if more hatch they are crushed in the nest, or dropped on the cage floor, unfed, to be cremated in the kitchen fire. Yet I have beautiful parent birds, too.—(Mrs.) E. S. Parkes (Cheltenham).

Many Clear Eggs at Ramsgate.

Some of the results of breeding so far are: Miss Gwynn over 50, Mr. J. Burgess 42, Mr. Brown 4, Mr. E. G. Kow 19, Mr. Welland 19, Mr. Clark 21, F. Thomas 24, H. E. Taylor 62, some of the latter being well on colour food. I have not the results of the other members, but clear eggs have been very prevalent this year.—F. Thomas, Hon. Sec. Ramsgate C.B.S.

In Luck in Inverness.

Although the weather has been against breeding in the far North, with only a few pairs up I have been exceptionally successful. I have Canaries and Linnet and Goldie Mules, also Canary-reared Linnets, while I had Redpoll-Siskin Hybrids up to four days old, when I unfortunately was taken ill (am still confined to house), consequently I lost them, being unable to give them proper attention.—Peter Grant (Inverness).

"**Pleased to say I sold the Light Mule I advertised. Sorry I could not reply to all enquiries for him.**"—R. ELSTON (Crediton).

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AN ENJOYABLE CRICKET MATCH.

The "Early Birds" Beat the City and Suburban A.C.B.

The cricketing enthusiasts belonging to the City and Suburban A.C.B. on Saturday last played their annual match with the "Early Birds" C.C. Both sides seemed to be in very vigorous condition, and had evidently "fed up" into excellent show form. The result was a keen fight, but in the end the City and Subites had to yield the first prize to their friendly rivals by the margin of 21 runs. This was mainly due to Mr. Tugwood, a brawny bird of Lancashire type, who rudely smote the City bowling all over the field and into various adjacent parishes, bagging 59 runs. Mr. Dowle also played an attractive innings of 22 runs. At one time the "Early Birds" looked in for a big score, but a splendid piece of bowling by Mr. W. Saunders (5 wickets for 8 runs) served to "put up their shutters" in surprising fashion.

Messrs. J. Pooley (3 for 27) and Elmslie also bowled well, while Mr. V. Wynn kept wicket in his usual expert style. The City and Suburban A.C.B.'s innings was noteworthy for the fine first-wicket stand by Messrs. Hutt (29) and J. Pooley (35), who played free and stylish cricket, laying the wood on very hard and scoring rapidly. But with the exception of Mr. Bacon, who played confidently and was out unluckily, the remainder of the side failed to live up to the early promise. The successful bowlers for the "Early Birds" were Messrs. Panting (4 for 11), Lightfoot (3 for 24), and Collier (2 for 31). Amongst the interested spectators on the Paddington ground we noticed Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Elmslie, and Messrs. W. Shepherd, W. Prance, J. Lethbridge, S. Turner, J. Ponsford, and E. Clements, and everybody seemed to enjoy the match immensely. Scores:—

"Early Birds."—Dowle, run out, 22; Hunt, c and b Elmslie, 2; Tugwood, b Saunders, 59; Panting, b J. Pooley, 8; Sonnex, b Saunders, 5; Tombling, b J. Pooley, 0; Collier, b J. Pooley, 0; Clisby, lbw, b Saunders, 0; Hare, b Saunders, 3; Poole, not out, 7; Lightfoot, b Saunders, 0; byes, 9; total, 115.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—J. Pooley, c Clisby, b Lightfoot, 35; Hutt, b Lightfoot, 29; A. Pooley, run out, 4; A. Curtis, c Lightfoot, b Collier, 1; V. Wynn, b Collier, 2; Elmslie, c Collier, b Panting, 1; Butler, b Panting, 0; Bacon, c sub., b Panting, 8; W. Saunders, b Panting, 2; W. Cobb, b Lightfoot, 0; Scanes, not out, 1; byes, 11; total, 91.

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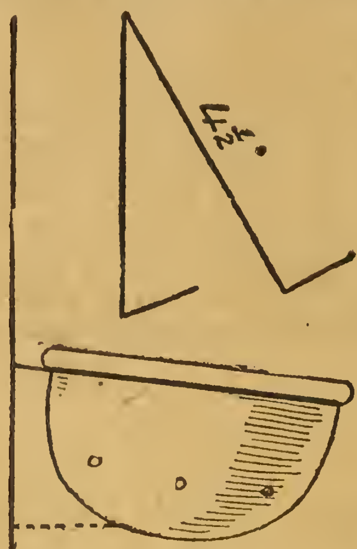
No. 628.

A Vibration Preventative.

Sent by R Gooderidge, 6, Brudenell Street, Hyde Park Road, Leeds.

I have found that the nest pans, when hung in the cages, spring a good deal, especially when the birds are working on them, and this causes them to be nervous. This is a good remedy: Get a piece of cage wire about 11in. long and bend it V-shape; next turn both the ends up square about 1in., or to suit the nest pan, and hang it on the same hook. The lower part of the nest pan rests against the bent ends of the wire, as shown by the dotted line, and any springing of the nest-pan wire is thereby prevented.



In the Courts,

PUNISHED FOR NEGLECT.

At Glasgow Justice of Peace Court, held in the County Buildings, June 17, John Anderson, bird dealer, 188, Saltmarket, Glasgow, was charged at the instance of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with having, between May 29 and 31, omitted to provide sufficient food and water for two Larks and one Canary, as a result of which they died. It was stated that the birds were observed in cages by officers of the society in the window of the shop occupied by accused, and on examination they were found to be dead. A penalty of 25s., or 14 days' imprisonment, was imposed.

CURIOUS DISPUTE AT SOUTH SHIELDS

A Cruelty Charge the Outcome.

A man named Robert Pringle, of St. Hilda Lane, was charged at South Shields, on June 19, at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A., with having ill-treated a Linnet by breaking its legs. He was defended by Mr. Victor Grunhut.

Evidence was given by Jennie Douglas, of Park Street, to the effect that on June 12 she was in her house when she heard her name called outside. On going out she saw Pringle, who had in his hand her bird cage, containing her pet Linnet, which usually hung in her doorway. She tried to get the cage out of his hand but he lifted it up and dashed it to the ground, afterwards putting his foot on it. He said he would do the same to her. She got hold of the defendant and shouted for the police, but no one came.

Questioned by Mr. Grunhut, Mrs. Douglas said she did not know that her husband had sold the bird to Pringle. It was not his to sell. Pringle did say that he gave her husband a shilling for it, but her husband, who was there, denied that. She denied that she got hold of Pringle by the back of the neck and knocked the cage out of his hand. Her daughter picked up the cage and hit Pringle with it, but that was after witness had taken the bird out.

The Chairman (Ald. Wardle) interposed with the remark that the Bench thought there was no case to answer. The defendant evidently thought he was taking what belonged to him. They dismissed the case.

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Correspondence.

A Partly White Sparrow.

Sir,—To-day (Monday, June 23) I saw a partially albino Sparrow, which flew from a roof among some more Sparrows. When it was flying I mistook it for a hen Chaffinch, so white were it's wings and tail. The bird's head was white and its tail and wings pure white, not smoky-coloured.

A. Ward.

Deeping St. James.

Novice Border Fancy Classes in the South.

Sir,—I thank for their letter the secs. of the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. When their show was held there were three other shows going that same week, which I had made up my mind to enter in—even my own club, the New Cross and Dis. had its show then. At the same time I should have liked very much to have competed for some of the handsome prizes, which were very tempting. However, any sec. is at liberty to have my address (163, Lee Green, S.E.) and I will do my best for them at the coming events.

John Williams.

An Appeal to the Cage Bird Fanciers at Grantham.

Sir,—Kindly insert the following in your correspondence columns, as our attendances at meetings have been very slack this year: Grantham fanciers interested in cage birds will be heartily welcomed at our next meeting at Brewers' Arms, Brewery Hill, on Monday, July 7, at 8 p.m. I appeal to all members and others interested to make an effort to attend, that we may try and arrange for a few members' shows; also to try to get all interested to join and become live members, as the society is sound financially. It is most disheartening to our worthy secretary and the few that attend to find there is so little interest taken at present. Now, brother fanciers, show our secretary that we mean to help him make things go, as there must be plenty of fanciers in our town. Send along your names to Mr. Lowther, Agnes Terrace, and he will be pleased to forward all particulars.

W. Ratcliff.

Hen Canary Has Fertile Eggs After Five Weeks' Separation from Cock Bird.

Sir,—A few weeks back, in reply to a query of mine under the heading, "Is it a test?—Victor." Mr. St. John was kind enough to ask me to let him know the result of the hatching of certain eggs referred to by me. I have now pleasure in reporting as follows: The position at close of incubation was that I had 5 eggs in the nest; two were marked with an "x," these being the first two laid, (i.e., before the cock bird was returned to the hen). One marked "3" was the third egg laid; the other two had no mark whatever. The marks were made with indelible ink pencil. On the morning of the 13th June, hatching date, one egg marked "x" and one marked "3" hatched successfully. The other one marked "x" contained a dead chick (as I found next day on investigation). Of the last two laid one was clear (unfertile); the other was "pricked" by the hen at an early stage, so I cannot say whether it was clear or fertile. Therefore, an egg laid by a hen that was separated from a cock for five weeks previous to the laying of the said egg, has hatched, and the other egg laid under same conditions has proved to be fertile. The chicks are now feathering nicely and are doing well. The cock was returned at half-past eight on the morning the second egg was laid, and the third egg was laid at 4.30 a.m. next morning. This hen always lays very early.

Victor.

Shall Sale C.B.S. Flourish or Die?

Now Members, Do Your Duty.

Sir,—Respecting the disbanding of Sale Cage-bird Society, Mr. Tom Harrison, the well-known judge and fancier, of Bowdon, promised our secretary that he would come to Sale and give his well-known lecture on "Seeds their uses and abuses." I and one or two other members thought what a great treat was in store for us. The night of the lecture arrived, bringing Mr. Harrison, but to our great disappointment, owing to no members arriving, there was nothing else for us to do but apologise for the absent members. Now I want to ask each member who sees this if he thinks it fair to our secretary and the one or two members who do attend? The last four meetings have not averaged four members each. We have got one of the very best of presidents, and the chairman has not missed a meeting, also a secretary that no one can beat in managing a show, while a bigger balance is in the bank than we have ever had since the society was formed. Therefore I for one am sorry to say that unless members turn up there is nothing else for it than to see Sale society one of the "also rans." I appeal to every member to try and attend an extra-ordinary meeting to be held at my house, 10, Brook St., Sale, on Monday night, June 30, at 8 o'clock, to consider things over. I hope the members will not fail us in "our hour of need," and will make our Society popular and well known.

Horace Whitney (Asst. Sec., S.C.B.S.)

A Starling Builds Its Nest Amongst Grass.

Sir,—I am an old man, and I work at the Newcastle-under-Lyme Cemetery. While I was mowing the grass I came across a Starling's nest in the grass, with four young ones in it. I watched the old birds come to and fro with worms and feed the young ones. I thought it strange the Starling should build its nest there, for I understood they only build their nests in the holes of trees or under roofs of houses. The registrar came to me and I showed him the nest, also several other men that work here, so they could bear witness for me as to the truth of the matter.

Isaac Butters.

Hen Canaries that Object to Young Wearing Marking Rings.

Sir,—In reference to Mr. Tomlinson's letter about the hens troubling nestlings wearing closed rings, it might interest him to know that the hen I wrote about in a previous issue wore a closed ring herself, and yet would have nothing to do with her young that were rung. At what age is it best to ring young Rollers? I ring mine at seven days, but find I cannot get them all rung at that age. I have just tried to ring two nests of young, one of four and another of three. I managed three in one nest and two in the other. I found it impossible to ring the other two, as the joint was too thick for the ring to go over. I hope that Mr. Tomlinson will treat on this subject in his artcle on the Roller Canary. I wish your paper, Cage Birds every success.

A. Dow.

A Great Start in Canary Breeding.

Sir,—It may be interesting to you and the readers of Cage Birds to hear of my first experience in Canary breeding. I have had from Good Friday, the day I paired up my birds, to now, my second round, from 49 eggs, 43 young hatched, 3 dead, 40 in flying cage. My hens now are sitting on the third round. I have one nest with 7 eggs. I took the cock away, with the previous young, after this hen had laid her third egg. I tested the seven this morning, and find they are all fertile. This is my first year of breeding Canaries, and I consider myself very lucky. My knowledge I obtained from Cage Birds, which I have every week, also "Cage Birds Annual for 1913," and "Canary Breeding for Beginners." If anyone should be interested enough to wish to see them it would be my greatest pleasure in showing them any Saturday afternoon or Sunday. I wish Cage Birds every success.

W. Cooper.

13a, Trentham Street, Southfields.

Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids Bred in Ireland.

Is this a New Cross?

Sir,—I have succeeded in rearing a pair of Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids—a new cross, I believe; or, at least, I can find no record of any specimen of this mating appearing on the show bench. The young were hatched under a Canary on 2nd and 3rd June, and reared by her with the assistance of a cock Siskin Mule. The Twite commenced building operations in her natural domicile—a heather "bush" placed on the floor in a corner of a small aviary, but was coaxed by her mate higher up into a wicker cage fixed in a whitethorn branch, where she laid four abnormally small eggs and incubated them closely. After one week I removed the two fertile eggs to the above-mentioned feeders, substituting clear ones. The Goldfinch unfortunately escaped the next morning, but I have put in his place another breeding Finch which promises to again send the Twite to nest. The young very much resemble Goldfinch "grey-pates," but are somewhat darker. One (the lighter of the two) has seven partially yellow flight feathers on both wings, fringed with white. The other has only five yellow feathers in each lot of flights, minus the white fringe. Whether they will show any blaze is a question for the moult to decide. This is the only success with two Britishers I have to record so far this season, further than one Linnet-Bullfinch egg, which is due to hatch about the 22nd inst. However, as the Hybrid season is still young, and some other pairs are most promising, I may, with a slice of luck, have more success to record.

D. E. Alexander.

Bangor.

A Young Yorkshire Feeds its Baby Brother.

Sir,—I have a nest of young Yorkshires (26 days old); three of them are quite large birds for their age, but one is a small bird. It hatched two days after the rest, so it did not get on quite as well. I had to part them off from the old hen, as she plucked them so. One of the large young ones feeds this small one, just like the old hen did. It works itself up just in the same way as the hen does when it is feeding its young. Thinking it may be of interest to your readers, I send it on to you and wish Cage Birds and everybody connected with the bird Fancy the best of luck.

Chas. Hy. Hill.

A Missing Cornish Chough.

Have You Seen It?

Sir,—Will you please ask through your valuable paper Cage Birds if any of your readers has seen a Cornish Chough flying about the district or heard of one being caught? He was seen about the housetops here on June 11th, but although I have been searching this district I cannot find him. This is the second time within three months that my aviary has been broken into. I should like to get hold of the party who is breaking into and destroyng my aviary; I should make an example of him. If anyone has seen the Chough will they kindly let me know.

Robert Wm. Boyd,

Nettlesworth Old Pit,
Edmondsley, Durham.

The Scotch Fancy Canary as it was and as it is.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space to express my views on the present-day Scotch Fancy and the bird of some 20 years ago. The Scotch Fancy as far back as I refer to was quite a different bird to what it is at the present day. They were birds in those days of very high merit, gracefully turned, or, as we may call it, half-moon shape when standing erect on the perch. The shoulders were nicely rounded and well filled in, and the long reachy neck and the tail following in uniformity with the body, gave the bird a graceful appearance. It was very much admired for its beauty. Most of the Scotch Fancies of the present day, in my opinion, show too much of the Belgian shoulder, which completely puts them out of position. Of course, I admit we have to use the Belgian occasionally, but then it should not be overdone. If so, we get the high square shoulders, with hollows between them, which are very objectionable to a Scotch Fancy. The frill which I often see in some of the present-day Scotch Fancies, is another great fault I strongly object to. They should have no frill protruding from the breast or back, as this prevents a bird showing off his good qualities on the show bench. I am a great admirer of the Scotch Fancy, and I myself consider him the most noble bird we have. It is well worth the time and study to get the real ideal picture of the "Bird o' Circle" impresed on your mind, as then the faults of an inferior specimen can be noted at a glance. The Belgian I consider is a bird of position only, whereas the Scotch Fancy is a bird of position and action combined. So I think if breeders of this graceful bird would try and breed for more circle rather than the high shoulder, we should see better Scotch Fancies grace our show bench. I wish Cage Birds every success; it certainly deserves it.

Chas. Kelsey.

Distinguishing Mules from Canaries when in the Nest.

Sir,—I was somewhat interested in reading Mr. Pope's letter in your last issue respecting his supposed clear Mules, and would like to point out to him the difference between Goldfinch Mules and young Canaries. In the first place, the beak of a Mule, even in the nest, is longer and more tapered than that of a young Canary; then, again, when they are feathered the yellow of the Goldfinch's wings will show itself on the edge of the outer flights quite plainly, and when they leave the nest the wild blood will assert itself—there's no mistaking the distrustful look they give you and they will be outside their cage if there is half a chance. Last, but not least, there is their call, when asking to be fed; it is almost exactly the same as a Greypate in the wild state. I may say that I have now a nest of three variegated Mules, and I don't think anyone who has had experience of breeding Canaries can possibly make a mistake.

Henry J. Davis.

Cock Canaries which Help Incubate the Eggs.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. M. Cobley's letter in Cage Birds of June 21st, I have a pair of Norwich, and the cock, which is unflighted, takes his turn of sitting on the eggs all through the incubating. They have now got their third nest, and he has done this all along.

J Cain.

Sir,—Seeing Mr. M. Cobley's account of a Yorkshire cock incubating eggs, I have also in my bird-room here a Norwich buff cock (3rd season), a proved reliable fertiliser, that persists in sitting on eggs and hatching out the young birds, although it causes the hens to molest him times out of number; he rarely leaves the nest to allow her a chance to sit, otherwise he is very kind and considerate with her, feeding often and well. On the 13th and 14th days he hatched out (himself) the 4 eggs and has duly attended to the feeding of the young birds, which are doing well, also feeding the hen, who seems now to be quite satisfied with the easy time the old chap is giving her. This same cock saved me a nest of 4 young last season, and brought them up from two days old, when I found the mother on the nest quite dead—a good yellow hen I purchased from Mr. Weston.

Harry Mouzon.

The Rearing of Cordon Bleus in Captivity.

Sir,—I have to thank you for forwarding to me a letter from a London fancier on the subject of rearing these birds. Although the writer's experience did not extend to actually rearing same, the expressions of hope for my own success were much appreciated. The writer possesses a Canary which is stated to eat live ants' eggs; this bird should be an ideal foster for foreigners, if eggs could be procured. Superstitious readers will be interested to learn that on the receipt of this letter (13th) two little Cordons were only a few hours old. I believe four eggs were laid. On Sunday last the hen was taken ill, about 3 p.m., and the cock left the nest, but returned and was on at 7 p.m. I came home at 9 and found both birds on the perch, the hen looking awfully sick. I abandoned all idea of any luck, but the cautious insertion of a finger into the entrance of the nest reveals two little beaks. I cannot get eggs away yet. Will let you have further "bulletins" for next issue. All previous young died at a little over a week old. What will they do this time?

B. C. Briars.

Some frolicsome members of the Sheffield C.B.S. indulged in a "Marathon" race when out in the country on the occasion of the society's annual ramble. Our photograph depicts the start.

Trouble with Young Canaries' Back Claws.

Sir,—I have had Canaries now a few years, and every year I have one or two young birds with stiff back claws. They come out of the nest all right and are right for two or three weeks, then some morning at about a month old I find they fail to grip the perch, and the back toenail is powerless. Can any breeder state the cause and cure? It is not the perches; I have all sorts.

John Smith.

Breeding with Hen Bullfinches in Cages.

Sir,—I see from time to time fanciers asking if Bullfinches will breed in cages. I have a hen Bullfinch in a two-foot cage with a Redpoll. She built a nest in a Blackbird's old nest and laid three eggs. She sat her full time, but the eggs were clear, although I saw her calling to her mate while I was feeding her. So I put two Chaffinch eggs under her, and she has brought out the two birds, which are a week old, and doing well on sunflower, sourdock, hemp and grass seed. She will not leave the nest if you put your hand on her back.

Joseph Potter.

The Orange Bishop that Soon Came Home.

Sir,—Some few weeks ago there was a good deal of controversy in your valuable paper re keeping birds in captivity. I thought it might interest some of your readers to hear of my experience this week with an Orange Bishop, which escaped whilst I was entering the aviary. Away it flew over the next garden. I went to try and catch it; but, no, that was out of the question, for as soon as I got close up to it, away it went again, this time further afield, over into the public park. I said, "Good-bye, Mr. Bishop," and returned to business, very much grieved at losing the prettiest bird in my aviary. Having read in Cage Birds about birds returning, however, I asked my wife to be on the look out for him, and when I got home at night the first thing that greeted me was the news of its return to the aviary, and how it had fairly asked to be let back into its home. So my wife shut the other birds in the inside flight and opened the outer door, when in it flew, obviously as pleased to be back as we were to see it back.

S. Starling.

Middlesbrough.

Some Delightful & Cheap Foreign Birds.

By T. A. WEBSTER (Cork.)

In writing this article, I purpose dealing with the more commonly imported species, as, besides being more easily kept as regards feeding and accommodation, they are cheaper, and, as a rule, more easily acclimatised. My first favourite is the Budgerigar, and for beauty of plumage and interesting habits I think it would be hard to beat. This is a very easily kept species, requiring only white millet and canary seeds as a staple diet, with a few oats, spray millet, green food, as extras, together with cuttlefish bone. It is very ready to breed in an aviary, and may be successfully bred in a cage, providing same is at least 2ft. 6ins. long, 1ft. 6ins. high, by 1ft. deep, which same, however, will accommodate only one pair with any hopes of success.

The Nests for the Breeding Cages.

If cage breeding is resorted to, two husk nests (obtainable at most bird shops) should be hung in the cage, one in each corner, near the top. They require no soft-food when rearing young, although a little biscuit may be given if they will eat it.

The sexes are alike as regards plumage, but there is no difficulty in obtaining a true pair, as the cere of the male is a dark blue in colour, while that of the hen is a very light blue, which changes to dark brown when in breeding condition. If bred in a cage, the young should be removed as soon as they are able to feed themselves, so as not to interfere with the subsequent nesting arrangements of their parents.

There are two varieties of this bird, the green and yellow, and although the latter are more expensive, yet for beauty of plumage I can strongly recommend the green, a pair of which may be purchased for between five and seven shillings, and, if from a good breeding strain, the latter price is not excessive. The cost of the yellow variety is, as a rule, about two shillings a pair more than the green.

The bird which comes second in my affections is the cheery little Zebra Finch, who, like the Budgerigar, is also a native of Australia, and will thrive on the same diet, with the exception that they require soft-food when rearing young. An excellent recipe for this is to mix an equal parts each of dried flies, fresh ants' eggs, and crumbled sponge cake. I have found the best nest-box for Zebras, and small Waxbills generally, to be in the form of a small box, about seven inches square, with half the front left open for the entrance of the birds. Nesting material, with which they will completely fill up the box, should consist of long dry grass, feathers, and moss—as a matter of fact, I have found them ready to build with anything they could lay their beaks on. Great care should be taken not to unduly interfere with them when nesting, or they will very likely forsake the nest, and bang goes one's hope of a nest of young Zebras.

Just the Bird for the Novice.

Next comes the Cutthroat or Ribbon Finch, which, although of sober plumage, and rather clumsy build, is one of the best species for a novice to commence with, as they are very ready to breed in an ordinary breeding cage. The sexes are quite distinct, the cock having a brilliant red band across his throat, which is entirely lacking in the hen. They require the same food and treatment as the Zebra Finch, with the addition of paddy rice to the seed mixture.

We will now take a group of the small Waxbills, which make a charming collection for a "Crystal Palace aviary," and any fancier would be well repaid for his trouble if he obtained a pair each of the following:—Orange-breasted, Orange-cheeked, and Pink-cheeked Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, and African Fire Finches, the latter two being somewhat harder to acclimatise than the Waxbills, but even if you should have the bad luck to lose a pair or two, you will not have to go into liquidation, as the prices of all the above range from as low 2/- per pair, the maximum price being about 5/-.

Will Weave you their Homes.

They should have hung in their cages a few empty coconut shells filled with hay, to form snug resting places on cold days, and to which they will retire at night. Spray millet should be supplied with a generous hand, as this keeps them in good condition, otherwise treat same as for Zebra Finch. The chances of breeding these in a cage are very small, but if a cage is given up to one pair, the Golden-breast is by no mean impossible to breed.

We will now take a peep at the Weaver family, of which several species are freely imported, the more common being the Red-billed Weaver, Orange Bishop, Madagascar, and Napoleon Weavers, all of which are more or less gaily coloured when in full colour, at which time they may be purchased at from three to seven shillings a pair. When out of colour, they may all be obtained for about three shillings the pair, but at this time, both sexes being alike in plumage, one has to take the chance of obtaining a true pair. They are very interesting birds, and will, if supplied with a quantity of long grass, build any number of nests, beyond which point, however, they generally refuse to go. They will also weave the grass in and out of the wires of the cage.

Two Finches With Sweet Voices.

If song is required, one should get a Grey or Green Singing Finch cock, which is an almost incessant songster, although individuals vary to a great extent. Either of the Singing Finches, lacking a mate of its own, will readily mate with the Canary, and will produce some very pretty hybrids, the value of which, however, is not very high.

All the foregoing species, with the exception of the Budgerigar, delight in bathing, and the bath should be supplied on every moderately fine day, as this is a great help towards keeping them in good health and plumage. In conclusion, let me wish every fancier a successful breeding season, with full eggs, full nests, and full crops.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Members' first young bird show held June 21 in Church House Club-room, Farnworth. Sixty birds were staged; Mr. James Hopkins (Bolton) judged and gave every satisfaction. Winners of specials, Mr. Mitchell, best bird; Mr. Dawson, best vhc.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, vhc, c, Spiby; 2, hc, Tootill; 3, Mitchell. BUFF 1, vhc, hc, Spiby; 2, Mitchell; 3, Tootill. NOR. YELL: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dawson; c, Wm. Hales. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Marginson; 3, hc, Pinington; vhc, Geo. Hales; c, Dawson. CL. ROLLERS: 1, Spiby; 2, 3, Chappell; vhc, hc, Bold. VARIEG.: 1, Horsfield; 2, vhc, Chappell; 3, c, Spiby; hc, Bold. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Horsfield; 2, Wm. Hales. HARDBILL: 1, Hulme; 2, 3, Tootill. —W. Dawson, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

F.F. show held June 21 at headquarters; 76 birds staged. Mr. H. H. Towers judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Powell won special with a clear yellow of good shape and quality, also spl. for best bird. Mr. H. Grange won spl. for best buff.

CLASS 1: 1, Powell; 2, Grange; 3, Neesom; 4, Varley; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Terry; c, Ward. CLASS 2: 1, Terry; 2, Pearson; 3, Neesom; 4, Darwent; vhc, Baleson; hc, Goodwin; c, Pearson. CLASS 3: 1, Metcalfe and Harrison; 2, Graham; 3, Goodwin; 4, Brown; vhc, Ward; hc, Clayton. CLASS 4: 1, Pearson; 2, Brown; 3, Robinson; 4, Hersey; vhc, hc, c, Bateson. CLASS 5: 1, 3, Powell; 2, Varley; 4, Leather; vhc, Neesom; hc, Grange; c, Terry. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Grange; 3, Goodwin; 4, Hersey; vhc, Neesom; hc, c, Leather. H. Grange, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

N.F. show held June 14 in club room, Railway Hotel, kindly granted by Mr Hunningham. Entries came in well, 80 birds being staged. Notwithstanding the bad breeding season, some very promising ones were shown both in Borders and Norwich. British were very good. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr R. Peart, assisted by W. Creswell, and a grand body of fanciers. The stewards were G. Lane, J. Yetts, J. Bentick, G. Bates, W. Soulsby, and S. Foster. Chairman, Mr. W. Butler (West Stanley) judged, and his awards were satisfactory to all. The show was well supported by visitors, and proved a big success.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Goodchild, head mkd., fine shape, good bold front, good wings, lovely feather; 2, 3, Christon, yell. mkd. head, fine broad head, good wings and tail, just a bit small; 3, nice chubby head and grand neck, good wing car., well put down. BUFF (5): 1, Gowland, mkd., fine head and body, nice short wings and tail, very taking exhibit; 2, Goodchild, heavy mkd. one, good big bird, grand feather, nice wings, rather small on head; 3, Christon, nice level shape, well carried wings, good size. NOR. OLD BIRD (2): 1, Yettes, good bold head, nice feather fine carr.; 2, Humphrey, big one, good head and type, well carried wings. YORKS YELL. (2): 1, Robinson, very neat, nice length and position, well drawn; 2, Bentick, very smart and erect, grand wings, travels well for a youngster. BUFF (4): 1, Robinson, nice head, well braced wings, nicely drawn, good feather; 2, 3, Hutchinson, rather small but good, grand head and body, well carried wings; 3rd another lovely one, teeming with col., well put down. YORKS OLD BIRD (1): 1, Robinson, well known winner looking younger than ever. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Elliott, leader lovely Cin. Bord., pretty little head, nice short wings, good qual. feather; 2nd Green Border, lovely head and neck, well carried wings, not quite as tight as leader; 3, J. Dawson, Cin. Bord., very smart one, good shape and qual. BORD., YELL., ETC. (4): 1, Elliott, nice one, good head and body, fine wing carriage, lovely pencillings; 2, Christon, nice exhibit, wonder for col., well kept wings; 3, Dawson, mkd., good body, nice shape, and rare qual. feather. BUFF (5): 1, Lane, very jaunty one, full of col.; 2, Elliott, very good one, neat head, sweet type, well braced wings; 3, Dawson, mkd., very nice, bit small, good qual. feather. BROWN LINNET, H.M. (7): 1, Humphrey, very big, nice brown col., good markings, rare polish, much admired; 2, Bentick, big one, lovely head and well pencilled, nicely staged; 3, Peart and Creswell, grand, has done a lot of winning, grand head and col. F.M. (6): 1, Gowland, nice shape, good pencillings, good body col.; 2, Elliott, fine size, nice col. on back, grand condition, bit unsteady; 3, Humphrey, sweet head, good col. REDPOLL (6): 1, Humphrey, nice Lesser, good lacings and bill; 2, Yetts, nice one, not quite as good in lacings as winner; 3, Bentick, fine Lesser, good head and b b, not quite so steady as he might be; 4, Elliott, grand Mealy, some fancied. GOLDIE (3): 1, Gowland, nice square blaze, good tan, nicely mooned; 2, Humphrey, good col. and size, loses in tanning, and not as tight as winner; 3, Soulsby, very good yellow. BULLIE (4): 1, Williams, lovely breast col., dense black cap, good condition; 2, Soulsby, very good cap, nice wing bars, fails bit in breast col.; 3, Gowland, good size and col. SISKIN OR TWITE (3): 1, 2, Elliott, leader Siskin, good size, fine bib and cap, grand lacings, easy winner; 2nd Twite, rare polish, good markings; 3, Humphrey, Siskin. GREENF. (6): 1, 3, Elliott, leader a giant, rare feather, nice condition; 3rd not quite so tight, will improve; 2, Bentick, very large, loses in col. only, well staged. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, Bentick, Yellowhammer, grand one for size and col.; 2, Humphrey, Chaffie, very large, rather unsteady; 3, 4, Elliott, 3rd Bramble, good feather and col., 4th nice Chaffie. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Elliott, two Bearded Tits, put down in pink of condition. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Peart and Creswell, Goldie-Greenie, well put down, shows parentage well, and Goldie-Can., lovely blaze and polish, well carried wings. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Elliott, leader Black-headed Mannikins, and Gold-breasted Waxbills; 3, Peart and Creswell, for. Goldie, lovely exhibit.

HAYLE F.A.

Annual show held June 19 in ideal weather. This year the show was a summer show instead of a winter one, and it proved a great attraction. With the music of the Royal Scots Guards intermixed with the song of the birds, it was charming, and the society was rewarded with a good entry and a splendid gate, and everything went off in champion fashion. The Norwich section was good, and the classes for 1913 birds brought out some good stuff, especially the Yellows, good type and quality. Yorks were excellent, and the winning Buff was a gem, and will be heard of again with a good moult. The feature of the show was the Hybrid and British section, which brought together some champion birds, also a record entry, which proves that British birds are to the front when good classes are provided. Competition was very keen, and the small hardbill class was a stinger. Silver cup for best three birds nominated by a member was won by Mr. Coombe with three grand Goldfinches, closely followed by Messrs. Rowe and Richards with two good Mules and Silky Cowbird, last year's winner. Challenge vase for most points was won by Mr. F. Collins, Camborne, with a grand total of 157 points, this being his second win. We cannot speak too highly of the committee, who are all genuine fanciers and took great interest in the exhibits, and the Secretary, Mr. Coombe, is the man in the right place—very obliging and courteous to everyone. Mr. C. H. Foy (Truro) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, Pascoe, grand team, leader excels in size, good head and neck, 2nd varieg., good type and qual., nice col., good wings, 3rd trifle smaller, grand col., good condition; 4, vhc, Ferrill, good head and neck, fine wings, well shown; hc, Kemp; c, Bagg. BUFF (9): 1, Ferrill, grand type and qual., good head and neck, good carr. and col.; 2, Uren, good col., nice wing carriage, fails little in head, grand condition; 3, Hill, nice type and qual., good col. and condition; 4, Pascoe; res, hc, Collins; c, Bagg. YELL. CL. OR TKD., BRED 1913 (9): 1, 3, vhc, Pascoe, fine type and qual., good heads and necks, very smart; 2, 4, res, hc, c, Collins, grand team of good size, qual. and type, with a good moult will be heard of again. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, Hill, very smart lot of youngsters, the winner a varieg., excels in type and qual.; 4, Bagg, cl., good type and qual. YORKS YELL. CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, spl, 4, Boundy, clears, well up on legs, good backs and shoulders, nice col. and condition; 2, Julian, tkd. head, very neat, good wings and tail, nice legs; 3, Thomas, var., good head, neck and shoulders, nice wings and tail; res, Page; vhc, hc, Oatey. BUFF (9): 1, Julian, cl., very nice feather and col., good back and wing carr.; 2, Peters, cl., grand condition, good col., nice flights, well up on leg; 3, vhc, hc, Bagg, good col., wings and tail, nice legs; 4, res, Thomas, good condition and col., well up on legs; c, Fox. YELL. CL. OR TKD., BRED 1913 (9): 1, Thomas, very sweet, good wings and tail, nice head and neck; 2, 4, Boundy, good head, neck and shoulders, well up on legs; 3, res, c, Richards and Berriman, three good youngsters, nice col., good wing carriage. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Boundy, gem of a clear, good head, neck and shoulders, nice tail and legs, wins easily; 2, Bagg, very sweet cl., good wings and tail, nice col.; 3, vhc, Thomas, good wing carr., nice legs and tail; 4, Angwin, good back and wings, nice carr.; hc, Page. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Collins, grand team, Cinn. leading, good col. buff, grand size and shape, 2nd even mkd. Dark Crest, good frontal and droop, nice feather, 3rd and 4th, two more good Cinnamons, not much to choose between them; res, vhc, Rowe and Richards. MULES AND HYBS. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Collins, noted team, looking well, six-point Buff, Light Greenf., four-point Yell., and Light Linnet, all shown in superb condition; res, Hobba and Son, Goldie-Bullie; hc, Minshall. MULES, DK. (8): 1, res, hc, c, Rowe and Richards, Dark Goldie, grand blaze, nice size, good col.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Collins, Linnet, Redpoll, and Twite Mules, all yellows, good size and col., well shown. GOLDF. (11): 1, sp, 3, c, Coombe, leader good Finch, but gone in face, 3rd big winner, lovely blaze and buttons, good moons and buttons, many liked for first place; 2, Collins, grand face, good blaze, nice chest, good moons and buttons, well tanned; 4, vhc, Polkinghorne, two good birds, nice blaze and col. of chest, good moons and buttons; res, Cheney; hc, Farrell; No. 8, Rescorla, grand Finch, soft when judged, or would have been in the money, hard lines. BULLF. (10): 1, Cheney, lovely cut cap, good breast, nice wings and condition; 2, res, Rowe and Richards, good pair, nice caps, good col. breasts, nice wings, well shown; 3, Baseley, very good wings, nice breast, good cap; 4, Rowe; vhc, hc, Cooper. SMALL BRIT. HARDBILL (18): 1, 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, Yellow Bunting, good cheek and head markings, nice col., 3rd Cirl Bunting, good bib, nice head, size and col.; 2, 4, res, Collins, Bramble leading, lovely spangling, good size and col.; hc, Hobba and Son; c, Michael, grand class, two sets of winners could be found. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, spl, 3, 4, hc, Collins, good team, Palace winning Yellow Wagtail leading, grand col. and condition, very steady; 3rd Nuthatch, good col., well marked face; 4th, Hawfinch, good size and col., nice head and bib; 2, Burrows, grand Blackbird, good eye cere, lovely col.; res, c, Rowe and Richards, Thrush and Redwing; vhc, Dale, Missel Thrush. FOR. (7): 1, 4, Rowe and Richards, lovely Cowbird, grand sheen and col., very steady, 4th Grey Parrot in lovely fettle; 2, Collins, Parrakeet, good crest and condition, nice tail; 3, Woolcock, Roseate Cockatoo, grand crest, good condition; res, Coombe; vhc, Meagor.

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SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

F.F. show held June 7 Mr. M. Craig judged and gave every satisfaction. CREST or C.B.: 1, spl, 2, Hood. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, spl best bird, Forrest; 3, Kean; 4, Thomson; 5, Davidson; 6, Fulton. VAR.: 1, spl, Jackson, 2, 3, 5, Kean; 4, spl, 6, Thomson. BORD. CL.: 1, spl, 3, 6, Baird; 2, 5, spl, Mackay; 4, Jarvie. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Mackay; 2, 4, Jarvie; 5, 6, Baird. YORKS: 1, spl, 3, Wood; 2, 4, Baird.—A. Berry, Sec.

CRAMLINGTON C.B.S.

F.F. show, held June 21; 37 entries; Mr. T. Dixon judged. Awards:—BORD. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, Wilson; 2, Salkeld; 3, Waugh; c, Dodds. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wilson; vhc, Forster; hc, Waugh; c, Salkeld. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, S. Warren. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, J. Archbold; 3, Warren. YORKS YELL.: 1, Moore; 2, hc, W. Thurston; 3, Warren; vhc, Moore Bros.; c, Lascelles. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, Warren; 3, Lascelles. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Forster. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Gaskill. Specials: Best Yorks, W. Moore; Nor., J. Archbold; Bord., S. Wilson.—J. R. Chestney, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Young stock table show held June 18, at Library Hall, Church-street, Stoke Newington. The excellent entry of 45 was received, which gave Mr. G. Mortlock, who judged to everybody's satisfaction, a warm evening's work. This is a good sign for the annual young stock show on July 12. The attendance was good, including several lady members.

CHAMP. NOR.: Cancelled. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, spl., Salter; 3, King. BORD. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Salter. MULES OR HYB.: Cancelled. AMAT. NOR.: Cancelled. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, Lacey; 2, Bush; 3, Neighbour. BORD. (2): 1, 2, Bell. MULES OR HYB. (1): 1, Bell. NOV. NOR. (15): 1, spl, Housden; 2, Percival; 3, Williams. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, Groundsell; 2, Madell.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Members' F.F. show held June 21, at Crown and Anchor. Mr. Milburn judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Skinner (Kirkleatham) kindly gave 6s. as special prize-money in the novice Yorks. class. These was a capital entry of 49, which was very good considering the poor breeding results of the majority of our members. Quality was excellent all round, especially in Yorks, which seems the most popular section with our members.

YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Barker; 4, vhc, c, Metcalf; hc, Dixon. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Barker; 2, Metcalf; 4, vhc, hc, Dixon; c, Mallory. NOV. YORKS. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Harvey; 2, 4, Marsay; hc, Eastgate; c, Bray. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Barker; 2, hc, Husband; 3, Bray; 4, c, Dawson; vhc, Marsay. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Harvey; 2, 4, Husband; vhc, Marsay; hc, c, Dawson. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Husband. LINNET (4): 1, Curnell; 2, 4, Mallory; 3, Dawson. A.O.V. (3): 1, Bray; 2, Husband; 3, Barker.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Members' Y.B. show, held at headquarters, New Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, June 21. Owing to the ill-success which many of the members had in the first round, several were unable to show any young birds, yet the entries were considerably in excess of last year, the two classes in Novice Yorks having an entry of 30, amongst which were many really first-class birds. Mr. Slade was well to the front in Crestbreds, one bird taking 1st and two special prizes. In Borders and British some good quality birds were staged, though we should like to have seen larger entries in these classes. CH. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, McLaughlin; 2, 3, Slade. BUFF: 1, McLaughlin; 2, 3, 4, Slade; CHAMP. CRESTS AND C.B.: 1, 2, 4, two spls, Slade; 3, Lilley. NOV. NOR.: 1, 4, spl, Broughton; 2, 3, Goymer. NOV. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, 3, 4, Guttridge; 2, Mager. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Arkill; 2, Rapley. NOV. BORDS.: 1, spl, 3, 4, Burgess; 2, Goymer. BRIT.: 1, spl, McLaughlin; 2, Arkill; 3, Lilley; all Goldies. BRIT.: 1, 2, Broughton, Linnet and Bramble; 3, Lilley, Greenfinch.—H. A. Freeman, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL BIRD BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held in Oldham Hall, June 12, Mr. J. Abbott chair. After business our first N.F. night show was held, 82 birds being entered. If we have any larger attendance we shall have to have a larger room, as it was packed. In fact, it was difficult to obtain standing room, and we had something new in lady visitors and exhibitors for night shows. The class of birds shown was far better than in previous years, the winning birds shown by Messrs. Wilson, Maxwell, Plunkett and Malone, and W. Jones, McMahon, and Pullman being greatly admired. Mr. W. Bales, J. Lloyd, and J. W. Metcalfe judged, and appeared to give satisfaction, as no grumbling was heard. YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, hc, Maxwell; 2, Wilson; 3, Southward; vhc, Hartly; c, Handley. BUFF (12): 1, c, Wilson; 2, Mrs. Hartly; 3, Maxwell; vhc, Handley; hc, Hartly. GR. YELL. (8): 1, Eccleston; 2, Bell; 3, Plunkett; vhc, c, Redpath; hc, Corlett. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Skilling; 2, Plunkett; vhc, hc, Corlett; c, Eccleston. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Plunkett; 2, vhc, hc, McMahon. 3, Crowe. BUFF (5): 1, 2, hc, McMahon; 3, Plunkett; vhc, Crowe. GR. BUFF (3): 1, Handley; 2, 3, McMahon. BORD. CL. (2): 1, 2, Metcalfe. GR. YELL. (3): 1, Pullman; 2, 3, Malone. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Hart; 2, vhc, Malone; 3, Pullman. GOLDF. (3): 1, 2, Jones; 3, Handley. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Jones; 3, McMahon. GREENF. (1): 1, Pullman; 2, J. Handley; 3, Redpath; vhc, Jones. REDPOLL (4): 1, Pullman; 2, 3, Bell; vhc, Hart. Most Points: McMahon, 21; Plunkett, 17; Pullman, 14; Wilson, 12; Maxwell, 12.—J. Lloyd, Assist. Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

N.F. show held June 21, Westmorland Street Mission Hall. A record entry of 120 birds faced the judge, Yorkshires taking pride of place. Some grand teams were staged, Mr. Tomlinson's winning Buff mkd. coming in for a lot of admiration. The birds staged by Messrs. Butler, Furniss, and Jones were also much admired. Novices also staged some slashing birds. Special for best novice Yorks was won by Mr. Pickering with a typical specimen. Norwich were a splendid lot. Mr. Lawton secured leading honours in Buffs, taking 1, 2, 3, with a grand team, also special most points in show. Novice Norwich were few but good. British were a fine lot. Mr. L. Fallding secured first in all classes, including special best British. Foreign were much admired, Mr. Lawton taking all the plums with these. Judge, Mr. G. Browning, whose awards were generally satisfying.

MEMBERS' CL. OR TKD. YELL YORKS (7): 1, 3, Tomlinson; 2, 4, Furniss; vhc, c, Ridal, H. O. Jones. BUFF (12): 1, Butler; 2, 4, Jones; 3, Furniss; vhc, hc, Tomlinson; c, Ridal. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Furniss; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Butler. BUFF (5): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Butler; 3, Furniss; vhc, hc, Jones. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Lawton; 4, c, Simpson; vhc, hc, Woolhouse. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 4, Woolhouse; 3, vhc, hc, c, Lawton. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Simpson. Class 8 canc. NOVICE CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (17): 1, 2, J. Smith; 3, F. Smith; 4, Thompson; vhc, Wardley; hc, Briggs; c, Pickering. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Pickering; 2, Kelsey; 3, Wardley; 4, Carr; vhc, Wingfield; hc, Cowley; c, Briggs. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Hadfield; 2, 3, French; 4, vhc, Abbott; hc, Pickering; c, Carr. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Abbott; 2, French; 3, Wingfield; 4, Kelsey. NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Matthews; 3, Abbott; 4, absent. YELL. (3): 1, Matthews; 2, Abbott; 3, absent. A.V. BUFF: 1, 3, Matthews; 2, Abbott; 4, absent. BRIT. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, 3, Fallding; 2, 4, Barley; vhc, Lawton. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 4, Fallding; 3, vhc, Bailey. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Fallding; 3, 4, Bailey. Class 21 canc. FOREIGN A.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Lawton; 4, Bishop; hc, Bailey.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly Table Show held June 23 at Headquarters. Mr. T. Moss judged. Yorks. Class (1): 1, 2, R. Rhodes. Class (2): 1, Rhodes; 2, wc, Cawtheray and Son. Class (3): 1, vhc, Sykes; 2, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Rhodes. Class (4): 1 wc, Rhodes. Nor. Class (5): 1, Morris; 2, 3, Rhodes. Class (6): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, Morris; vhc, hc, Cawtheray and Son.—A. Lawford, Sec.

NELSON C. AND C.B.S.

Members' Y.B. show held Salem School, June 21. Judge, Mr. Cowgill (Bradford). CL. BUFF YORKS 1, 2, Greenwood; TKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, King; hc, c, Sunderland and Thornton. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Fulton; 3, Speak; vhc, Sunderland and Thornton. BUFF: 1, Sunderland and Thornton; 2, hc, Fulton; 3, Smith; vhc, Speak. TKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, 3, Watts; 2, vhc, Fulton; hc, Hardman. BUFF: 1, hc, Speak; 2, 3, vhc, Watts; c, Fulton. SELL.: 1, Greenwood; 2, Fulton; 3, Watts; vhc, Sunderland and Thornton; hc, Speak; c, Hardman. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Barwise; 3, hc, c, Holden. Spl best bird, Sunderland and Thornton; second best, Fulton.—J. Speak, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES O.S.

Members' F.F. show held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, June 18. CHAMP. NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Farrow. UNEVEN ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Farrow. AMAT. YORKS CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Askew. UNEVEN ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Askew. NOV. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hume; 3, vhc, Cundy; hc, c, Tapper. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hume; vhc, hc, Tapper; c, Cundy. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Hume; 3, Capp; hc, c, Cundy. NOV. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Deer. GOLDF.: 1, Askew; 2, 3, hc, Cundy; vhc, Capp. LINNET: 1, Hume; 2, 3, Cundy; vhc, Deer. BULLF.: 1, Tapper; 2, Capp. GREENF.: 1, Tapper; 2, 3, Cundy. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Cundy; 2, Capp. MULES: 1, 2, Cundy.—G. Deer.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

First N.F. show held in St. George's Hall June 13. Owing to the bad season which most of the members have experienced, only about 50 birds were staged. Mr. E. Woodhead, who judged, gave entire satisfaction, and a vote of thanks for his services was accorded him. CL. YELL. YORKS (5): 1, E. E. Pyman; 2, Todd; 3, Thornton; 4, vhc, H. D. Pyman. BUFF (7): 1, 2, E. E. Pyman; 3, 4, Rev. J. Bennett; vhc, hc, Hall; c, Todd. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, E. E. Pyman; 2, 4, Todd. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, E. E. Pyman; 4, Rev. J. Bennett; vhc, Todd; hc, Thornton; c, Hall. CL. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Rev. J. Bennett; 2, 4, Ronald; 3, Papple. BUFF (6): 1, 4, vhc, Rev. J. Bennett; 2, H. D. Pyman; 3, Papple; hc, Ronald. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 4, c, H. D. Pyman; 2, Papple; 3, Ronald; vhc, hc, Rev. J. Bennett. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Papple; 4, Ronald. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Hall.—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

IDLE C.B.S.

First members' show for 1913 held at White Bear Inn, June 21, a splendid list of prizes having been obtained for the same: 45 birds were shown, and quality was excellent and augurs well for the future welfare of this young society. A goodly number of visitors attended, and were loud in their praise of the methods adopted for the carrying-out of the show. Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy) judged, and commented on the quality of the birds, especially those of the novices, some of which he had spotted. His awards, which gave entire satisfaction, were as follows:—CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS., GR. OR CINN.: 1, 4, Chippendale; 2, Elsegood; 3, hc, c, Pearson; vhc, Sparks. BUFF: 1, hc, c, Chippendale; 2, vhc, Elsegood; 3, Pearson; 4, Sparks. EVEN, ETC., YELL YORKS.: 1, Elsegood; 2, Chippendale. BUFF: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Elsegood; 4, vhc, Hylton. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Elsegood; 2, Pearson. NOV. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, c, Major Hall; 4, vhc, Baxter; hc, Hodgson. CLASS 7: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Baxter; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Cooper.—C. E. Hylton, Sec.

BEDFORD O.S.

F.F. show held June 19, Mr. H. Markham making the awards. Several of the members have done badly this season, while others have been equally successful. CL. YEL. NOR.: 1, Notley, fine big bird, good head, nice col.; 2, Keech, not quite so big, but well made throughout, very nice qual.; 3, Wilmot, nice qual., hardly the subs. of winners; hc, c, Goodman. BUFF: 1, Keech, very typical, excels in body properties, full of qual.; 2, Goodman, looks like a hen, very fine big bird, hardly so rich in plumage as first; 3, Keech, shade smaller, but all there for qual.; res, Goodman. MKD. YELL.: 1, Osborn, dark cap, wing and chest, very fine typical bird, wonderful body and good head; 2, Keech, lovely bird, marked on head, rare size and qual. BUFF: 1, Keech, good one, cap and wing mkd., tight as wax, good head, nice qual.; 2, Osborn, big enough for a Lancs, not so symmetrical as winner; 3, Wilmot, nice qual., trifle long. NOV.: 1, Fowler, very nice mkd. yell., good size and col., 2, Crawford, heavily mkd. yell., well made, just beaten in subs.; 3, Gibbs, heavily mkd. buff, nice size, beaten here in quality; res, Crawford; vhc, Wright; hc, Fowler. MULES: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wright and Mayo, all dark Goldfinch Mules, not much between first three, the winner has the best blaze and is nicely pencilled; res, hc, Notley, both light on chest, otherwise equal to winners.—J. C. Wilmot.

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SHIPLEY O.S.

F.F. show held June 21 at Victoria Hotel. Some grand birds were shown. H. Long won spl for best bird, E. Grange best Cinn. mkd. Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Long, 2, Stirk. BUFF: 1, Cooper, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Grange. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Long; 2, Grange. BUFF: 1, 3, Long; 2, vhc, Harrison; hc, Stirk; c, Tomlinson. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, 2, Long; 3, Cooper. YELL. CINN. MKD.: 1, Hudson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Grange; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, hc, Hudson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Grange; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Cooper; vhc, Hudson.—E. Grange, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

F.F. Show held June 21 at the Plummet Line Hotel, 74 birds were staged. Mr. H. Mallinson, Huddersfield, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. F. Townsend won the special for most points in champion section, and Mr. P. Child in novice section.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Child; 2, c, Wilkinson; 3, Holroyd; vhc, Townsend; hc, Greenwood. BUFF (16): 1, Jackson; 2, Burdekin Bros.; 3, Sladdin; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Townsend; c, Hartley. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Townsend; 3, Thornton; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Senior; c, Mann. BUFF (12): 1, Mann; 2, Child; 3, Townsend; vhc, e, Speak; hc, Burdekin Bros. VARIEG. (3): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, 3, Wilkinson. YELL., GREEN (5): 1, 2, Pilling; 3, vhc, Simpson; hc, Howarth. BUFF (3): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, 3, Simpson. CL. or TKD. YELL. NOR. (2): 1, Mottram; 2, Wilkinson. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Mottram. MKD. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Mottram. A.O.V. CAN. or MULE (3): 1, 3, Macpherson; 2, Thornton. BRIT. (8): 1, hc, Helliwell; 2, 3, c, Macpherson; vhc, Greenwood.—Harry Clegg, Sec.

WALTHAM ABBEY F.A.

Second annual F.F. Show held June 21. A goodly number of youngsters was staged and several were promising birds, notably, Mrs. Elliot's Yellow Norwich, a very nice young bird, also Mr. Medley's Buff, a bird of grand type and quality, and Mr. Hodgett's Buff, a big bouncing youngster. Amongst the Yorkshires the clear Yellow shown by Mr. Yardley deserves mention, a fine silky feathered young bird, also Mr. Elliott's Buff, a grand youngster, straight as a rush, well staged; in British, a fine Goldie was shown by Mr. Elliott. Mr. J. Hodder judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Mrs. Elliott, splendid type and qual; 2, vhc, Hodgetts, fine qual.; 3, Mrs. Elliott, smart youngster, make useful bird. BUFF: 1, 2, Medley, leader, fine youngster, good all round; 2, fine youngster; 3, Mrs. Elliott, very nice bird, will improve; vhc, Bates. TICKED or VAR. YELL.: 1, Hodgetts, fine large youngster, nice texture of feather; 2, 3, Mrs. Elliott, leader, smart, true type, and qual. superb; 3, shade small, otherwise good, will improve. BUFF: 1, Hodgetts, large bird, nice texture feather, true Norwich; 2, 3, Mrs. Elliott, leader, smart cobby bird, rich qual.; 3, nearly green, true to type. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Yardley, fine size, rich qual.; 2, 3, vhc, Elliott, nicely drawn, well shown; 3, rich qual. and col. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Elliott, leader, grand youngster, straight as a rush, fine form, shown well; 2, 3, both smart Yorkies, of fine texture of feather. BUFF, TKD. or VAR.: 1, Yardley, sweet youngster, rich qual.; 2, 3, Elliott; 2, stands well, true Yorkie; 3, fine Yorkshire type and qual. BRIT.: 1, 2, Elliott, Goldie, grand size, rich square cut blaze, nicely tanned, fine bars and buttons; 2, nice Bullfinch, good cap; 3, Bates, nice Goldie.

Club Reports.

THATTO HEATH O.S.

Special meeting, held at Railway Hotel, June 16, Mr. R. P. Bixter chair, in the absence of Mr. H. Enever. Stewards were elected for N.F. show at Railway Hotel, July 5, Mr. R. Barker, Widnes, judging. Specials were allotted, viz., Mr. R. P. Bixter's medal for best novice, five shillings for best bird in show, and a material prize for most points; points to be counted on the sliding scale. Decided that no member be entitled to show unless his subscription for the present year accompany entry fee. Chairman commented on the poor attendance at so important a meeting. Schedules and entry forms were distributed, and it is hoped that members will make good use of them.—H. Cuttler, Hon. Sec.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Johnston's Hall, June 21, Mr. Lunn presiding over a good turn-out of members. Decided to hold another F.F. show July 5, in Good Templars' Hall. Mr. Smart, Carmyle, judge. Twelve handsome specials to be competed for, one class Crest or C.B., three Plainheads, three Border, two Yorkshire, and two Mules, judging to commence at four; admission 3d. This being all the business, the chairman called upon Mr. Livingston, and he gave us a splendid lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, and after the lecture Mr. Livingston had a number of questions put into the hat, and every member had to answer the one he drew. We spent a very enjoyable evening, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Livingston.—A. Berry, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Hanninghan's, after nest feather show, Mr. S. Foster chair, to pay prize money and discuss important business. One of our members, providing the members give 30s. amongst them, will guarantee another 30s. towards a cup fund. His kind offer was accepted with thanks, and all our members have agreed to give 1s. each, so it looks as if we are going to succeed. This is the second time we have tried to raise money for a cup. Mr. W. H. Butler, the judge for our N.F. show, kindly returned his fee towards the fund, and we have the promise of plenty of outside support. Decided to have no table shows till the moulting season is over. We are still open for more new members, 1s. entrance fee, 4s. subscription.—R. Peart, Sec., 15, Kay Street, Stanley.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, June 4, Mr. A. Broadhurst chair; a fair number of members present. Mr. Derry proposed that all entry fees for the coming N.F. show be paid in prize-money. This was seconded by Mr. Austin. Mr. Roe, Handsworth, was elected as judge; it was decided to have 27 classes. Mr. Burke then delivered his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, which was appreciated by all present. Several questions were asked and ably answered in a masterly style. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Broadhurst. A petition calling attention to the indefinite wording of some of the clauses of the Plumage Bill was brought to the notice of the members by the secretary.—J. H. Jones (p.p. R. Tipper).

GRANGEMOUTH C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Rechabite Hall, June 4. Only three members turning up, very little business was done. Messrs. Scaife and Aitken were elected to judge F.F. show; all other business left over till next meeting.—J. Woodhouse, Sec.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND Y.C.C.

Meeting held June 11. Decided to hold a table show for young birds July 9, at Mr. Pearson's, Senhouse-street. Our vice-chairman has promised two medals one champ. and one novice. Classes: Cl. or tkd. yellow., do. buff, mkd. yell., do. buff. Exhibits staged at 6; Mr. J. Nixon will judge at 7. We made three new members, and hope to see more come forward on night of show.—J. Huntington.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held at Maskell's Hotel. Mr. Whetton presided over a good meeting. Five new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. Charles. S. Wiseman, J. Pearce, J. Barrow, and Phelps. A communication was read from Mr. Maskell, stating that he had let his hall on a permanent tenancy, therefore we should have to book a fresh hall for the open show. Resolved that we hold young bird show July 23. Mr. J. H. Payne judge. Letter was read from Mr. Claude Williams, Roath Court, accepting the presidency of our society. The following specials were promised:—2/6 by Mr. A. Simons, 2/6 Mr. R. L. Brown, 2/6 Mr. A. Ball, 2/6 Mr. A. Adams. Resolved that judge's fee be paid by voluntary subscription, and that we deal with classification of open show at next meeting.—E. Thomas.

PONTYPRIDD F. AND F.S.

Annual meeting held June 17 at Victoria Hotel. Officers were elected; balance sheet, which had been audited, was read, and showed a balance in hand of £4 6s. 7d. Councillor Daniel Arnott was re-elected chairman; Councillor Arthur Seaton, pres.; Mr. Arthur Herbert, vice-chair; Messrs. W. Jones and C. Payne, auditors; and the sec. re-elected—A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesy Coed, Pontypridd. New members are being continually made each meeting, and three to be proposed next meeting will bring the total up to 45. There were 25 members last year, and fanciers are earnestly asked to join, so as to double last year's number. It is expected that next show will break all records, and the prospects of the society look very promising.—A. A. G. McLucas, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting held June 19th, Mr. McGown presiding over a fair attendance. The committee reported that they had secured the Conservative Hall for annual show Nov. 1, and appointed Mr. Marlin, Kirkintilloch, to judge Canaries and Mr. R. V. Raine British and Foreign. The president gave an interesting account of our ramble to Erskine, the only regret being that so few members turned up. Sec. was instructed to write for estimates for uprights for our annual show, and report to next meeting. Following classes were fixed for F.F. show June 28, Mr. S. Brown (Glasgow) judge:—Nor., 4; Bord., 4; Yorks., 1; Scots Fancy, 1; A.O.V., 1; Light Mules, 1; Dark Mules, 1; Hybrids, 1. Entries, 3d. per cage. Birds to be staged 3.15. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held June 20, Assembly Rooms, Market-street. Mr. J. Jones chair, vice-chair Mr. G. Jones. Also present, Messrs. J. Pritchard, J. W. Jones, E. Jones, E. Hughes, and R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. Messrs. J. W. Parry, J. O. Parry, Hughes, H. Williams, R. Green, Master-Scout Mackin, J. James, J. W. Jones, and R. E. Griffith will give their full day duty for day of show. Mr. J. Pritchard and Mr. G. Jones promised to help in afternoon. Vote of thanks was passed to above for their kind offer. A few more members have joined during the week. No member can compete without paying membership on or before June 28, the date entries close. I have up to time only received one entry. There are 20 classes at this show, July 5. Those who intend joining the society kindly send postal order of 1s., and I will forward membership card.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec., 5, Balaclava Road, Carnarvon.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting and N.F. show held at headquarters June 21, Mr. Farrer chair; about 20 members present. The number of entries could have been improved on, and while the Border class was empty, the Norwich provided 10 competitors. Several of our members reported a poor start in their first, and several losses in their second round, the young birds in their possession being either too young or have broken into the moult. We seem to have suffered in general with other fanciers, according to reports from all over the country. However, an improvement appears to have taken place, and I am assured that a large entry will be made at our next show, July 19. A silver medal is to be given for most points over the two shows. We are grateful to Mr. Clarke for judging. The awards were:—NOR.: 1, 2, Proctor; 3, Hunt; vhc, Smith; hc, Moore; c, Matthews. YORKS.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, vhc, hc, Moore. LIZARDS: 1, 2, G. Davidson. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Matthews; hc, Smith. Points gained: Smith 16, Waters 15, Proctor 11, Moore 11, G. Davidson 11, Hunt 4, Matthews 3. Decided to apply for following patronages, if classifications were as last year: N.L.C., N.C.B.M. and F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B. and S.F.C., and also the N.C.N. and C.P.C. and N.C.C., if suitable to our own schedule of last year. Question of our 3rd ramble left over to next meeting. Subs. are now due, and should be paid on or before July 19.—J. Peacock, Assist. Sec.

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GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held June 11, Mr. A. Holden chair. Classification for open show was arranged: Norwich, 12 classes (2 novices), Cinnamons 2, Crests or C.Bs. 4, Scotch Fancies 3, Yorks. 11 (3 novices), Borders, clear or marks, 9 (2 novices). Decided to leave Greens and Cinnamon Borders over until we see whether we get the patronage of the Green Border Fancy Specialist Club. Lizards 2, Selling 5. Mules or Hybrids 6 (1 novices), British 14 (2 novices), Foreign 5. Members' and novice members' classes are same as last year with one exception. Prize-money, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. if over seven entries. Subs. are now due, and must be paid before members can show at nest feather show, July 26. Next meeting we will have a question night on matters relating to breeding and feeding, so members turn up and let's have your opinions on same.—W. Curry, Sec.

WEST OF FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting held in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, June 21, Mr. Thos. Wildridge chair. Being the final meeting before young bird show, July 5, the sec. was instructed how to proceed with the entries which are to be taken at the hall on show day between two and 3. Robt. T. Campbell, as assist.-sec. for show day, also Thos. Peel as assistant treas. As there are three classes for British, two of which are for Hardbill, it was decided to put every bird with Finch as part of its name into one class, and the remainder into the other, as recommended by Mr. John Steel (Dalkeith). Mr. J. W. Holme promised to get a few fanciers in Cowdenbeath to assist him with the staging. Mr. G. Malcolm promised to keep the door for first hour, and the president was to get someone to release him. Show closes at 7. Decided to hold a smoker on Aug. 2 to pay over the prize-money. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to the chair.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH P.H.C.

Meeting held June 14, Mr. Topping chair; a fair company present. The new sec. being unable to attend, Mr. W. Curry, the late sec., kindly took his place. Letter read from Mr. W. H. Butler, of Stanley, thanking us for the honour of electing him president. The following have kindly accepted office as vice- pres.: Messrs. R. Tindale, T. C. Crawhall and J. Mackenzie. The following societies applied for patronage: Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Hartlepool, Haltwhistle, Chester-le-Street, and Gateshead; those successful were Morpeth, Oct. 11; Newcastle, Oct. 17 and 18; Hartlepool, Nov. 8; Haltwhistle, Nov. 21 and 22; Gateshead, Dec. 12 and 13. We still required another to make our number (six), so it was proposed that the sec. write Darlington for their classes and judge, and, if suitable, to allot same to them. Table show at next meeting, July 16: three classes: Cl. yell., cl. buff, ticked or varieg. yell. or buff. Birds staged by 7.30; judge, Mr. R. W. Smith, Gateshead. Fanciers, please take note of this and let us have a good turn-out, as it helps to encourage new members. Anyone in the four Northern counties wishing to join may do so by applying to me at 55, Colston Street, Benwell. I will forward full particulars.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

A Noted Scottish Judge and some birds he has seen.

Meeting held in Co-Operative Hall, St. George's Cross, June 13, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a fair attendance. A large amount of business was transacted. Decided to have "declaration papers" sent to each members to be filled up with all the birds he has bred this year and returned to the sec. not later than September 30. This will be compulsory, and members failing to return these papers properly filled up will be dealt with by the committee and members combined. Decided that all arrangements for annual members' show be left in the hands of the committee and secretary. Mr. C. Newgreen, Anniesland, was nominated for membership. Specials and prize cards for March show were paid out to winners present. List of classes for F.F. show will shortly be in the hands of each member. Business now being over, the members present were entertained to a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Norwich Plainheads and Birds I have seen," by one of Scotland's all-round leading judges, Mr. C. Campbell. In his introductory remarks, he said he would give them his views of the birds of the present and of the past, though it was a very difficult job, as there was so much written now in bird papers dealing with everything relating to bird life. However, he would give his opinion of them, as he had seen them. He had conversed with some of the genuine old fanciers of about 15 to 20 years ago, and asked them if they thought we had made any progress, and they seemed to have no doubt that we had made great progress; but as far as he (Mr. Campbell) could remember of the birds of the past, he did not think we had made much. The bird of the present was certainly bigger, but in his opinion, had more feather, and was much coarser than these birds of 15 or 20 years ago. The birds of that time had quality, and this is what we lack very badly in at the present time. Mr. Campbell now singled out in his mind some very prominent birds of that time, and among them were both yellows and buffs. These were extraordinarily successful on the show bench, having a run of no less than 7 or 8 seasons, and were very seldom defeated. In his opinion the present-day Plainhead has sacrificed quality and every other good point, for size, but at the same time he questioned very much whether they had got the size after all, as the feather was longer and coarser, and hung looser on the body, which gave birds of this description a larger appearance. Proceeding, he said there were some grand birds of the present day, but fewer of the good ones than in the days gone by. Mr. Campbell also made reference to the Crest section. This, he said, had made great strides in head properties, but had sacrificed the type of 15 years ago. The bird of the present had no type; the "Crest" is certainly larger, but the body is small, with the feather much longer, and more loose, which, as in the Norwich Plainhead, gives it a larger appearance. The same remarks applied to the Crestbred. Mr. Campbell also touched on Borders; regarding this neat little bird, he said it was not so many years ago since classes for them were given at the shows, but the Border Fancy of the past, in his opinion, was more uniform in size and shape than the bird of the present day. Condition, as you will know, is a point that counts well in a Border at shows, and we in Glasgow are at a disadvantage, as we have to wash for every show; but the country fancier scarcely ever washes his birds, and they have therefore a better chance to be in that fine feather and condition that we all desire to have on the show bench. After a number of questions had been asked and answered, Mr. Campbell was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his very interesting lecture, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close. First feather show 12 July. 20 classes.—A. Miller, Acting Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, June 19. Mr. Plank presided. Owing to Putney Regatta there was only a small attendance of members. Decided that a letter be sent to Mr. Fisher, M.P., asking him to become President, also Lady Birch, inviting her to become a Vice-Pres. Mr. Plank very kindly presented a gold medal for points at N.F., Y.B., and annual shows. Members please note this, as it is not in nest feather show schedule. Mr. Ward and Mr. Bowring were elected stewards for show, which promises to be a record. Mr. Jeffries and Mr Whiteman kindly gave donations to cup fund. Messrs. Thrower, Whiteman, Rorke, Peverall, Lathbury, and Hart were elected members. Fanciers should not fail to pay us a visit at our N.F. show June 28, when the finest selection of "Wee Gems" ever seen at any London members' show will be seen.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, Butchers Arms, Union Street, June 28, for time. First pair up 2.45 prompt. We hope to see a good muster of fanciers.—E. Hickman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members sing held June 14, at Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, 25 sang for three prizes, 1, Liversidge; 2, Wallis; 3, Potter; also June 21, 20 sang for three prizes. J. Liversidge again proving successful; 2, Wallis; 3, Plows.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn Linnet Club weekly contest held June 21 for three prizes:—1, 2, Pugh; 3, Proctor. On June 28 we are holding a special contest open to all England; first birds hung at 3.15. Don't forget this open contest, as we have been asked to hold this one to suit everybody.—Also June 29, another open contest.—W. Beard, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest for members, June 28, for time. Big members' contest July 26. Members must be straight on books by July 11. Open contest July 19 for time and quality according to entries. If the last date clashes with Leigh or Pendlebury or any other club near Tyldesley, I will postpone it. Please let me know as soon as possible.—J. Harrison, 3, Lune Street, Tyldesley.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Contest held at Shakespeare Hotel, June 7; 18 birds sang for two prizes:—1, Harrison; 2, Medley. Judge, Mr. Brown; timekeeper, White. Also June 14, at the Normanby Hotel; 39 birds sang for three prizes:—1, 2, Preston; 3, Appleton. Judge, P. Randell; timekeeper, Mr. Brown. Also June 21, at Shakespeare Hotel, forty-six birds sang for three prizes:—1, 2, Devine; 3, Appleton. Open contests every Saturday.—M. Devine, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Contest June 14; 37 entered for three prizes:—1, Smith, 82; 2, Williams, 75; 3, Wainwright, 72. June 15, 17 birds were entered for three prizes given by Mrs. Parker:—1, Wainwright, 69; 2, Nelson, 60; 3, Harding, 53. June 21, 39 birds entered for three prizes:—1, Kirk, 82; 2, Smith, 78; 3, Wainwright, 74. June 22, 14 entered for three prizes given by Mrs. Parker:—1, Wainwright, 2 and 3 Nelson.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

ORRELL.

An open to all England contest held Derby Arms, Orrell, June 21, for quality and time for eight prizes; 43 birds faced the judges. Quality—1, Smedley; 2, 3, Page; 4, Leigh. Time—1, Forshaw; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Smedley; 4, Statham. After the contest we had a pleasant evening. Also Mr. Jones (Leigh) and Mr. Dobson (Blackburn) were applauded for a few remarks on quality singing, these gentlemen promising to help us in the future as much as lay in their power, so as to further foster the quality song of the Linnet. This being our first contest, this advice was welcomed greatly, the judges also remarking that some of our members were possessed of some very fair quality birds.—J. Fairhurst, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, June 22, 19 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. W. Tillotson:—1, Wigfield; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Ward. Judges, Cooper and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing Linnets held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, June 22, 25 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Chippendale; 2, Smith; 3, Howard. Judges, A. Binns and C. Lorriman.—A. Lorriman, hon. sec.

Linnet singing contests for quality held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, June 21; 29 birds sang for four prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. 1, Smith; 2 and 3 shared between Sellers and Lorriman; 4, E. Wood. Judges, A. Granger and J. Firth. A second contest was held, when six birds sang for a good prize. The birds sang marvellously; Mr. Chippendale won. Judge, Mr. T. C. Summers. Also June 22, 19 birds faced the judges. 1, Tomlinson; 2, Connor; 3, Sellers. Judges, T. C. Summers and J. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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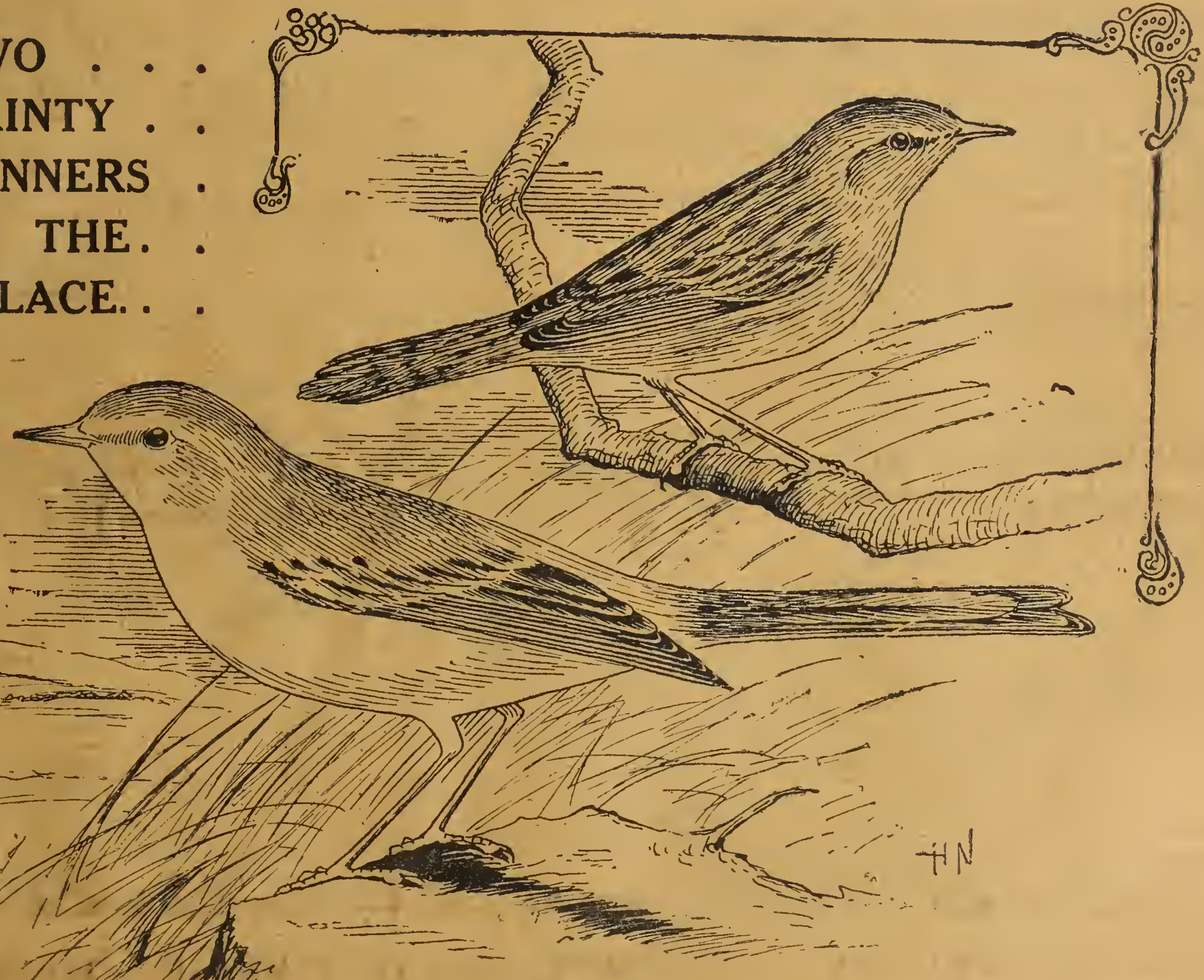

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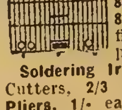

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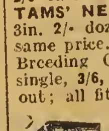

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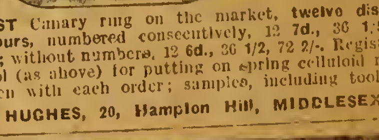

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Making Friends with the Birds.

An American bird-lover finds mealworms supply the key to the confidences and goodwill of certain wild birds.

An article of considerable interest, written by Mr. I. Alden Loring, and apparently taken from an American source, is dealt with at length in the June 14th issue of "Popular Science Siftings." In this it is laid down that to be a successful tamer of birds one must be a naturalist; he must know the habits and disposition of his subjects as nearly as possible. Mr. Loring says, "as nearly as possible," for experience has taught us that the individual characteristics of animals are as varied as with the human species. For instance, he has noticed that in a flock of half a dozen birds of the type he has found tameable, there are always one or two that cannot be tamed to come to his hand, and so with the more timid species of birds one will occasionally discover an individual that is tamer than the rest. But as food is the main secret to successful taming, it is absolutely necessary that the tamer should know upon what his subject feeds before he can hope to tame it.

Then, again, the time of the year must be considered. During the winter food is scarce, and the few birds that do not migrate can then be more easily tamed than in summer, when insect life and other foods are abundant. But one will have success during the nesting season when the birds are brooding their eggs or young. Having once found a brooding bird, it is easy to approach her, for the parental instinct is strong, and by using caution one can approach very close to the nest before the owner will desert it. At such times the bird is so occupied with rearing its young that it has little time to hunt for food, consequently food is always acceptable. This is particularly true when there are five or six little stomachs to fill.

Cultivating Close Acquaintanceship.

At other times than the nesting season you must attract the birds in some manner before you can hope for a close acquaintance. This may be done by placing drinking and bathing dishes about the grounds; scattering bird seed, corn meal, or oat flakes about the doorway; hanging from the clothes line bushes or branches of trees, such nesting material as pieces of cloth, string, horse hair from the tail or mane of the animal, and cotton batting, and in the winter by nailing pieces of suet on the trunk of a tree near your window or cracked peanuts or cocoanut on the verandah or window sill. Of course, you will not fail to put out bird houses and nesting boxes.

Some birds may be called very near by imitating their song or call note. "I have hundreds of times called them to within four or five feet of me and held them there for ten minutes or so. But only twice or three times has one actually flown to my hand the first time I offered it a mealworm. Probably I should have met with better success had I always been provided with the proper food—mealworms; for a good, juicy mealworm is by far the best bird-taming bait.

A mealworm is a creature about an inch long when he casts his first vote; after that he turns into a little flesh-coloured mummy about half his voting size, and from a mummy into a little black beetle, which is actually his adult stage. His wife then deposits her eggs in meal of different grains, and after they have hatched into mealworms, those that don't get into flour and are then made up into bread, you will find in the stable about grain bins, meal sacks, and the chaff in the hay loft.

You can raise mealworms without yeast, too. Take a wooden box with a tight lid, cover the bottom two inches deep with corn meal, bran and barley meal mixed. Now rub an old pair of trousers in the meal until they are thoroughly dusty, throw it on top and sprinkle on more meal. Now send to a bird store for three hundred mealworms. Dump them into the "hatchery," and place it in some dark corner, and your incubator will hatch mealworms indefinitely. I have had one running five years, and it is still doing a thriving business.

Pets that Remain for Six Years.

Now the mealworms are your foundation to success; the rest is patience and stealth. Your first step in taming birds is to secure a slender pole eight or ten feet long—a common bamboo fishing rod is the best, as it lacks knots or twigs that catch on limbs when it is thrust through the branches—and make a slight split in the tip of the rod. Have a small box of, say, a dozen mealworms handy, and when you hear your birds about, go into the yard, and, having crowded a mealworm in the split, follow the birds about until one has descended within reach of the pole, and then offer him the worm. If he ignores it, do not get discouraged, for the chances are that he has not spied it, for once he sees the food he will waste little time manoeuvring.

After he has accepted a mealworm, your battle is half won, and while he is busy eating it, place another in the split, and be ready for him again. Probably he will not wait for you to push the pole within his reach, but will begin to hop towards it as soon as he sees it approaching. If he does not seem inclined to come forward, let the butt of the pole slide through your hands, thus shortening it somewhat. You can tell about how much coaxing he will stand, by the way he acts. If he seems eager, make him come close; still, it is better not to urge him too much at the beginning, but let him take two or three of the worms, until he becomes thoroughly acquainted with your tactics. Don't get discouraged if he takes four or five mealworms and then flies off, for he has had enough for the present, and when he returns he will come to the pole more readily.

Continue this method from day to day, and keep shortening the pole as the bird becomes tamer, until at last you can discard it altogether. Now use a stick three feet in length, and continue to shorten it in the same manner until the Chickadee (a North American name for various species of Tits.—Ed.) alights on the end, a few inches from your hand. Then shorten the stick to six inches and hold it between your fingers and a mealworm between your thumb and first finger. The next time the bird comes he will first fly to the twig and then hop down to your hand, or reach over and take the worm. You might do this three or four times before discarding the stick altogether and offering him the worm from your fingers alone.

Some of the shy birds will not come to the stick, but they will learn to catch meal worms thrown into the air. The so-called taming, according to Mr. Loring, is not necessarily a lengthy matter. In half an hour he has so coaxed birds that they have accepted food from his fingers, and even flown from a tree trunk to his hand. Some birds would spring on to the edge of his newspaper or book, or hop on his head or shoulders. Some of his pets have remained with him for so long as six years.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY

I have a letter from a Cage Birds League member, residing in Kent, asking if the League can do anything to stop the slaughter of wild birds by farm labourers and others who kill birds by the hundred, not only in the open season, but during the breeding season. The people referred to are acting in the interests of, or by cognizance of, the farmers upon whose lands the slaughter takes place, and, unless the birds are mentioned in the schedule of birds protected by the Act of 1880, or in any addition to such schedule as may have been made by the local authorities in pursuance of powers vested in them upon application to the Home Secretary, they may slaughter birds in any number.

The absurd anomaly exists that though an occupier of ground may kill or take any bird not so protected, yet, under the Act of 1881, any one who has in his possession any wild bird recently killed or taken is liable to penalties "unless such person shall prove that the said wild bird was either killed or taken during the period in which it could be legally killed or taken." So that although a farmer, or any one by his permission or authority, may kill or take any bird not scheduled or especially protected, yet anyone purchasing or accepting such a bird is liable for having the same in his possession.

My correspondent says: "It makes my heart bleed to see the terrible murder carried on by the workmen on the farms in my district, and in the close season too. I know of one man working at the so-called 'bird-minding' who killed two-hundred in nine days, including Blackbirds, Thrushes, Starlings, and Hawfinches, to say nothing of the young which perished of starvation in the nest. I have picked up in my garden birds with broken wings and legs. Some I have managed to get all right, and have afterwards let them loose, but most of them I have had to kill to put them out of their misery.

"Sunday is the day when the most of the murdering of the birds takes place by a lot of blood-thirsty farm labourers, and, if any one wants a dish of Blackbirds or Thrushes, a peck or half-a-bushel can always be got during the fruiting season. In the winter they are out shooting Bullfinches for twopence a head."

The only hope I can see of interference with these people lies in the fact that my correspondent says that the men are not licensed to carry a gun. If he knows this, the local policeman would soon settle the matter, for, although you may slaughter any number of birds by permission of the occupier of the land, you may not use a gun for the purpose unless you carry a license granted by the Inland Revenue authorities.

The irony of it all is that birds may be slaughtered by the bushel, but not a single one may be taken for the purpose of keeping as a pet.

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J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE

C.B.A. Grand Nest Feather Show. Canaries, Mules, and British, **Saturday, July 12th, Station Hotel.** Doors open at 1.30. **Admission 3d.** Judge, Mr. T. Robson, Newcastle.—**M. Wigglesworth, Sec., 9, Fourth Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle.** (753)

BUGLE

Cage Bird Show will be held **Wednesday, July 23rd, 1913. Valuable Cups and Specials.** Schedules ready. **—Alf. L. Pearce, Sec.** (757)

COLERAINE

SHOW.

Open to Ireland, of Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, and **Cage Birds,** will be held in **Coleraine Town Hall, on August 7th, 1913. Twelve classes for Cage Birds. Numerous Specials. For Schedules, etc., apply: Miss H. Lyle, Knocktarna, Coleraine.** (763)

VARIOUS BIRDS.

COCK Redpoll, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, twice house-moulted, four Canaries, hens, 10/- lot: 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (761)

TWO singing cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; pair Black Rosecomb Bantam hen, laying, 4/6; approval: Reynolds, Budebury-rd., Staines. (761)

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WANTED.

WANTED, few good Norwich and Yorkshires, either sex, colour-fed preferred: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green, Leytonstone. (763)

WANTED, good hen Canary (breeder); exchange true pair Grey Javas; approval: Smith, 2, Milton-terrace, Boulevard, Hull. (761)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

WANTED 1913 Yorkshire, Norwich, any quantity, give 5/- couple; cash deposited; particulars, stamp: Oliver, 2, Bridport Place, Hoxton. (744)

WANTED, exhibition British, on approval; reasonable prices given for good birds: Hailstone, 46, Broughton-lane, Carbrook, Sheffield. (761)

WANTED offers in 9in. pots or tyres, for pair of my Crested or Yorkshire Canaries: W. Young, Hill View, Station-rd., Kingswood, Bristol. (758)

WANTED, Canaries, Yorkshire, Crested, or Plain Norwich; exchange excellent strain tumbler pigeons, beards and yellow selfs: Ford, Ryde House, Torquay. (750)

WANTED, Birds, Monkeys, Parrots, Pigeons, Poultry, Dogs, Rats, Guinea Pigs; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (762)

WANTED young Jays, Magpies, Jackdaws, and Ravens, for prompt cash; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (744)

WANTED, anything useful, exchange large all-wire cage, with 2 H.M. cock Linnets, 2 hen Canaries, no live stock wanted: Widdowson, 35, Huxley-rd., Leyton. (758)

WANTED birds, any description, in exchange for cages or loose fronts, any size made; state offers and what wanted: Leigh, 26, Netherfield-rd. South, Liverpool. (761)

WANTED, surplus stock, all varieties, Canaries, for cash, also Mules, foreign and British birds, cash sent with order: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas. (757)

WANTED, cycle tyres, records, anything useful, offers: in exchange grand toned accordian, cost 22/-, 2A Brownie camera, Sandow's 7-spring grips: William Bryan, 40, Trafalgar-rd., Wrexham. (755)

WANTED, bird dealers, corn and seed merchants, as agents for "Cage Birds" "Nutshell Booklets." These quick-selling lines yield substantial profits on a small initial outlay. Particulars free: The Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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THREE Larks, 8/- each; large aviary Canaries, Linnets, 15/-; offers: Gambrill, 3, Alcroft-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (759)

NEST hand fed Brown Linnets, 3 cocks, 1 hen, 4/- lot; Linnets, 1/6 each (red breasted): G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (763)

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Twitterings.

Annfield Plain C.B.S. is holding a member's show only this year, writes Mr. R. Peart, the sec.

We have close on 180 entries for our young bird show on Saturday, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. City and Suburban A.C.B. Norwich and Yorks are very good.

Mr. J. Critchley writes that Mr. R. Chaloner, 17, Elizabeth St., Hightown, Manchester, has been appointed secretary of Pendleton and Salford O.S., and that all should be addressed accordingly.

The Rochdale O.C., owing to the expense of having to move (our present premises having been bought over our heads by a club) will not hold an open show this year, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, the sec.

We hear from Mr. G. Morton, sec., Birkenhead C.F.A., that Mr. C. Houlton has been selected to judge the Nest Feather Show of the society, July 12, and Mr. Cowgill the Old Show, Nov. 22.

Mr. W. E. Fairey asks us to notify his change of address from 89, Wellington St., to 21, Upper Duke St., Kettering, where he is starting in business as bird specialist, cage-maker, and fanciers' provider.

Mr. A. Wake, hon. sec., writes that the first Feather Show of the Middlesbrough Tees-side C.B.S. will be held July 12 at 2.30, at the Crown Hotel. All fanciers and friends are invited, admission free.

Luton C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec., are holding their Young Bird Show, July 9, in the Band Room. Pleased to see any fancier visiting the town on that day.

I have a pigeon with ring No. NURPA11, 7154, the bird is black, and was caught at Lake Vyrnwy Hotel on June 27. I will look after it until I hear who is the owner.—W. B. Johnson, Postman, Gown-Oer, Llanwddyn, via Oswestry.

Messrs. Redpath and Walker, joint secs., Anfield, Everton C.B.S., write that a general meeting will be held at Prince Hotel, Moss Street, on July 8, at 8.30. Final arrangements will be made for Nest Feather Show. Subs. are due.

Mr. M. Wigglesworth, sec., Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A., writes that there is a mistake in the Nest Feather Show schedule. Instead of Class 13 reading Border Fancy Green, Yellow, or Buff, it should be Class 13, Border Fancy Green Yellow; Class 13a, ditto Buff.

Through the kindness of Lady Gibson-Craig, writes Mr. J. Napier, sec., the members and friends of Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S. will have a ramble through the grounds of Riccarton on July 12, leaving the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, at 3. Mr. J. Steel, of Dalkeith, has kindly consented to accompany us.

Visitors to the City and Suburban Society's Young Bird Show will again have an interesting time of it, with London's prospective champion Canaries to scrutinise, and bird-lovers should see that to-day (Saturday, July 5) is set apart for that purpose. The Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., off High St., Marylebone, where the show is being held, is easily reached by motor 'bus, or tube, to Baker St.—Advt.

Will you kindly notify, writes Mr. F. Thomas, sec., Ramsgate C.B.S., that we purpose holding a Table Show for members only, for young Canaries and British birds, on July 10, in the Brotherhood Hall, Leopold Street, Ramsgate. Mr. H. E. Taylor, Canterbury, has kindly consented to judge. Particulars of the sec., Frank Thomas, 29, Chatham St., Ramsgate, or Mr. T. W. Brown, assist. sec., 55, Buckingham Road, Margate.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our Issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Kindly publish in Cage Birds, writes Mr. H. Cross, that members of Tonbridge F.A. are having a country ramble on July 6 to Mr. Golding's estate, Westweald. Train from Tonbridge Station about one o'clock. All fanciers have a hearty welcome to join us. We hope to see our brother fanciers of Tunbridge Wells.

Hull C.B.S. second Nest Feather Show of Canaries, also Hybrids and British, is at the Oddfellows' Hall on July 5; judges, Mr. W. Clews, Grimsby; Mr. Geo. Harland, and Mr. Chas. Stephenson, Hull; all birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt, write Messrs. Heseltine and Lambert, hon. secs., 37, Blundell Street, Hull.

Kindly announce, writes Mr. J. Cook, sec., that Leicester C.B.S. members are having a ramble on July 5 around Tur Langton and district. Members cycling will meet at the Old Horse Hotel, facing Victoria Park, at 2.30. Those going by train will take the 3.5 train. Midland Station, to Kibworth. All fanciers invited.—J. Cook. sec.

Desiccated yolk of egg, the article supplied by Liverine, Ltd., of Grimsby, to all important dealers, in 2d. packets, and 6d. tins, is recommended as a perfect base for the colour feed. During the moult it is necessary for the birds to have something sustaining, and desiccated yolk of egg is just the thing to keep the birds robust.

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of very keen regret, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, Sec., Ashton-under-Lyne O.S., that I have to inform you of the severe loss sustained by our worthy chairman, Mr. W. Foxall, whose wife passed peacefully away on Saturday, June 28. For many years she has been more or less an invalid, and latterly serious complications set in which left very little room for hope. The heartfelt sympathy of the members of this society, and a large number of fanciers in the town and surrounding district will be extended to Mr. Foxall in his sad bereavement. May he be granted the needed strength to bear his trial is all our wishes.

The "Yorkshire Evening Press" publishes the following account of the death of Mrs. Warley, of Middleton, Yorks:—"The death occurred very suddenly, on Thursday morning, of Mrs. Warley, widow of George Warley, joiner. Mrs. Warley was beloved by all who knew her, a kind, clever, and good nurse, and ever ready to go to any case of sickness either day or night. She has for many years been the one in this village to go to help in time of need, and will be very much missed. Much sympathy will be felt with her daughter, who has lived with her, and also with all the family. Mrs. Warley was in her 74th year." In sending us the cutting Mr. G. J. Warley, son of the deceased, writes: "Many fanciers knew her as one of the best, always an open house and a helping hand, and loved by all who knew her. It was a sad blow to me when I got the wire, she was found dead in bed."

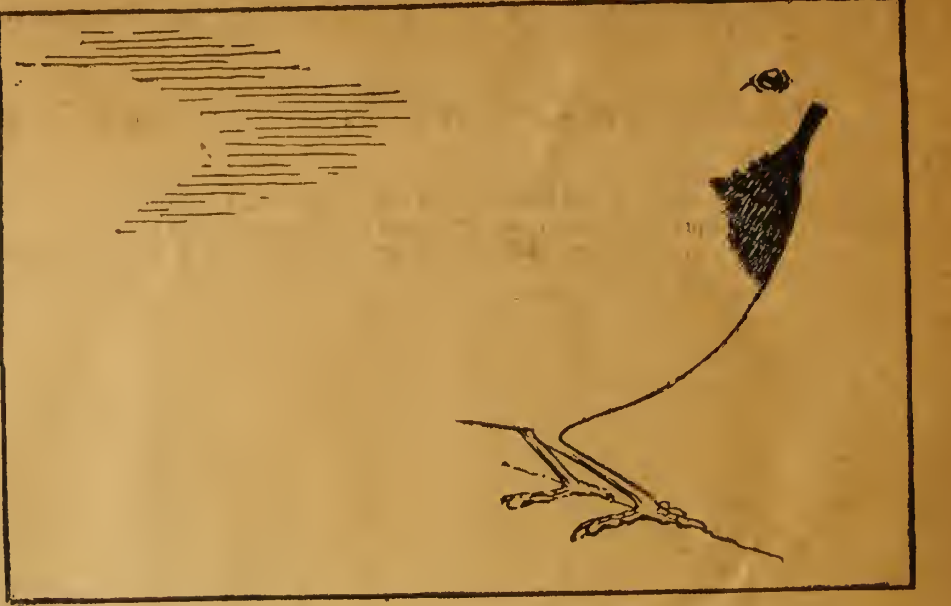
Edinburgh N. and M.B. Society writes Mr. J. Stormont, sec., is holding its annual N.F. Show in Buccleuch Halls, July 5, doors open at 3. From reports of a good breeding season we are expecting a large turnout of young birds.

Many thanks for your report, which was splendid, writes Mr. R. Peart, sec, Annfield Plain, C.B.S.: Our society is going very strong just now, as we have doubled our membership in twelve months. Our neighbours of Beamish C.B.S. are holding a Nest Feather Show on July 5, and I hope they have as big a success to report as we had.

Please announce through Cage Birds, writes Mr. Tallantyre, sec., Haltwhistle C.B.S., that we are having our F.F. Show July 5 in Mechanics' Hall, birds staged at 2.30. Mr. W. Pennington, Wigton, will judge; we are expecting a good turnout as we have some nice specials to be won by the best and second best birds, also medal for best bird bred and exhibited by a novice.

Will members, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. sec, Wolverhampton C.B.S., note that we have selected July 19 for our N.F. Cup show. Mr. J. Andrews, West Bromwich, will judge. Yorks. and Mr. H. T. Collier Norwich, and to get judging over quickly they have decided to divide the British classes. I am looking forward to seeing a real good show as these two gentlemen are specialists in their respective varieties.

Ramsden's pure peppers are unsurpassable for quality and excellence of colour. They hold the field against all comers. Sold in canisters only, with a full guarantee under the foods and merchandise acts. Fanciers should colour feed on Ramsden's peppers only. Ramsden's "Lacphos" the new tonic food, keeps birds in health and strength through the moult. A teaspoonful mixed with a cupful of colour food is all that is required.—(Advt.).



A "Phantom British Bird" Puzzle.

Five Shillings Cash (or Books) for the Successful Solver.

The above sketch represents the "ghost" of a certain well-known species of British bird. We will forward 5/- cash (or our bird books to value, as may be preferred) to the reader who correctly identifies this bird. We give competitors the gentle hint that it may not be so easy as it looks; think it over carefully. In the event of a tie, the winner will be drawn for by an independent person.

RULES: Write the bird's name on the back of a postcard and write your name and address clearly underneath. Address your postcard to the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and post it to reach us not later than first post Thursday, July 10th. Only one effort is allowed each competitor.

Two Eggs Like Peas.

I have a hen Canary which has laid me two eggs about the size of a pea, writes Mr. James W. Daly, of Oakes, Huddersfield.

Buck Up Barnsley!

We hear that members of the Barnsley and District C.B.S. have been very lax this year in their attendances at meetings (vide letter in the correspondence columns this week) to the annoyance and dissatisfaction of the excellent chairman and secretary. We hope they will take this intimation and "come out of their shells."

Northampton Fanciers Undismayed

We hear that the plucky fanciers comprising the Northampton Good Intent Ornithological and Fancy Stock Society are again considering the question of the holding of an open show despite the fact that they have lost £200 in ten years by similar ventures. We hope their stout-hearted policy will be favoured with better financial results in the future.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Larkhall C.B.A. July 19, to Bonnington, Falls of Clyde; Cumnock C.B.S., July 12 to Lorn Estate, meet at Auchinleck Station Road End; Longton C.B.S., July 13, to Cheadle, meet Longton Station 9.15; Leicester C.B.S., July 5 to Tur Langton, train to Kilworth leaves Midland Station 3.5; Tonbridge F.A., July 6, to Westweald, train leaves Tonbridge 1.0 p.m.

A Point for Exhibitors.

We note that at the last meeting of the Provincial Roller Club, a discussion arose respecting exhibitors entering birds at shows, and marking them N.F.S. (i.e., not for sale) instead of putting a price upon them. The conclusion arrived at (reports the secretary of the P.R.C.C.) was that any exhibitor adopting this method lays himself open to be objected to, if he wins a prize, as not having won it according to the rules given in the schedules of the show.

Judges at City of Glasgow O.A. Show.

I shall feel extremely obliged, writes Mr. J. Young, sec., City of Glasgow O.A., if you will intimate through the columns of your valuable medium, that the following gentlemen have kindly agreed to judge in the Scotch Fancy and Belgian sections, at our forthcoming Show, Oct. 17-18, viz., W. Thornton, Midlothian; A. M. Baird, Paisley, A. Allardice, Wishaw; T. Todd, Partick; D. Caldwell, Baillieston, and A. Clark, Rutherglen. Thanking you in anticipation, and wishing Cage Birds every success.

"Cage Birds" 1913 Annual: A Few Copies Now for Sale

Some time back we had to announce the fact that our very successful "Annual" for 1913 was out of print. We have now, however, succeeded in getting together about 50 copies from various agents, and these can be obtained direct from our offices at the usual price; viz., 8d. post free. Orders should be sent early, as there is no possibility of more of this splendid edition being on sale. Please note that these copies can only be obtained through the post, direct from 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

RESULT OF OUR SECOND "BEAKS AND TAILS" COMPETITION.

A Stalybridge Competitor Identifies Every One Correctly.

The interest taken in our second "Beaks and Tails" competition proved to be even greater than in the first, and hundreds of attempts at solution were received. The task of allotting the beaks and tails to their proper owners seems to have been somewhat more difficult this time, for, although there were only seven birds represented in the puzzle, only one competitor placed all the beaks and tails correctly, whereas in the first competition three competitors named all of the ten. The successful competitor is Mr. S. Nield, 15, Cheetham Hill Road, Stalybridge, and the prize of five shillings has accordingly been awarded to him. Will Mr. Nield let us know whether he prefers books or cash, and, if the former, which books? The correct solutions were:—Beaks: 2, Hawfinch; 4, Bullfinch; 7, Linnet; 8, Yellowhammer. Tails: 1, Greenfinch; 3, Magpie; 5, Goldfinch; 6, Yellowhammer.

It will be noticed that both beak No. 8 and tail No. 6 are of the same bird, the Yellowhammer. Quite a large number of competitors missed the point that only seven species were represented, and allotted the tails and beaks all to different birds, making eight in all. These solutions were of course hopeless, as it was distinctly pointed out that the four beaks and four tails belonged to seven birds only. In a great many cases the mistake made no difference, for there were other mistakes in the same attempts, but in two of the cases the chance of the prize was lost by the error. These competitors gave seven of the eight solutions correctly, and curiously enough, they both gave No. 8 beak as that of the Chaffinch, instead of the Yellowhammer. The angle at the gape, which is characteristic of the beaks of all the Buntings, was clearly shown in the drawing, and it is curious that these and many other competitors missed this peculiarity. One competitor had seven solutions correct, but lost his chance by assigning tail No. 1 to the Wall Creeper. If this reader and some others who made the same mistake in No. 1 had kept their back numbers of Cage Birds, they would have found in our issue of May 24 last a drawing from life of this beautiful bird, and they would have seen that the tail of the Wall Creeper is very different from that of a Greenfinch as depicted in No. 1. Quite a number of competitors, too, missed the point that the beaks and tails were stated to belong to British birds, and included foreign birds and Canaries in their attempts.

[We place another little "puzzle" before our readers this week. Look it over, and tell us what you consider to be the solution.]

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Bugle F.A.—July 23, Show Grounds. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 16 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 2. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close July 18 to A. L. Pearce, New St., Bugle.

THE PROGRESS OF OUR CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

Its Merits Commend it to Societies all over the United Kingdom.

SINCE we penned our notes of last week we are pleased to be able to announce that a number of the leading societies of England, Scotland, and Wales, have expressed their approval of our great Championship Competition, and enrolled their fixture amongst our Diploma Shows.

All of them, too, have sent along substantial orders for coupons, for the use of their members, an especially notable order being that of ten dozen from the secretary of the Bradford East O.S. The Bournemouth C.B.A. sends for four dozen, Glasgow Queen's Park and District C.B.S., three dozen, and Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., three dozen, while one and all express the opinion that they will be sending on even larger repeat orders in the near future. Many secretaries write eulogising our scheme, and saying that they are taking the earliest possible chance of bringing it officially before their respective societies in the belief that it will be of great assistance in helping them to make their shows a financial success and more interesting than ever before.

Be In Time For This.

In our next issue we shall publish a complete list to date of Cage Birds Diploma Shows, and any secretary notifying us between now and first post next Wednesday that his society accepts the conditions attaching to our scheme may have his show included therein. The additions during the past week have been:—

Bradford East O.S.
City of Glasgow O.A.
Glasgow Queen's Park and Dis C.B.S.
Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.
Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.
Sheffield O.S.
Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.
Torbay (Paignton) O.S.

We would remind secretaries that our pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme have now been sent out; if any secretary has been inadvertently overlooked, we shall be pleased to forward him one if he will be good enough to notify us to this effect. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

More Laudatory Opinions.

Mr. R. Heggie writes that the members of the Queen's Park (Glasgow) and District C.B.S., unanimously approved of our scheme and had pleasure in accepting the conditions of the Championship Competition.

I hope you will meet with the success you deserve with Cage Birds grand prize scheme, writes Mr. F. E. Joiner, joint sec. of the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.

I trust the scheme may prove a great success and shall be glad to distribute exhibitor's pamphlets if you send any.—J. A. Crawshaw, hon. sec., Bournemouth C.B.A.

I am sorry to have to inform you that the Wrexham and Dis C.B.S. does not intend holding an open show this year. We are rather short of members, but hope to pull together again after this season. Personally, I am much in favour of the Championship Competition, and wish it every success.—B. Bennett, hon. sec.

This cat belongs to Mr. Claude St. John, our Canary specialist, and is on the best of terms of friendship with his birds (see letter on page 552.)

Our Intentions.

We have received suggestions and criticisms from Messrs Crawshaw, W. H. Pyke and A. J. Rea, and thank these gentlemen for the interest they evince in our scheme. We hope next week to deal with the points they raise. Our scheme is one that we intend to benefit both individual fanciers and the hobby as a whole, and we are naturally desirous of making it acceptable to the widest possible circle of our supporters. Every exhibitor will be given a fair chance and a wide range of opportunity to secure a diploma and to share in the cash prizes, which will probably total well over £200. We would point out that our rules are few and clear, and that the method of competing is simplicity itself, the affixing of a coupon to an entry form being as simple as the sticking of a stamp on an envelope—there is nothing to "fill up."

The View of a Well Known Fancier.

Sir,—I was surprised to read the adverse comments of the secretary of the Cardiff Society on your Championship scheme. I think it is one of the finest schemes ever brought before the Fancy, and is worthy of adoption by any society. It is difficult to understand the attitude of the Cardiff Society. Has it never occurred to them that they may lose a great amount of entries by not adopting the scheme? I notice their view is that Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders will have no chance of the cash prizes against such birds as Crests, Hybrids, and Foreigners. With a good judge, however, each bird is handled on its merits. A hundred-point Norwich or Yorkshire will always beat a ninety-seven-point Crest or Hybrid, if the judge knows his business. Of course, it is to be expected that the birds which do win will be birds of merit. Another point to be considered is that no one exhibitor can win more than one diploma in one section, or more than two cash prizes. So you see that those birds which don't win at early shows will have a great chance at the later shows. I offer my congratulations on the scheme and predict for it a huge success. May I suggest that another season might see the scheme in part devoted to birds of the current year?

T. Johnson.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of Cage Birds Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in Cage Birds List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

Two Prizes of 10s. Each, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

Twelve Diplomas of Honour will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., Cage Birds offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show:—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A Ten Guinea Challenge Shield, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For details of the Rules tentatively adopted, see page 533 last week.

Our Hobby Week by Week.

Where Vibration Did Not Kill.

I have never been inclined to think that there is much in the view that vibration constitutes a danger to eggs undergoing incubation—or, that is to say, to the young life within them. It is obvious that the eggs of a number of species of wild birds must be subjected to a considerable amount of movement in the ordinary nature of things, though not, of course, necessarily the short and sharp kind of movement we associate with the term "vibration." I have never hesitated to hammer in my bird-room—when something or other has needed tinkering up—despite the fact that hens have been sitting at the time. At one of my early homes, too, we had the main line of the Midland Railway about twenty yards from the front door, in a deep cutting. The constant passing of expresses to the North, to say nothing of the heavy goods trains, set up a practically continuous vibration, at times so severe that all loose windows and our crockery rattled like anything—we had visitors, in fact, who found it impossible to sleep in the place. My bird-room was an attic, and this used to vibrate beautifully, I can assure you! Yet I had no trouble with addled eggs. Further, in the whole of my experience I have never noticed thunderstorms bring me any ill-luck in the way of addled eggs, or young dead in the shell.

The Effect of Thunder and Explosions.

Of course, this is purely a personal view. It is very unsafe to become dogmatic and lay it down that because a thing does not happen within the restricted circle of one's own experience, this said thing cannot and will not happen. I have met fanciers who literally have been in a sweat of fear over the effect a passing thunderstorm was likely to have upon the eggs of their birds; that the majority of poultry-keepers, too, dread thunder is well-known, and makers of incubators warn buyers against the ill-effects vibration may have on the working results of their machines. I note also in the newspapers that when recently hundreds of bodies of sea birds were washed ashore in Argyll, their deaths were attributed to the concussion (an effect of vibration) produced by the firing of big guns by warships practising in the neighbourhood. I read also that some of the species frequenting Ailsa Craig, that pretty islet off the Ayrshire coast, are very scarce this year (Puffins, Guillemots, and Razorbills in particular) and the point is being raised that concussion may have something to do with this state of affairs. It is said that the awful explosion at the dynamite works at Ardeer (near Irvine, Ayrshire, and not so very many miles from Ailsa Craig) caused a large number of sittings of eggs in the vicinity to "go wrong." It must be admitted that if abnormal vibration can compass the death of birds in the prime of health and vigour, it is by no means an unreasonable assumption that thunder can bring about the death of birds when in but an embryotic state.

The Use of Grit With Young Softbills.

I see that Mr. J. Steel is of the same opinion as myself, viz., that one could not expect to find in the droppings of Finches seeds which would germinate when planted. He has the great advantage, however, of being able to speak as the result of actual experiment undertaken to determine the point. I will endeavour to bring his letter to the notice of Mr. W. E. Collinge; maybe he will be good enough to favour us with further information concerning the experiments he quotes as having achieved the exact opposite. I found one matter of great personal interest in the observations of Mr. Collinge. Writing of the food of the Starling during the nesting period, he states that a pair he watched in May averaged about 350 visits to the nest during the day. They brought, amongst other things, insect larvæ, small beetles, slugs, earthworms, a few spiders, and some bread. The droppings of the young Starlings were also examined at different stages. After the nestlings were ten days old the remains (wing cases, legs, etc.) of ladybird, weevil, and other beetles, wireworms, centipedes, and caterpillars were found, also fragments of plants and (note this) grit. I have for many long years held the opinion that a little fine grit is an excellent thing to give to Softbills (Hardbills too, of course) which are being hand-reared, and have made a practice of supplying it when they have been about twelve days old.

One Sometimes Learns by Accident.

I have noticed, too, that adult birds of quite a large number of insectivorous species (this applies to delicate and hardy alike) delight to pick about amongst a supply of grit; doubtless other bird-keepers have observed the same thing. I always see that at frequent intervals they have access to a supply of garden mould and fine grit (mixed). To me, one of the most surprising sides of bird-keeping has been the revelation of individual idiosyncracies in the matter of feeding, etc. This has always been my despair when confronted by questioners who wanted, for instance, to know the seed mixture—a pinch of this, a pinch of that, and a dash of something else—which would keep Goldfinches in health. Many bird-keepers do not seem to realise that it is possible for one bird to live and thrive upon a seed or seeds upon which another bird of the same species will merely exist, as it were, or even die. It is the same with insectivorous birds: some will greedily eat what others will barely condescend to look at. And the manner in which birds will modify their feeding habits under certain circumstances is also astonishing. I once had to "thin out" some pugnacious Wagtails, and was compelled to put one, a Yellow, into a very large flight cage with some seed-eaters. The latter soon commenced to taste the Wagtails' soft food. In a very short period it was a case at feeding time of Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Goldfinch, etc., quarrelling to get first choice of the insectile mixture, while Mr. Wagtail complacently devoured the canary and certain other seeds. The latter thrived amazingly, too. This incident gave me a very valuable "tip"—how to get Hardbills to eat soft food for colour-feeding purposes.—G. E. Weston

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MOULTING ACCOMMODATION (J. E. L.).—Of course, it stands reasonable that the more space you can give, and the smaller the number of birds in each cage, the greater must be the comfort and hygienic conditions of the birds. But still, where space and time are limited, I think you might quite safely moult four birds each in the size cages you mention—19ins. by 8ins. by 12ins.—provided that you clean them sufficiently often to prevent any undue accumulation of droppings. Three in each cage for moulting would, therefore, be quite permissible, and well within the limits of safety.

TOE STICKS UP (A. W.).—Leave in the cage one of the thin perches of a round shape, nearly, but not quite, as thin as an ordinary lead pencil. Make the other perch of the usual thickness, but trim it to a narrow ridge on top, somewhat triangular in shape, with the base forming the under surface of perch. In addition to this, get once a day for a week or so a saucer of moderately hot water—about as hot as you can comfortably bear the front of your wrist in for some time. Beside this place a saucer of cold water in which you have dissolved a large pinch of common salt. Catch the bird and hold the foot immersed in the hot water for a minute or two, then remove it and place it immediately in the cold water. Keep it immersed there for a minute or two and transfer it back to the hot water. Repeat these moves until the foot has been in each water alternately five or six times. Be careful to finish in the cold water. Then dry foot carefully, and slightly paint over it with a feather dipped in tincture of arnica. For the soft condition give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add twenty drops of Chemical Food to its drinking water.

ORPHANED YOUNG (M. B.).—You really ought to have put this youngster in a nursery, or any small wire cage would have done at a pinch, and hung it on the front of the breeder when the hen or cock, or may be both, would have continued feeding it through the wires. The hen must have been a rather poor feeder or the youngster should have been almost able to feed itself when you removed it. Its present trouble is probably due to constipation, arising most likely from unsuitable food supply. Make sufficient of the soft food you are using into a fairly moist, but not sloppy, paste to last for the day each morning, and when not in use keep it in a cool place. To the food given at each of the first three "meals" each morning add an equal bulk of green vegetable food, freshly mashed—either the extreme tips of groundsel shoots, crisp young lettuce, or watercress, finely minced. Again during the afternoon add a rather smaller proportion of green food—say a third part of the bulk—to three or four "meals." Give two drops of water, not more, from end of feeding stick at end of "meal" three or four times a day. At other times you may add a fourth part of the bulk of food of well soaked, or scalded, mashed rape, but in making this addition you must watch food closely, as it turns sour exceedingly rapidly in warm weather, and would prove harmful in that condition.

CAUSE OF CLEAR EGGS (F. F. N., U.S.A.).—Whatever the real cause, you may rest assured the absence of a claw has practically nothing whatever to do with the infertility of the eggs. It is scarcely possible to say what is the actual cause of failure in such cases without a very full knowledge of all the circumstances surrounding them. Some cases of the kind appear to be due simply to lack of affinity betwixt the individuals. You say nothing about the ages of any of the birds. If the cock is a last season bird and there still remains time for a last round, I would advise you to mate him with a hen over a year old, which has already had full eggs this season. Also, to fully test whether the cock is the failing partner, you should have mated the hens with cocks which have been filling eggs well this season.

BARE OF FEATHERS (Rex, Blackpool).—It is a rather common trouble, and treatment is often unsatisfactory unless it coincides with the natural moulting season. As we are now getting very near that period, you should have a very fair chance of curing the bird by following up this treatment for a month. See that insect pests do not become troublesome; keep bird in a bright healthy position, but not in direct draughts; strew cage floor regularly with clean gritty sand; and allow bird to bathe as freely as it desires. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give in addition half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give twice a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give a little green food of varied kinds daily, and a few seed heads of dandelion at any time. On each of the days you give the sulphur add to the drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece and the same quantity of chlorate of potash. When the moult commences, if the weather has become chilly, keep bird in a fairly warm and equable temperature during its progress.

A PLAGUE OF LICE (Nullite).—In ordinary cases hand washing is about the best way of dealing with this pest, but unless you are quite expert at the job I do not advise it in your case. Using insecticide on cages as you would for red mites is also useless, as these insects live permanently on the bird's body. If the infested cages are isolate—that is, with some space between them and any other cage all round—the lice will not spread very quickly provided you are very careful not to mix up appliances, or transport them either by moving birds about or by any other action of your own. Catch any bad cases and dust them liberally with fresh pyrethrum powder, working it well into the plumage with a small bellows or dossil of wool. Then wrap up bird in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for breathing, and lay bird in a spare cage for ten or fifteen minutes. Then release it, and after it has shaken the powder out of its plumage give it a bath in which sulphuretted potash in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of water has been mixed. Give all the affected birds a bath of this kind three times a week, and wash sand trays with the solution once a week, until all trace of the pest has disappeared.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canories" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Romsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each: No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border ancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

HOARSE AND SNEEZING (A. Mee).—Assuming that bird is quite free from draughts, see that it is also as free as possible from extreme fluctuations. Do not allow it to hang near or above burning lights in the evening, nor high up near the ceiling. In addition to the seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the intervening days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, and shake well together.

SMALL MULING HEN (Bevanel).—A St. Andreasberg, or any German without any specific cognomen, would be preferable to a Lizard for your purpose. A Border Fancy would answer quite as well, or even be a trifle better, being better bred as a whole. There is practically nothing to choose in respect of size between these breeds, and if you have a large choice you can easily select an exceptionally small, neat, and cobby hen in either breed. Both are quite hardy.

A DUET (W. M.).—(1) The immediate cause of death was undoubtedly an apoplectic seizure, probably due to the rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. I should say the bird was naturally a weakling, and consequently predisposed to attacks of this kind. Nothing you could have done when the attack occurred would have been of any avail. (2) The sample of hemp you enclosed is just fair. It is very small, and some of the kernels are quite bad; but the bulk of it is of fair quality, and the bad not sufficiently abundant to prove a material source of danger, as the birds would doubtless reject these grains, having plenty of good sound grains available.

SPARTAN TREATMENT (Desperandum).—When there is any suspicion of birds carrying contagion, as in your case, and one is inclined to take the risks of a "kill or cure" treatment, there is certainly some method in the apparent madness. The fits which supervened later on I am inclined to think were merely symptoms of a bacillary disease, which could only be definitely ascertained by a post-mortem. If another bird becomes affected in this way, you would be well advised to send the body for post-mortem. If my surmise is correct, the bromide treatment is useless. In prescribing drugs for addition to drinking water in these replies, all quantities named are intended for one ounce of water.

WHAT IS WRONG? (J. Coathup).—You would have helped me to understand the case of your birds if you had told me what in your opinion is wrong. You should have described your treatment of them, and said as clearly as you could how they were acting generally. You simply say the hen wants to sit badly, but will have nothing to do with the cock. As a matter of fact, when a hen is broody and wanting to sit badly she has passed the stage when, in the natural order of things, she needs the presence of the cock. Before this stage is reached there are the nest-building and egg-laying periods to be got through, and it is during these periods that the presence of the male is essential. Perhaps your hen has taken to sitting continually in the nest and missed the previous stages in the cycle of reproduction. If this is so, considering the lateness of the season, the only thing I would advise you to attempt is to give the hen a clutch of common eggs to hatch and rear, if she will do so. If you cannot get a clutch of common Canary eggs, a clutch of any British Finch will do just as well. It is useless expecting anything otherwise from such a hen this season. For the rest, you cannot do better than get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and digest its contents before next season arrives. It is impossible to go properly into the question here. Your feeding is just tolerable. The above handbook will show you how to improve it.

HEN SITTING ALONE (A.J.G.).—You did quite right to remove this vicious cock and leave the hen to hatch and rear the next brood alone. As to whether it would be safe to keep the cock where the hen can see and hear him after a week's absence out of ear-shot, depends entirely upon the temperament of the hen. Some hens would pay no attention to him whatever, but there are others which would be more or less disturbed. A few would even leave the nest in response to his calls. Unfortunately, only the actual experiment will reveal these idiosyncrasies. Altogether, I would advise you to endure the slight inconvenience of the present arrangements until the young brood are safely on the perches.

MANY DEATHS (W. East).—In view of postmortem report which I note appeared in last issue, it seems somewhat worse than useless to attempt to treat these birds. With the type of cage you describe anything infectious, and probably also much that is contagious, would spread sooner or later over the whole collection of cages. It is, in fact, a thoroughly unwise system to adopt. If you decide to clear out these birds, you would be well advised to convert the shelves into Brewood and thoroughly disinfect the cage fronts, partitions, etc., and the wall, and whitewash the latter. Then put in new shelves, and use them only as shelves on which to place single or double breeding cages, as you may prefer, to recommence next season. If you really wish to attempt treatment, the best plan would be the Spartan one of turning them all into an open-air aviary to take what chances they possess. It would weed out the unfit more rapidly and allow you to select the fittest, which would naturally be the survivors, for future work. If treated indoors, the cage floors should be strewn with sanitary sawdust, and gritty sand provided in tins. Give a staple of plain canary seed supplemented with a fairly liberal supply of varied green food and freshly gathered wild seeds. Occasionally a little bread and milk, maw seed, or crushed dry biscuit food may be given as a variant. Every second week for a time add as much sulphate of soda and twenty drops of lemon juice to each drinker every second day, and when diarrhoea is troublesome, add to the water for a few days five drops each of dilute sulphuric acid and tincture of opium.

LOSS OF YOUNG (Anxious Enquirer).—The most likely cause of this trouble is some error in feeding, but you give no idea how you are feeding the youngsters when the trouble begins. I should imagine you take them off soft food too early or too suddenly. If you follow the system of feeding advised to "L.B.J." in last issue, and keep on the soft food daily in limited quantities as stated, until the young are six weeks old, and then only begin to withdraw it gradually, I do not think you will be troubled with this complaint. When cases actually arise, cage the birds alone in a moderate-sized cage; keep in an equable and cosy place, well ventilated but free from draughts, and give a diet of plain canary seed, with the addition of a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and a piece of bread and milk the size of a small walnut daily. For one day add half a teaspoonful of Fluid Magnesia to each ounce of drinking water, and afterwards substitute six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and three of tincture of opium daily for a week. Give no succulent greenstuff whilst the trouble lasts, but if any undue constipation occurs whilst giving the opium, omit it for a day and give in its place ten drops of syrup of buckthorn.

ON SOFT FOOD AT SEVEN WEEKS (G.H.T.).—Provided the birds are normally healthy they will take no harm by adhering to soft food so long. The time is really not so very late, as you say they do take rape and hemp. I presume they are caged separately from their parents. Place a supply of good sound canary in the hoppers. Each morning place on top of this a teaspoonful of dry summer rape for each four birds and more or less in proportion to number of birdsl in cage. Also give a heaped teaspoonful of soft food—not more than this quantity—each morning per four birds. In the afternoon throw out any remnants and add a similar quantity of cracked hemp. As soon as you see the birds are eating a moderate quantity of dry rape or canary, begin to drop the soft food by missing it once or twice a week and substituting a little soaked or scalded rape, and vary the hemp supply by substituting occasionally a mixture of equal parts hemp (not cracked), inga, millet, teazle, and broken groats, eventually reducing both items to a small teaspoonful per bird twice a week. For green food, give a limited supply of half-ripe plantain stalks, seedy heads of shepherd's purse, dandelion, or seedy chickweed, two or three times a week.

A TRIO (Ginger).—(1) To get an opinion as to cause of death that was worth anything, you should have sent the body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem. It is utterly useless amateurs opening up dead bodies and expecting anyone to give a reliable opinion from their description of the condition found therein. It appears to have been acute inflammation, but the cause of this I cannot speculate about. It might certainly have been due to a severe chill, but I doubt whether the grass seed was an equally likely cause. One thing seems pretty clear to me—that by giving two drops of castor oil at once to a bird in the condition described you hastened on the end. (2) The system I advise for feeding young birds after leaving the parents is the one given in detail to "L. B. J." under heading "Sleepy Babies" in last issue. (3) The fact of two six-weeks-old youngsters caged together being continually quarrelling does not necessarily mean they are both of the same sex, although they may quite possibly be two cocks. If caged separately they may soon decide this point by starting to warble challenges to each other.

WATERY EYES (Rita).—It is not necessarily infectious or contagious. Most likely a slightly inflamed condition which will quickly yield to bathing once a day with a lukewarm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid dissolved, or as much of it as will dissolve, in a saucerful of warm water. Use a small pledget of cotton wool for bathing, and do not wet plumage more than is unavoidable. See the bird does not hang in irritating fumes from burning lights, or a dust-laden atmosphere. As regards your other question, it is, on the whole, perhaps best for an inexperienced person to ask a chemist to perform the office of putting a hopelessly sick bird out of its misery with chloroform. Probably any chemist would do it for a very few coppers. Still, it is quite simple, so if you prefer seeing the job through yourself, here you are. Get a drachm of pure chloroform—considerably less suffices for a Canary, but as it is best in such a case to err on the side of thoroughness a novice should use this quantity—and a piece of cotton wool the size of a large hazel nut. Catch the bird and hold it securely in left hand with the thumb and forefinger holding the head securely so that it cannot turn its beak aside. Now pour chloroform on to the wool and completely swathe the beak and nostrils with it, and continue holding it in position for some little time after the sensation of collapse tells you that all is over. Then, to make doubly sure, wrap a scrap of paper round head to hold wool in position and lay body aside in this condition for a few minutes. If job is skilfully done, unconsciousness will take place in a few seconds, and death occur in about half a minute.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING YOUNG CANARY-BULLFINCHES (Good Luck).—Feed on insectile food as advised to (Constant Reader); it is undoubtedly the best for rearing Hybrids, but the Canary hen must be fed on it before the young arrive.

MOULTING CANARY-BULLIE (Bad Luck).—I would advise you to hand-wash the Hybrid hen to get rid of the grey lice, and place in a clean cage and hang in fresh position. The bird is evidently below par, and requires a course of chemical food or tonic, such as five drops of infusion of gentian in the drinking-water. As you are going to move in the autumn it would be as well to get her through the moult first. Partly cover her cage, and give saffron in the drinking water, but do not start her until she is better in health, or you may lose her. Sorry you have not had a successful season.

LINNET-CANARY (J. Binks).—Yes, you have time to get a brood of young ones from a Linnet and Canary providing the hen does not drop into moult. Feed them well on a mixed seed diet, with egg food and wild seeds. Let them bathe daily, giving the bath in the early morning, and removing as soon as used. Encourage the hen to go to nest by giving a nest pan and building materials. I presume you have had them flying together, so that they are quite used to each other: if not, try them, and if they do not settle down hang the Linnet in a cage close to the hen.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

MOULTING HYBRID (Constant Reader).—There is plenty of time yet to moult your Hybrid, and I see no reason to force it, but if he commences to drop feathers it would be as well to let him go through it. If you are anxious to get it over quickly cover him up and put saffron in his drinking water. Before you start him you must get him well on to colour food, the secret of good colour is to get it well into the blood before the bird moults. A little hot natal pepper mixed with the tasteless is supposed to improve the tint, and give a finer gloss to the feathers. Your British bird query should have been on a separate sheet of paper. Most judges agree that a Siskin is rather improved by being slightly colour fed. By your description he is evidently over-feeding, and his way of resting on the perch points to a little internal trouble. Give him sweetened bread and milk, made in the usual way, with the milk squeezed out; this should relieve him. Has he a large cage to exercise in, and do you give wild food?

CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLEFINCH (A.D., Kilsyth).—You have eggs from cock Chaffinch and hen Bramble, and have placed the eggs under a Canary. The best food to rear the young (if any) with any hope of success is a high grade insectile food. You should get your hen used to this before the young arrive. I would advise you to give her a small quantity each day while she is sitting, most hens eat it readily, and you should have no trouble. If the eggs hatch, add a small quantity of hard-boiled egg to the mixture, and in addition to this soft food give plenty of wild food, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, grass, etc., but only the seeding tops, as these are most likely to contain minute insect life that would be beneficial to the young. Hope you will be successful.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

DOVE'S EGGS AND INCUBATION (A Reader).—The incubation period with Doves is the same as with fowls—twenty-one days.

FAVOURITE THRUSH DEAD (F. G. Clifford). I am very sorry to hear of the death of your old favourite. The case was almost a hopeless one. When a bird gets into such a bad condition as was indicated in your original letter, there is usually very little hope of effecting a cure. All that may be done is to ease the trouble for a while, but the end is generally inevitable. Birds are very fragile creatures, and their little troubles should be taken in hand before they get to be big ones. We are always glad to advise, and hope you will not hesitate to write us immediately you fancy there is anything wrong with any bird you may get to replace your pet that is gone.

THRUSH FOODS (F. Hudson).—The first named food may be bought at most bird-dealers' or corn chandlers' shops where bird foods are sold. The others, we believe, are made by a local firm in Cardiff. You will find foods for the purpose advertised in our columns, and any of these will answer your requirements, especially if you add some extra "ants' eggs" and a little chopped hard boiled egg. You will, of course, give the bird live food of some sort, in addition to the stock food. Grubs of almost any kind, small caterpillars, spiders, house flies, garden worms, mealworms, gentles, etc. Also, if at all possible, give at least one snail a day. You may, at first, have to crack the shells of the snails, but the birds will soon learn to do this for themselves if you supply a good sized stone in the cage bottom. You should get Nutshell No. 26, "The Larger Insectivorous Birds," price twopence from your local dealer or newsagent, or twopence halfpenny, post free, from our publisher. This contains much information on the proper feeding of insectivorous birds.

TAMING A LINNET (W. R. R., Leytonstone).—Bird differ very much in disposition; some become tame and confiding in a very short time, others are constitutionally nervous, and their taming is a question of much time and patience. I fear your Linnet is one of these latter. Keep him in a box cage which is deep enough from front to back to allow him to get a certain amount of privacy when strangers are present. He should gradually get to learn that no harm comes to him from visitors any more than from his master. If you find he is particularly fond of some particular "tit-bit," or of any particular kind of seed, make a point of giving him a little as a treat every time you approach the cage. Unless he is so wild as to be likely to injure himself, you may bring him to a better frame of mind than his present one by placing his cage where members of your family are frequently passing, and if you adopt this proceeding you might do well to partially screen his cage by hanging some light material, such as a piece of muslin, over a portion of the front, removing this gradually as he gets tamer.

A REDPOLL THAT RETURNED (Bulldog).—It is possible that your Redpoll has been badly mobbed by Sparrows or other wild birds during his absence, and has been lucky to preserve his life by finding his way back. If this is the case, he should gradually recover from his injuries. You should let someone see the "yellowish lump which closes up one eye." If this is an incipient tumour it will probably gradually harden, and ultimately drop off. You cannot do better than bathe the inflamed eyes as you are doing. If the bird does not improve, and you will let us know, I shall be pleased to advise you further. Your feeding seems to be about right, but it would be as well to give a change from time to time. There is much useful information as to feeding, etc., contained in our Nutshell on "The Linnet," price 2d., from your local dealer or newsagent, or 2½d., post free, from our publisher.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London,* E.C.

YOUNG BIRDS AND FITS (Brabote).—It was very bad luck to lose your young birds after they had done so well. I think there is little doubt that the fits were caused by your exposing them to the sun, although the raw meat may have had something to do with it. Raw meat is a very undesirable food for small birds, and the diarrhoea with which you say the last survivor was affected, seems to have been a consequence of this. All the same, I think the sun was the main cause. Birds are very impatient of exposure to the direct rays of the sun, and are easily injured by such exposure.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

WHAT PARRAKEET? (Parraquet).—I think the birds you describe must be Quaker Parrakeets, but if you know your bird is not of this species, please repeat query with full details, and I will try and assist you further.

WHAT BIRD? (F.E.N., U.S.A.).—I think the bird of which you send part of a skin is a Purple Finch, and I do not think it is a probable hybrid breeder, but nothing is impossible to perseverance—Linnet, Twite, Redpoll, and Canary.

REASON THEY DON'T LIVE (J. Bridgman).—I cannot attempt to give you one on the information to hand. Repeat your query in full, and also describe your aviary, its aspects, etc., and state how you've been feeding and treating generally, and I hope then to be in a position to give you definite help.

WHAT BIRD? (R.S.B.).—I will look the matter up and give you a reply next week. It would help me if you would state how long it has been in your aviary, and the source from which you obtained it.

JAVA SPARROWS (J.T.H.).—(1) These birds have used in my aviary a small closed box with a hole in one side for entrance, rush nests, husks, Hartz travelling cages; there are few birds that are not fond of the latter. (2) Canary, white millet, and spray millet; also, in smaller quantities, oats, paddy rice. Greenfood, grit, and cuttlebone, with water, etc., must be regularly supplied. Supply hay, moss, and fine grass as nesting material. (3) They are alike in plumage, but the upper mandible of the male is much arched on the ridge or culmen; the beak of the female is narrower at the base, and more wedge-shaped than that of the male. Your cages are nice and roomy, and the birds ought to do well in them. Give your birds plenty of light and air, but do not subject them to draught.

SEXING BIRDS (Foreign Birds).—The plumatic distinctions of Pope Cardinals are almost nil, but all the hens I have possessed have been a wee bit smaller, and have had the grey feathers of the nape more mottled with white than those of the male. Bulbuls are a large family, and I can only speak generally. Choose a large brightly coloured bird, and one a wee bit smaller and less brilliant. This applies to very many of the species. Lovebirds would agree with Budgies in the aviary. The cock Blue-wing may be distinguished by the rich hue on the wings and lower back. The cock Madagascar has a grey head, the hen is all green. Nothing definite is known yet of the plumatic distinctions of Black-cheeked Lovebirds. The cock Red-headed may be told by the black underside of the wing, which is green in the hen. Fruit and live food, also a little soft food, as well as seeds, must be supplied for Cardinals and Bulbuls.

LEMON-CRESTED COCKATOO (J. Williams).—It is difficult to prescribe for such a case from a distance, and a vet. ought to see it. However, if you wish to treat it yourself, foment the swelling regularly with a hot decoction of camomile flowers; also, keep the bowels moving quite freely with occasional dose—one teaspoonful in drinking water—of Dinneford's Magnesia. If the skin is unbroken, then after the fomenting paint the swelling with tincture of iodine, or if the skin be broken, anoint with some healing ointment, and do not paint with iodine till skin has healed. I should also give hypo-phosphates (half teaspoonful in drinking water) two or three times a week. Seed mixture: One quart each Canary seed, hemp and oats; one pint each maize, sunflower, and paddy rice; half a pint each white millet, shelled nuts, dari, and wheat, well mix and keep supply in the cage. Also supply regularly ripe fruit, greenfood, plain biscuit, piece of dry potato, raw carrot, and keep cuttlebone and grit continually in the cage.

JAVA SPARROWS, ETC. (Thos. Wiliamson).—Grey Java Sparrows have been bred in captivity many times, but they are not so ready to go to nest as the white variety, and if you put two Grey cocks and two White hens in the aviary together, and leave them to follow their own course, young will follow in due course, and the progeny can be allowed to mate among themselves. The bulk of the progeny from the crossed varieties would be pure Greys; what few white birds are reared are usually very handsome. Give your Waxbills unlimited greenfood and fresh air, without draught, encourage bathing, and keep up a liberal supply of spray millet as well as canary and white millet. Keep their bowels moving freely, not watery loose, with occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water, and two or three times a week put half a teaspoonful of hypo-phosphates in the drinking water. Report progress a month hence.

BUDGERIGARS, &c. (E. G. B.).—I do not think either Budgerigars or Madagascar Lovebirds would crossmate if they had mates of their own species, so if you keep sexes equal of the respective species I do not think you need fear any "mesalliance." I have had a young Budgerigar-Madagascar Lovebird hatched and although it lived to leave the nest, it did not live long enough to fend for itself, but the young bird was the result of the crossmating of odd birds having no mates available of their own species.

CARDINALS NOT LAYING IN NEST-BOX (Cardinal).—I am afraid you can do nothing in the matter, and I fear there is small prospect of these birds successfully breeding in a cage. They are none too easy to breed in roomy aviaries, owing principally to the fact that for the first seven days they feed almost entirely on live food. Of course, breeding them in a cage is not impossible, but, it certainly is unlikely, and I fear that having supplied them with a nest-box, all you can do is to leave them to their own devices, and, if any young should be hatched out, to supply live ants' eggs, well scoured gentles, and mealworms liberally, and the unexpected may happen, as it very frequently does in aviculture. In addition to live insects, keep a piece of some kind of ripe fruit in the cage; also the usual seeds and greenfood.

CANARIES REARING FOREIGN FINCHES. (F. E. N.).—There is no reason why Canaries should not rear many kinds of Finches, but there are some of the fledglings of Foreign species which have bright spots and bars in and about the gape, and this might scare the Canaries. Again, while Canaries ought to rear Zebra Finches, the method of the young Zebras backing away from their parents when about to be fed, followed by their wild squalling for food, is so startingly different to the customs of young Canaries that from this cause the Canaries might refuse to feed. Apart from such considerations, Canaries ought to rear such as Bengalese, Silverbills, any of the Serins, Zebra and Ribbon Finches, and also very probably Cordon Bleus and Firefinches. I am afraid advertising for eggs would not be a success, and I consider your best means would be to find out some local keeper of Foreign Finches, and ask him to assist you in making the experiment, making some reciprocal arrangement if the experiment proved a success. Certainly an advert. might put you into communication with such.

CAN IT BE USED FOR AVIARY? (W.B.).—Yes, and should prove a success. It appears to me that the simplest way to convert it would be to use the building as it stands as a shelter, covering all glass on the inside, and also the gratings, with half-inch mesh wire netting, and erect an all-wire netting flight in front of the shelter and plant same with evergreens, creepers, and turf part of it. A flight 8ft. or more wide on the S.W. front would make it into quite a useful and practical aviary at very small cost. In such an aviary many species should build and thrive, especially as the shelter would be roomy enough to shut the birds up in during the worst periods of the English winter. If you care to send me, per editor, a diagram (enclosing an addressed envelope for reply), showing aspect and giving an idea of available ground adjoining the shed, I will mark up the diagram as to best means to use, as it appears to me, and return it to you.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet St., London, E.C.*

AN AILING GREY PARROT (T.H.S.).—So far as I can gather there is nothing seriously wrong with bird, though the present conditions may so end if not checked. Give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a month, and on other days, that is, when not giving the magnesia, but half a teaspoonful of Hypo-phosphates in the drinking water, allowing clean water one day per week. Also several times weekly give a little honey and borax in whatever way you can get the bird to take it, either by letting it suck it from the end of a stick or by taking advantage of opportunity and putting a stick in its mouth which is smeared with same. Of course, if the bird is quite tame and allows itself to be handled you will easily be able to contrive some means to administer it without distressing the bird. In lieu of the present seed mixture, give the following: One quart each canary and white millet seeds, one pint each oats, paddy rice and hemp, half-a-pint each dari, wheat, sunflower, shelled nuts, and a few chillies. Well mix and keep supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit (any kind it will take) regularly, plain biscuit, small piece of Madeira or sponge cake, and green food. Cuttlebone and grit must be continually in the cage. If more serious symptoms supervene, write again at once; otherwise, report progress in a month.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aintree F.S.—July 9, new headquarters, St. Mary's Hall (adjoining Walton Church). General and N.F. show. Birds staged 7.30. Mr. R. Algie (Bootle) judge. Classes for all varieties, including two for Foreign birds. Team specials in each section. Members will oblige by making entries early. Fanciers cordially invited.—J. A. Anderson.

Anfield Everton C.B.S.—July 8, Prince Hotel, Moss Street, 8.30. General meeting. Final arrangements for F.F. show. Subs due.—Redpath and Walker.

Ayr C.B.C.—July 8, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. Arrangements for N.F. show; other important business.—R. Aitken.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—July 9, Headquarters, 7.30. F.F. and British bird show. Judge, Mr. W. Swaysland. Schedules have been sent to all members; any overlooked kindly apply to hon. sec., 19, Bond Street. Committee meeting during evening.—Will H. Gibb.

Bolton C.B.S.—July 8, Star and Garter, 8.30. Business very important.—J. Gerrard.

Bargoed C.B.S.—July 8, Parker's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. To receive entries for show, July 10. Mr. E. Powell, Tredegar, judge. Birds staged 6.—E. J. Chisholm.

Barnet F. & F.—July 2, 35, Wood Street, 8.30. Table show and lecture on poultry. Judge and lecturer, Mr. A. J. Wills.—W. J. Cartwright.

Barnsley C.B.S.—July 5, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. See letter of appeal in Correspondence.—F. C. Sims.

Barrow C.B.A.—July 7, Gardner and Rickard, 7.30. close of entries for N.F. show.—A. Hudson.

Birmingham South O.S.—July 9, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Pay prize money and specials first show. Arrange 2nd show business.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Roller C.S.—July 8, Joiner's Arms, 8. Judges and show business.—J. Kilshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 5, Victoria Hall. Members' Y.B. show. Birds staged 2.30. Entries on Friday night, 8 to 10. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves.—H. Bryant.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—July 5, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. N.F. show; meeting after show, and prize money paid.—Robt. Ward.

Chopwell C.B.S.—July 5, Club Hall, 6.30. Schedule and patronages.—W. Tomlinson.

Cumnock C.B.S.—July 12, Ramble on Sorn Estate, Kindly granted permission by Mr. Thos. McIntyre. Meet at Auchinleck Station Road end, proceed by Sorn Road, and will be met at Sorn Mill Bridge by Mr. Dale.—A. Wyper.

No time stated.—Ed.]

Dewsbury C.B.S.—July 5, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show business and other important business.—L. Barker.

Doncaster C.B.S.—July 12, Black Bull, 7.30. Arrange for show at Woodlands, Aug. 4, and other important business.—G. Hunt.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 5, Fountain Inn, 8. Business of vital importance. Members please attend; very urgent.—S. Wilcock.

Farnworth C.B.S.—July 9, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Business important.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. & F.S.—July 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Paying of prize money and other business.—G. Garbutt.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Question night. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

Glasgow, W. of Scotland O.S.—July 5, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 4. F.F. show. Crests 4 classes; Plainheads 4, Yorks. 4, Bord. 5. Judge, Mr. E. Barron.—W. Hutchison.

Great Horton O.S.—July 5, Butcher's Arms, 3. Also members' show. Birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey.—J. Holroyd.

Hanley C.B.S.—July 9, Headquarters, 8. Nest Feather, and open shows.—C. J. Robinson.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—July 8, headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8.—R. W. Ford.

Halifax O.S.—July 5, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting, also lecture on colour-feeding and discussion.—H. Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 7, White Hart Hotel, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show.—A. Lawford.

Islington F.A.—July 7, Congregational Schoolroom, Warlters Rd., Holloway, N., 8.30. Making arrangements for members' show, July 12; and other very important business.—H. A. Brown.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 8, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Selecting stewards for show.—C. W. Town.

Kent County C.B.A.—July 9, 36a, Snargate Street, 8. Patronage, general.—H. Wood.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 5, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 5, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary. Young bird show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). Show open 4.30 to 7; admission 2d.—W. A. Wilson.

Leyton C.B.A.—July 7, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 8. Lecture on British Birds by Mr. A. J. Marley. All fanciers invited.—Forse Bros.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 9, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.30. Entries taken for N.F. show, also subs. Orders received for colour food.—J. Cook.

Lancaster C.B.S.—July 5, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. J. Bostock.

Laisterdyke Bowling and Tong Combination.—July 5, Railway Hotel, 2. F.F. show. Judges, Messrs. F. Self, Clayton, and H. H. Clark, Dudley Hill. Entries Friday night, 8 to 10.30, or first post Saturday, to secretary's address. Special for best bird 2s. 6d., most entries 2s. 6d.—J. E. Hudson, 95, Brompton Road, Bowling, Bradford.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 6. Annual outing. Meet G.C. Station, 9.45. A. Frestone.

Longton C.B.S.—July 8, Roe Buck Hotel, 8. Settle up specials and prize money. Discussion on ramble and other business.—P. E. Barker.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—July 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Nomination of show manager, payment of prize money, etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 5, Headquarters, 8. Important business.—H. Grange.

Middlesbro' and Teeside C.B.S.—July 12, Crown Hotel, 2.30. F.F. show.—Arthur Wake.

Middlesex O.S.—July 11, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Y.B. show. Entries close July 7. Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—J. Jefferis.

Northern Bord. and S.F.C.C.—July 7, Pillar's Cafe, 8. Table show, 4 classes each section yellow, buff, green, and cinn.—M. C. Potts.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—July 8, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Final arrangements for F.F. show, July 12, and discuss "Cage Birds" World's Championship competition.—J. G. Royce.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 8, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Prize cards given and orders taken for colour feed.—J. Davey.

Oldham and C.B.A.—July 8, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business, etc.—James Cope.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—July 9, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Allotment of specials and final F.F. show business.—Fred Washbourne.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—July 7, Church House, 8. Show business.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—July 7, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business. Allotting specials, etc.—D. Raistrick.

Rochdale O.C.—July 7, Club Rooms, 8.30. Half-yearly meeting and F.F. show business.—R. Blincoe.

Sheffield O.S.—July 5, Foresters' Hall, Trippet Lane. N.F. show. Doors open at 4; admission 3d.—E. C. Job.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—July 8, Victoria Hotel, 8.; important.—F. Drake.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—July 7, headquarters, 7.45. Final arrangements for F.F. show. Also discuss "Cage Birds" Championship scheme.—W. Broadbridge.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—July 7, headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, 7.30. Half-yearly reports. Second N.F. show business.—J. T. Cheetham.

South London Col. and F.A.—July 10, headquarters, 8. General meeting.—Geo. F. Crawford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 6, headquarters, 8.—J. Bamford.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—July 5, Reid Hall, 8. F.F. show.—J. Waugh.

S. Shields C.B.S.—July 5, Cyprus, 7.30. Young bird show.—W. L. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 7, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Pay prize money, consider "Cage Birds" Championship scheme, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Stanley Vic. Club F.F. & C.B.S.—July 6, Victoria Club, 10.30 a.m. Trip and other important business.—R. Peart.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 5, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30 p.m. To consider classifications of clubs giving patronage to our open show. Arrangements for another ramble. Subs. due and should be paid on or before July 19.—John Peacock.

Swansea C.B.S.—July 5, Bush Hotel, High Street. F.F. show. Birds staged 2.30. Entrance fee 6d Judge, Mr. J. Hockings.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—July 8, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45 Open show.—W. Walker.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—July 9, headquarters.—E. Richards.

[No time stated.—Ed.]

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—July 5, club, 7. Final arrangements for N.F. show.—H. Briggs.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 5, Public Hall, Alexandria, 2. F.F. show and other business.—A. H. McLean.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—July 10, Duke of York, 8.15. Fixing up number of classes for N.F. cup show, and alteration of rules.—J. Gibbons.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—July 7, Elephant and Castle Inn, 7.30.—H. Roebuck.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—July 9, Station Hotel, 7.30. N.F.S. business. Members please write for schedules or attend meeting.—M. Wigglesworth.

Walkley C.B.S.—July 10, Mission Rooms, Westmorland Street, 8. Table show young birds. Ten classes. All welcome.—A. Lawton.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 5, Horse and Groom Inn, 8 Business important.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for members' show and ordinary business.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wood Green F.F.A.—July 8, Assembly Rooms, 8.30. Table show, pigeons. Judge, W. Fellowes. Silver spoon best. All fanciers welcome.—T. Callegari.

Yorkshire C. & C.B.S. of Ireland.—July 7, 47, York Street, Dublin, 8. Lecture on mating by W. C. Sholedice, Esq.—C. Lattimore.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

C. Lattimore.—We could not discover any specimen in your letter; did you forget to enclose it?

Ignorant.—If the matter were left to a judge to decide, in all probability he would hold that, as no specified period was agreed upon, the parties were bound by the approval period commonly in use, viz., 48 hours (vide the rules of the Fancy Press). Much depends upon the circumstances, however; for instance, whether you at once notified the sender that the Roller was suffering from cold and that in consequence you were unable to judge of its singing abilities; also what the owner of the bird said in reply.

Once Bit, Twice Shy.—Write to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., Printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.; enclose two penny stamps and ask them to send you a copy of the latest Wild Bird Act for Nottinghamshire. This answer applies to any county or borough; Messrs. Wyman are the official (Government) printers, and any desired local Act can be obtained from them at one penny each, plus postage. You would also find the "Catchers' Guide," (published by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N., price 7d., post free) very useful to you.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. G. B.—Septic Peritonitis, due to infection from the oviduct. Cause, retention of soft shelled egg, due to inertia or lack of tone in the muscular walls of the oviduct. Too close confinement, lack of sufficeint exercise, all predispose. Give your birds a good tonic, such as Sympus Glycerophosphates, containing strychnine, prepared by Messrs. Allen and Hanbury, in 5 drop doses daily in drinking water as a preventive.

C. Derbyshire.—Ptomaine poisoning, brought about by ptomaine poisons generated in the food.

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Members have had such a poor breeding season that we have to abandon our F.F. Show, arranged for July 5.—W. Hall, Hon. Sec., Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

Rochdale Good Intent in the Dumps.

Several members have no young birds; others only a few. The complaints seem general throughout the country.

Wm. Adams, Hon. Sec.

Excellent at Portsmouth.

We hear from Messrs. King and Joiner, hon. sec., Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S., that members have been so successful that the F.F. Show has closed with 166 entries, a record for the society.

Country Rambles

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

On June 28, some 14 members and friends had a picnic to Clitheroe, where we were met by Mr. J. Southworth, the genial secretary of Clitheroe C.B.S., who acted as guide. We were taken around the district in a wagonette, Mr. Southworth pointing out the various places of interest. We arrived back at the Station Hotel, Clitheroe, ready for the splendid dinner provided for us by Mr. W. H. Whipp, to which we did justice. Afterwards we visited the birdroom of Mr. Southworth, and saw some promising young Norwich. He informs me that they are very short of Yorkshire fanciers—a section we are strong in. Then we had a ramble through the fields along the Ribble Valley—a splendid sight indeed. We caught the 8.17 train for Manchester, where we arrived at 10.15. It was the opinion of all that it was the best outing we had ever had, and I tender to Mr. Southworth our best thanks for his services as guide.—John Davey, Hon. Sec.

SUNDNDERLAND C.B.A.

Members had a ramble to Corbridge, June 14. The weather was all that could be desired. Arriving at Corbridge, we made straight for the woods, and were soon amongst the wild flowers in full bloom, with the birds flitting about everywhere. We soon got to business, and a nest with four young Blackbirds was found. A little further on we discovered four Thrushes' nests, each with four eggs. On approaching another nest several young Chaffinches flew out, quickly followed by one of the parent birds. A Titlark's nest was next found with eggs in, and the most remarkable thing was that the nest was lying on the short grass in the open, without any cover whatever. We next saw two partridges' nests, each with ten eggs, and further on several Chaffinches' nests, generally with three or four eggs. During the afternoon we saw a pair of Titlarks only just building. Mr. J. M. Walker took his camera, and obtained several interesting pictures. We had a new fancier with us, and also a Linnet fancier, who, naturally, would have enjoyed being among the Linnets, but this, I think, was his only disappointment. After having enjoyed a capital tea, we took it easy until train time, and eventually arrived home at about eleven. Although this was our second visit to Corbridge within a fortnight, we have decided to have a third, so fine is that particular district, and so thoroughly has it been enjoyed by all. In closing, might I ask the following question: Who it was (while travelling in the train) explained to the judge of our nest feather show, the various points and marks of his birds, and then forget to show them!—J. Peacock, Assist. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Memorable Visit to the Renowned Collection of a Lady Aviculturist.

About twenty members had a lovely outing on June 25, when, by the kind permission of Mrs. Noble, a visit was made to Park Place, Henley-on-Thames. Leaving Reading about 2,30, the journey was made by Emms Green and Binfield, a splendid ride through country lanes, with hedgerows covered with wild roses and blossoms of all sorts. On arrival, Mr. Timms took charge of us, and conducted us through the aviaries, where we saw a splendid collection of birds, numbering about 300, one and all in grand condition. Amongst them we soon spotted a perfect Greenfinch, one of the finest we had ever seen, and Mr. Yates, who was with us, is not a bad judge of British. In the same aviary with a lovely collection of small foreigners was a pair of pied Blackbirds, with young in the nest, but too young to show their plumage, also a pair of Bleeding-heart Pigeons with a nest of eggs. Descending the terrace, we found some more aviaries containing mixed collections, amongst them being Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Pheasants, Doves, and Pigeons, and a rare hybrid was seen here between a Pigeon and Turtle-dove, believed to be the only one in England. Further on was a magnificent Magpie in perfect condition. A fine pair of Ceram Lories were seen, also a Blue Sugarbird and Hangnests. Leaving these, we started for the lake, on our way finding a very large pair of Lemon-crested Cockatoos in a large aviary by themselves. Several amusing tales were told about these two, and members had a rare job to tear themselves away from them, but eventually the lake was reached, and a very valuable collection of Fancy Waterfowl were seen. As it was feeding time, we had a grand view. Mr. Timms then handed us over to the care of Mr. Stanton, who took us through the greenhouses, explaining the specially interesting plants as he went along. Then through the magnificently laid out grounds, where we had at one spot a view of seven counties. Time being up, we had to say goodbye to Mr. Timms and Mr. Stanton, and get back to tea. Here we had another pleasant surprise, when we found tea laid out on the lawn under the trees, which made it doubly acceptable. Coming home, we changed our route, and went by Wargrave and Twyford, having a good view of the houseboats, etc., on the way. We arrived home about 9.30, after a really enjoyable day. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Noble for her kindness, also to Mr. Timms and Mr. Stanton for taking such pains to make our visit agreeable, and I can assure them it was greatly appreciated.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

Shall the Barnsley and District C.B.S. Flourish or Die?

Sir,—A meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday next, July 5, at headquarters, the Clarence Hotel, at 7.30 p.m., to consider the affairs, and decide as to what shall be done, for we cannot get any meetings. We have had two meetings in six months! We cannot go on like this. I would like to ask each member if he thinks it fair and honourable to our worthy chairman, and myself, and the few members that do turn up to these meetings. I appeal to every member to make a special effort to attend and express his views as to what shall be done. I think members will agree with me that it's high time some definite decision was arrived at.

F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

A Cat that Makes Friends with the Birds.

Sir,—Mr. Fulljames' reference in Cage Birds League notes recently to a trusty old feline friend of his which kept his room clear from mice, reminded me of a similarly valuable ally of my own, who was absolutely trustworthy with birds, either in or out of cages indoors, provided only that any new addition was introduced to him, so to speak, before being allowed to fly out of its cage, so that he was in a sense familiar with its appearance. The enclosed photograph, which shows him with one of his feathered companions, is an enlarged detail of a photo, in which this "unmatched pair" were sitting on the shoulder of yours truly, who, as you may guess, is quite too retiring to appear; therefore, that part has been "touched out." But the cat and the bird, I assure you, are absolutely untouched, and unfaked in any way whatever.

Claude St. John.

(The photograph will be found on page 549.—Ed.)

Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League Making Great Progress.

A Record Donation.

Sir,—Members and all well-wishers will be glad to know that this society has just received a very large donation from a distinguished nobleman; probably the largest ever given to any cage-bird society. In addition to the list of promised donations, previously notified in the report of the Society's first meeting, I am glad to also be able to acknowledge two guineas from A. Ezra, Esq., 10s. 6d. from Rev. G. H. Raynor and 10s. 6d. from Miss Lydia Clare. Two medals have also been kindly promised by Mr. Collingbourne.

Allen Silver, Hon. Sec.

303, Streatham High Rd., S.W.

The Future of Sale C.B.S. Now Assured.

Sir,—My appeal to the members of Sale C.B. Society, I am pleased to say resulted in a record meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the Society should continue, but owing to the bad breeding results not to hold any first feather show, but to wait and make our open show one of the best in the North of England. A committee meeting will be held in due course to consider Cage Birds. Prize Scheme, also to appoint judges for open show. I think we have got over our troublesome time, as every member seemed determined to do his best in the future. Several specials were promised for open show. Thanking you for your kindness in publishing the appeal and wishing Cage Birds every success.

Horace Whitney, Assist. Sec.

10, Brook St., Sale.

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Birds as Distributors of Weed Seeds.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Weston's notes of last week, my investigations convince me that if the sterilisation of the soil has been thorough and droppings have been obtained from a source which precludes any possibility of seeds being included which did not properly form a part of same, there will be no germination. My method was to run birds overnight into a thoroughly clean cage, having a sheet of paper in lieu of sand tray, and get droppings from same. I had previously given the birds a good supply of various wild seeds. The excreta I sowed in a pot containing soil which had been subjected to a temperature of 212 deg. F. for four hours, covering the same with a bell glass, and the only growths to make appearance were moss and fungus, the former probably having its origin in the water supplied (I supplied moisture by capillary attraction from a spring supply). The fungus, I think, had its origin in the pot, as I neglected to sterilise it, and the fungoid growth was confined to the sides of the pot. That birds can distribute fruit-bearing plants I am quite convinced, the regurgitated pips of briar, yew, hawthorn, mistletoe, wild-cherry, etc., being quite unimpaired by the short retention in the crop necessary to assimilate the fleshy covering. I, however, prefer to submit contents of crops of the various species and at various seasons, to a microscopic examination as being the most definite method of ascertaining the the food partaken of. Of course, I endeavoured to find the value of such foods, as I am firmly convinced that though certain foods may be largely partaken of, and are suitable to birds in a state of liberty, such foods (both seeds and insects) may be quite unsuitable to such birds in confinement. I am supported in that contention by the fact that in many instances the captive birds refuse to eat them, the earth-worm being often rejected by species which in freedom devour fathoms thereof. I hope to publish the results of my experiments when I have concluded same, and as I am likely to give the faddists some home thrusts, I am taking the precaution of having a reliable witness.

In conclusion, can any of those who believe that birds distribute weeds explain how islands only separated by fifty or sixty miles of water can possess a distinct Botanical group, despite identical conditions of soil, temperature, and elevation? I append a table copied from Darwin's "Voyage of the Beagle," dealing with the Botany of the various islands of the Galapagos Archipelago, and which, in view of their proximity, negatives the theory advanced by Mr. W. E. Collinge of birds being seed distributors. That they might convey weeds by particles adhering to their bodies is quite feasible, that being the only method whereby newly-made ponds become stocked with fish.

J. Steel.

Dalkeith.

Botanical species of islands of Galapagos Archipelago.

Name of Island.	Total No. of species.	No. found in more than one Island.	No. confined to one Island.
James Island ...	71	8	30
Albemarle Island	46	4	22
Chatham Island ..	32	4	12
Charles Island ...	63	8	21

Another Case of "Twin" Canaries.

Six Youngsters from Five Eggs.

Sir,—A pair of Yorkshire Canaries of mine hatched four young from four eggs on April 21, and reared same. On June 3, the same pair had five eggs, and from the five eggs six fine strong healthy young birds were hatched. Two of the young are a little smaller than the other four, but up to date all are doing well and ready to leave the parents. I may say I always test every nest of eggs the day before they are due, and on this occasion I had between my own finger and thumb the five eggs from which were hatched the six young. The following morning I was feeding my birds at five o'clock, and I saw that only two of the eggs remained to hatch, and never troubled any more about the remaining eggs, as I knew they would be all right. But, to my surprise, after eight days it was found by my wife that six young birds were in the nest. I was so much surprised at her statement that I had not time to have my dinner until I had solved the mystery for myself. On going to my bird-room and taking out the nest, I counted six. At first I thought my eyes had surely deceived me, but it remains true. I am certain no other egg was placed under my hen, nor any young bird from any other brood, as my nest broods are 5 and 4 in number and 9 days younger than the above mentioned. I may state that the parents are a pair of birds I purchased from Mr. L. Dykes, of Bradford, early in this season. After the hen had laid her third egg I ran the cock bird with another hen. She has now three fine young from four eggs. If any other breeder has had the same experience will he kindly say so through Cage Birds.—I wish Cage Birds every success.

E. O. Ashbridge.

[We have on a number of occasions notified the birth of "twin" Canaries; see also other letters this week.—Editor.]

How Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids were Bred.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. D. E. Alexander I may state this can hardly be called a new cross, although I think he is perfectly correct when he says that up to the present there is no record of one of this cross appearing on the show bench. I obtained one youngster of this cross in July, 1911, an article on which was written by Mr. Rosslyn Mannering. This young one died when only one day old. Then my hen Twite died sitting on five eggs. She laid fifteen eggs in all that year, reared a nest of Twites and died, I feel sure from either grief or jealousy. I had them in a three compartment, breeding cage, and I ran the Goldie to a hen Canary in full view of the Twite, and I found her dead one morning sitting on the nest of eggs, after appearing to be in the best of health the day before. Last year, 1912, I also obtained one young from this cross, which lived fourteen days. The same Goldie was used, and a 1911 young hen Twite caught when just able to fly. This year I have one young one from the same pair, hatched on June 18, so I see Mr. Alexander is ahead of me, but it is through my sheer ill luck. I had one hatch out on the last day of May, which died on the 4th of June and now I have a hen Canary sitting on five eggs from the same pair, due out on July 7. My birds are in cages and the hen Twite will not go to nest in anything but an ordinary Norwich nest box. If I take that away and put in anything else she will merely carry stuff into a corner of her cage and build a nest there. The other one which died would only build in a Roller travelling cage, with grass woven closely in and out between the bars. She would not use an old nest, but build her own, and would only take "Charpie," although I gave her plenty of stuff to choose from. All my hen Britishers will feed from my hand. I have seen several notes lately on the size of cages, and here I think a mistake is made. Please do not think I am an advocate for those miserable things termed back cages: far from it, as the smallest cage I use is 16 x 12 x 9 outside measure. On the other hand, if fanciers used cages and had them a little on the small side (mine are all double compartment cages 32 x 16 x 10) I think far more Hybrids would be obtained. Keep the birds in these all the winter, and let them run together all the time: most important point of all, only keep "kind" birds. If fresh caught birds will not stand on the perch within ten days whilst I put in a bit of choice green food they are known to feed on between the bars, out she or he goes, as there are plenty to be obtained. There seem always some who try to break a wing or leg as quickly as possible! My young one is coming on nicely, but is very much darker than a Greypate; in fact, his head is almost jet black. If you think it would be of any interest I will let you know later if I am successful in rearing this one, or more. Just one word on grass before I conclude, I was really delighted to see Mr. Weston's notes on grass, as I use plenty of it, and don't stop to find out which is which when I am picking it, but just gather it anyhow and use it for Britishers and Canaries, young and old. I am also going in for the Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, and (possibly a forlorn hope) Chaffinch-Bullfinch. I should like to hear more from Mr. Alexander.

Kinsale, Co. Cork. E. Southwood

Sir,—Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids have been bred by a coastguard employed at the Kinsale light-house. He bred last year a Goldfinch-Twite Hybrid, but lost same when ten days' old. This year he has successfully reared another Goldfinch-Twite in an ordinary Canary breeding cage, which I hope to have the pleasure of seeing soon, and will report on later. Last year's bird has been preserved and I, believe, identified by an expert to be a genuine Goldie-Twite Hybrid.

E. Carroll Dawson.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

More "Mules" Bred from a Linnet Mule.

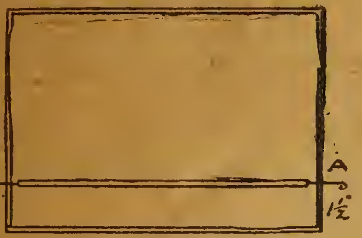
Sir,—Kindly insert in Cage Birds that young birds have been bred from a Linnet Mule at Tyldesley. I have had four young ones from four eggs, but one died when 2 days old. The other three are doing well at the time I am writing, and are 3 weeks old on June 26. Two are dark, and one is a clear. I should like to know if there is a name other than Mules for these young birds.

F. Kennedy.

[We trust our correspondent is quite satisfied that the parentage of the young birds is as stated. We do not know whether he is experienced in Mule breeding; or whether the birds have been seen by anyone who is expert in such matters.—Editor.]

The Fixing of Front Perches in Box Cages.

Sir,—I enclose sketch showing the method I use in fixing the front perch in box cages. First I cut the perch about a quarter-inch less than cage, and then drill a hole in each side of cage where perch is to be fixed, and a hole in each end of perch about an inch deep. Then I get two pieces of cage wire and bend as shown in sketch (A). My reason for having perch smaller than cage is that it is much easier to re-fix after being taken out for cleaning purposes and does not encourage red mite as it would if it fitted close to sides of cage. Hoping my method will be of use to readers of Cage Birds.



S. Sneyd.

Novice Border Fancy Classes in the South.

Sir.—I am pleased to hear that Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. leads the way for the novices. They pay the best; as a rule 40 entries in a class. They can always give a £1 away for £2, which helps to pay for the professional, 8 or 9 in a class. It takes a good bird to win in a novice class, and a good man in the professional. All novices should see what novice classes there are for them in their society, before paying their subscriptions. Specialist clubs want as many classes as possible, but if a class does not pay, they won't pay the balance to that society. I see in the Fancy Press (if I am right) that Blaydon and Chester-le-Street have not got the patronage of a Norwich club, novices should join Blaydon and Chester-le-Street, also Wallsend. These societies will not regret it if they put on novice classes; they pay well, and especially when they have not the club patronage. I am going to try, if I can spare time before the show season comes round to make a schedule of all societies for novices, which will enable all novices at a glance to exhibit at the best shows. Either I shall publish it, or do so through the Fancy Press, which will save societies' postage, if I can get the old schedules and catalogues of the undermentioned shows: Portsmouth, Bradford National, Scottish National, Sheffield and District, Crystal Palace, Glasgow City, and others.

T. W. Lumsden.

7, St. Thomas Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A Chance for Makers of Show Staging.

Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you would inquire through the medium of Cage Birds for a maker of patent collapsible staging; or, in fact, any kind of staging suitable for a cage bird show. The Bradford National Show Committee are desirous of acquiring suitable staging for our next annual show on Dec. 5, 6, and 8 next. Any information on this question will be heartily welcomed by me.

H. Hill, Show Sec.

15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane,
Little Horton, Bradford.

Hybrids from the Cock Bullfinch.

Sir,—Please say if there have been any Mules bred from a cock Bullfinch and a hen Canary, as I have always understood that it is impossible to get youngsters from this cross, but a friend tells me that they are very common this season.

B. C.

[Possibly the friend is thinking of Hybrids between a hen Bullfinch and a cock Canary; these are fairly common. Hybrids from the cock Bullfinch we do not seem to be able to get.—Editor.]

Deformed Claws.

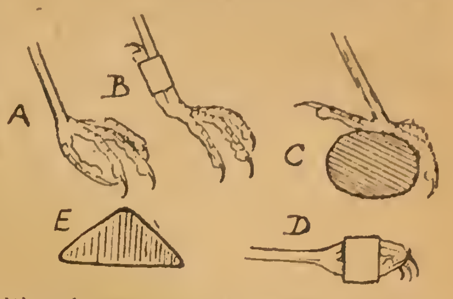
Some Likely Methods of Dealing with an Annoying Trouble.

There appears to have been an unusual number of birds hatched this season which have developed, or been born with, deformed hind claws. Where the hind claw takes a forward position, as "A" in the sketch, the deformity is not very difficult to deal with. A piece of rubber tubing passed over the front claws and left over the hind claw and leg, as at "B," will, if worn for a few days, generally effect a cure (or even court plaster bound round will answer).

A Serious Defect.

The "slip" claw, as shown at "C," is a more serious matter. The bird is quite unable to grip the perch, and the foot is consequently continually slipping off it. Sometimes one can effect a cure by binding all the claws together as at "D," keeping them in that position for a few days, and then, when they are released, substituting small round perches for the usual oval ones, or the type of perch shown at "E," which has been highly spoken of in this connection. Although this matter of dealing with the "slip" claw is frequently effective, it is not an absolutely reliable cure, and such a one has yet to be found. As a proof of this we frequently see birds deformed in this manner used for breeding purposes in fanciers' rooms, and occasionally see them on the show bench. A good deal depends upon the trouble being dealt with at the earliest possible moment.

It has been suggested that inbreeding has possibly something to do with it, but although young birds are frequently hatched deformed in some way when very closely inbred, I feel convinced that the cause of the "slip" claw must be sought for in some other direction. The only case occurring in my own bird room within the last five years was that of a young bird bred from parents quite unrelated.



H. Norman.

Two Lots of "Twins" in One Nest.

Sir,—A neighbour of mine has had 4 young Canaries in one nest of two eggs. I don't know if this is a record or not.

Belfast. Thomas Williamson.

Why the Blackbird Had a White Head.

Sir,—As the subject of albinism is so interesting, I send you the following, which was recently forwarded by Francis Heatherley to "Country Life": "My friend, Mrs. Judd, of Oxton, Birkenhead, who keeps a breakfast table, tells me that one year a constant visitor was a Blackbird with a bald head. This bird was doubly identified by also having a crippled foot. The following year a constant visitor was a white-headed Blackbird with a crippled foot as noticed before. This is interesting, because in the human subject baldness, due to parasitic disease of the scalp, is sometimes followed by a temporary growth of white hair."

Miss T. Moore.

The Third Time Paid for All.

Sir,—I got a great surprise on Friday night to see my bird flourishing on the front page of my paper. I thank you very much for your kindness. This was the third time I had shown birds at the Scottish National Show. The first they were put on the top shelf, the second I got a third prize and a commended card; the third time (this year) I was more successful, as I got a first. He was the best first prize bird in the four unflighted classes, and he won Hyde's teapot. I think that is not bad for a novice in his third year in the Fancy. I have gained a lot of knowledge through your paper, Cage Birds, and Cage Birds Annual, and wish you every success.

John Nelson.

SOMETHING ABOUT MY NIGHTINGALES.

By
W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A
(Teignmouth).

(Continued from page 505.)

THE following morning Tom looked all right, but refused a mealworm—a thing he had never done before within my recollection. I said—"What's wrong, Tom?" but, instead of replying, Tom gasped and shut his eyes; his chest heaved convulsively; then he called out "Steward!" and up came a very nasty looking object. It was the original piece of millet-spray, but densely coated with slime. Then Tom looked meaningly at me with his bright eye, as who should say—"Now you will understand, my boy, that I was swabbing out my crop—and I'll trouble you for that mealworm." He got it.

Specifics For Digestive Troubles.

If you have any insectivorous bird at all out of sorts from digestive troubles, reader, just throw down half a handful of millet seed husk before it, and I think you will find that it will take some, and greatly benefit by it; Wagtails will swallow a quantity. Every animal probably has certain remedies, certain antidotes, certain dodges for aiding digestion. Some snakes swallow stones, crocodiles swallow large stones; the poet Cowper found that hares swallowed sand greedily. The difficulty is to discover what are the particular remedies of a particular species. Of this, however, you may be absolutely certain, namely, that if you do not find "castings" (pellets of indigestible matter) on the wires or back of your Nightingale's cage, you are feeding it wrongly, and disease will soon step in.

The Merits of Dried "Ants' Eggs."

In my previous notes I said that (after many experiments) I did not think that dried ant pupae were of any value as a food, though most useful in cleansing the crop; but I shall now have to retract that statement. A skilled keeper of Nightingales, Mr. Harrison, of Tiverton, who came to see my young Sprossers, told me that he had a Nightingale which was very fond of this particular diet, and he believed could be kept for some time on this alone. I wagered a cock Roller that his bird would not live for one week on ants' eggs alone. I lost, and duly forfeited the Canary. Since this event I have looked upon ants' eggs with much more respect; still, it should be noted that those used were the very best that money could buy, and this particular bird had a special liking for them. I would not advise anyone to repeat the experiment.

I have lately hit upon a new idea in the matter of preserving the pupae, which, if a success, will, I hope, materially simplify the keeping of the smaller softbills in captivity; I want to give it a thorough twelve months' test before recommending it, however.

One Bird's Meat is Another Bird's Poison.

These are the days of the food specialist; you write to him, and he will tell you exactly how to feed your Nightingale—what the proportions of the soft food should be, how many mealworms a day to give, etc. Now, the specialist may feed his own Nightingale very wisely, and he may tell you exactly how he feeds his own birds, but I submit with all due respect that he cannot possibly tell you how to feed your bird—and for a very simple reason. That reason is that in its diet, as in all its habits, not only every species, but every individual bird, is a law unto itself. Probably more Nightingales have been lost in the attempt to force them on to some particular diet than in any other way whatever. When you receive a new Nightingale, tell yourself that you are just a learner; dismiss from your mind anything that you ever read or heard on the subject, and just try to ascertain for yourself what your particular bird requires. Bear in mind that, though the specialist may know a lot about the diet of the Nightingale, the Nightingale himself knows much more, and wise old Mother Nature much more still. Let me again repeat what I said at the commencement of these notes that "aviculture cannot be taught."

The Importance of Dry Feeding.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of feeding insectivorous birds on as dry food as possible. To a certain extent this system depends on the general principle that one should not dilute the digestive fluids more than is normal in the case of the particular species, but there is also the desirability of keeping the crop in good order to be thought of. It is surprising to what an extent this system can be carried with success. I once paid a visit to a Paignton fancier, who showed me the food he used for his Blackcaps. It certainly did not look promising, for it consisted mainly of Quaker Oats mixed with small seeds. Nevertheless, I bought a small quantity for experimental purposes, and I was surprised to find that a Blackcap would not only eat it in its dry undamped state, but would do well on it. Do not let us forget that probably all, and certainly most, insectivorous birds have alternative foods, but for which they would never survive a time of scarcity. I have recently seen Dartford Warblers greedily eating the petals of certain flowers and young Whitethroats feeding on grass seeds. Some ornithologists have told us that a March Cuckoo must be an imaginary object, because it could not in that month obtain the class of caterpillars to which it is partial, but Mr. Phillipps has recorded the fact that in his aviary a Cuckoo used to devour the growing shoots of corn.

Certain species, as for instance the Tanagers, which eat a good deal of fruit in a state of nature, are frequently fed in captivity on "sop" (or, as I call it "slop"), but if anyone will try the experiment of feeding a Tanager for a fortnight on "slops," and then for a fortnight on perfectly dry sponge cake with a little Horlick's Malted Milk in a separate vessel, I think he will be surprised at the improvement in its health, and its tighter feathering, although the ingredients of the food have not been materially changed. Everyone who has done any athletic training will have been told to keep off "slops," and not to drink much fluid with meals.

The Simplest Food is Best.

For all the smaller softbills I still use the same soft food, namely, grated sponge cake with a small quantity of dried flies or dried ant pupae, because I have not come across a simpler food; but I feed them chiefly, when possible, on "live bait," and this is varied to suit the requirements of each individual bird. For some of the more difficult experiments with softbills I have used nothing but the above. For instance, this spring I have had the Long-tailed Tit nesting in the aviary, and I have clean moulted all my Barred Warblers (three)—a difficult species to moult successfully.

I have not the least doubt that Nightingales will do fairly well for some considerable time on some of the richer foods, such as silkworm cocoons and cream-cheese, but let us recollect that the Nightingale is, or ought to be, a long-lived bird, and we certainly should not be satisfied with getting only a couple of seasons' song from it. The Hon. Mrs. Bourke wrote me recently that her Nightingale is five years old, and Mr. Frost tells me that a Sprosser, which was at least three years old (and possibly much more) when I parted with it in 1911, is still doing well in a Calcutta aviary. A Nightingale should have at least six years' vigorous life in captivity, and what I ask myself is whether this can be secured on anything but a very simple diet. However, this is a matter on which we must all think for ourselves and act as we think best.

(To be Continued.)

Club Reports.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Meeting held June 28, in Harmonic Hall, Mr. Jas. Miles presiding over a fair attendance. Owing to such a poor breeding season, it was decided to abandon Nest Feather show, arranged for July 5th, hoping we get along better for annual show, November 8. Judge, Mr. R. Bewick. Next meeting to be published later.—Wm. Hall.

CRAGHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held June 28 Mr. Davinson chair. After a lot of discussion it was decided to hold annual show Nov. 15. Mr. J. Stanger, Pelton Fell, judge. Mr W. Knowles, Grange Villa, was elected a member. All fanciers are invited to our F.F. show, held at Punch Bowl Inn, July 12, we have 20 classes, have been promised a good few specials, and expect a good turn out of birds. A. G. Dawson, Sec.

YORKS. C. & C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Meeting held July 25, Mr. Dowling chair, and a good attendance. One new member was elected—Mr Nolan. A communication was received from Bangor Dis. C.B.S., asking for patronage, which was granted. Mr. Power proposed that Mr. Sholedice might give a lecture on the mating of Yorkshires at the members' meeting, July 7. Mr. McGee seconded, and Mr. Sholedice consented to do so. C. Lattimore, Hon. Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held at Roe Buck Hotel, Mr. J. Davies chair. Messrs. Lockett, sen., and Leadbeater, were elected members. After a discussion about three competitors in the classes for the cup, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Dale, that it be reduced to two. Prize money was paid out, and specials were given. Decided to have a ramble to Cheadle on July 13. Mr. Hickman has kindly consented to snapshot the party. Fanciers desirous of going please be at Longton Station by 9.15, all are welcome. P. E. Barker, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held at Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, June 29. Mr. W. Massey presided over a moderate attendance. Mr. C. W. Wilson, Grimsby, was elected a member. A members' show was fixed for November 30, with three classes—champion, amateur, and novice. Birds to be rung 1913. Messrs. Lyons and Massey judges. A discussion arose respecting exhibitors sending birds to shows, and marked N.F.S. instead of having a price put upon them. The conclusion arrived at was that any exhibitor adopting this method lays himself open to be objected to, if he won a prize, as not having won according to rule in schedule.—Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held headquarters, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, June 26. There was a fair attendance to hear the discussion on moulting Green Canaries and other business. Mr. Young, as arranged, was present to open the discussion, which he did in a very able manner, dealing with the subject in a very practical way. After giving his methods, he was questioned by the members present, and replied from his own experience. Mr. Hadwin presented two silver medals to be competed for by the Wee Gems. We hope the Northern fanciers will do their best in this section by way of specials this season, so as to push forward their own variety. Patronage date for the champion sections is not later than July 17. Nest feather show, July 19. See advert. in next issue.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH, CREST, AND Y.C.C. OF ULSTER.

Meeting held at headquarters, Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Mr. Adams chair. Being the date for members to be clear on the books, there was a record attendance. One or two had overlooked the matter, and it was decided that the secretary should remind them by postcard. The club has made a good many new members this season, and, by reports, members have had a fairly good breeding season, and we are holding a two-day show, which should be a record one. A member has promised a 10s. special for the best rung bird in Norwich section; members using closed rings please note. This special will be given irrespective of number entered. As matters of great importance may turn up, members please attend meeting, July 2nd.—Walter Conielly, Assist. Sec.

NORTH WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held Blythswood Halls, Gt. Western Road, June 26, Mr. Phillips presiding over a fair attendance. Messrs. A. W. Naismith and E. Holliday were elected members. The membership now totals 38. The classification, drafted by the committee for annual show, was submitted for approval. There being very little alteration, we got through a fair amount of classes, leaving one or two until next meeting. Members please note: F.F. show, July 5, 3 p.m., at above address. Bring out your birds, we have quite a large amount of specials, including three medals, one for best bird shown by a novice, one for best bird shown by other than a novice, one for best second prize bird, given by Messrs. E. Taylor, R. B. Gibb, A. Wilson. Other specials by Messrs. Thorn, Adams, Pinnock, Phillips, A. Brown, J. D. Brown, Paterson, and Houston. Fanciers desirous of becoming members should communicate.—Wm. Loan, North Bank Coachhouse, Kelvinside, N.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, June 28, Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair. Mr. W. Graham (Leeds) was admitted to membership. Patronage of the club was granted to Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S. for January 10, thus bringing the number of club shows up to ten. Following is a list of prizes for competitions promoted by the club. Open section, 1st prize, trophy value £10 10s. (presented by the club); 2nd, trophy value £5 5s. (presented by Mr. W. A. Cowgill); 3rd, trophy, value £3 3s. (presented by Mr. E. Clegg). Each trophy to be won three times before becoming the property of the winners; with them go club medals, value 20/-, 12/-, and 8/- respectively, except when the trophies are won outright. 4th prize, pair of boots, value 10/6 (presented by Mr. J. Chippendale); 5th, medal, value 10/6 (presented by Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son). Ramsden's special (open). Mr. W. Ramsden will again give a silver-plated teapot or cruet (at winner's option) for most points gained by birds fed on Ramsden's pure peppers. Amateur competition.—Members who have not won more than three first prizes. First prize, gold medal, value £1 1s. (presented by Mr. J. Bailey); second, case of cutlery (presented by Mr. T. Sandiford); third, pair of vases, value 10/6 (presented by Mr. H. Hill). Junior novice competition.—As the Y.U. shows are to be divided into 2 sections for the forthcoming show season, it was decided to offer specials value 15/- and 7/6 for each of the two sections. The money specials will be given as in previous years for 4th and 5th birds at the club's patronage shows, and Mr. C. E. Morrison will give a trophy value 25/- for most points gained by third birds in the open section at club shows. As I have the Year Book for 1913-14 in course of preparation, I should be pleased if intending members would send on their names at once to ensure inclusion in same.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

BINGLEY O.S.

Show held June 21. Mr. S. Denby, of Bingley, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Most points were made as follows: A. M. Craven 13, T. Smith 13, W. Dean 11, H. Shaw 10, Butterworth and Hardy 9, H. J. Priestley 9, S. H. Bailey 3.—H. Shaw, Sec.

HEYWOOD O.S.

We have received a list of awards at the Y.B. show held June 28, from which it appears that the principal winners were: YORKS.: Howarth, Greenhalgh, Barlow, Scholfeld, Waddington, Meadowcroft. NOR.: Lees, Dewhurst, Greenhalgh, Hordern. NOV.: F. Howarth. BRIT.: Schofield, Lees, Meadowcroft. Special winners were: Cap, Lees; best bird, Greenhalgh; most points in Yorks., Howarth; Nor., Lees; Liz., Dewhurst; Brit., Schofield.

PERTH CITY AND COUNTY O.A.

N.F. show held June 28, in Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel. Mr. W. Mitchell judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, sp. 2, Blythe; 3, Mrs. Banks; 4, Crawford; 5, Kirk; 6, 7, Mooney. BUFF: 1, 2, Carstairs; 3, Mrs. Banks; 4, Blythe; 5, Crawford; 6, Kirk; 7, Mooney. CREST: 1, Blythe; 2, Dott; 3, 4, Bruce. C.B.: 1, sp, 2, Blythe; 3, 4, Dott. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, Borrie; 2, Bruce; 4, Blythe. BUFF: 1, sp, Bruce; 2, Blythe; 3, 4, Borrie. BRIT., SMALL: 1, sp, Cranna; 2, 3, Brown.—J. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HYSON GREEN C.B.S.

F.F. show, held at headquarters, "Cricket Players," Lindsay Street, June 14. Mr. J. Goode placed the awards to the entire satisfaction of everyone.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Bown; 3, Hill. BUFF: 1, Boaler; 2, Hill; 3, Sharpe. LIGHT MKD. YELL.: 1, Boaler; 2, 3, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Bown; 2, Ward; 3, Sharpe. HEAVY or GR. YELL: 1, Sharpe. BUFF: 1, Boaler; 2, Hill; 3, Royce. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Hill; 2, Hayter. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hayter. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Hayter; 2, Hill; 3, Wood. SOFTBILL: 1, Wood. MULE or HYBRID: 1, 2, 3, Hayter.—A. E. Moult.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

N.F. show, held in Drill Hall, Juniper Green, June 28. There was a fair turn out of young birds, 47 being staged in 9 classes. Mr. Jas. Winter, Edinburgh, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. There was a good attendance in the afternoon.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. (1): 1, Preston. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Beghie. CL. or TKD. YELL. (12): 1, 2, 4, 5, Michie; 3, J. Napier; 6, Crabb. BUFF (17): 1, J. Napier; 2, 5, Scott; 3, McCrum; 4, Crabb; 6, W. Smith. A.O.V. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, J. Napier; 4, Williamson. BUFF (4): 1, J. Napier; 2, T. Napier; 3, Williamson; 4, Johnston. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, H. Napier; 5, Preston. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Daily; 2, Elder; 3, Preston. MULE or HYB. (1): 1, Elder.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

PAIGNTON (Torbay) O.S.

F.F. show, was held June 24 in Lower Public Hall. The entries were stronger than before, Yorkshires alone numbering 32, the quality being excellent. Norwich were not so strong as usual, but very good in quality, while dark Mules contained some promising birds of the Goldf. Can. cross. Mr. F. Redwood, of Newton Abbot, judged satisfactorily.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Jeffery and Son; 2, Daw; 3, Roper; vhc, Lamble. BUFF: 1, Jeffery and Sons; 2, 3, Daw; vhc, Roper. MKD. YELL.: 1, Lamble. BUFF: 1, Jeffery and Sons; 2, Daw. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Berry; 2, vhc, c, Bishop; 3, Clay; c, Sanders. BUFF: 1, Berry; 2, c, Sanders; 3, hc, Bishop; vhc, Badcott. MKD. YELL.: 1, Berry; 2, 3, Sanders; vhc, Badcott; hc, Roper. BUFF: 1, c, Berry; 2, Badcott; 3, vhc, c, Bishop. DARK MULE: 1, 2, 3, Wyatt.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

It would appear from the entries at the annual N.F. show, held June 28, that members have had a successful breeding season generally. Quite a fine show of birds graced Kelvedon Hall, a splendidly lighted and eminently suitable room. The hon. sec., Mr. F. Moore, had been most painstaking over the arrangements, and met with great success. His method was as complete as if he had been a veteran at the post, and the staging and general management of affairs left nothing to be desired. The quality of the exhibits generally was excellent; in one or two cases it was quite apparent that with ordinary luck the winners must make a wider name in the coming show season. Yorks. were a splendid collection, and Borders were a show in themselves, both as to numbers and quality. It is remarkable, and at the same time gratifying, to find so many breeders taking up "the wee gems," and judging from all one can see, they promise to become as popular down south as even the Yorkshire. There were some nice Norwich staged, and British made the best show the society has yet held. The show was visited by quite a number of fanciers during the evening. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction. Specials were won as follows:—Champ. Section: Best Yorks., also diploma for best bird in section, W. Whiteman, with a rattling upstanding bird; best Border, Mrs. Moore, with a sweet little ticked eyed bird. Novice: Best Yorks., H. F. Bowring; best Nor., W. Nichols; best Border Fancy, and diploma for best in nov. section, E. Pegg, with a lovely little bird that was generally voted the best Border in the show. Best Brit. or Mule, Mr. Mower, with a charming Siskin.

CHAMP., YORKS., CL. (13): 1, two spls, hc, Whiteman; 2, vhc, King; 3, c, Hall. MKD., ETC. (9): 1, King; 2, Hall; 3, Jeffrey; vhc, Whiteman; hc, c, Moore. BORD., CL. (8): 1, spl, hc, Mrs. Moore; 2, c, Plank; 3, vhc, Lathbury. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Moore; 3, Lathbury; vhc, Plank; hc, Gollop. SELF OR FOUL, GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, Moore; vhc, hc, c, Plank. NOV., NOR., CL. (2): 1, 2, Thrower. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Nichols, 2, 3, Thrower. YORKS., CL. (4): 1, 2, Clements; 3, French; vhc, Bowring. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, spl. 2, Bowring; 3, vhc, Clements; hc, French. BORD., CL. (7): 1, two spls, 3, hc, Pegg; 2, vhc, Ward; c, Harrison. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Ward; 3, Pegg; vhc, hc, Harrison. SELF OR FOUL GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, 2, Ward. GOLF. OR BULLF (7): 1, 2, 3, Cross; vhc, Mower; hc, Thrower; c, Hall. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, spl., Mower; 2, vhc, Hall; 3, Cross; hc, Thrower. MULES OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, Nichols; vhc, Jeffrey.

GUISELEY AND YEADON C.B.S.

Y.B. show held June 28 in the Regent Hotel, Guiseley; 55 birds staged. Mr. E. B. Denton judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. A. Brown won special with a clear yellow.

CLASS 1: 1, Brown; 2, Hardaker; 3, Wheatley; vhc, Carter; hc, Myers; c, Dibb. CLASS 2: 1, c, Hardaker; 2, 3, vhc, Myers; hc, Wheatley. CLASS 3: 1, Dibb; 2, 3, vhc, c, Myers; hc, Wheatley. CLASS 4: 1, Brown; 2, vhc, hc, Myers; 3, Dibb; c, Wheatley. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Myers; 3, hc, Wheatley; vhc, Cater; c, Boulton. CINN., CLASS 6: 1, 2, Wheatley; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Dibb. CLASS 7: 1, Boulton; 2, Hardaker. FOUL MKD., CLASS 8: 1, Dibb; 2, vhc, hc, Myers; 3, Cater; c, Hardaker.—W. Long, Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

N.F. show held White Swan Hotel, Market Place, June 28. Judges, Mr. J. McCarter (Canaries), Mr. J. Heighton (Brit.). Several promising young birds were staged; specials for best young Norwich were won by Messrs. Sarson, Kilsby, Holder, Laundon and Start.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Kilsby; 2, Sarson; 3, Pole. MKD.: 1, 2, Pole; 3, Kilsby. CL. BUFF: 1, sp, Sarson; 2, Kilsby; 3, Hulse. MKD. BUFF: 1, Holder; 2, Moores; 3, Gilbert. GREEN: 1, Butler; 2, Crane. HYB.: 1, Reeves. NOV. YELL.: 1, Rice; 2, Butler; 3, Wood. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hill; 2, Butler; 3, Crane. CL. BUFF: 1, Butler; 2, Wood; 3, Rice. MKD.: 1, sp, 3, Laundon and Start; 2, Sturgess. GOLDF. 1, sp, Holder; 2, Wood; 3, Butler. BULLF.: 1, Laundon and Start; 2, Kilsby; 3, Barrett. GREENF.: 1, Kilsby. LINNET: 1, Butler; 2, Wood; 3, Reeves. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Wood; 3, Kilsby.—A. Freestone, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

F.F. show held June 21, at the Parish Church Schools, with only a moderate entry. Owing to the weather having played havoc amongst the breeders, several of them have none at all, others just a few. But of the birds what were staged, many were of high quality, as is usual with this show. The show was patronised by many visitors from other districts, and they had the pleasure of seeing some good young ones, notably Mr. F. Hartley's and Newell's Lancs. Mr. J. Dewhirst has a good Lizard or two, but, unfortunately, he had no competition. In Norwich, again, Mr. Dewhirst led the way, very closely followed by J. Lees, J. Francis, and A. Howarth respectively, the best bird in the show being found in this section a cl. yell Nor. shown by Mr. Dewhirst. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Coupe, Barlow, and Butterworth staged a few gems. Amateurs were represented by Mr. Francis, and British by Mr. Lees. The gate was up to the usual standard, and, by way of a change, we had two old members judging, Mr. G. Adams, Milnrow, judging Lancs. and Lizards, and Mr. R. Schofield the remainder, and they gave satisfaction in their new role. Mr. F. Hartley won challenge cup for most points gained with three birds.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY: 1, 2, sp, Newell; 3, Adams. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Newell; 3, 4, sp, Adams. YELL. PH.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Hartley; 4, Newell. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, 3, sp, Adams. CL. CAPPED GOLD LIZ. 1, 2, sp, Dewhirst. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, sp, Dewhirst. BUFF: 1, Dewhirst; 2, 4, sp, Lees; 3, Howarth. TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, Lees; 2, Dewhirst. BUFF: 1, 3, sp, Dewhirst; 2, Lees; 4, Howarth. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Coupe; 2, 3, sp, Barlow. BUFF: 1, sp, Barlow; 2, Francis. TKD. YEL.: 1, sp, Coupe; 2, Barlow; 3, Francis; 4, Butterworth. BUFF: 1, 2, sp, Butterworth; 3, Barlow; 4, Francis. A.V. (Amat.): 1, 2, sp, Francis. BRIT. HARDBILL.: 1, sp, Lees.—Wm. Adams, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Y.B. show held June 25 under ideal conditions, the only regret being the poor season the members had with the birds. Out of 72 members only 16 were able to show 70 birds, but Yorks. were a fine display; the British section was far above any yet seen at the society's shows, several Crystal Palace winners being staged, including Mr. K. Beasley's grand Skylark; unfortunately, the competition was not keen in Softbills. The show was well patronised during the evening, and the chairman, on behalf of the members, presented Mr. J. Wright with a handsome travelling bag, as he is leaving the society for a berth in London; he will be greatly missed, being an ideal show manager. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. The following have commenced their run for the cups with points as follow, all under cup rules:—CHAMP.: Burke 15, Kidner 13, Clay and Andrews 9, Adcock 7, Hughes 3, Murray 1. NOV.: Field 13, Bayliss 10, Swindon 8, Matthews 6, Rees 4, Luckman 1. BRIT. AND MULE: Barnett 12, Raby 11, Beasley 7, Matthews 3 (please note rules, there must be competition). Special winners: Best champ. Yorks., Burke; novice, Field; best 1913 bird, Field; nov. Nor., Yardley; Border, Murray; best Novice, Matthews; best Mule, Kidner. The society wish to tender thanks to Mr. Leckie (host) for loan of room, also for kind spread for stewards and judge. YORKS. CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Clay; 2, vhc, Andrews; 3, 4, Kidner. A.O. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Burke; 3, Adcock. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Kidner; 2, 3, Burke; 4, Andrews. A.O. BUFF: 1, Burke; 2, Adcock; 3, Kidner; 4, Clay. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Murray. NOV., NOR., YELL.: 1, sp, Yardley. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2 sps, Field; 2, Swindon; 3, Field. A.O. YELL.: 1, Bayliss; 2, Swindon; 3, Luckman. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Bayliss; 2, Field; 3, Rees; 4, Matthews. A.O. BUFF: 1, Rees. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, Kidner. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, vhc, Raby; 2, Beasley; 3, Barnett. GREENF., ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Barnett; 2, Beasley. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Barnett; 2, 4, Raby. SOFTBILL: 1, Beasley. Please note the date of last show, and as no member is leading very far with points towards the splendid specials for the second show, I hope all will try and send a few for July 19.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Second Y.B. show, held June 28, in Liberal Club room; 90 birds were staged. Mr. F. Allen, Cleckheaton, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

OPEN, CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Hirst; 4, Peel; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Helliwell; c, E. Radley. BUFF (7): 1, Hirst 2, hc, Helliwell; 3, E. Radley; 4, Jebson; vhc, A. Radley; c, Peel. TKD. YELL. (9). 1, Hirst 2, Radley; 3, Jebson; 4, Helliwell; vhc, E. Radley; hc, A. Radley; c, Dyson. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, Jebson; 3, 4, A. Radley; vhc, Hirst; c, E. Radley. A.O.V. (8): 1, J. Radley; 2, Hirst; 3, Jebson; 4, Gill; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Hird; c, Dyson. NOV., CL. YELL. (11): 1, Hird 2, Hutchinson 3, Taylor; 4, J. Radley; vhc, Fisher and Dyson; hc, Shaw; c, Lodge. BUFF (16): 1, Everett; 2, Lodge; 3, Shaw; 4, hc, Hird; vhc, J. Radley; c, Hutchinson. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Everett; 2, Shaw 3, Hampshire; 4, Lodge; vhc, Fisher and Dyson; c, Fisher. BUFF (20): 1, Gill; 2, Taylor; 3, Bower; 4, Taylor; vhc, Everett; hc, Shaw; c, Hird.—J. Hird, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual F.F. and British bird show held June 28. The birds were well staged, in a good room, with plenty of light, and moving space. Considering the bad breeding season, entries came up very well, and were a large advance on last year. Norwich turned up in the largest numbers, and some grand birds were staged, especially Mr. Houghton's marked yellow, and Mr. Mitchell's buff in the novice section. The owner is fortunate in breeding such a bird, and it should be heard of later. In British and Hybrids, some very good specimens were shown. Mr. Madagan's Siskin Mule was a picture, and well deserved its place, and a nice Linnet Mule (1913) of Mr. Brown's should develop into a good bird. Novice classes were, generally speaking, above the average. Although a class was provided for foreigners, only four were entered, and belonged to the hon. sec. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

CRESTS: 1, Hayling. C.B.: 1, Hayling. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Houghton; 2, Pounsett. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Houghton; 4, Child. CL. BUFF: 1, Houghton. MKD.: 1, Houghton; 2, vhc, Pounsett; 3, 4, Child. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Madagan; 3, Beard. BUFF: 1, 2, Madagan; 3, 4, vhc, Beard. MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Madagan. GREENS: 1, 2, Madagan. NOVICE, CRESTS: 1, James; 2, Miss Dent. NOR. YELL.: 1, Williams; 2, James; 3, Whale. BUFF: 1, 2, Mitchell; 2, vhc, Williams; 4, James. BORD. YELL.: 1, Miss Dent; 2, Hope. BUFF: 1, 2, Hope; 3, Miss Dent. GOLDF.: 1, Brown; 2, Elston; 3, Pounsett. BULLF.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Elston. GREENF.: 1, Whale; 2, Madagan. LINNET: 1, Brown; 2, Elston; 3, Pounsett. A.O.V.: 1, Elston. HYB.: 1, Madagan; 2, Elston; 3, Pounsett; 4, vhc, Brown. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasure. Specials were won by Messrs. Houghton (2), Hayling, Madagan, Brown, and Mitchell (2).—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

F.F. show held at Market Hall, June 28. 96 birds were staged, including some promising youngsters. Yorks. and Norwich were exceptionally good in number and quality, but British were not so good. In Yorks., the exhibits shown by J. Pritchard were true to type, and show great promise. The buff marked shown by G. Morgan was a bird of exceptional quality of feather, and should be heard of again. The clear yellow shown by A. and H. Parfitt was again a bird of good quality, and a credit to the owners. Yorks. all round were a warm lot, and the above-mentioned birds were pressed very hard by other good birds, the classes being very strong in number. In Norwich, Messrs. Thomas and Durham, Blaenavon, put down a fine team in faultless condition, and won the silver rose bowl for best bird, also special for best novice bird, with a buff ticked of good type and feather. It is an honour to these young fanciers, seeing that they are only novices, and I am sure all members will congratulate them. The show was well attended, some old fanciers being present. The officials worked hard, and everything was in good order, the exhibits being staged to perfection. That one time old exhibitor and fancier, Mr. J. R. Leach, made the awards, and gave entire satisfaction, seeing that he had a hard task set before him in some of the classes.

NOR. OPEN (14): 1, 2, Thomas and Durham; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Cleaves. NOV. (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, c, rose bowl, sp best novice, Thomas and Durham; vhc Mortimer. YORKS. OPEN, CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, 2, hc, c, Pritchard; 3, Russell; 4, vhc, Hillman and Broome. MKD. OR VARIEG. (12): 1, Morgan; 2, vhc, Hillman and Broome; 3, 4, Pritchard; hc, Russell; c, Newell. NOV., CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, c, A. and H. Parfitt; 2, Morgan; 3, 4, Richards; vhc, Thomas; hc, Russell. MKD. OR VARIEG. (16): 1, 2, Morgan; 3, c, A. and H. Parfitt; 4, hc, Thomas; vhc, Hammond. GOLD. (4): 1, Hillman and Broome; 2, 3, Meredith; 4, Bowyer. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, Meredith, Bramble and Linnet; 3, 4, Bowyer, Linnet and Greenf.; vhc, hc, Russell, Linnets.—George Broome, Hon. Sec.

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UPPER RHONDDA C.B.S.

F.F. show for Yorkshires held June 26, at Cardiff Arms, Treorchy. YELL. (16): 1, Curtis and Son; 2, Richards; 3, Davies; 4, James. BUFF (21): 1, E. Richards; 2, 3, Watts; 4, vhc, Curtis and Son. E. Richards, Sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

First evening show held June 25, at St. John's Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing. 130 exhibits were staged. Several of the exhibits have already won premier honours at the open shows. All cups, six in number, were in competition, and now is the time for fanciers to join this progressive society, so as to be in the running for them. The society is fortunate to be able to pen and stage 450 exhibits with its own property. A 10 guinea challenge cup is open to all sections of the Fancy. Next show, July 19, when the sec., Mr. Rowland Bamber, 78, Whitestile Road, Brentford, will be glad to answer any enquiries. Mr. J. Dewhurst judged.

YORKS.: 1, Crockett; 2, r, vhc, Monger; 3, hc, c, Boffin. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, best in show, Monger; 2, r, vhc, hc, Taylor and Wright; 3, Crockett; c, Huxley.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

F.F. show held at Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, June 28. There was a record entry, 93 young birds being staged. Mr. A. Shaw, Allerton, was judge, and gave complete satisfaction. There was a very good gate, and everything went off splendidly. All things point to a very successful and prosperous year.

HAMP.: CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, A. Bennet; 2, Whitwam; 3, Kirk; 4, Clegg. BUFF: 1, 4, Whitwam; 2, Whiteley; 3, Clegg. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, 4, A. Bennett; 2, Whiteley; 3, Kirk. NOVICES: CLASS 8: 1, Radcliffe; 2, Goodwin; 3, Rhodes; 4, G. A. Bennett. CLASS 9: 1, G. A. Bennett; 2, McEwen; 3, A. Shaw; 4, Goodwin. CLASS 10: 1, 4, G. A. Bennett; 2, Rhodes; 3, A. Shaw. CLASS 11: 1, Mountain; 2, Hunter; 3, Neeson; 4, Ramsbottom. CLASS 12: 1, Terry; 2, 4, Lee; 3, Neeson.—Cooper and Kilburn, Secs.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Show held June 21, at headquarters. Numbers were not as good as formerly, members having had a bad season. Mr. Beswick, Stockport, judged, and his awards were very well received.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Speakman and Jackson; 2, vhc, Jones; 3, 4, Dunn. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Jones. TKD. YELL.: 1, Dunn; 2, Speakman and Jackson. BUFF: 1, Speakman and Jackson; 2, Jones. CL. BUFF: 1, D. Hartley; 2, 4, Robinson; 3, vhc, Hadfield; hc, Firth. YELL.: 1, Hadfield. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hadfield; 3, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Hadfield; 2, Robinson. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Colley. BUFF: 1, 2, Colley; 3, Davey. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, hc, A. Cooper; 4, Evans; vhc, Boardman. BUFF: 1, Boardman, 2, 3, 4, Plant. TKD. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, J. Evans. BUFF: 1, Firth; 2, Cooper; 3, Plant. GOLDF. and BULLF.: 1, Robinson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Robinson; 2, Hartley; 3, Firth. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Firth. YOUNG MULE: 1, Firth. SELL.: 1, 2, J. H. Woods. Messrs. Dunn, Speakman and Jackson, Hadfield, Robinson, Cooper, Plant and Firth won section specials, and Messrs. Speakman and Jackson, D. Hartley, Colley, Cooper and Robinson specials for best birds in each section. Points for Grigg cup: Cooper 17, Robinson 14, Hadfield 11, Hartley 9, Dunn 9, Speakman and Jackson 8, Colley 8, Jones 7, Firth 7, Plant 7, Boardman 6, Evans 4.—John Davey, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, held Montgomery Hall, June 28. Entries were in excess of last year, and quality well above the average. The winners in the Yorks. section, both champion and novice, were birds of great promise. Another pleasing feature was the increase in the British and novice Norwich exhibits. British were a treat to behold, many of them being in perfect plumage and many open show winners were amongst them, while the novice Norwich, which scarcely filled one class last year, had three classes well filled. Winners of specials are: Most points members, J. Woolhouse; novice D. Pickering; most points members' Yorks., C. Tomlinson; ditto, Norwich, J. Woolhouse; novice Yorks., D. Pickering; ditto, Norwich, L. Woolhouse; best Yorks., W. T. Furniss; Nor., J. Woolhouse; Brit., P. Walsh; best novice bird, A. White. The stewards, Messrs. Kelley, Curley and Blunt, assisted by the President and Secretaries, Messrs. Jones and Hobson, had everything well in hand, and the judge, Mr. T. Bishop, gave every satisfaction. The attendance was very good.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

From the sheet catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were:—MEMBERS' YORKS., Messrs. Furniss, Tomlinson, Webster, Jones, Champion, Butler. NOR., Woolhouse, J., Dunford. BRIT., Walsh, Baxby, Falding, Bailey. NOVICE YORKS., Fowler, Blunt, Carr, Maynard, Wardley, Hartley, Webster, Pickering. NOR., White, Bailey, Woolhouse, L., Curley, Hobson.—Ed.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

N.F. show, held June 21, at Horse and Jockey, Attercliffe. About 87 birds were staged, being below the average of former years, owing to the bad season which most of the members have experienced. Some grand teams were on view, Mr. Webster taking premier honours with a splendid yellow, this bird taking special for best member's Yorks. Novices came up strongly, some grand all-round birds were staged, notable amongst these being a Green exhibited by Mr. E. Palmer, this bird taking two specials. Messrs. Eason, Dyett, Exton and Hogg also staged some grand birds. British were much admired, Messrs. Duce, Ritson, Green, Bearder, Harrison, Dailow, and Hailstone putting some fine teams down. The awards were placed by the following gentlemen, who gave every satisfaction, viz., Mr. Taylor (Nor.), Mr. Champion (Yorks.), Mr. Walsh (Brit.).

MEMBERS' YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL. (3): 1, sp, Webster; 2, 3, Blunt. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Webster; 3, 4, Blunt; vhc, Perry. MKD. or HEAV. VARIEG. (4): 1, 3, Webster; 2, 4, Blunt. MEMBERS' NOR., MKD. or HEAV. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Grainger. NOV. YORKS., CL. or TKD. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Exton; vhc, Griffith. MKD. or HEAV. VARIEG. (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dyett; vhc, Hammond; hc, Eason; c, Hogg. SELF or FOUL YELL. (6): 1, two sps., 2, 4, Palmer; 3, Dyett; vhc, Hogg; hc, Eason. BUFF (6): 1, 4, vhc, Palmer; 2, hc, Eason; 3, Exton. NOV. NOR., MKD. or HEAV. VARIEG. (5): 1, 2, 3, Ridler; 4, vhc, Harrison. GOLDF. or BULLF. (5): 1, Bearder; 2, Duce; 3, Jackson; 4, Dyett. GREENF. (5): 1, Hailstone; 2, Duce, 3, Perry; 4, vhc, Green. LINNET (5): 1, Harrison; 2, Hailstone; 3, Perry; vhc, hc, Bearder. L. REDPOLL (4): 1, Hailstone; 2, vhc, Green; 3, Harrison. M. REDPOLL, etc. (5): 1, Hailstone; 2, Duce; 3, Harrison; 4, Ritson. A.O.V. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, two sps., Duce; 2, Hailstone; 3, Bearder. SOFTBILL (8): 1, sp., 2, 4, vhc, Ritson; 3, Duce; hc, c, Dailow.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

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HASTINGS C.B.S.

2nd F.F. show held June 26, at Royal Oak Hotel. Mr. J. Stevens judged. Among those present were Messrs. A. E. Godden, F. Slack, T. G. Coombs, and hon. sec. Next show July 16. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Douch; 3, Pennells. TKD.: 1, Pennells. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Pennells. YORKS. CL.: 1, Veness. TKD.: 1, 2, Veness; 3, Curtiss. YORKS. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Curtiss.—Irene Kirk Bullock, Hon. Sec.

LITTLEBORO' C.B.S.

We have received from Mr. H. Woodhead, hon. sec., the list of awards at the 40th annual F.F. show, held June 28, in the Parish Church School. From this we gather that the prinicpal winners were:—LANCS.: Webster. YORKS.: Webster, Low and Johnson, Windle, Crossley, Bamford. NOR.: Low and Johnson, Howarth, Windle, Mayers. CRESTS: Fielden, Cheetham. C.B.: Fielden, Cheetham. BORD.: Woodhead, Webster. MULE: Woodhead. BRIT.: Mayers, Windle, Fielden. Best bird, chall. cup, and medal: A. Webster; runner-up, J. W. Fielding.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Third annual N.F. show held June 21 at Red Lion Hotel. Entries were not so numerous as expected, but quality throughout was really good, several promising youngsters being staged. Special for best yellow Norwich was awarded to Mr. J. Bowers; buff, Mr. R. Smith; yellow Yorks., Mr. G. Lawton; buff, Mr. F. W. Alcock; British, Mr. J. Pitchford. The British section contained a number of high-class specimens, and proved a very attractive feature of the show. The awards were made by Mr. F. Bate, who appeared to give general satisfaction.

OPEN NOR.: 1, Smith. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lockett; 3, Heath. LINNET: 1, 2, Barker. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Leese; 3, Ousman; vhc, Roberts. BUFF: 1, Leese; 2, Bowers; 3, Smith; vhc, Ousman; hc, Salt; c, Ousman. YELL., MKD.: 1, Bowers; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Leese. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Smith; 2, Leese; vhc, Fox; hc, Roberts. YORKS., YELL., CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 2, Lawton; 3, Butters; vhc, Salt; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Hawley. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Alcock; 3, Lawton; vhc, Salt; hc, Davis; c, Ratcliffe. YELL. MKD.: 1, 3, Ratcliffe; 2, Alcock; vhc, Salt; hc, Walton. BUFF: 1, Hawley; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Alcock. MULE: 1, Walton, Linnet-Can. LIGHT MULE: 1, Davis, Linnet-Can. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, 2, Pitchford; 3, Davis. GOLDF.: 1, spl, 3, Pitchford; 2, vhc, Davis. LINNET: 1, hc, Davis; 2, 3, Pitchford; vhc, Hawley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Pitchford; 2, McMurtrie. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, vhc, Pitchford; 3, hc, Davis. NOR., OLD BIRD: 1, 2, Butters. YORKS.: 1, Lawton; 2, Hodgkinson; 3, vhc, McMurtrie.

CLYDEBANK C.B.S.

F.F. show held June 28, at 81, Kilbowie Road. Entries were not up to expectation owing to members suffering losses during the first round. Still, some fine birds were staged. Mr. S. Brown, Glasgow, judged. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Tawse; 2, Sheridan; 3, McNeill. BUFF: 1, 2, Morton; 3, McNeill. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Tawse; 2, McNeill. BUFF: 1, Sheridan; 2, French. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Morton.—Wm. Kave, Sec.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

F.F. show held in St. John's School, Paley Road, June 28. Mr. J. Bailey, Sandy, judged. 65 birds were entered. Most points: Open: Messrs. Gledhill, Padgett, and Helliwell; novice; Nichol, Pacey, and Hudson. OPEN: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, Bleazard; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, c, Helliwell; hc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Casey; 2, Helliwell; 3, 4, c, Padgett; hc, Robinson. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, Thompson; 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, vhc, c, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Gledhill; 2, hc, Padgett; 4, vhc, Robinson. NOV.: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Nichol; 2, 4, Hudson; 3, Pacey; vhc, Gee; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hall. BUFF: 1, vhc, Pacey; 2, 3, 4, Nichol; hc, Hudson; c, Wilkinson and Son. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, Gee; 2, Pacey. BUFF: 1, Gee; 2, Hudson. CINN.: 1, Pacey; 2, Hudson.—L. Booth, Sec.

MUIRKIRK.

The first young bird show, under the management of the winter show committee, was held June 28, in the Lesser Temperance Hall. The hall is a good one, although on the small side, the cage birds being staged in too close proximity to the other live stock, which at times had a disturbing effect on the young birds. The date also is somewhat early for the majority of breeders, nevertheless there were some really good youngsters staged. Mr. A. Loggie had charge of the secretarial duties, which he discharged in his usual able manner. Mr. James Garrow, Loanhead, judged, and got through his work in good time. Mr. T. Findlay had a grand team of Borders forward, and secured the Montgomery cup for the most points over the entire show. He also secured the medal for the best young Border with his winning buff cock and the corresponding special over hens with his young yellow hen. He also won special for best third prize bird with a yellow cock of fine qual. Mr. Logan secured the special for best second prize Border, with an immaculate young ticked buff cock.

BORDERS, BRED 1913. CL. or TKD. (8): 1, 3, Findlay, cl. buff, best of shape, head, wings, and tail, well put down; 3rd, yell., teems with qual., but bit raw yet; 2, c, Logan, tkd. buff, excellent type, neat head, good back, close up; vhc, Millar; hc, Strathearn. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, Findlay; 1st, yell., a gem, excellent col., shape and feather, wins; 2nd, buff, nice jaunty carr., good shape of body and head, in nice feather; 3, hc, Millar, typical good buff, nice size, not ready; c, Spence. VAR. or EV. MKD. (4): 1, McKean, rare good buff, as tight as wax, nice markings, good qual. of feather; 2, 3, Findlay; 2nd, buff, mkd. head and wings, good tight feather, nice shape and size; 3, var. yell., good stamp, nice head and wing carr.; vhc, Logan. HEN (4): 1, 3, vhc, Findlay, very nice var. buff, jaunty carr., good head, neck and wings; 3rd, var. Cinn., loses in type and qual. of feather; 2, McKean, jaunty in carr., good head and front, very nice feather. GR. or CINN. (2): 1, sp., 2, Findlay, two nice Cinnamons, buff and yellow respectively, winner scores in shape and condition. OLD COCK (8): 1, 3, vhc, Findlay; 1st, well known yell., in faultless order, clear ahead; 3rd, tkd. yell., good type, head, neck; 2, Logan, well shown buff, faultless feather, hardly so good type; hc, Montgomery; c, Millar. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Findlay; 1st, yellow, good front, well carried wings and lovely head; 2nd, smart buff, nicely marked, in immaculate feather; 3rd, very good buff, fairly good carr.; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Miller. BRIT. (3): 1, Findlay, nicely staged Goldfinch, good blaze and polish; 2, McKean, excellent Mealy Redpoll, nice size and condition; 3, Montgomery, very good Bullfinch, lacks polish.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Show held June 26. 150 entries in all. Money specials and silver spoons presented July 10, Workmen's Hall, also Mr. Maxey's testimonial will be presented; all please attend. Mr. B. F. Forse judged. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. G. A. Parker's Goldfinch. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, r, Parker. GOLDF.: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Laftbury. GREENF. OR CHAFF.: 1, Parker; 2, 3, r, Laftbury. LINNET OR REDPOLL: 1, 2, 3, r, Laftbury. SISKIN: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Laftbury. MULE: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Laftbury. BULLF.: 1, Parker; 2, Laftbury.—A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

STAMFORD C.B.S.

Y.B. show held June 21. About 84 birds were shown. Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, judged, and gave every satisfaction. NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Fancourt and Harrison. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Grimes; 2, G. Welsh. YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Grimes; 3, Giles. VARIEG.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Fancourt and Harrison. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Terry. GOLDF.: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, 3, Brown and Locke. BULLF: 1, Welsh; 2, Fancourt and Harrison; 3, Lee. GREENF.: 1, Brown and Locke; 2, Shield; 3, Terry. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, Laughton and Son; 2, Brown and Locke; 3, Lee. LINNET: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Lee; 3, Brown and Locke. A.O.V.: 1, Terry; 2, Lee; 3, Laughton and Son. BRIT., HEN: 1, 2, Fancourt and Harrison; 3, Brown and Locke.—G. Grimes, Hon. Sec.—(Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

HAWARDEN C.B.S.

2nd annual N.F. show, held at Glynne Arms Hotel, Hawarden, June 21. The room is a capital one for the purpose, leaving nothing to be desired. Entries totalled close on 100 birds, competition being exceptionally keen in the first two Yorkshire classes, which contained 16 entries each, which, being of a very level order, caused the judge some trouble to separate. Some really smart exhibits were put down in British and Mules, which for condition and staging could not be improved upon by the old hands, and we expect to see some of these figure in the open shows later. Special prizes were given by Messrs. G. Bellis, J. Blackham, W. Priestnall, F. Poole, B. Dutton, J. Bakewell, H. Durham, W. Davis, L. Chilton, T. Cole, J. Jones, J. Lomax, H. Powell, and E. Stafford. Mr. J. T. Lloyd makes an ideal sec., and had everything in good shape. Mr. J. W. Bancroft, Sale, judged, his awards being very well received. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Redfern; 2, hc, Bellis; 3, 4, Johnson; vhc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Bunnell; 3, Harrison; 4, hc, Bellis; vhc, Parkes; c, Johnson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Redfern. BUFF: 1, 2, Parkes; 3, 4, Butler; vhc, Redfern; hc, Bunnell. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Redfern; 2, Jones. BUFF: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Redfern. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Jones. BUFF: 1, Johnson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Parkes; 2, Redfern. BRIT. GOLD.: 1, Jones; 2, vhc, Burrows; 3, Parkes; 4, Harrison; hc, Washbrook; c, Johnson. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, Redfern. LINNET: 1, Redfern; 2, Durham; 3, hc, Harrison; 4, Jones; vhc, Washbrook; c, Parkes. GREENF.: 1, Redfern; 2, Johnson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Redfern; 2, Harrison; 3, Johnson. SELL.: 1, 2, Redfern. NOV., YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Johnson; 2, Burrows. BUFF: 1, 4, c, Johnson; 2, 3, Washbrook; vhc, hc, Burrows. NOR. BUFF: 1, Jones.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, June 28. 17 birds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Wigfield; 2, Ward; 3, Chadwick. Also June 29. 19 sang for three prizes. 1, Ward; 2, Wigfield; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Lacy, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Contest for quality singing held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, June 29. 20 birds sang for three prizes. 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, Smith. Judges, C. Lorriman and B. Scissons.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held at "British Oak," Carbrooke Street. June 28. 18 competed in three minutes' time contest for three prizes, given by Mr. Austin. 1, Rodgers, 65sec.; 2, Watson, 51; 3, Thompson, 44. Also June 29, 2 minutes' time, for three prizes, given by Mr. Austin; 22 competed. 1, Newton, 95 sec.; 2, Watson, 71; 3, Robinson, 69. Contests every week-end. Next contest July 5, at 3.—A. Austin.

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Mainly Canaries.

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EXCHANGE few pairs of high-class Yorks., also young birds, foreign birds, talking Parrot, for scrap brass, copper, block tin; no rubbish offered: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (763)

WANTED, Canaries, ¼-plate camera, or anything in exchange for jet black Pomeranian dog, age 2 years, profuse coat, fond of children, perfectly healthy, or sell 25/-: Hy. Isaac, Butcher, Pentre, Rhondda. (760)

GIVING up, high-class Yorkshires, 7 weeks old, pink-eyed, 20/-; 5 Norwich, 9 weeks old, 15/-; yellow Yorkshire cock, buff hen, 25/-; yellow Yorkshire cock, buff hen, 35/-; 2 German hens, 3/-; cock Chaffinch, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, 3/-; Siberian Goldfinch, 10/6; 20 high-class Yorkshires, 1913 birds, 80/-; 5 Yorkshire show cages, 6/-; 80 cages, all kinds, for sale, cheap, best cash offer gets them, or exchange high-class cigars, shoemaker's last, the latest, or anything useful; yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmordin, Yorkshire. (756)

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